**C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E**

**IMMONEN RISTO ELJAS** born 1948

Sculptor, Artist blacksmith

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EDUCATION 1976 BA, Graftman teacher, metal

1987 Blacksmith Master

Self learning sculptor

MEMBERSHIP Association of Finnish Sculptors

The Finnish Association of Designer/Makers TAIKO ry / Ornamo

The Art Association of Lapland, Finland

The Finnish Artist Blacksmith Association

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PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS

1989 Library of Rural Municipality of Rovaniemi, Muurola

1991 Crafts and Arts Centre, Helsinki

1992 Art Gallery Hallin Vintti, Iisalmi

1994 Art Gallery Täysikuu, Rovaniemi

1996 Lahti Polytechnic, Institute of Design, Lahti

1999 Crafts and Arts Centre Verkaranta, Tampere

2000 Art Gallery Valo, Rovaniemi

2001 Ethnographic museum, Pajala, Kangos, Sweden

2002 Art Gallery Oma Huone,Helsinki

2003 Art Gallery Napa , Rovaniemi

2005 Dengel-Gallery , Reutte , Austria

ArtDiana , Helsinki

Art Gallery Napa , Rovaniemi

2007 Rovaniemi Art Museum

Gallery Maakari , Oulu

2008 Rantapuisto Hotel , Helsinki

Gallery Hanna-Kaarina,Porvoo

Gallery Voima , Kemi

2010 Gallery Taidehalli , Vaasa , Finland

2011 Gallery Napa , Rovaniemi , Finland

2013 Gallery Becker , Jyväskylä , Finland

2015 Gallery Valo , Rovaniemi , Finland

2016 Take Away .Gallery Napa .Rovaniemi,Finland

2017 Breaks-Shadows ,Galerie Pleiku ,Berlin,Germany

2018 Arctic Light Hotel,art park , Rovaniemi , Finland

Galley Napa , Rovaniemi , Finland

INVITATION EXHIBITIONS,

SYMPOSIUMS

1991 Arts and Crafts from Lapland, Lovozero, Sovjet Union

1992 *Corpus Exhibition*, Stockholm, Sweden

Art from Lapland, Murmansk, Russia

1993 *Lappi Muotoilee*, traveling exhibition

1994 *Barents Sea Jewellery Workshop*, Pykeja, Norway

1995 Vilho Lampi -museum, Liminka

*Experimental Iron*, Luleå, Sweden

1998 *Baltic Sea Smith Week*, Mynämäki/Turku

*1. International Ice Competition*, Châteaugiron, France

1999 *9 Artists 9 Villages*, Les Argues, France

*Mare Balticum*, Oldenburg, Germany

*2. International Ice Competition*, Châteaugiron, France

*Ile Salon de Sculpture*, Châteaugiron, France

2000 *World Ice Competition*, Asahikawa, Japan

*11. International Woodcarving Symposium*, Narva/Tallin, Estonia

*Kunst Handwerk im Museum*, Eutin, Germany

2001 Sculpture Park Saarela, Summer 2001, Oulu

*IV International Forgings, Smiths in Sirniö*, Posio

2002 *Aurora Borealis*,icesculpturesymposium,Saariselkä

*Arctic Lights,*icesculpture-event,Oulu

*Luleå Vinter Biennale*,Luleå,Sweden

*Meeting of Masters*,Övertorneå,Sweden

*Symposium de Sculpture*,Bressuire,France

*Iron bend to form*,symposium ,Sirniö,Posio

*Kunsthandverk im Museum,*Eutin,Germany

*2003 Aurora Borealis Ice carving Symposium,*Kakslauttanen

*Sharing Experiences,Iron,Fire,Glass meet Symposium,*

Hälleforsnäs,Sweden

*Haltestelle-Kunst,International Sculpture Exhibition,*

Nurnberg,Germany

*Curonian Art Week,sculpturesymposium*,Vente,Lithuanian

*Intarnational Sculpturesymposium,Kakslauttanen,Finland*

*2004 Poplar Art 2004,*international Sculpture Studio in Ventspils,

Latvia

*Wheels of Fire,*fifth transcontinental contest of firesculpture,

Ischgl,Tirol,Austria

*1 st International Woodsculpturesymposium,*Grossschönau,

Austria

*International Sculpturesymposium ,*Kakslauttanen,Finland

*2005 Shenyang International Ice +Snow Festival*,Shenyang,China

*7.International Ice Sculpture Festival*,Jelgava,Latvia

*Metall Art Weeks,* Ulvila , Finland

*Poplar Art ,* sculpture studio,Ventspils , Latvia

*International Blacksmith Meeting ,* Solovetsky, Russia

*International Sculpturesymposium,Saariselkä,Finland*

2006 *International Ice-and Snow Sculpture comb.* Harbin,China

*International Symposium of Snow Sculpture* , St-Jean-

Port-Joli , Canada

*Winter Biennal* , Luleå , Sweden

*International Bildhauerpleinair*, Berlin , Germany

