

Merja Salonen Di Giorgio

MA in Fine Arts, painter, visual artist

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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

2016-17 Material studies, Academy of Fine Arts, Finland
1997-1999 Master of Art in Pallas Fine Arts program, Aalto University of Art and Design, Helsinki
1998 SACI, Florence, Italy
1993-1997 Visual Artist, Imatra School of Fine Arts
1995 Tartu School of Fine Arts, Sculpture Department, Estonia

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Painters' Union, Finland, ordinary membership
Association of the Artists in Helsinki
Kuvasto ry

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2023 *Roihupelto - Pompeii* Galleria G12, Helsinki
2022 *Roihupelto-Pompeii*, Galleria Aarni, Espoo
2017 *Capriccio*, paintings, Gallery Saskia, Tampere, Finland
2014 *Bizarro*, paintings, Gallery G12, Helsinki
2014 *Gattopardo*, paintings, Gallery Katariina, Studio, Helsinki
2010 *Strange paradise*, paintings, Taidesalonki / Konstsalongen, Helsinki
2010 *Strange paradise*, paintings Lapinlahti Art Museum with Heli Tuhkanen
2007 *Till we meet again*, paintings, Malmitalo Gallery Culture Center, Helsinki
2007 *Kitchen philosophy, installation*, Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Helsinki
2005 *Scent of Atmosphere*, paintings, Gallery Uusitalo, Helsinki
2005 *Carpe diem*, paintings and photographs, Gallery Kapriisi, Kuopio
2005 *Theme and variations of mother*, installation, Gallery Kipinä, Lahti
2004 *Ideas of Rome*, paintings, Gallery of Malmitalo Culture Center, Helsinki
2002 *Tea Ceremony for two*. Paintings, Gallery Avanti, Joensuu
2001 *Paintings*, Gallery Saskia with Vesa Hjort, Tampere
2000 *Paintings*, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki
2000 *Florence in Helsinki*, photo installation in street space of Helsinki
1999 *The walls -the experiences of here and now*, installation, Gallery Atski, Helsinki
1999 *Helsinki in Florence*, photo installation in street space of Florence, Italy
1999 *Helsinki In Florence*, Il Bisonte, Florence, Italy
1999 *Small poems of Florence*, paintings, Tampere Maja, Tartu, Estonia
1997 *The holy in everyday*, painting installation, Gallery Kunstikum, Imatra
1996 *Paintings*, Emil-hall, Tampere
1995 *Tuuve is asleep*, paintings, Culture Center, Imatra

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2024 /6-8 *Luovuus ITÄä*, Taidekortteli ry / Art Block Association, Stoa Culture Center, Helsinki
2023 *Roihua Ruukissa*, Taidekortteli ry / Art Block Association, Kuusankoski art foundry
2022 *Two years*, Taidekortteli ry / Art Block Association, Jokela, old brick factory
2020 Gallery Aarni, Espoo, Taidekortteli ry / Art Block Association
2018 *Garden of Humankind*, Gallery rantakasarmi, Helsinki, Taidekortteli ry / Art Block Association
2017 *Class Photo*, Imatra Art Museum
2017 *Burn!* Stoa Helsinki, Taidekortteli ry / Art Block Association
2002 *Sampo*, Poleeni, Pieksämäki Cultural Center
2001 *Direction*, Art Hall in Seinäjoki
1999 *Pallas*, Gallery Otso, Espoo
1999 *The Park of The Future*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
1999 *The City*, SACI Gallery, Florence, Italy

COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2024 /5 *URBANA HORTUS*, Helsinki artists' Association, Ahjo, Joensuu
2023 *Autumn salong*, TM-Gallery
2023 *Summer Art Weeks*, Gallery Pihatto, Lappeenranta
2018 *Bela, Biennale of European and Latin-American art*, cable Factory, Helsinki
2018 *Home called Krimi*, installation in a culture center to be torn apart, Imatra
2010 HTS Rantakasarmi, Helsinki
2008 *Extrema Thule*, Soriano nel Cimino, Italy
2008-2009 *Miniature Biennale* in Poland
2006 *Elderly dignity*, touring exhibition in Finland by SECCO
2005-2006 *The Holy Trinity*, touring exhibition in Finland by SECCO
2003 *Duuni*, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki
2003 *The Best of Analyste*, Helsinki
2001 *Artminor 2001*, Naantali Taidehuone, Naantali
2001 *The XIII International Poster Biennale in Lahti*, Lahti Art Museum
2000 University of Arts, Bucharest, Romania
1998 *Miti, leggende e storia nella nascita di una città*, Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milano, Italy
1998 Salon Mladith / *25th Salon of Young Artists*, Zagreb, Croatia
1998 *Life and Esthetics*, Gallery Valssaamo, Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki
1995 48. National Young Artists' Exhibition, Art Hall of Helsinki
1995, 1996 Imatra Association of Art, Imatra Art Museum

PUBLIC ART

2000 *Garden* / The court yard of The Hotel Radisson Plaza, Helsinki. Mikonkatu 23, Helsinki
2004 *Morning* / Restaurant Vege, Helsinki

PUBLIC ART IN GROUP

2008 *Piers, Arba*-group, concrete, Helsinki
2005 *Memory Tracks*, graphic concrete, *Arba*-group, Helsinki
1997 *Extension*, Tunnel Painting in Konnunsuo Prison, Joutseno
1996 *Imatra*, Underpass Painting with Jouni Viljakainen, Imatra
1995 *Three Seasons*, Wall Painting at Sienimäki Primary School, Imatra

PUBLICATIONS

2023 Roihupelto - Pompeii, PARVS, ISBN 978-952-7441-48-0
2018 *Bela, Biennial of European and Latin American Contemporary Art*
2014 *Grand Tour*, ISBN 978-952-93-3561-9
2003 *Helsinki in Florence, Florence in Helsinki*, ISBN 952-91-6165-4
2008 *Extrema Thule*, Italia
1998 *Life and esthetics*, UIAH
1998 *Miti, Leggende e Storia nella nascita di una città*, Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milano, Italia

GRANTS

2022 Arts Promotion Center Finland
2022 Sigurd Frosterus Foundation
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2020 Arts Promotion Center Finland
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2019 Arts Promotion Center Finland
2011 Arts Promotion Center Finland
2008 Frame
2004 Väinö Tanner Foundation
2003 Grafia ry
2003 Frame
2003 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Uudenmaa foundation
2002 Öflund Foundation
2000 Finnish Cultural Foundation
1999 City of Florence
1999 City of Helsinki

AWARDS

2000 Award of the Optio Gala for '*Florence in Helsinki*'
1998 Award in Milano 2500 Years Anniversary Exhibition

COLLECTIONS

Aalto University
City of Helsinki
Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa
Lahti Art Museum
Okopankki bank
Saimia University of applied sciences
Royal Hotels Oy / SOKOTEL Helsinki
Central Museum of Labour in Finland, Tampere
Tampere Maja -The Culture and Information Center of The City of Tampere in Dorpat, Estonia
Private Collections

RESIDENCES

2019 Grassina, Italy
2016 Circolo Scandinavo, Rome, Italy

2010 Grassina, Italy
2004 Mazzano Romano, Italy

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

2018-20 Deputy of Finnish Painters' Union in Nordic Art Union
2018-19 Board member in Finnish Painters' Union
2017-18 Chairman in Taidekortteli / Konstkvarter / Art Block association
2016 Secretary in Taidekortteli / Konstkvarter / Art Block association
2005-06 Vice Member of the Finnish Painters' Union in the board of STS, Finnish Artists' society
1995 Vice Chairman of the Students' Council of the Imatra School of Art (now Saimia)
1994-95 Deputy of the Students in the Board of the School of Fine Arts, Imatra

OTHER

2002- Free-lance art teaching especially in Institution of Adult Education of Helsinki and painting courses abroad.
Visiting lecturer at Saimia University for Applied Sciences, Art Department.
2011 Assistant producer, U.S.E. Art Event, Helsinki
2006 Speaker Future of Culture, seminar by the Ministry Education

HOBBIES

Baroque dance, kintsugi, sauna bathing