

CV

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Year of birth 1972

address Ystadinkatu 12 a 2, 10600 Tammisaari

memberships 2022- The Association of Finnish Sculptors , Finnish Artists' association
2004-

Other works/projects

2012-2019 Founded and ran an organic farm for vegetables in Tammisaari, Finland

2018-2019 Founded and worked as a restarateur in a fine dining pop up called Farm
to table Helsinki

2019-2020 Founded and ran a fermenting workshop taking place once a month.
Included ferments tempeh, kombuch, koji, vegetables and vegan cheeses.

Artistic works

During 2009-2014 my artistic work has consisted of abstract animations and they have mostly been exhibited in the form of installations. Animations were created using 3D-techniques and presented as realtime animations projected onto gallery walls or wooden sculptures. I have always worked with composers in creating the soundworld of the installation. From 2017 onwards I have worked mainly on ceramic sculptures.

Private exhibitions

2024 Gallery G12 Helsinki

2022 Galleria Laterna Magica Helsinki

2012 Gallery Titanik Turku

 Gallery Katariina Helsinki

2011 Gallery NK Projekt, Berliini

 Gallery Aarni, Espoo

2009 Gallery Forum Box (performance), Helsinki

Group exhibitions and festivals

2024 Internacional de Cerámica de l'Alcora - CICA 2024

2024 XVI BIENAL INTERNACIONAL DE CERÁMICA DE MANISES

2023 Savio Temporary: Kattaus

2023 Wiurila summer exhibition

2023 Savio Temporary: MIX

2022 Savio Temporary: Personal best

2022 Billnäsän ruukki summer exhibition

2022 Savio Temporary: Location, location, location

2014 Sound - image - experience, Väinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku

 New Works , New World Center, Miami (US)

 The Lumen Prize Exhibition, Cardiff (UK)

- Fresh Minds Festival, Texas (US)
- 2013 Slingshot Festival, Athens, Georgia (US)
GW Art Gallery, Lontoo
di_stanze Festival of Sound Arts, Trosinone, Italia
UVM2013 Buenos Aires, Argentiina
- 2012 Nordart Festival, Kunstwerk Carlshütte (Saksa)
Mixturban Festival, Barcelona
New Resonances in Music Festival, Lontoo
Stockholm Fringe Festival, Tukholma
- 2010 Taiteilijat 2010, Suomen taiteilijaseuran vuosinäyttely, Tampere

Shortfilms

- 2014 Re:**** Sitruuna ja meduusa, 3 channel animations (3-kanavainen kuva, monikanava audio)
- 2014 Saren, animation
- 2004 Come back as a Butterfly, animation

Grants, awards, and residencys

- 2024 Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park ceramics residency 4 months
- 2022 Finnish Cultural Fund, to build an anagama kiln on my property in Långö island
- 2021 Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center, Denmark, ceramics residency 2 months
- 2015 MADATAC06 Digital Arts Awards /Installations category
- 2014 1. palkinto The Lumen Prize Iso-Britannia /Creative coding category
- 2014 Kunniamaininta, Destellos Competition, Espanja /Mixed Media category
- 2012 Taike, media art project grant
- 2012 Visek, media art project grant
- 2012 Taiteen keskustoimikunta, media art project grant
- 2011 FRAME, travel grant for NK Projekt Berliinissä
- 2010 Cité Internationale des Arts, Pariisi, residency 2kk
- 2010 Sibeliusakatemian Kehittämiskeskus, apuraha installaation tekemiseen, työryhmä Nieminen & Andean
- 2010 Avek, media art project grant
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- 2009 Taiteen Keskustoimikunta, media art project grant
- 2008 Taiteen Keskustoimikunta, travel grant to Athens, Greece
- 2008 Artists' association residency in Athens, Greece
- 2007 Taiteen Keskustoimikunta, travel grant to Argentiina
- 2006 Avek media art project grant

Teaching

- 2008-2009 Sibelius Academy, Connecting sound and image workshop
- 2008-2009 Metropolia, Helsinki, 3D animation workshop

2007-2008 Stadia, Helsinki, 3D animation workshop
2005-2008 Laurea, Helsinki, 3D animation workshop
2002-2006 Taideakatemia, Turku, 3D animation workshop

Studies

2000-2005 Aalto University Medialab, MA-studies
1999 Edinburgh University, Scotland, studies in architecture
1995-2000 Aalto University, architecture studies
1994 Oulu University, architecture studies