



CURRICULUM VITAE – ARI SAARTO

Born 1961 in Kotka Finland. Works and lives in Helsinki. Since 2000 Visiting Lecturer of Photography, freelance lecturer and workshops at the University of Art And Design, Helsinki (now Aalto University, Finland), Open University (Aalto Univ.), Helsinki University of Technology (Aalto Univ.), Lahti Institute of Design (Finland), Turku Academy of Arts (Finland), Academy of Fine Arts (University of Arts, Helsinki Finland) and Eesti kunstiakadeemia (Tallinn, Estonia). Principal Lecturer of Photography at the Lahti Institute of Design, Finland 1996–2000. Member of the Union of Artist Photographers, Finland (a board member 2007-2013 and 2011-2013 chairman of the board). Vice chairman of the Artists' Association of Finland 2012-2013. Board member of the Museum of Photography, Helsinki, 2011-2015. Speaks fluent English, some Swedish, German and Russian.

EDUCATION:

- 1994 MA in photography, University of Art and Design, Helsinki
- 1988 MA in art education, University of Art and Design, Helsinki

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS:

collections of Kiasma the Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
collections of the State of Finland
collections of the Museum of Photography, Helsinki
collections of the Wihuri Foundation (Rovaniemi Art Museum)
collections of the town of Kotka
private collections in Finland, Japan and USA

SOLO SHOWS:

- 2021 Silence & Noise, Gallery Ratamo, Centre for Creative Photography, Jyväskylä Finland
- 2020 Silence & Noise, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu Finland
- 2019 Ayumi Gallery CAVE, Tokyo, Japan
- 2015 Circles, Yumiko Chiba Associates, Tokyo, Japan
- 2008 Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings (avec Riitta Päiväläinen), the Kemi Art Museum, Finland
- 2008 Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings (avec Riitta Päiväläinen), the Kerava Art Museum, Finland
- 2008 Sites and Departures, Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings (avec Riitta Päiväläinen), Muzeum Narodowe w Szczecinie/the National Museum in Szczecin, Poland
- 2005 IN SITU Early Gallery, Osaka Japan
- 2005 Vestige/Topography of Fear (avec Riitta Päiväläinen) Spaziodellavolta, Studio Archifax, Genoa, Italy
- 2004 IN SITU Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Topography of Fear Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
- 2002 Topography of Fear UNN Squires Gallery Newcastle, United Kingdom
- 2002 Topography of Murder Photographic Centre Peri Turku, Finland
- 2002 Vestige/Topography of Fear (avec Riitta Päiväläinen) gallery Romfeia, International Meetings of Photography, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- 2001 Topography of Fear Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
- 2001 Topography of Murder Nordic Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
- 1996 Kryptomnesia gallery Workshop, Helsinki, Finland
- 1993 Seen Through Senses the Kluuvi gallery (Helsinki City Art Museum), Finland
- 1992 Concert Hall Gallery Kotka, Finland
- 1992 Point of Pain gallery Hippolyte Helsinki, Finland

