

CURRICULUM VITAE, SHORT

Merja Salonen Di Giorgio MA in Fine Arts, painter

EDUCATION

2016-17 Material studies, Academy of Fine Arts, Finland
1997-1999 Master of Art, 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 for Authors' rights
Taidekortteli ry / Art Quarters

EXHIBITIONS SINCE 1995

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (collection)

2026 *Between two worlds*, Alppigalleria, Helsinki, with Petra Giacomelli
2023 *Roihupelto - Pompeii*, Gallery G12, Helsinki
2022 *Roihupelto - Pompeii*, Gallery Aarni, Espoo
2017 *Capriccio*, Gallery Saskia, Tampere, Finland
2014 *Bizzarro*, Gallery G12, Helsinki
2014 *Gattopardo*, Gallery Katariina, Studio, Helsinki
2010 *Strange paradise*, Taidesalonki / Konstsalongen, Helsinki
2010 *Strange paradise*, Lapinlahti Art Museum with Heli Tuhkanen
2007 *Till we meet again*, Malmitalo Gallery, Helsinki
2007 *Kitchen philosophy, installation*, Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Helsinki
2005 *Scent of Atmosphere*, Gallery Uusitalo, Helsinki
2005 *Carpe diem*, Gallery Kapriisi, Kuopio
2004 *Ideas of Rome*, Malmitalo Gallery, Helsinki
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 *Helsinki in Florence*, photo installation in the street space of Florence, Italy
1999 *Helsinki In Florence*, Il Bisonte, Florence, Italy
1999 *Small poems of Florence*, Tampere Maja, Tartu, Estonia
1997 *The Holy in Everyday*, Gallery Kunstikum, Imatra
1995 *Tuuve is asleep*, Culture Center of Imatra

GROUP & COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS (collection)

2026 *My Forest*, Malmitalo Gallery, HAA
2026 *Layers*, Masuuni Gallery in Teijo, Art Quarters Association
2025 *Four ways*, Alppigalleria, Helsinki
2025 *Jubileum Feast*, Art Quarters Association, Strömfors ironworks, Finland
2025 *Painters Union x Skanno*, Helsinki
2024 *Creativity sprouts*, Art Quarters Association, Stoa Culture Center, Helsinki, Finland
2023 *Autumn salong*, TM-Gallery
2023 *Summer Art Weeks*, Gallery Pihatto, Lappeenranta
2023 *Fire at Foundry*, Art Quarters Association, Kuusankoski Art Foundry
2022 *Two years*, Art Quarters Association, Jokela, old brick factory
2020 *Gallery Aarni*, Espoo, Art Quarters Association
2018 *Garden of Humankind*, Gallery Rantakasarmi, Helsinki, Art Quarters Association
2018 *Home called Krimi*, installation in a culture center to be torn apart, Imatra

2017 *Burn!* Stoa Helsinki, Art Quarters Association
 2017 *Class Photo*, Imatra Art Museum
 2010 Helsinki Artists Association in 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 *The Best of Analyste*, Helsinki
 2001 *Artminor 2001*, Naantali Taidehuone, Naantali
 2001 *The XIII International Poster Biennale in Lahti*, Lahti Art Museum
 2002 *Sampo*, Poleeni, Pieksämäki Cultural Center
 2001 *Direction*, Art Hall in Seinäjoki
 2000 University of Arts, Bucharest, Romania
 1999 *Pallas*, Gallery Otso, Espoo
 1999 *The Park of The Future*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 1999 *The City*, SACI Gallery, Florence, Italy
 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
 1995-98. 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

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

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

2018-19 Board member of Finnish Painters' Union
 2018-20 Board member in Nordic Art Union
 2017 Chairman of Taidekortteli / the Art Block association
 2015-16 founding member and Board Member of Taidekortteli / Art Quarter association
 2005-06 Vice Member of the Finnish Painters' Union in the board of STS, Finnish Artists' society

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, The Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, The Lahti Art Museum
 Saimia University of applied sciences, The Central Museum of Labour in Finland, Tampere
 Tampere Maja -The Culture and Information Center of The City of Tampere in Dorpat, Estonia
 Private Collections in Europe, U.S.A. and Australia

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 Quarters association
 2016 Secretary in Taidekortteli / Konstkvarter / Art Quarters association
 2005-06 Vice Member of the Finnish Painters' Union in the board of STS, Finnish Artists' society

