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EDUCATION

Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki, Doctor of Fine Arts 2006
University of Art and Design Helsinki 1996-97
Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki 1981-85
Orivesi College 1980-81
Secondary school, Nilsjä, A-levels 1979

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selection)

Oulu Art Museum, Finland, 2011
Gallery AMA, Helsinki, Finland 2009
Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, 2007
Punavuori design studiogallery, Helsinki, 2007
Gallery Valo, Rovaniemi, Finland 2005
Kiasma, Studio K, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki 2003
Gallery Artina, Helsinki 2001
Promenadi Gallery, Hyvinkää, Finland 2001
Gallery Artina, Helsinki 1998
D'ars, Milan, Italy 1997
Gallery Artina, Helsinki 1996
Promenadi Gallery, Hyvinkää, Finland 1996
Galerie Pelin, Helsinki 1995
Art University, Tallinn, Estonia 1992
Galerie Pelin, Helsinki 1991
D'arte, Helsinki 1989
Galerie Pelin, Helsinki 1988
Galerie Pelin/Fantasia, Helsinki 1986

GROUP EXHIBITIONS Abroad (selection)

Colour Me In, Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Denmark, 2014
Dimensions, Sika Gallery, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia, 2014
Öster om solen, väster om månen... Växjö konsthall, Sweden, 2012
Shoeroom, Studio L2, Stockholm, Sweden, 2012
5x5 CASTELLÓ10, International Contemporary Art Prize Diputacio de Castelló, Spain, 2010
temporary art space SIHLHALLENSTRASSE NEUNZEHN, Zürich, Switzerland, 2010
Dialogues in Space, Mimara Museum, Zagreb, Croatia, 2010
Får ej övertäckas, Eskilstuna Art Museum, Sweden, 2009
The Art Career; Forja, Valencia, Spain, 2008
Arte Finlandesa 2008, MuBE, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2008
On the Road, Finnish Contemporary Art, Museu da Água, Lisbon, Portugal, 2004
BLOOD Lines & Connections, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. 2003

tant que dure le temps, à sa place, Roquebrun, France, 2000
Carnegie Art Award 1999:
Kunstneres Hus, Oslo
Sophienholm, Lyngby
Kungliga Akademien för De Fria Konsterna, Konstakademien, Stockholm
Kjarvalsstadir, Listasafn Reykjavíkur, Reykjavík
Barbican Art Gallery, London
Frontstore, Basel Switzerland, 1999
Rückschau 1998, Galerie Baal, Bielefeld, Germany 1998-1999
Galerie Baal, Bielefeld 1998
Fiatal Művészek Klubja, Budapest Hungary, 1986
Gallery Sct. Agnes, Roskilde Denmark, 1986
UNK, Stockholm Sweden, 1985
Utgård, Trondheim Norway, 1984

GROUP EXHIBITIONS in Finland (selection)

