

Visual artist

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## STUDIES

Training in arts:

Performance workshop, Time based performance, with Ellen Friis, 2013

Performance workshop with Gary Stevens, 2012

Methods of biography and self-image in visual arts, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland 2010/11

Performance workshop with Kristiina Junttila, 2011

Performance workshop with Johannes Daimler, 2010

Portrait course arranged by Finnish Cultural Foundation, Savonlinna, 2010

Akademie Výtvarných Umění v Praze, The Academy of Fine Arts, Prague, Czech Republic, spring 1997

Tallinna Kunstiülikooli, Tallinn Art University, Estonia, spring 1996

*Visual Artist (sculpture major)*, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences, Fine Art Kankaanpää, 1994-97

Academic training:

FM in Art history, University of Turku, 2014

Phil.Lic, in biology, University of Turku, 1994

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 Transition, Gallery Joella, Turku

2017 Art Center Ahjo, Joensuu (with Marianne Laiti)

2016 Drawing Gallery D5, Helsinki (with Marianne Laiti)

2015 *Lines and Moments*, - drawing installation, Gallery Å, Turku

2014 Artist of the month, Turun taidelainaamo, Turku

2013 *Images of the Landscape*, Archipelago centre Blue Mussel, Kasnäs, Finland

2008 *Within the Frames*, Old Communal House, Parainen, Finland

2004 *Unreachable distance* with Petra Valentova, gallery Titanik, Turku, Finland

2003 *Identita – Identity* with Petra Valentova, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma, Finland

2003 Sculpture in Vanha Kuivuri, the sculpture park of Alpo Jaakola, Loimaa, Finland

2002 *Black stone upon a white one*, gallery Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki, Finland

2001 *Noventa días en Iquitos*, Galleria De Exhibiciones del Centro de Documentación e Información, IIAP, Peru

