

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

2014 – 2015	360 Degrees – Towards Local Arts Agencies, Art Promotion Centre of Ostrobothnia and Novia Pietarsaari, series of lectures and workshops
2014 – 2015	Introduction to Arts Management, Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences & Music Finland
2012 – 2013	Selling Project, International workshops, Kvarken Council and Region Österbotten
1990 – 1993	Sculptor, Fine Arts Kankaanpää, sculpture department
1988 – 1989	General studies of the visual arts, People's College of Orivesi
1987 – 1988	General studies of the visual arts, Liminka Art School
1992	Exchange student, Tallinn Art University, Estonia

### MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Finnish Sculptors  
Ostrobothnian Artists' Association  
Seinäjoki Artists' Association  
Varikko Association  
Seinäjoki Printmakers' Association  
Kuvasto

### WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Finnish National Gallery/ State Art Deposit Collection  
Finland State/ Senaattikiinteistöt  
Vaasa Museums / Vaasa City Art Collection  
Nelimarkka Museum  
Seinäjoki Kunsthalle/ Seinäjoki City Art Collection  
Y building Art Collection  
Pihlajalinna, Kankaanpää  
Jyväskylä University  
Lähi-Tapiola Art Collection  
Fine Arts Kankaanpää  
Ilkka Ltd, Seinäjoki  
Finnvera Ltd, Helsinki  
Seinäjoki Artists' Association

## AWARDS

2019	Culture Prize Vaasan Jaakko, Newspaper Pohjalainen, Vaasa
2017	Art Prize 2017, Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Regional Arts Council of Ostrobothnia
2010	the 2nd award, the art contest of Real estate company Pikipruukki, Vaasa, Finland
2001	Culture award of Seinäjoki town for the visual artists' group Varikko
2000	the 1st award of the sculpture section, International Miniature Art Biennial, Salle Augustin – Chenier, Ville – Marie, Quebec, Canada
1997	Young Ostrobothnian artist
1993	the 1st award, the art contest of Fine Arts Kankaanpää, UN, Niinisalo
1993	Fine Arts Kankaanpää, stipend awarded for alumnus

## PUBLIC ART WORKS

2020	Ball of Yarn, wooden installation, Kalevan Navetta, Seinäjoki
2019	Abode of Franciscus, , environmental art work, Präntöön Helmi, Vaasa. The work was produced by Project Kuvastin, Arts Promotion Centre Ostrobothnia
2018	<i>Äkäputket/ Shouting Pipes</i> , painted steel, environmental art work, Tiina Laasonen and Christine Jalio, Toiska in cooperation with Mullistaja/ Seinäjoki Art Hall
2017 - 2019	<i>Anemone Plastica</i> , collective environmental art work, Lintuviita Primary School, Seinäjoki. The work was produced by Seinäjoki Art and Design Week and Seinäjoki Art Hall.
2017	<i>The Cat</i> , Sevas Homes, Seinäjoki
2014	Birdhouse, poplar, Sculpture Park, Institut für Kunst und Handwerk e.V., Lehnin, Germany
2012	<i>See-through</i> , 2008 (aspen), Health department of South Ostrobothnia, Y building, Seinäjoki
2011	<i>Seam and Macramé</i> , 2011(wooden reliefs) Lakeuden Lähivakuutus Insurance company, Seinäjoki
2008	<i>Home sweet home</i> , 2005 (bronze reliefs), Seinäjoki award of technology, A. Kordelin City Foundation of Seinäjoki
2007	<i>Golden Seed</i> (bronze, wood), Health department of Seinäjoki, every fifth year give out award starting 2008
2007	<i>Rusty I – III</i> , 2004 (plywood and steel), Health department of South Ostrobothnia, P – building of the region hospital
2005	<i>Brooding Place</i> , 2003, relief, Jyväskylä University
2004	<i>Before Nightfall and 25th Hour</i> , 1999 (wooden reliefs), Mäkelä-Alu
2001	<i>X and AIR 1 – 2</i> , 1999 (steel reliefs), Vinnilän Konepaja, Kuhmoinen
1998	<i>Frost</i> (ceramic relief), Suomen Kantaverkko Ltd, Seinäjoki
1993	<i>Harmony</i> (aluminium relief), Civil Service Dep. / Pilkki, Kankaanpää
1993	<i>Parties</i> (aluminium relief), Garrison Niinisalo (past Training Centre of the United Nations), Niinisalo

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND since 1993

2022	Glued together, Gallery Sculptor Studio, Helsinki
2019	Day Cycle, Ostrobothnian Museum, Vaasa
2018	<i>Engram</i> , Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2015	<i>Cascading Goodness</i> , Gallery Becker, Jyväskylä
2015	<i>Artist of March</i> , Association of Finnish Sculptors, Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki

2015	<i>Sense Presence without Words</i> , Varikko Gallery, Seinäjoki
2014	<i>Sense Presence without Words</i> , Gallery G., Helsinki
2013	<i>Sense of Silence</i> , Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma
2012	<i>Sweet Dreams</i> , Lapua Art Museum, Lapua
2010	<i>Paintings and Sculptures</i> , K.H.Renlund Museum, Kokkola
2009	<i>Stitches</i> , Varkaus Art Museum, Varkaus
2009	<i>Sculptures &amp; Installations</i> , Raisio Museum Harkko, Raisio
2009	<i>Paintings and Sculptures</i> , Exhibition Centre, Tobacco Ware House, Pietarsaari, with Pia Mesterton Graae
2009	<i>Sculptures &amp; installations</i> , Poriginal Gallery, Pori Art Museum
2008	<i>Wooden sculptures</i> , Varikko Gallery, Seinäjoki
2008	<i>10 at Handicraft</i> , Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2006	<i>Sculptures &amp; installations</i> , Jetty Barracks Gallery, Suomenlinna, Helsinki
2005	<i>Private</i> , Gallery Aarni, Espoo; Pinacotheca, Jyväskylä University, Jyväskylä
2004	<i>Private</i> , Mältinranta Art Centre, Tampere
2003, 1995	<i>Sculptures &amp; installation</i> , Seinäjoki Art Hall and Studio, Seinäjoki

#### SELECTED JOINT AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND since 1992

2022	<i>Puu taiteessa</i> , curated by Elina Suutari, K.H.Renlund Museum, Kokkola
2022	<i>Maailman kautta kuljemme - pohjalaistaiteilijoiden näkemyksiä uskonnosta</i> , curated by Anne-Maj Salin, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2021	<i>Hetki ja tulevaisuus</i> , Seinäjoki Artist's Association, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2020	<i>Process</i> , Ostrobothnian Artists' Association, curated by Sanna Sarva, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2017	<i>Rytmitaju 2017</i> , Promenadi Gallery, Hyvinkää, curated by Pia Houni and Krister Gråhn
2017	<i>Together</i> , Ostrobothnian Artist Association, Seinäjoki Art Hall, jury Ilkka Väätti and Anna Alapuro
2015	<i>Roots</i> , Fine Arts Kankaanpää 50 years, jubilee exhibition as invited
2014	<i>PURNU 2014</i> , Where are you from? International summer exhibition curated by Marja Kolu
2013	<i>Maailma muuttuu</i> , Ostrobothnian Artist's Association, curated exhibition (Jaana Erkkilä, Hannah Kaihovirta-Rosvik), K.H.Renlund Museum, Kokkola
2012	<i>Johan Nyt!</i> , South Ostrobothnian event in Senaatintori, Gallery Johan S., Helsinki
2011	<i>Tässä ajassa – I nutiden</i> , Ostrobothnian Artist's Association, curated exhibition (Jari Björklöv, Harri Kalha), Kuntsi Modern Art Museum, Vaasa
2011	<i>Ostrobothnian Artist's Association</i> , Seinäjoki Art Hall
2011	<i>Together2011</i> , European Culture Capital happening of Turku, environmental art, Naantali
2011	<i>Unikuvia</i> , Union of the Finnish Art Associations, Saarijärvi Museum, Saarijärvi, as invited
2010	<i>Valoa!</i> The Regional Art Exhibition of Ostrobothnia, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2009 – 2007, 2004 – 2001, 1997 – 1995	<i>Ostrobothnian Artist's Association</i> , annual exhibitions
2008	<i>Varikko Girls</i> , Lapua Art Museum, as invited
2005	<i>Häikäistyä</i> , the Regional Art Exhibition of Ostrobothnia, Ostrobothnia Museum, Vaasa

2005, 2002, 2000, 1997, 1995 *Union of the Finnish Art Associations*, annual exhibitions with jury  
 2004 *Fever*, Union of the Finnish Art Associations, Kemi Art Museum, as invited  
 2003 *Artist Group Hannula – Laasonen – Rossi*, Kemi Art Museum, Kemi; Savonlinna Art Museum, Savonlinna  
 2000 *Muoto, kuva – muotokuva*, The Regional Art Exhibition of Ostrobothnia, Ostrobothnia Museum, Vaasa