Petrin valinta, kuraattori Petri Hytönen, Porvoon Taidetehdas Kulma, 4.-27.10.2013
Kasvokkain – Ansikte mot Ansikte – Face to face, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, 2012-2013
Kollaasi collage, Hyvinkää Art museum, 2012
Red, EMMA Modern Art Museum, Espoo, 2010-
The Site of Painting, Pori Art museum, 2009
Tunteiden ekologia, XIV Mäntän kuvataideviikot, 2009
Kicks, Forumbox, Helsinki, 2009
Koti taiteen näyttämönä, Suomen taiteilijaseuran WWP-näyttely, Loviisa, 2009
Välillä väriä – värillä väliä, Taaborinvuori, Nurmijärvi, 2009
Image and After, Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, 2008
Splätsh! Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, 2008
Kengät The Tikanoja Art Museum, Vaasa, 2008
Conversations, curated by Cécile Marie, Kerava Art Museum, 2007
Collections, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, 2006-2010
Piirustushuokka – Tyhjä on täysi, Kunsthalle Helsinki, 2007
Tahtoisin olla koira, Rauma Art Museum, 2007
Halosten Museosäätiön 35-vuotisjuhlanäyttely, 35-Jubilee exhibition, Lapinlahti Art Museum, 2006
Lahden kuvataidekoulutuksen 35-vuotisjuhlanäyttely, Lahti Art Education 35-Jubilee, Lahti Taidepanimo, 2006
Äidin taju, Hyvinkää Art Museum, 2006
Holyunholy, Aboa Vetus, Turku, 2005
Labyrintti, Fiskars Copper Smithy, Fiskars, 2005
Turku biennial, Aboa Vetus, Turku, 2005
Purnu summer-exhibition, curated by Kari Kenetti, Orivesi, 2005
Esineiden maailma, Kunsthalle, Helsinki, 2004
Esineiden maailma, Tampere Art Museum, 2004
Kesäkaruselli, Kulmagalleria, Helsinki, 2003
Kesähilloo, Lasipalatsi, Helsinki 2002
Teon ja tilan taidetta, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki 2001
Carnegie Art Award 1999:
Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki
Mäntän kuvataideviikot, 1999
Kohinaa, Lahankosken mylly, Pornainen 1998
Maan hiljaisuus, Väinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku 1996
Eija-Liisa Ahtila, Pauno Pohjolainen, Tarja Pitkänen, Mäntinranta, Tampere 1996
Aquarelle, Kunsthalle Helsinki 1993
Galerie Kaj Forsblom, Helsinki 1992
On the Borderlines, Cablefactory, Helsinki 1992
The anniversary of Villa Furunäs, exhibition in atelier-homes, Helsinki 1992, 1997, 2007, 2011
Baltic Pathways, on 'Georg Ots' -ship 1992
From all the Rooms of Childhood, Oulu Art Museum 1992
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Galerie Pelin, the 10 anniversary exhibition, Helsinki 1991
7 Tilaa & Ymp., Kajaani Art Hall 1990
Kouvola Art Museum 1990
'Maila Talvio' -saloon, Hartola 1989
Vanhan Galleria, multivision by 'Auki' -group, Helsinki 1987

Trivial, Kunsthalle Helsinki 1987 and Kunsthalle Seinäjoki 1988
Exhibition of Finnish Artists, Kunsthalle Helsinki 1987
Kilo, Espoo 1986
Taidekuninkala, Galerie Pelin, Järvenpää 1986
Winterpalace, Jyväskylä Art Museum 1986
Pirtola and His Toverit, Galerie Pelin, Helsinki 1986
Performance, Kunsthalle Helsinki 1985
Suomen Aino, Kangasniemi 1985
AUKI, Seurasaarentie 1, Helsinki 1984
Painters' Gallery, Helsinki 1984
Vanhan Galleria, Helsinki 1983,-84 and -85
Lepakko, Helsinki 1983
Exhibition of the Young, Kunsthalle Helsinki 1982, with 'Auki' -group 1984 and -87

PUBLIC WORKS / WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
Helsinki City Art Museum
Oulu Art Museum
Paulo Foundation
Helsinki City Art Museum: Harkonmäki-collection
City of Tampere
Hartola Commune
Haaga Shelter-home, City of Helsinki
Congregation of Pukkila
Enso Gutzeit
Saastamoinen Foundation
D'Ars Agency, Milano
Gunter und Marie Müntz, Hamburg
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi Art Museum
Finland State Art Collections
Carnegie Konstförening, Stockholm
Swanljung Collection
Karviaistie school, Helsinki
Kylmäkoski prison
several private collections in Finland and abroad

OTHER ACTIVITIES (selected)

Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
Professor, Department of Painting, 2006-
Collegium of the Academy 2009, Vice-Chair 2011-12
Board, 2008-09
Education and Research Council 2010-11, Vice-Chair 2012-13
Student Admission Board, 1993-95, 2004, 2006-2013
Nomination committee (professors, lecturers), 2008, 2010, 2011
Department of Painting, teacher on hourly basis, 1997-2004:
workshop leader, supervisor (MFA degree), critic conducting and guidance, MFA seminar conducting
Department of Printmaking
visiting critic, 2004
Department of General studies
visiting supervisor as doctoral student in MFA seminars, 1997-2005
assistant, 1992-95
Department of Postgraduate studies,
selection committee for postgraduate students 2004-05
supervisor, (DFA degree Markus Tuormaa, Katja Tukiainen) 2009-
International symposiums organizing and conducting as part of doctoral degree program:
Haptic Visuality / Laura U. Marks, Academy of Fine Arts, 2004
Re-articulating Painting!, Academy of Fine Arts, 2003
Examinor statements of MFA final works, 1999-04, 2006-2013