2000 *Reminiscences and portraits*, gallery JUST, Turku, Finland

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND AND ABROAD

2023 Stop, exhibition about the war, Kuusisto Art Estate, Kaarina, Finland

2022 Art Centre Almintalo, Loviisa, Finland

2022 Turku Art Association 98<sup>th</sup> exhibition, Turku Art Hall, Finland

2021 Hugged trees, Kuusisto Art Estate, Kaarina, Finland

2021 Sykli, Cycle, Turku Art association group exhibition, Loimaa, Finland

2020 Taivasalla 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition, Kaarina talo, Finland

2019 Milk, an exhibition of the Taivasalla group, Sarka Museum. Loimaa, Finland

2017 Wiurilan kesä Art Exhibition, Halikko, Finland

2017 Carpe Diem drawings and performance in Kuusisto Art Estate, Kaarina, Finland

2015 Time, work based on different sounds in Kuusisto Art Estate, Kaarina, Finland

2014 Tomsk Etudes, Plain air exhibition in Tomsk, Russia

2014 Flow, Turku Art Association 90th anniversary exhibition, Turku and Oulu, Finland

2014 Flow, Turku Art Association 90th anniversary exhibition, Koski TL, Finland

2014 Space, Gallery Artika, Helsinki, Finland

2014 Water, Exhibition in Kuusisto Art Estate, Kaarina, Finland

2013 Water, Exhibition in Kuusisto Art Estate, Kaarina, Finland

2013 Springtime, Under the sky group, Brinkhall, Turku, Finland

2013 From your own spring, Art Centre Antares, Sippola, Finland

2012 The wind from the Sea, Gallery Fogga, Helsinki, Finland

2011 2000 and 11 self-portraits, Gallery Å, Turku, Finland

2011 Artist in Archipelago, AiA, Korpoström Centre, Korppoo, Finland

2009 Out there, Gallery Köysirata, Turku, Finland

2009 Woman's space, Kemi Art Museum, Kemi, Finland

2007 Life journals, Anna Ahmatova Museum, St Petersburg, Russia

#### SITE SPECIFIC ART AND INTERNATIONAL ART SYMPOSIUMS

2012- International Barefoot environmental art area in Korppoo, Finland  
2014 Finnish Russian Plain air workshop in Toms, Russia  
2013 Finnish Russian Plain air workshop in Turku and Parainen, Finland  
2012 Finnish Russian Plain air workshop in Solovetski, Russia  
2009 International Speerwaldatelier wood sculpture symposium, Lübbenau, Germany  
2006 *Terra Artis* (Väkevä Maa) Art Region Sahalahti, Finland  
1999 *On Condition of the Forest* Laipanmaa, Sahalahti, Finland  
1998 International Stone sculpture symposium in Bramming, Denmark

#### PERFORMANCES AND COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS

2018 *District Window revisited*. Twotoo - Kaksinainen, Vårkultur, Kulturvandring, Parainen  
2015 *PPP Peoples Parliament in Parainen*, Twotoo - Kaksinainen (Montag-Wärnå-Puhakka), Parainen  
2015 *District Window project*. Twotoo - Kaksinainen, Parainen  
2012 *Reciting Routes* (with Susanne Montag and Virpi Metsätähti), Turku, Kemiö, Masku and Parainen  
2012 New performance in Kutomo (with Gary Stevens' group), Turku  
2011 *Icecubes*, Fluxus-jukebox, Tehdas teatteri, Turku  
2010 *Workhomework, Entrance hall*, Kutomo, Turku  
2009-11 *If I now cut myself*. Kemi Art Museum and Aboa Vetus & Nova, Kemi and Turku

#### PUBLIC ARTWORKS

2016/17 *Dandelion Achenes*, Vuores Art area, Tampere  
2009 *Schiffchen des Lebens*, oak, Speerwaldatelier Lübbenau, Germany  
2006 *Everyone of us*, old tiles, Terra Artis Art Region, Pälkäne, Finland  
2003 *Connection* (moss) and *The Old Field*, (Viitasalmi pink and granite, old hay sticks), Loimaa city, Finland  
1999 *Kullerstensten*, granite, Bramming, Denmark  
1998 *Arbos*, Gates in the cemetery area of Kankaanpää parish, stone and iron.  
1998 *The time found* -environmental art work, stone, Kankaanpää, Finland  
1998- *Sea stones* - environmental art work in Archipelago area, Finland, ten small stone statues.  
1997 *Hammerklavier* statue, marble and granite, Kankaanpää, Finland  
1997 *Mietiskelijät patsas* with A. Immosen ja M. Lehikoisen, Kankaanpää- Pori Art road

#### PRIZES

2014 The City of Parainen prize for the Barefoot Environmental project  
2013 Svenska kulturfonden (Svenska Dagen Pris) prize for the Barefoot Environmental project  
1999 Prize in the international exhibition Aquarium in Rottermann Soolaladu museum, Tallinn, Estonia  
1998 Gold medal in the Internationalsnow sculpture competition with Reijo Paavilainen and Pertti Mäkinen, Nagano, Japan  
1997 First price in the competition arranged by Kankaanpää parish for the planning of new gates in the cemetery area

#### WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Atelier Torni in Helsinki; Centro de Documentación e Información, IIAP, city of Iquios, Peru; cities of Loimaa, Kankaanpää, Parainen and Tampere

#### INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCES

2001 Working in city of Iquitos spring 2001, Peru  
2000 Marbella residence in September and October, Spain

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Finnish Sculptors' Union, Turku Artists' Association

#### OTHER ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

2013 Organizer of the Finnish Russian Plain air workshop in Turku and Parainen, Finland  
2012- Organizer of Bare foot environmental art project in Korppoo, Finland  
2009 Coordinator in international Environmental art event Fluxations, Turku  
2009- Teacher in Visual Arts in Kaarina People's educational institute  
1998- Teacher in Visual Arts in City of Parainen People's educational institute