

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

AWARDS

2019	Culture Prize Vaasan Jaakko, Newspaper Pohjalainen, Vaasa
2017	Art Prize 2017, Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Regional Arts Council of Ostrobothnia
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

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND since 1993

2025	<i>I Know A Tree That Grew Up</i> , Kunsthalle Seinäjoki, Seinäjoki
2022	<i>Glued Together</i> , Gallery Sculptor Studio, Helsinki
2019	<i>Day Cycle</i> , 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>Sculptures</i> , K.H.Renlund Museum, Kokkola
2009	<i>Stitches</i> , Varkaus Art Museum, Varkaus
2009	<i>Sculptures & 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 & 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 & 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 & installation</i> , Seinäjoki Art Hall and Studio, Seinäjoki

SELECTED JOINT AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND since 1992

2023	KONTAKTI – Landscape’s Memory, Ostrobothnian Museum, Vaasa, curator Aura Seikkula
2022	<i>Puu taiteessa</i> , curator Elina Suutari, K.H.Renlund Museum, Kokkola
2022	<i>Maailman kautta kuljemme - pohjalaistaiteilijoiden näkemyksiä uskonnosta</i> , curator Anne-Maj Salin, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2021	<i>Hetki ja tulevaisuus</i> , Seinäjoki Artists’ Association, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2020	<i>Process</i> , Ostrobothnian Artists’ Association, curator Sanna Sarva, Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
2017	<i>Rytmitaju 2017</i> , Promenadi Gallery, Hyvinkää, curators Pia Houni and Krister Gråhn
2017	<i>Together</i> , Ostrobothnian Artist Association, Seinäjoki Art Hall, curators 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, curators Jaana Erkkilä and 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, curators Jari Björklöv and 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
2005	<i>Häikäistyä</i> , the Regional Art Exhibition of Ostrobothnia, Ostrobothnia Museum, Vaasa
2005, 2002, 2000, 1997, 1995	<i>Union of the Finnish Art Associations</i> , annual exhibitions with jury
2004	<i>Fever</i> , Union of the Finnish Art Associations, Kemi Art Museum

- 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

- 2025 *Finnish Cultural Foundation*, Ostrobothnia Foundation, 1 year working grant
- 2025 *Arts Promotion Centre Finland*, public display grant

2024	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 4 month working grant</i>
2023	<i>Finnish Cultural Foundation, Ostrobothnia Foundation, 1 year working grant</i>
2022	<i>Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant</i>
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>

PUBLIC ART WORKS

2024	<i>The Air I Breathe, maple, Music Center Snellman, Kokkola</i>
2022	<i>Glued Together, different varieties of wood, Finnish State Guesthouse, Helsinki</i>
2020	<i>Ball of Yarn, wooden installation, Kalevan Navetta, Seinäjoki</i>
2019	<i>Abode of Franciscus, environmental art work, Präntöön Helmi, Vaasa. The work was produced by Project Kuvastin, Arts Promotion Centre Ostrobothnia</i>
2018	<i>Äkäputket/ Shouting Pipes, painted steel, environmental art work, Tiina Laasonen and Christine Jalio, Toiska in cooperation with Mullistaja/ Seinäjoki Art Hall</i>
2017 - 2019	<i>Anemone Plastica, collective environmental art work, Lintuviita Primary School, Seinäjoki. The work was produced by Seinäjoki Art and Design Week and Seinäjoki Art Hall.</i>
2017	<i>The Cat, Sevas Homes, Seinäjoki</i>
2014	<i>Birdhouse, poplar, Sculpture Park, Institut für Kunst und Handwerk e.V., Lehnin, Germany</i>
2012	<i>See-through, 2008 (aspen), Health department of South Ostrobothnia, Y building, Seinäjoki</i>
2011	<i>Seam and Macramé, 2011(wooden reliefs) Lakeuden Lähivakuutus Insurance</i>

	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. / Pilkkumi, Kankaanpää
1993	<i>Parties</i> (aluminium relief), Garrison Niinisalo (former Training Centre of the United Nations), Niinisalo

SYMPOSIUMS, RESIDENCES

2021	Concrete Art Symposium, Association of Finnish Sculptors, Pieksämäki
2021, 2022	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

MEMBERSHIPS

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

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Finnish National Gallery/ State Art Deposit Collection
 Finland State/ Senaattikiinteistöt
 K.H.Renlund Museum/ Kokkola City Art Collection
 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