University of the Arts Helsinki, Board, 2012-2014
FRAME – Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, Board, 2012-15

The Science Forum - *Crises – Threats and New Starts in Art and Creativity*, panel discussion, 2013
On Painting – Exploring Vitality and Other Affect Matters, lecture Kungliga Konsthögskolan Stockholm 29.4.2013
Studio visits, Kungliga Konsthögskolan 29.-30.4.2013
The Kirpilä Art Collection – anniversary lecture, 2012
Psychoanalyst Pirkko Siltala -anniversary lecture, 2012
National Council for Visual Arts, Vice-chair 2004-2009
Visual Arts political program – committee; Publication of Ministry of Education, 2009
Fine Arts Education and Research - committee; Report of the Ministry of Education, 2008
Art gazette (Taide -lehti), Editorial Board, 2006-2007
Art purchases advisor for Helsinki City Art Museum collections, 2002-03

Aalto university / University of Art and Design,

doctoral student supervisor 2012-
examiner statements doctoral degree 2005, 2011
examiner statements master degree 2004, 2007, 2010
supervisor (MA final work) 2008
workshop leader 1991

Free Art School,

supervisor (the final work) 2004-05, 2012

Psykoterapiataitojen instituutti (Institute of Psychotherapeutic Skills), 2004-2005

conducting and guidance in visual arts (theory lecturing and practice)

Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Art Institute 1990-2000,

workshop leader, personal supervisor and guidance in all departments, graduate work seminar conducting,

member of The Selection Committee for new students

visiting critic in graduate works seminar, 2001, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010

Saimaa University of Applied Sciences (Imatra Art School)

critic in graduate works seminar 2010, supervisor master degree 2011

Tampere University of Applied Sciences, School of Art and Media, Fine Art, 2003, 2004

critic in graduate works seminar, supervisor

Turku University of Applied Sciences 1994-95, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007

supervisor, visiting critic

MAA, Art School, (teacher on hourly basis) 1987-97

workshop leader, guidance, critic

rector, 1990-91

project leader in “Tilaornamenti”-exhibition, 1990

Mäntsälä Workers’ Institute 1986-87

teacher of Arts in Charge

Articles, e.g.

Päivänselviä ilmestyksiä, Taide (Art gazette) 1/2007

Organically!, “Casting” On Vesa-Pekka Rannikko, Pori Art Museum Publications 81, 2006

Between the Media and the Earth, “Tsurraa” On Timo Vartiainen, A Museum of Contemporary Art (Helsinki) publication 94/2004

States of Colour, Katharina Grosse, A Museum of Contemporary Art (Helsinki) publication, 2003

Kuvan tunto-oppia tavailemassa, “Taiteellinen tutkimus”, Kuvataideakatemia, 2001

Juror:

60th anniversary exhibition of Iisalmi area artists, Lapinlahti Art Museum, 2012

New Painting, Lahti Art Museum, 2008

Eyes Open, Vantaa Artists’ Association, II Anniversary Exhibition, 2005

Hyvinkää Artists’ Association exhibition in Tallinn, Estonia, 2002

Northern Carelian provincial exhibition 1997

‘Exhibition of the Young’ 1994 and 1992

Juror/Member of exhibition council, Helsinki Artists Association 1991-92

Organizer of “Tilaornamenti”-exhibition, 1990

Founding Member and Vice Chair of ‘Vapauden Aukio’ -gallery, 1989-90

GRANTS

The Finnish Cultural Foundation 2009

Public display grant for visual artists, National Art Council 2009

Alfred Kordelin foundation 2006

Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation 2005

Jenny&Antti Wihuri Foundation and Lapland University, Rovaniemi residence grant, 3 months, 2005

National Council for Visual Arts	2000	5-year grant
National Council for Visual Arts	1997	3-year grant
Niilo Helander Foundation	1997	
The Finnish Cultural Foundation	1995	
National Council for Visual Arts	1995	
The Art Council of Province Uusimaa	1993	
Artists-in-Residence New York City	1990	February
The Central Commission of Art	1990	
The Finnish Cultural Foundation	1990	
The City of Helsinki	1989	
The Finnish Cultural Foundation	1988	