*Second Byvlino international Festival of Blacksmithing Art*

Moscow , Russia

The 4th China HuiAn International Carving Art fair & International

Stone and Wood Symposium , HuiAn , China

International Sculpturesymposium,Saariselkä,Finland

2007 2.International Bildhauerpleinair , Berlin , Germany

*3.International Holzdildhauersymposium,*Paudorf, Austria

*16. International Woodsculpting Symposium*, Kemijärvi , Finland

International Sculpturesymposium , Saariselkä ,Finland

2008 10.International Ice Sculpture Festval,Jelgava,Latvia

Oranki Art,environment art week,Pello Finland

27. Intrnational Sculpture Symposium , Bardonecchia , Italy

Inspiration Penza 2008,international sculpturesymposium,Penza ,

Russia

2009 Il Festival Internationale delle Sculture di Neve,Cortina d`Ampezzo,

Italy

26.Symposium der Metallgestalter im Tobiashammer,Ohrdruf,

Germany

Autumn Inspiration,International sculpture Symposium , Penza,

Russia

2010 Oraki Art ,Evironment art meeting , Pello , Finland

Tree 2010 ,International sculpture symposium , Valga , Estonia

Kunst in Behringen ,International sclpture symposium , Germany

2011 World Championship in Firesculpture , Tallinn , Estonia

Camille Claudel Symposium , La Bresse , France

Wooden Sculpture Camp , Nanto City , Japan

2012 Snow Sculpture Symposium , Kayseri , Turkey

International Wood Sculpture Symposium in Ringköping 2012 ,

Danmark

Arctic Arts Week , symposium , Kakslauttanen ,Lapland , Finland

2013 International Enviroment symposium , Cannes , France

PleinAir ,sculpture symposium , Berlin , Germany

Kemijärven Kuvanveistoviikot , Kelijärvi , Finland

Sculpture Symposium sur Bois 2013 , Lorentzweiler,Luxemburg

2014 Word Fire Sculpture Championship , Riga , Latvia

International Land Art Symposium , Cannes , France

La Piedra y el Mineral Sculpture Symposium , Salamanca , Spain

Arctic Arts Week , Kakslauttanen , Finland

2015 Pleinair,sclpturesymposium,Berlin,Germany

Welcome back Materials , seminar , Leksand , Sweden

1.international Holzbildhauerfestival , Stunzel , Germany

2016 Lukomorye Symposium ,Argansk,Russia

Metalove Symposium ,Mlada Boleslav,Thceck Rebublic

2017 World Wood Day 2017 , Long Beach , USA

18th China Changchun Sculpture Symposium , China

2018 1st International Desert Sculpture Symposium,MinQin ,China

COMMON EXHIBITIONS

1986 Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä

1987 Crafts and Arts group Artteli, Rovaniemi

1989 *Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi

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1991 *Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi

1992 Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Oulu/Jyväskylä

Exhibition of The Finnish Association of Designer/Makers TAIKO /Ornamo, Kouvola Art Museum

Regional exhibition of Province of Lapland, Kemi Art Museum

*Tuhattaitoa*, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä

*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi

1993 Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Seinäjoki

*Latua – lappilaista taidetta*, Lyhtysali, Helsinki

*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi

1994 *Art Eroc*, Oulu/Rovaniemi

*Taontatyö miljöörakentamisessa*, Helsinki

Annual Exhibition of Union of Finnish Art Association (SKjL), Lappeenranta

*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi

1995 *Fe - an Exploration of Iron through the Senses*, Great Britain

*Rautaa ja grafiikkaa*, Rovaniemi/Oulu

*Vapahtajasta Väinämöiseen – Kristuksen kuva nykytaiteessa*, Jyväskylä/Lappeenranta/Rovaniemi

Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Haparanda, Sweden

*Hallaa I*, Communities in the Province of Lapland

*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi

1996 *3. International Schmiedekongres*, Aachen, Germany

*Luovat kädet*, Kerava Art Museum

1997 *Leikkaus 102 – exhibition of the Artists’ Association of Finland*, Helsinki Taidehalli

