

CV

Leena Kangas

Visual artist, painter

b. 1963 Oulu, Finland

Lives and works in Oulu.

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Studies

2023– Turku University of Applied Sciences / Arts Academy (masters degree)

1984-1988 Academy of Fine Arts / Department of Painting, Helsinki, Finland

1981-1984 Free Art School of Helsinki, Finland

Solo Exhibitions

2023 Art Center Ahjo, Joensuu (FI)

2023 Galleria 5, Oulu (FI)

2021 Galleria Napa, Rovaniemi (FI)

2021 Galleria Harmaja, Oulu

2019 Galerie Pleiku, Berlin (DE)

2018 Galleria Katariina's Studio, Helsinki (FI)

2016 Galleria kajaste, Oulu

2015 Galleria Luoto, Hailuoto (FI)

2013 Kemi Art Museum (w/ Christelle Mas) (FI)

2010 Galleria Uusi Kipinä/Kenno, Lahti (FI)

2010 Galleria Katariina, Helsinki

2009 Galleria Napa, Rovaniemi

2007 Galleria 5, Oulu

2005, 2001, 1998 Galleria Jangva, Helsinki

Group Exhibitions (selected)

2023 Re:formi Art – Our Blueprints, Oulu

2023 Oranki Art 2023, environmental art exhibition, Pello (FI)

2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 Pikinen Poloku, environmental art exhibition, Oulu

2022 From nature, Valvegalleria, Oulu

2021 Täyttymys (Fulfillment), a collaborative project at Tyrnävä (FI)

2017 Lapua Museum of Art (FI)

2017 Under the Red Sky, Valvegalleria, Oulu

2016 Works on Paper, Gallerija DLUL, Ljubljana (SI)

2015 Border, Galleria Pihatto, Lappeenranta (FI)

2015 Vilho Lampi Museum, Liminka (FI)

2015, 2014 1000 den, contemporary art in an empty potato hall, Tyrnävä

2014 Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti

2014 Hentunen, Kangas & Lamminen, Galleria Värinä, Rovaniemi

2014 Snowball Effect, 2nd Northern Finland Biennale, Rovaniemi Art Museum

2011 Mail Art by Hildegard Project, Harakka, Helsinki (FI) and Former Iraqi Embassy, Berlin (DE)

2010 Deep Surface, Irvall, Kangas & Sunila, Galleri Kakelhallen, Mariehamn, Åland (FI)

2009 Recycling, Riihimäki Art Museum, Riihimäki (FI)

2006 Oulu province regional exhibition, Oulu Museum of Art

2002-2003 Oulu province regional exhibition, Oulu Museum of Art & Kajaani Museum of Art

2000 the 105th Annual Exhibition of Finnish Artists, Kunsthalle, Helsinki

Art Projects, Happenings, Symposiums

- 2019 The Blue Wader Case, site-specific working process during the summer, Oulu
2018 Ave Mare! installations in co-operation with artists Helena Kaikkonen & Päivi Pussila, Oulu
2009 Room for Five, exhibition of nine Finnish contemporary artists in an apartment in Oulu; concept, curating and arrangements of the exhibition

Commissioned Works

- 2010 Fly!, Kuulampi School, Tyrnävä, Finland

Art Prizes

- 2022 The Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu Art Prize for merits as an art critic

Collections

Oulu Museum of Art; Tyrnävä Municipality; private collections

Other Activities in Art

- 2023–24 Oulu University of Applied Sciences ?
2019 Art Review – write and walk in Oulu, instructor on a writing workshop organised by Artists' Association MUU
2006– work as an art critic

Artist in Residence

2019 Berlin, Germany; 2013 Matera, Italy; 2011 Berlin, Germany

Memberships

Finnish Painters' Union; Oulu Artists' Association; Finnish Critics' Association

Representations

2019 Finnish Painters' Union, a member in the membership committee; 2017-2018 Finnish Painters' Union, member of the board; 2015 Finnish Painters' Union, a member in the membership committee; 2014 Finnish Artists' Association, a representative; 2013-2014 National Council for Multidisciplinary Art/a member in the section of art journalism; 2009-2012 Finnish Painters' Union, a member in the exhibition committee; 2005 Finnish Artists' Association, a representative; 2001–2006 Oulu Artists' Association, a board member (chair 2002-2003, vice chair 2003–2006)

Grants

2023 Finnish Cultural Foundation/North Ostrobothnia Regional Fund, 1-year working grant; 2021 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, COVID-19 grant; 2020 Finnish Cultural Foundation/North Ostrobothnia Regional Fund, Spearhead Project grant for Täyttymys (Fulfillment) project (artist group Pia Hentunen, Jari Haavikko, Eija Hirvonen, Leena Kangas); 2020 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, COVID-19 grant; 2020 City of Oulu, project grant; 2019 Arts Promotion Centre Finland/Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu, working grant; 2018 Arts Promotion Centre Finland/Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu, project grant; 2017 Finnish Cultural Foundation, project grant; 2016 Oulu Valistus-talo Foundation, project grant; 2013 Finnish Art Society, Edvard Richter Grant for art critics; 2013 Arts Promotion Centre Finland/National Council for Visual Arts, project grant; 2013 Arts Promotion Centre Finland/Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu, project grant; 2010 Arts Council of Oulu, 1-year working grant; 2008 Arts Council of Oulu, project grant; 2007 City of Oulu, project grant; 2005 Arts Council of Oulu, project grant; 2005 Oulu Saskia Stipendium; 2001 City of Oulu, project grant; 1999 Arts Council of Oulu, working grant; 1996 Arts Council of Oulu, project grant