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2021 Roads and Pathways, works from the Jenny and Antti Wihuri Fund collections, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
- 2018 Tokyo Winter Light and Noise, Youkobo Art Space Open Studios, Tokyo, Japan
- 2015 CityLeaks Urban Art Festival (curated), Carlswerk, Cologne-Mülheim, Germany
- 2015 Parallele Welt (curated), Stadtgalerie Bietigheim-Bissing, Germany
- 2014-2015 Parallele Welt (curated) Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
- 2013 Ingredients (curated) Riga Art Space, Riga, Latvia
- 2012 Feel It! – Photographs of Emotion and States of Mind (curated), Oulu Art Museum
- 2011 Landscape Experienced (curated), Jyväskylä Art Museum
- 2010 Close to Nature – Zeitgenössische Finnische Kunst (curated), Neuer Kunstverein Aschaffenburg Germany
- 2010 Images from the North Countries (curated), Espace François-Mitterrand, Guingamp, France
- 2010 Tales from the Forest (curated, group), Virserums Konsthall, Virserum, Sweden
- 2010 Pain (curated, group), the Kerava Art Museum, Finland
- 2009 Great Expectations – Contemporary photography looks at today's Bitter Years, (curated) Casino Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- 2009 Artworks from the Collections of the Kuntsi Art Museum and Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art (curated), Kuntsi Art Museum, Finland
- 2008 The Art of Humanity (curated), XII Mänttä Festival Weeks, Finland
- 2007 Contemporary Finnish Art from the Wihuri Foundation Collections (curated), Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland
- 2006 Finlandia (avec Jouko Lehtola, Joakim Eskildsen, curated), Frans Hals Museum/ De Hallen, Haarlem, Netherlands
- 2006 MENS. The Story of a Wound (curated), the Centre for Religious Art and Culture and Municipal Museum for Contemporary Art (S.M.A.K. in Ghent), Leuven, Belgium
- 2006 Vad är Fotografi? The Helsinki School (curated), Borås Art Museum, Sweden
- 2006 The Helsinki School, Finnish Photography from the 21st Century (curated), Hotel de Ville de Bruxelles, Grand-Place, Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2006 Nordic Cut – The Helsinki School of Photography (curated), Art Pavillion, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2005 Fractures of Life (curated) Kiasma, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Metropolis (curated) Mare Articum at the National Museum, Szczecin, Poland
- 2005 the Helsinki School (curated) Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
- 2005 Personligt, fotografier från the Helsinki School (curated) Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2005 The Taik Gallery Sollentuna Art Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 30byTaiK (curated) Museum of Finnish Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 Gokann The Fourth Triennale of Contemporary Finnish Art (curated) the Kunsthalle of Helsinki (the Helsinki Art Hall), Finland
- 2004 Conversation with Nature (curated) Aomori Contemporary Art Center, Japan
- 2004 Views, the Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
- 2004 Images Against War, Photokina, Cologne, Germany
- 2003 Gokann The Fourth Triennale of Contemporary Finnish Art (curated) Kyoto Art Center, Seika University Gallery, Voice Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
- 2003 Blue Horizon (avec Pertti Kekarainen, Jan Kaila, curated) Spiral Gallery, Wacoal Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 Exposure 2003 (curated) Hereford Art Gallery, United Kingdom
- 2003 Images Against War Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
- 2003 Images Against War, L'Usine Galerie, Brussels, Belgium
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (curated) Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (curated) FotoForum West, Innsbruck, Austria
- 1997 The Drum and the Camera (curated), Gallén-Kalela Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 1997 Mother's Heart an installation, the 7th Biennale of Audiovisual Design (curated), Lahti, Finland
- 1996 Momentum - The 90's of the Finnish Photography (curated), Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued):

- 1995 The Script the Second Biennale of Finnish Photography, (curated), the Kunsthalle of Helsinki (the Helsinki Art Hall), Finland
- 1994 Male Anxiety (curated), Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin, Germany
- 1993 The Night of Photography a curated group exhibition in the Park of Vuorimiehenkatu during the Night of Arts, Helsinki Festival, Finland
- 1993 Young Photographers a group exhibition in Helsinki City Theatre , Finland
- 1993 There and Back a group exhibition with five painters, gallery Allinna, Riihimäki, Finland
- 1992 The Young Roosters (curated), Sveaborg Fortress, Helsinki Photography Festival, Finland
- 1991 Planket Festival, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1989 Focus (curated), Museum of Photography, Helsinki (touring exhibition in Latvia, Estonia and Finland)
- 1989 The Young (curated), Old Studenthouse of the Helsinki University, Helsinki Photography Festival, Finland

GRANTS, AWARDS:

- 2022 the Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2021 the Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2021 Visek
- 2020 the Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2019 the Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2019 Frame Visual Art Finland
- 2018 Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation
- 2016 Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation
- 2016 the Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2015 the Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2015 Frame Visual Art Finland
- 2015 the Arts Promotion Centre Finland (travel grant)
- 2014 Oskar Öflund Foundation
- 2014-2018 five-year Artist Grant, the Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2013 the Arts Council of Uusimaa
- 2013 Art Grant, City of Helsinki
- 2012 one-year Artist Grant, Arts Council of Finland
- 2011 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
- 2011 Visek
- 2010 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2008 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland (quality support for publications)
- 2008 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland
- 2007 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland
- 2007 Visek
- 2006 Avek
- 2006 Academy of Fine Arts, Finland
- 2006-2010 five-year Artist Grant, Arts Council of Finland
- 2005 Kordelin Foundation
- 2005 Oskar Öflund Foundation
- 2003-2005 three-year Artist Grant, Arts Council of Finland
- 2004 Arts Council of Finland
- 2004 Niilo Helander Foundation
- 2004 Frame Fund
- 2003 Oskar Öflund Foundation
- 2003 Frame Fund
- 2002 Frame Fund
- 2002 full one-year working grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2002 Arts Council of Finland
- 2001 Arts Council of Finland

GRANTS, AWARDS (continued):

- 2001 the Frame Fund
- 2001 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
- 2001 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland
- 2001 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2001 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2000 British Council
- 2000 honourable mention, "Best graphic Design of the Year", Grafia Foundation (project with students, Lahti Institute of Design)
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- 1999 Kordelin Foundation
- 1999 Finnfoto Foundation
- 1999 Icelandic-Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1998 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
- 1998 Arts Council of Finland
- 1995 Nordic Minister Council
- 1995 Finnish-Danish Cultural Foundation
- 1995 Uudenmaa Provincial Art Committee
- 1994 Arts Council of Finland
- 1994 Arts Council of Finland
- 1992 University of Art and Design Helsinki
- 1992 Oskar Öflund Foundation
- 1991 Finnfoto Foundation
- 1990 certificate of honour from the Committee of Finnish Book Art
- 1990 British Council

