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# Current work

2022 – art instructor, city of Espoo 2008 – freelancer, artist

#### Previous work

2020 - 2021	Web Designer, A-Clinic Foundation
2017 - 2017	Artist, six months grant awarded by Arts Promotion Centre Finland
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2014 - 2016	Leiskuva Inc, owner, CEO and street art instructor
2010 - 2014	Web Designer (H1, Skye Design)
2008 - 2010	Leiskuva, freelancer (graphic design, web design)
2000 - 2008	Web Designer (Done Oyj, Sanoma, Otava, Sininen Meteoriitti)

## Education

2019 – 2021 Academy of Pekka Halonen, Vocational qualification in Media and Visual Expression

## Memberships

2020 - Grafia - Association of Visual Communication Designers in Finland, member

2020 - Helsinki Artists' Association, artist member

2019 - Finnish Painters' Union, prospect member

2014 - Artists' Association MUU, artist member

#### Solo exhibitions

2022 "Acton - Who Made Who", HAA Gallery, Helsinki (FI)

2020 "One More Time, Motherfucker", Molotow Concept Store, Helsinki (FI)

2020 "Intermission", pop up exhibition, Pâtisserie & Chocolatier Mayra, Helsinki (FI)

2019 "Nordic Noir", All Caps Collective, Budapest, Hungary

2019 "Read This!", Rosebud Book Store, Helsinki (FI)

2019 "Dark Days", Unckan Store, Helsinki (FI)

2017 "Graveyard Classics", Geezers the Shop / Art corner, Helsinki (FI)

2016 "Acton - Literally", Make Your Mark, Helsinki (FI)

2012 "Acton ♥ Letters", Geezers the Shop / Art corner, Helsinki (FI)

# Joint exhibitions & events

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2022 Seinäjoki Graffitilandia, Seinäjoki (FI)
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2022 Wasa Graffitilandia, Vaasa (FI)

2022 "All City AllStars: We Got Style", Helsinki (FI)

2021 Wasa Graffitilandia Winter Edition, Vaasa (FI)

2021 Palma Art, Nummela (FI)

2021 Meeting of Styles, Copenhagen (DK)

2021 House of Art, Demolition Project, Kerava (FI)

2021 "HRC: Raising Hell since 1990", Pasila Urban Art Center, Helsinki (FI)

2021 Finnish Painter's Union Art Sales Event, Helsink0 (FI) & online

2021 Wasa Graffitilandia, Vaasa (FI)

2021 Demolition Art Takeover at Hotel Helka, Helsinki (FI)

2020 Meeting of Styles, Copenhagen (DK), online event

2020 House of Art, Demolition Project, Kerava (FI)

2019 Meeting of Styles, Budapest (HU)

2019 "Brats of the Concrete Jungle", Viherpaja, Vantaa (FI)

2019 Art Fair Finland '19, Helsinki (FI)

2019 "Eyes on the Horizon", Espoo City Museum, Espoo (FI)

2018 Meeting of Styles, Wiesbaden (DE) & Tampere (FI)

2018 "For the Love of Freedom", Oulu Art Museum (FI)

2018 Lux Helsinki 2018 -light art festival (FI)

2017 "Art Attack", Espoo Culture Center, Tapiola, Espoo (FI)

2017 "For the Love of Freedom", Kerava Art Museum Sinkka, Kerava (FI)

2017 Meeting of Styles, Wiesbaden (DE)

2017 Art Fair Finland '17, Helsinki (FI)

2017 Artsi & HML, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Hämeenlinna (FI)

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## Joint exhibitions & events, continues

2016 "HRC", part of book publishing event, Make Your Mark, Helsinki (FI)

2016 Meeting of Styles, Copenhagen (DK)

2016 "You&Me in portrait", Vantaa Art museum Artsi (FI)

2016 "5000m2", Lappeenranta old city theater (FI)

2015 "NEW MUU", Muu Gallery, Helsinki (FI)2015 "Art goes Kapakka", Elmu Bar, Helsinki (FI)

2014 "Our Street", Vantaa Art Museum (FI)