#### SELECTED INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

2016 Independent Art Fair Supermarket at the stand of Gallery Sculptor/ Finnish Sculptors, Stockholm, Sweden  
 2016 Primavera, group exhibition with Christiane M. Klisch and Martin Timm, LOStudio zweiundzwanzig, Büdingen, Germany; curated by Sabine Uhdris  
 2014 *Dialogue Landscape*, Finnish – German art project, Gallery Huuto, Helsinki  
 2013 *ENSILUMI – the First Snow*, Finnish – German art project, Galleri Alte Schule, Adlershof Culture Centrum, Berlin, Germany  
 2009 *Solo exhibition*, Plesner, Law Firm, Copenhagen, Denmark, as invited  
 2009 *Group Exhibition* with North Jylland artists, Strandgård, Art and Culture Centre, Tranum, Denmark  
 2009 *Solo exhibition*, Bratskov, Brovst, Denmark, as invited  
 2006 *"3+3 TAKE OVER"*, the Kvarken Council 10. - 13.8.2006  
*The Finnish Swedish cooperative project*, Vaasa  
 2005 *Culture export project of the South Ostrobothnia Council*, VAMdesign Gallery, Budapest, Hungary  
 2005 *Artist Group Aimo*, the Gallery of Finnish – Iberia-American Institute, Madrid, Spain  
 2004, 2002, 2000, 1998 *International Miniature Art Biennial*, Ville-Marie, Quebec, Canada, section of sculpture  
 2004 *International Miniature Art Biennial*, retrospective, Montélimar, France, as invited  
 2004 *Culture export*, the South Ostrobothnia Council, Artist Group Aimo, Gallery Het Vijfde Huis, Antwerp, Belgium  
 2002 *Artist Group Stella Polaris*, Orvieto, Italy, as invited  
 2002 *Orbis Pictus*, Non Art Group Scandinavia, Silkeborg Art Hall, Denmark, as invited  
 2001 *Grenzenlos Blau*, international project of the earth art, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi  
 2000 Seinäjoki Group, Aalborg, Denmark  
 2000 *Artist Group 3 x trae*, Nordens hus, Faeroe Islands, as invited  
 2000 *Artist Group 3 x trae*, Nordische Klang, the East Sea Culture Happening  
*Finnish-German culture exchange*, the gallery of the Katzow Sculpture Park, Germany, as invited  
 1999 *The International Biennial of Humour and Satire in arts*, Gabbro, Bulgaria; section of photography  
 1999 *Artist Group 3 x trae*, Naestved, Denmark and the Finnish Cultural Institute, Copenhagen  
 1998 *Artist Group Stella Polaris*, Finnish – Spanish culture exchange, Centro Cultural Galileo, Madrid, Spain  
 1998 *Artists in Friendship*, Klaipeda Art Museum, Lithuania

SELECTED INDIVIDUAL GRANTS since 1992

2022 *Arts Promotion Centre Finland*, project grant

2021	<i>Finnish Cultural Foundation, Ostrobothnia Foundation, 1 year working grant</i>
2021	<i>Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia, covid-19 grant</i>
2020	<i>Finnish Cultural Foundation, Ostrobothnia Foundation, 1 year working grant</i>
2018	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Regional Arts Council of Ostrobothnia, 1/2 year working grant</i>
2018	<i>City of Seinäjoki, project grant</i>
2017	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Regional Arts Council of Ostrobothnia, project grant</i>
2016	<i>Finnish Cultural Foundation, Ostrobothnia Foundation, 1/2 year working grant</i>
2016	<i>Frame, travel grant for the Art Fair Supermarket Sweden</i>
2016	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland, travel grant for the exhibition in Germany</i>
2016	<i>City of Seinäjoki, project grant</i>
2015	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland/ Ostrobothnia, 1 year working grant</i>
2014, 2003	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland, public display grant</i>
2014	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant</i>
2014	<i>City of Seinäjoki, project grant</i>
2013	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland/ Ostrobothnia, project grant</i>
2009 – 2011	<i>Arts Council of Ostrobothnia, three years working grant</i>
2009	<i>Finnish – Danish Cultural Foundation, travel grant</i>
2008, 1999	<i>Alfred Kordelin City Foundation of Seinäjoki, project grants</i>
2012, 2008, 2005	<i>City of Seinäjoki, project grants</i>
2007	<i>Finnish Cultural Foundation, Ostrobothnia Foundation, 1/2 year working grant</i>
2006, 2001	<i>Finnish Cultural Foundation, Ostrobothnia Foundation, project grants</i>
2004	<i>Arts Council of Ostrobothnia, 1/2 year working grant</i>
2000, 1996	<i>Arts Council of Ostrobothnia, working grant</i>
2005, 2004	<i>Arts Council of Finland, project and travel grants</i>
2002, 1997	<i>Alfred Kordelin Foundation, working grants</i>

#### SYMPOSIUMS, RESIDENCES

2021	Concrete Art Symposium, Association of Finnish Sculptors, Pieksämäki
2021	Residence Tuulensuu, Viitasaari
2014	Sculpture Symposium, Institut für Kunst und Handwerk e.V., Lehnin, Germany
2007	The Finnish Artists' Studio Foundation, Jerisjärvi Cabin
2005	The Finnish Artists' Studio Foundation, Marbella Studio Building, Spain
1999	Medal Art Symposium, Kankaanpää

#### Art Fairs

2022, 2021, 2020	Teos, art fair, Helsinki
20. – 24.4.2016	Independent Art Fair Supermarket, Gallery Sculptor/ Association of Finnish Sculptors, Stockholm, Sverige
7.-11.9.2016	ArtHelsinki International Contemporary Art Fair, Gallery Sculptor/ Association of Finnish Sculptors, Messukeskus Espoo