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY, PRESENTATIONS AND BROASTCASTS:

- 2020 Northern Photographic Centre (video, Finland)
- 2018 Tokyo Winter Light and Noise (catalogue, Japan)
- 2015 Tracing the Forgotten, the Dismissed, the Painful/the Song of the River (catalogue, Japan, with Riitta Päiväläinen)
- 2015 Nordis 4/2015 (introduction, portfolio, Germany)
- 2014 Switchboard (portfolio and an interview, Germany)
- 2011 IkonoMenasa (video: <http://ikono.tv>)
- 2010 Close to Nature – Zeitgenössische Finnische Kunst (catalogue, Germany)
- 2010 Pain, the Kerava Art Museum (catalogue, Finland)
- 2009 Great Expectations – Contemporary photography looks at today's Bitter Years, (catalogue, Luxembourg)
- 2009 HotShoe 1/2009 (UK, review)
- 2008 IN SITU (book, Finland)
- 2008 The Art of Humanity, XII Mänttä Festival Weeks (catalogue, Finland)
- 2008 Motiv #14 (portfolio, Sweden)
- 2007 europalia.europalis 27+27+27 (Belgium, movie/installation/interview)
- 2007 Human Rights Report 3/2007 (portfolio, Finnish League for Human Rights)
- 2007 Motiv Magazine #11 (portfolio, Sweden)
- 2007 Crime Scene: Helsinki (catalogue, Finland)
- 2006 MENS (catalogue, Belgium)
- 2006 Finlandia (catalogue, Netherlands)
- 2006 Origins of Violence national broadcasting channel Teema, January
- 2005 Metropolis (catalogue, Poland)
- 2005 The Helsinki School - Photography by TaiK (catalogue, Finland)
- 2004 HotShoe magazine December 2004–January 2005 (UK, interview)
- 2004 Taide (Art) magazine December 2004 (Finland, review)

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY, PRESENTATIONS AND BROASTCASTS (continued):

- 2004 What Contemporary Photography Represents Today – an interview with Marjaana Kella, national broadcasting channel Teema, October 29th
- 2004 ARK magazine 4/2004 (Finland, portfolio)
- 2004 Helsingin Sanomat Sept. 30th (Finland, review)
- 2004 Conversation with Nature Aomori Contemporary Art Center (Japan, catalogue)
- 2003 Exposure (UK, catalogue)
- 2003 Gokann (Japan – Finland, catalogue)
- 2003 Blue Horizon (Japan, catalogue)
- 2003 Musta taide (Art Noir) magazine 1/2003 (Finland)
- 2003 Jatulintarha CD-ROM (an international joint project, UK/Finland)
- 2002 Ari Saarto (with Pelle Kronestedt – catalogue, gallery Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany)
- 2002 European Photography #71 magazine (Germany, portfolio)
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (Austria, catalogue)
- 2002 International Meetings of Photography (Bulgaria, catalogue)
- 2002 The Rovaniemi Art Museum and Wihuri Foundation collections 1997-2002 (Finland, catalogue)
- 2002 ARK magazine 1/2002 (Finland, portfolio)
- 2001 Collisions and Dissonances 6. Internationale Fototage Herten 2001 (Germany, catalogue)
- 2001 Helsingin Sanomat Nov. 15th (Finland, review)
- 2001 Mi magazine 2/2001 (Finland)
- 2000 Eidos – Writings About Finnish Photography in the 90's Institute of Design, Lahti (Finland, editor, essay)
- 2000 Mi magazine 1/2000 (Finland)
- 1997 Musta taide (Art Noir) -magazine 2/1997 (Finland)
- 1996 Musta taide (Art Noir) -magazine 3/1996 (Finland)
- 1995 Käsikirjoitus - the Script (Helsinki Photography triennale, catalogue)
- 1993 Valokuva (Photography) -magazine 8/1993 (Finland)
- 1992 Valokuva (Photography) -magazine 4/1992 (Finland)
- 1992 Suomen Kuvalehti magazine 24/1992 (Finland)
- 1992 Stylus magazine 2/92 (Finland)
- 1989 Bildtidningen magazine 5/1989 (Sweden)

ARTIST RESIDENCIES:

- 2022 SÍM, The Association of Icelandic Artists, Korpúfsstaðir, Iceland
- 2020 Pro Artibus, Snäcksund Torppa, Finland
- 2018 Örö Island AIR, Finland
- 2017-2018 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo Japan
- 2016 Kökar, Finland
- 2015 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo Japan
- 2004 Aomori, ACAC Aomori Contemporary Art Centre, Japan
- 2002 Kökar, Finland
- 2001 Newcastle, UK (Jatulintarha-project)