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Art studies

2006 University of Art and Design Helsinki, Textile Art, Master of Arts
2003 University of Helsinki, Master of Education (crafts, ethnology, art history)

Upcoming exhibitions

2026 Corresbomding Shores, Kemi Artmuseum (group 2-4/2026), Kemi.
2026 From a Roll, From a Sale, Aatos (solo 5/2026), Sotkamo.
2026 Uoma-project, MABD (group 8/2026), Oulu.
2027 Uoma-project, Gallery of finnish cultural institut in Madrid (group 1-2/2027), Madrid.

Solo exhibitions (selected)

2025 To Long For Something, Haa-gallery, Helsinki.
2025 Torre de Nubes, Instituto Iberoamericano de Finlandia, Madrid.
2025 To Long For Something, Turku Art Hall, Turku.
2025 Cloud Castles, Art Centre East, Lappeenranta.
2024 From Sleep to New, GalleriA, Kuopio.
2024 Demarcation, Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi.
2024 Demarcation, Gallery Huuto, Helsinki.
2024 Moments Here, Galerie Pleiku, Berlin Germany
2024 Colourful Hurricane, Gallery Fikka (invited exhibition), Porvoo.
2023 Turns, Gallery Mältinranta, Tampere.
2022 Arches, Poriginal gallery, Pori.
2022 Hidden, Ahjo Art Centre, Joensuu.
2021 Builder, Gallery Moletti, Forssa.
2021 Walls, ARTtila, OTS, Oulu.
2021 Layers, Gallery SEINÄ (SKJL) Helsinki.
2020 Work laboratory, Gallery 5 (OTS), Oulu.
2020 I find myself in the middle of flowers, Gallery Myötätuuli, Raahe.
2019 Long Blossoms, Myllykirjasto, Tyrnävä
2018 Souvenirs, Gallery Luoto, Hailuoto
2017 Views, Metsola gallery, Oulu.

Group exhibitions (selected)

2025 Flows/Uute ry, Stockfors village, Pyhtää.
2025 The On Senses, Arstist O / Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä.
2024 Present – In the Current, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Jyväskylä.
2023 Voyage /Uute ry, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä.
2023 Conceptual, Johanna Pöykkö & Ilona Kivijärvi, Kemi Art Museum, Kemi.
2023 Object of gaze-Oulu Artists' Association 60 years, Valve Gallery, Oulu.
2023 Thoughts on the present – OTS 60 years, Art Centre Mältinranta, Tampere.
2022 With the Naked Eye / TEXO/Artists O, Voipaala Art Centre, Valkeakoski.
2021 Snowball effect, Contemporary art from Northern Finland, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu.
2021 Turning Circle of Gaze, Wiurila Summer 2021, Halikko.
2020 With the Naked Eye, TEXO/Artists O, HAA Gallery, Helsinki.
2020 Sinking – Can I take a tent with me / OTS, Valve Gallery, Oulu.
2020 UuleoPori/OTS, Galleria3h+k, Pori.
2019 In the act, SLNKL, gallery Valo, Arktikum, Rovaniemi.
2019 Metamorphoses/ OTS, Valve Gallery, Oulu.

- 2019 Garden of Eden/ ETN, Neuhaus Castle, Haslach, Austria.
 2019 Observations of oneself and place, Jaalagallery, Oulu.
 2018 Textile Art of Today, Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum (Slovak republic).
 Tatra Gallery in Podrak (Slovak republic), 2019.
 The Moravian Museum in Uherské Hradiste (Czech republic) 2019.
 2017 Under the Red Sky/OTS, Valve Gallery, Oulu
 2013 Art lines/OTS, Oulu Airport, Oulu.
 2011 Ornamo Preesens, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä.
 2010 Ots now/ OTS, Valve Gallery, Oulu.
 2009 Recycling, SKJL invited exhibition, Riihimäki Art Museum, Riihimäki.
 2009 Green Light - touring exhibition/OTS, Gallery 5, Oulu, Art Room Pudikki, Pudasjärvi, Art
 House Väinölä, Oulainen, Tillarigallery, Nivala and Acoustics gallery, Ylivieska.
 2009 Three perspectives, Teatterikuoppa Haukipudas.
 2008 Pikinen Polku – environmental art exhibition/OTS, Pikisaari, Oulu.
 2006 Silmukoin/TEXO, Verkaranta Centre for Crafts and Applied Arts, Tampere.

Works in collections

Oulu Art Museum
 Kuopio Art Museum
 City of Oulu /Niemenranta School

Public works Oys2030 / A-building light shaft, Oulu University Hospital

Memberships Oulu Artist' association -63 ry OTS, The Finnish Association of Textile Artists Texo ry
 Finnis Association of New Textile Art Uute ry, Artist O, Artist' association Muu ry

Public activities

Chairman of Oulu Artists' Association -63 ry 2021-
 Board of SKJL 2022-2023

Other artistic activities

- 2022-2024 Artist expert in Oulu Artists' Association's Ecoc 2026 project Exploring Art.
 2020 Visualization of the children's stage work Princess Pikkiriikki (directed by Anna Myllylä).

Art teaching

2007-2019 Visual arts teacher/ Oulu Art School. Organization of numerous visual art exhibitions,
 installations and semi-celebrity works during the years of teaching. Visualisation/staging of
 numerous dance/theatre performances by children during the teaching years.

Scholarships

- 2025 Kone Foundation, 2v working grant
 2024 Visek, working grant
 2024 City of Oulu, project grant
 2023 Finnish Cultural Foundation/ North Ostrobothnia Fund, 12kk working grant
 2022 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant
 2022 Alfred Kordelin foundation, 8kk working grant
 2021 City of Oulu, project grant
 2021 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Corona grant
 2021 City of Oulu, project grant