*Sinfonie in Stahl*, Dresden, Germany

*Querschnitt-Metallgestaltung Heute*, Friedrichhafen, Germany

Regional exhibition of Province of Lapland, Aine Art Museum, Tornio

*X European Biennale of Blacksmith*, Stia, Italy

1998 Exhibition of The Art Associations of Lapland and Oulu, Oulu

*Suomi Muotoilee 10*, Helsinki

*Hallaa II*, Communities in the Province of Lapland

1999 *Metall in Form*, Bad Homburg, Germany

Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Kemi

*Sininen Hetki*, Oulu/Tampere

*Kunsthantverk im Museum*, Eutin, Germany

2000 *Airring*, Finland, Iceland, Spain, Germany

*Ferro Insight 2000*, Cloppenburg, Germany

Summer exhibition of The Finnish Artist Blacksmith Association, Strömforss

*Kampe, kämppä ja meininki*, Osuuskunta mustakuu, Rovaniemi

2001 *Gestaltes Metall*, Stolberg, Germany

*Hungarian Blacksmith Gathering*, Budapest, Hungary

XIV *European Biennale of Blacksmith*, Stia, Italy

Summer exhibition of The Finnish Artist Blacksmith Association, Strömforss

*Hallaa III*, Communities in the Province of Lapland

*2002 Luleå Vinter Biennale*,Konstenshus,Luleå,Sweden

*La Finlande* */ artisanat*,Bressuire,France

*Leben und Arbeiten*,Immenstadt,Germany

*3 Symposium de Sculpture,*Bressuire,France

*North Light,*Art Gallery Virke,Helsinki

*Art Association of Lapland,*Kerava Art Museum,Kerava

*2003 Ars Arctica,*Art Museum of Rovaniemi,Rovaniemi

*Polar 5,Rovaniemi commune artists ,*Ajka,Hungary

*2nd European Blacksmithing Project,*Paju Book City,Korea

*National Craft Gallery,Seoul,Korea*

*2004 Raud Tuli ,Nordic Blacksmithing,*Tartto,Narva,Tallinna,Viro

*Polar 5*,Gallery Ujpest,Budepest,Hungary

*1st International Woodsculpturesymposium,*GrossSchoenau,

Austria

*Glassforest,*scupltureyard ,Kalajoki , Finland

*Sidepath ,*sculpture-exhibition ,Järvenpää ,Finland

*Napa,* Art association of Lapland ,Seinäjoki , Finland

*Love,*Taiko/Ornamo,Jyväskylä,kankaanpää,Rovaniemi,Finland

*66.Yearexhibition,* SkjL ,Rovaniemi , Finland

2oo5 Kraft Werke Schönwald , Germany

*FormScape* ,Barents Exhibition,Finland,Russia,Sweden,Norway

*Camping ,*Art Association of Lapland,Sodankylä Filmfestival

*19. Salon d´automne de la Sculpture*, Bressuire,France

*Art from North Finland ,* Konstens Hus ,Luleå,Sweden

*Talvinapa* ,Art Museum of Rovaniemi ,Finland

*2006 Instead of Snow* ,Konstens Hus ,Luleå,Sweden

*Kesänapa* ,Gallery Napa ,Rovaniemi , Finland

SKjL 06,Year Exhibition,Taidepanimo,Lahti,Finland

2007 Monta RautaaTulessa, Tampere , Finland

Haltestelle Kunst, Nuremberg , Germany

Minimi, SKjL year Exhibition,Kokkola ,Finland

Etelä-Napa ,Suomenlinna , Helsinki

2008 Summer Exhibition , Saariselkä , Finland

Inspiration Penza 2008,Penza Art Museum,Russia

2009 The China Impetus,Art Museum Bejing, China

Seniorit,Lapponica-sali ,Rovaniemi, Finland

Kierrätystä ,SkjL ,Riihimäki Art Museum , Finland

2010 Petit O , Gallery Norsu , Helsinki , Finland

Kesänapa , Rovaniemi , Finland

Nyt / Now ,Lapland Artist association,Kaapeli,Helsinki,Finland

2011 Gallery Terttu Jurvakainen , Muhos , Finland

Sepät ja Kalevala , Juminkeko , Kuhmo , Finland

2012 BELA Biennial 2012, Porto , Portugal

Pohjoinen Ulottuvuus , Mänttä , Finland

Via Arte , Viitasaari , Finland

Iskusstvo , exhibition , Petroskoi , Russia

2013 Artist Association of Lapland , Ylläs , Finland

2014 Snowball Efect , Rovaniemi , Finland

Summerexhibition, Järvilinna , Laukaa , Finland

Hallaa ,Artist Assocation of Lapland , Tervola , Finland

Pingtan China International Sculpture Exhibition, China

4th Wuhu International Sculpture Exhibition , Wuhu , China

2015 New Wiew , Art Museum ,Petroskoi , Russia

Kalevala exhibition ,Fiskars , Finland

2016 Fracture , Almin House ,Art Museum ,Loviisa ,Finland

2017 Arctic Light Hotel , Rovaniemi , Finland

Kakslauttanen Art Gallery , Kakslauttanen , Finland

2018 Gallery Valo , Rovaniemi ,Finland

