**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

 1990 *Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi

 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