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by Selma Vilhunen

## SYNOPSIS

Varpu, a 12-year-old girl, has no father and her mother acts rather like a younger sister. Her childhood turned into adulthood by force. One night, she has enough of her riding buddies, of her mother, of making up stories at each question about her father. Varpu has a stolen car and her father's name. She decides to drive up north to reach a place where unexpected truth unravels. An ultimate burden will change forever the lives of Varpu, her mother and her father.

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Ultimately, all my films are a study about the requisites for love and all forms of love, and the burdens people pile up on the way. In *Little Wing*, a girl named Varpu has so much longing in her that it makes her brave. It's also about a small family where the gap between two generations has grown together. The child is no longer a child; she's a companion who supports the parent and takes responsibility. I wanted to show something real happening on screen, something that will surprise you a little every time, even if you know the plot. I think the actors and I managed to bring unique warmth and something humane to the screen. Imperfect people finally learn to be merciful – above all – towards themselves.

## DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

SELMA VILHUNEN is an Academy Award nominated director and screenwriter based in Helsinki, Finland. She has written and directed both documentaries and fiction films since 1998 when she began her film studies in Turku Arts Academy. Her collaboration with the screenwriter Kirsikka Saari resulted to the international festival hit *Do I Have to Take Care of Everything?* which was nominated for an Oscar in 2014. *Little Wing* is Vilhunen's debut feature film.



## CAST BIOGRAPHY

LINNEA SKOG is a new rising star from Porvoo, Finland. Her family has a background in theatre acting over generations. *Little Wing* is Linnea's first leading role in a feature film.

PAULA VESALA is a singer-songwriter and actress from Finland, currently living in Los Angeles. She is known for *Simo times three* and *Princess*. Paula Vesala also composed music to *Little Wing* in collaboration with Jori Sjöroos.

## CAST

Linnea Skog – Varpu  
Paula Vesala – Siru  
Lauri Maijala – Ilmari  
Santtu Karvonen – Bo  
Outi Mäenpää – Riding teacher

## CREW

Director & Screenwriter: Selma Vilhunen  
Producers: Kai Nordberg, Kaarle Aho  
Production Company: Making Movies Ltd  
Cinematographer: Tuomo Hutri  
Editor: Samu Heikkilä  
Sound Designer: Tuomas Klaavo  
Set Designer: Sattva-Hanna Toiviainen  
Music: Jori Sjöroos & Paula Vesala



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Original Title: "Tyttö nimeltä Varpu"  
Arri 2K ProRes 4444 / Aspect ratio 2.39:1  
Colour / 100 min / Audio 5.1 /  
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