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EDUCATION

2013 MA Audiovisual Media Culture, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

1999 BA (Hons) Photography, London College of Printing, London, UK

1997 BTEC Higher National Diploma in Photography, Berkshire College of Art and Design, Reading, UK

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2027 Seaweed Experimentations, Fotocentrum Raseborg, Finland

2026 Seaweed Experimentations, Oulu Artists' Association Gallery, Oulu, Finland

2025 Patureland, Gallery Raami, Nokia, Finland

2024 Patureland, Oulu Artists' Association Gallery, Oulu, Finland

2023 Changing Materialities of Photographic Portrait, Gallery Valo at Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland

2022 Äimärautio, Sarka Museum, Loimaa, Finland

2022 Vastapuu. Hippolyte Korjaamo, Helsinki, Finland

2020 Vastapuu. Part I: The Legacy. Northern Photographic Center, Oulu, Finland

2019 Äimärautio, Oulu Art Museum, Finland

2019 Äimärautio, Gallery Ratamo, Jyväskylä, Finland

2018 Äimärautio, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

2017 Sense of Place, Gallery Harmaja, Oulu, Finland

2016 Äimärautio – Part I, Gallery Nykyaika, Tampere, Finland

2015 Mirrors & Cracks with Eija Timonen, Vaasan Art Hall, Finland

2014 Reflections, Northern Photographic Center, Oulu, Finland

2011 Lifes, Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 From this Neck of the Woods, Oulu Art Museum, Finland

2019 883 Pages – Finnish Photobook Awards 2019, Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland

2019 Photobook exhibition, Belfast Photo Festival, Ireland

2019 Photobook exhibition, Athens Photo Festival, Greece

2019 Head On Photo Festival, Sydney, Australia

2018 Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize 2018, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

2018 Common Dreams, Victor Barsokevitch Photographic Center, Kuopio, Finland

2017 Portrait Now! The Museum of National History, Frederiksborg Castle, Denmark

2013 Magic and Dreams, Dudelange, Luxembourg

2013 Valon houkutus – Finnish Photographic Art 2013, Lahti Art Museum

2011 Fotofinlandia competitions finalists, Sanomatalo, Helsinki, Finland

2011 ArtOulu, Valve galleria, Oulu, Finland

2011 SKjL Yearly Exhibition, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland

2010 ArtOulu, Valve galleria, Oulu, Finland

2010 Art Fair Suomi 2010, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland

PUBLICATIONS

2018 Äimärautio-photobook, Raw View Editions

ABSTRACTS

2026 Entanglements of Art & Science – Rethinking the Ways of Distributing Knowledge (Kati Leinonen, Taija Jyrkäs, Marko Kantomaa) Paula Rantakallio Symposium, University of Oulu

2022 Materialities of a Photographic Portrait, Gender Studies Conference, University of Oulu

2016 Materialities in the Construction of Collodion Positive, Helsinki PhotoMedia Conference, Aalto University, Finland

2015 Tintype in Exploration of Contemporary Portrait, Rethinking Early Photography Conference, University of Lincoln, UK

ATR COMPETITIONS

2025 Käpykivi together with architect Tuomas Mujunen, 3rd place in an open art competition for Joensuu, the European Forest Capital, organized by The North Karelian Chamber of Commerce

2019 Finnish Photobook Awards finalist

2011 Fotofinlandia finalist with two series Still Men and Lifes

GRANTS

2026 Finnish Cultural Foundation (1 year working grant) | City of Oulu

2025 Art Promotion Centre Finland

2023 Art Promotion Centre Finland (Public Display Grant for Visual Artists)

2022 Jokes – Foundation for the Promotion of Journalistic Culture

2019 Kone Foundation (3-year working grant)

2019 Art Promotion Centre Finland | Visek – Centre for the Promotion of Visual Art

2018 Art Promotion Centre Finland (for the production of a photographic art book)

2017 Art Promotion Centre Finland (working grant) | City of Oulu | Jokes

2016 Finnish Cultural Foundation | Alfred Kordelin Foundation (working grant)

2015 Arts Promotion Center Finland's Visual Arts Committee | Arts Promotion Center Finland's Arts Council of North Ostrobothnia and Kainuu

2014 Finnish Cultural Foundation's North Ostrobothnia Regional Fund | Arts Promotion Center Finland's Photographic Art Committee

2013 Finnfoto

2012 Finnish Cultural Foundation's North Ostrobothnia Regional Fund

2011 Finnish Cultural Foundation's North Ostrobothnia Regional Fund (working grant) | Arts Council for the Province of Oulu | National Council for Photographic Art | Finnfoto

RESIDENCES

2027 Väino Tannerin Foundation residency, Mazzano Romano, Italia

2026 Living Landscape residency in Vadsø, Norway. Organized by Northern Photographic Centre, and the Finnish–Norwegian Cultural Institute FINNO

2025 Konst i Halland artist in residence organized by KulttuuriKauppila Art Centre and Konst i Halland

2009 & 2013 Arts Promotion Centre Finland's residency in Matera, Italy

MEMBERSHIPS

2017– Head of the Board at Northern Photographic Center – Photo North

2011–2014 Member of the Board at Northern Photographic Center – Photo North

2013–2014 Member of Arts Promotional Center Committee of North Ostrobothnia and Kainuu

2011– Member of Finnish Association of Photographic Artists

TEOKSIA KOKOELMISSA

The State Art Commission

Oulu Art Museum

The Finnish Museum of Photography

Private and commercial collection