

# Press Release

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## NCC to build the Lumit art high school in Kuopio

**NCC is building the greatly anticipated art high school, Lumit, in Kuopio city centre. The construction contract to be completed in the summer of 2022 on Kirkkokatu is worth around EUR 20 million.**

The thorough planning phase of the project started in 2015. NCC operates as the main contractor in the shared contract and the buyer is Kuopion Tilapalvelut. The total gross area of the project is approximately 9,500 square metres and the volume is just over 55,000 cubic meters.

"The art high school Lumit is a great and interesting project for us. It's great to be a part of creating this new and spectacular high school building in the heart of Kuopio", says Tommi Tiihonen, Divisional Manager at NCC.

The school building, which covers almost the entire plot, is built on concrete piles on trusses and pile plates. The frame is constructed of: concrete pillars and beams, and composite structure steel beams in the upper floor. The facade consists of a brick, metal and wood cladding.

"Lumit is a demanding project in terms of quality and technology, so only our most skilled employees were included. Combining the NCC projects in Kuopio and Jyväskylä has brought together the skills from two units, which we can now successfully utilise", says Project Manager Ilkka Kujala.

Kuopion Tilapalvelut appreciates good co-operation and the experience gained from the previous project.

"The co-operation with NCC has been very efficient and open since the construction preparation phase. Clear roles and competent, responsible employees reinforce confidence in the successful completion of the project. This is a good place to start", the developer, Hilikka Laakso, explains.

The art high school Lumit offers four programmes: music, dance, theatre and the general art programme. Art is part of the school's everyday life; the school offers high school courses and a versatile mix of various art classes. The idea is to provide the students with excellent general knowledge and prepare them for further education.

The new art high school will need new facilities for 600 students and approximately 50 employees, with theatre, sports and dance halls and other facilities, which it will share with the Kuopio Music Centre next door.

"We look forward to the completion of the new premises, which provide the school new opportunities. The school is Finland's oldest

high school specialising in music, and it plays a big role in both the cultural operation of the eastern Finland and the city of Kuopio", says Rehtori Ilkka Raninen.

The construction will be carried out in accordance with the Terve talo site criteria. The cleanliness classification for the construction is P1, and the construction material emission classification is M1.

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