

Mikael Karlsson

Works list

Selected works and productions | Updated 27 September 2026

Forthcoming

Prey | 2027 | Jess and Morgs | Dutch National Ballet / Finnish National Ballet | Amsterdam, February 13-March 2

The Grand Dance | 2027 | Mari Carrasco | Skånes Dansteater | Malmö Opera, March 20-April 17

Barcelona, Map of Shadows | Opera with Mallory Catlett | Planned for NYU Skirball, fall 2027

Dance

Arena | Morgann Runacre-Temple & Jessica Wright | Paris Opera Ballet | 2026 | 40 min

Mary, Queen of Scots | Sophie Laplane & James Bonas (direction) | Scottish Ballet | 2025 | 130 min | Music co-composed with Michael P. Atkinson

Little Concert | Mari Carrasco | Gothenburg Opera Dance Company | 2025 | 35 min

Forever | Mari Carrasco | Royal Swedish Ballet | 2024 | 45 min

Burn Baby Burn | Mari Carrasco | Swedish tour | 2024 | 50 min

Hammer | Alexander Ekman | Gothenburg Opera Dance Company | 2022 | 90 min

Coppelia | Morgann Runacre-Temple & Jessica Wright | Scottish Ballet | 2022 | 100 min | Music co-composed with Michael P. Atkinson

Remind Me I'm Not Dead | Mari Carrasco | Skåne Dance Theatre | 2021 | 60 min

Rasa | Daniel Proietto | Vlaanderen Ballet | 2020 | 120 min

Midsummer Night's Dream | Alexander Ekman | Dortmund | Ballet | 2020 | 90 min

The Heart | Mari Carrasco | Stadsteatern, Regionteater Väst | 2020 | 40 min

Crypto | Guillaume Côté | Canadian Stage | 2020 | 40 min

Escapist | Alexander Ekman | Royal Swedish Ballet | 2019 | 90 min

Internally Black | Mari Carrasco | Norrdans | 2018 | 40 min

Midsummer Night's Dream | Alexander Ekman | The Joffrey Ballet | 2018 | 90 min

Play | Alexander Ekman | Paris Opera Ballet | 2017 | 90 min

Rooms | Alexander Ekman | Norwegian National Ballet | 2017 | 60 min

Paper Plane | Mari Carrasco | Riksteatern | 2017 | 40 min

Cow | Alexander Ekman | Dresden Semperoper | 2016 | 90 min

Blanc | Daniel Proietto | Vienna State Opera | 2016 | 40 min

Player | Daniel Proietto | Norwegian National Ballet | 2016 | 16 min

Black Forest | Mari Carrasco | Norrdans | 2016, 2017, 2018 | 40 min

Midsummer Night's Dream | Alexander Ekman | Royal Swedish Ballet | 2015 | 90 min

A Swan Lake | Alexander Ekman | Norwegian National Ballet | 2014, 2016 | 90 min

Tulle | Alexander Ekman | Royal Swedish Ballet | 2012, 2014 | 25 min

Rusty | Benoit-Swan Pouffer | Alvin Ailey Dance Theater | 2012 | 25 min

Installation | Benoit-Swan Pouffer | Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet | 2012 | 60 min

On This Planet | Benoit-Swan Pouffer | Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet | 2011 | 30 min

Installation | Benoit-Swan Pouffer | Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet | 2011 | 60 min

Opera

Fanny and Alexander | Ivo van Hove | Opera La Monnaie, Brussels | 2024 | 160 min
Melancholia | Sláva Daubnerova | Royal Swedish Opera | 2023 | 140 min
The Echo Drift | Mallory Catlett | PROTOTYPE Festival | 2018 | 80 min

Orchestral

Grand Guignol | Orchestra, choir, voice and electronics | 2025 | 45 min
So We Will Vanish | Song cycle for mezzo-soprano and orchestra | 2021 | 25 min

Chamber

Three Diana Vreeland Songs | Suite from forthcoming opera, singers and chamber ensemble | 2018 | 29 min
Rooms | 4 pieces for 5 pianos | 2017 | 24 min
Theta | String Quartet | 2017 | 20 min
Nattvittje | String Quartet, for Sirius Quartet | 2011 | 13 min
Seven Eight | Pieces for 8 clarinets, for Joshua Rubin | 2010 | 14 min
Desperate Contract | Violin and piano | 2008 | 8 min
In Case of Brahms | Piano solo | 2005 | 11 min
Nasty Fucker | Flutes and electronics, for Claire Chase | 2004 | 12 min

Vocal and pop

Nobel Prize Banquet | Performance with Anna von Hausswolff and the Royal Swedish Orchestra | 2018 | 24 min
The Spirit and the Cloud | Song cycle with Mariam Wallentin and ACME, NYC performance | | 2012 | 30 min
Until We Bleed | Song with Lykke Li and Kleerup | 2008 | 5 min

Theater

Titta en älg | Mellika Melouani Melani | Royal Dramatic Theatre, Stockholm | 2024 | 100 min
Romeo & Julia | Gustav Deinoff | Unga Klara / Helsingborgs stadsteater | 2023 | 155 min
They Will Drown in Their Mothers' Tears | Farnaz Arbabi | Unga Klara, Stockholm | 2020 | 120 min

Visual art

Frailty of Man | Alexander Ekman | Artipelag | 2022 | 120 min
Atelier | François Rousseau | La Maison Européenne de la Photographie | 2009 | Paris

Film and games

Film music includes collaborations with Bruce LaBruce, Barbara Hammer and Johnny Taranto. Game scores include Battlefield: Bad Company (2008) and Battlefield: Bad Company 2 (2010), composed with his team.