Guestland Exhibition for Skandinavia ,Kolbermoor ,Germany

Gallery Jurvkainen , Muhos , Finland

Echoes from north ,Kakslauttanen ,Finland

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Rovaniemi Town

Rovaniemi Art Museum

Rural Municipality of Rovaniemi

Rovaniemi Church

Central Hospital of Lapland

Tampere Church

Kemi Art Museum

Montclera, France

Community of Pajala, Sweden

Luleå Town ,Sweden

Sculpture Park in Bressuire Town ,France

Sculpture park in Vente,Curonian Lagun,Lithuania

Sculpturepark in Kakslauttanen,Lapland,Finland

Ventspils town , Latvia

Community of GrossSchoenau , Austria

Sculpturepark,Kakslauttanen ,Finland

Ajka Town ,Hungary

Solovetsky monastery museum , Russia

Byvalino monestery,Moscow,Russia

Huian town , China

Commiunity of Paudorf , Austria

Omnia , ESpoo,Finland

Community of Bardonecchia ,Italy

Penza Art Museum , Russia

Skulpturenwanderweg,Nationalpark Hainich,Germany

La Bresse , France

Kurspark Bad Schlema , Germany

Nanto City , Japan

Haparanda , Sweden

Lorentzweiler town , Luxembourg

Villamayor town , Salamanca , Spain

Sainte Margauerite , Cannes , France

University of Lapland , Rovaniemi , Finland

Pingtan City , China

Wuhu City , China

Art Museum Petroskoi , Russia

Stunzel comminity , Germany

Argansk town , Russia

Mlada Boleslaw , Tsech Rebublic

Changchun city , China

Jenny and Antti Wihuri foundation

AWARDS

1989 Rural Municipality of Rovaniemi

1990 Ars Arctica

1991 Craftman of the year - Vuoden kädentaitaja, Auno and Mauri Riuttu Foundation

1999 2. prize in Ile Salon de Sculpture, Châteaugiron, France

2002 Grand Award,with T.Jokela,Vinter Bienniale,Luleå,Sweden

2004 2. prize Poplar Art 2004 , Sculpturestudio,Ventspils,Latvia

Year 2004 Lapland Council Art Prize,The Arts Council of Lapland

2005 2.prize 7.International Ice Sculpture Festval,Jelgava,Latvia

Year 2005 Artist Blacksmith,Finland Artist Blacksmith Association

2009 1.prize,Il Festval Internationale delle Sculture di Neve,Cortina d`Ampezzo,Italy

2012 1.prize Environment competition ,Rovaniemi , Finland

2014 3.prize Fire Sculpture World Championship , Riga , Latvia

Exellence prize , Wuhu International Sculpture Exhibition Wuhu,China

2017 Life-work prize ,Finnish Blacsmith Association , Finland

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1973-1980 Comprehensive school

1985-1996 Rovaniemi Crafts and Arts Institute

1998 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, USA

1999 International Weather Vane Seminar, Helsinki

1995 -- University of Lapland, Faculty of Art and Design, Department of

industrial Design , Rovaniemi

2017 Enviroment Art Project , University of Lapland ,Finland

GRANTS

1993 The Arts Council of Lapland

1994 The Arts Council of Lapland

1995 The Arts Council of Lapland

1997 The Arts Council of Lapland

The Finnish Cultural Foundation in Lapland

1998 The Arts Council of Lapland

2000 The Arts Council of Lapland

2001 The Arts Council of Lapland

2002 The Arts Council of Lapland

2002 Finnish Foundation for the Visual Arts in USA,workinggrant,

2 months,New York

2003 The Arts Council of Lapland

2004 Finnish Cultural Foundation,Lapland Foundation,specialgrant

for fine artist,working-grant 1-year

2005 The Arts Council of Lapland

2006 The Art Council of Lapland

2008 National Council of Design, 1-year artist award

The Art Council of Lapland , resident stipend

2010 The Art Council of Lapland , 1-year artist award

HONORARY 2002 The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Chairman

2013-2015 Art Council of Lapland , member

2010.2015 Arctic Arts Week ,artist leader ,curator

2017-2018 Art Council of Lapland , member

2016 - AIESM , manager / Finland

2016 - ISSA , core member

PUBLICATION 2002 Invited artist in the book:Hephaistos Jahrbuch

Metall Design International 2002

2007 Book: Risto Immonen Sclptures