#### Works in collections

2016 City of Kauniainen, Youth house of Kauniainen (FI)

2015 Vantaa Art Museum Artsi (FI)

# Grants

2022 Arts Promotion Centre Finland: COVID-19 grant for artists, for 2 months

2021 Arts Promotion Centre Finland: COVID-19 grant for artists, for 2 & 3 months

2020 Grafia, printing costs of "HellRaisers Crew - Graffiti from Espoo, Finland est. 1990" book

2019 Arts Promotion Centre Finland: travel grant for Budapest residency

2018 Arts Promotion Centre Finland: travel grant for Meeting of Styles events in Germany and Denmark

2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland: travel grant for Marbella residency

2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, environmental arts: grant for artistic work for 6 months

# Residencies

2020 Old Mine Residency, Outokumpu (FI)

2019 Valóság-residency, Budapest (HU)

2017 Finnish Artists' Studio Foundation, Marbella (ES)

## **Publications**

2022 author of "Acton - Who Made Who Graffiti Coloring Book"

2021 interview in "Hendenvaarallinen elämä" (Nieminen, Salmi)

2021 author of "HellRaisers Crew - Graffiti from Espoo, Finland est. 1990"

2019 interview in "Teflon Bible" (Hippo Taatila)

2018 interview in "Perintö" (Antti Kalakivi)

2017 interview in documentary film "Just Can't Stop" (Hiekkaranta, Saarikoski)

2016 interview in "Helsingin Sanomat" newspaper (7.10.2016)

2016 author of "HellRaisers Crew - Osa espoolaisuutta vuodesta 1990"

2014 author of "Leiskuva Graffiti Coloring Book"

2013 interview in "Kotivinkki" magazine

2011 interview in "Sisu" graffiti magazine 1998 an article for "Bomber Megazine"

1998 interviews in "Helsinki Graffiti" (Isomursu, Jääskeläinen)

1991 - 1997 chief editor for graffiti fanzine "Radioactive"

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#### Other artistic activities

- 2019 HEO folk high school, Helsinki, instructor, graffiti course
- 2019 Espoo City Museum, two artist walks, part of the "Eyes on the Horizon" exhibition
- 2019 City of Outokumpu, instructor, graffiti workshop
- 2018 HEO folk high school, Helsinki, instructor, graffiti course
- 2018 City of Vantaa, youth art camp, instructor
- 2018 Arts Promotion Centre Finland / City of Vantaa, Street art Apprentice -project, instructor
- 2016 Vantaa Art School, graffiti workshop instructor
- 2016 Artsi Art Museum of Vantaa, graffiti workshop instructor
- 2015 Graffiti workshop & community project with Finnish Settlement Houses at Kemijärvi
- 2000 illustrations for various music products (cd covers, posters, flyers, t-shirts)

## Public works

- 2022 Vantaa, graffiti painting for Pudaspolku underpass
- 2020 Outokumpu, graffiti painting near the wall at city bus station
- 2019 Espoo city, graffiti painting of Espoonlahdenranta underpass
- 2019 Vantaa, Martinlaakso, graffiti painting of Raappavuorentie underpass
- 2018 Greve (DK), Good Vibes Jam '18, painting of Gersakerparken underpass
- 2018 Hanko, painting of concrete wall at Korsmaninkatu
- 2018 Hanko, painting of water distribution station
- 2017 Helsinki, graffiti painting of Pasila Street Art District -project
- 2017 Outokumpu, graffiti paintings of the pedestrian bridge in the center of town
- 2017 Vantaa, graffiti paintings of underpass of Martinkyläntie
- 2017 Kerava, graffiti painting of underpass of Kaleva-area with Raw Deal -collective
- 2017 Järvenpää, graffiti painting for Demolition Art –project
- 2015 Espoo, Matinkylä, graffiti painting for Akselinpolku underpass with Raw Deal -collective
- 2014 Kerava, graffiti for Lapilanpolku underpass
- 2014 Vantaa, Myyrmäki, graffiti painting for Raappavuorentie underpass
- 2013 Salo, painting of Hämeenojanpolku underpass