

Pirkko Mäkelä-Haapalinna

Curriculum Vitae

Born in Kemijärvi, Finland, 1960
Living and painting in Kemijärvi, Lapland,
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Career

- Pastel Society of America (PSA) Master Pastellist 2017
- Artistic work sponsored by the grants of Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Regional Office Lapland and the Finnish Cultural Foundation, Lapland, 2016 – 17
- Guest of Honor in the Salon International du Pastel La Rochelle by Société des Pastellistes de France, La Rochelle, France, Sep-Oct 2016
- Invited artist in Arctic Arts Week 2016, Kakslauttanen, Sodankylä, Finland, August 2016
- Residency in Arkhangelsk, Russia, sponsored by Arts Promotion Centre Finland and Artists' Association of Lapland, Aug-Sep 2015
- Artist in the Hallaa-Project by Artists' Association of Lapland, responsible of designing the Art Dinner Concept, 2014
- Artist in the Magenta-Project sponsored by European Union, Lapland University and Art Council of Lapland 2012 – 13
- Artistic work in Kemijärvi, Lapland, Finland, since 2010
- Artistic work in Somero, Southern Finland, 2000 – 10
- Studio of Ceramic Art in Somero, Southern Finland, 1989 – 95
- Pro Arte ceramist in Arabia Ltd, Helsinki, Finland, 1986 – 89
- Studio of Ceramic Art in Rovaniemi, 1982 – 86

Awards and Grants

- One year working grant by the Finnish Cultural Foundation, Lapland Regional fund, 2020
- Third prize in the 7th International Pastel Biennale Nowy Sącz, Poland, 2018
- First prize in the 20th Annual Pastel 100 competition, Abstract and Non-Figurative Category, USA, 2019
- Golden medal of Kemijärvi town, 2018
- Third prize in the International Biennale by Pastel d'Opale, France, 2018
- Honorable mention in Artists' Magazine Annual Competition, USA, 2018
- Honorable mention in the 19th Annual Pastel 100 competition, Abstract Category, USA, 2018
- The Pastel Societies of the West and Southwest Award, awarded by **Charlotta Kotik**, emeritus curator of contemporary art in the Brooklyn Museum of Art, in The Pastel Society of America Annual Exhibition, 2017
- Three months working grant by Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Regional Office Lapland, 2017
- One year working grant by the Finnish Cultural Foundation, Lapland Regional fund, 2016
- Third prize in 17th Annual Pastel 100 competition, Abstract/Non-Figurative Category, USA, 2016
- Richard McKinley Mentorship Award in Memory of Margaret Stahl-Moyer, awarded by CEO and President of the College Art Association, **Linda Downs**, in The Pastel Society of America Annual Exhibition, 2015
- Art Times Award, awarded by the curator of Butler Institute of American Art **Louis A. Zona**, in The Pastel Society of America Annual Exhibition, 2012
- Honorable mention in the 12th Annual Pastel 100 competition, Animal and Wildlife Category, USA, 2011
- Six months working scholarship from the Province of South-Western Finland, 1994

Main Exhibitions

Coming Exhibitions:

- Artist of the Month, Rovaniemi Art Museum –gallery Korundi, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2020
- Solo exhibition in Gallery Uusi Kipinä, Lahti, Finland, July 2020
- Invitation by d'Art du Pastel en France -Association to an exhibition in Normandie, France, October 2020
- Solo exhibition in Gallery A2, Helsinki, Finland, April 2021
- Curated 30 years -Jubileum Exhibition of Artists' Association of Lapland, Gallery Kakslauttanen, Finland, Summer 2021.

Solo Exhibitions:

- Solo exhibition in Lapponica Exhibition Hall in Central Library of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, March 2020
- Solo exhibition in the Aarni-Gallery of Espoo Artists' Association, Espoo, Finland, December 2019
- Crypt Gallery of Helsinki Cathedral, Helsinki, Finland, August 2019
- Kilo Gallery of University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, January 2019
- Artists' Association of Lapland, Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi, Finland, August 2018
- Neliö Gallery, Oulu, Finland, October 2017
- Lapponica Exhibition Hall in Central Library of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, February 2017
- The Association of Espoo Visual Artists, Gallery Aarni, Espoo, Finland, January 2017
- Artist of the Month, Rovaniemi Art Museum –gallery Korundi, August 2016
- Artists' Association of Lapland, Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi, Finland, November 2015
- Artists' Association of Vaasa, Black Wall –gallery, Vaasa, Finland, May 2015
- Culture Centre, Kemijärvi, Finland, 2014
- Artists' Association of Lapland, Gallery Kellokas, Äkäslompolo, Finland, 2013
- Culture Centre, Kemijärvi, Finland, 2012
- Gallery Varjo, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2012
- Gallery Artista, Kokkola, Finland, 2012
- Gallery of Central Library of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2012
- Centre of Culture and Nature Pyhätunturi, Pelkosenniemi, Finland, 2011
- Artist Residence of Kemijärvi, Finland, 2011
- Design Hill, Salo, Finland, 2011
- Galleri Roten Baum, Würzburg, West Germany, 1995
- Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland, 1993
- Galleri Strömbom, Stockholm, Sweden, 1991
- Galleria Septaria, Helsinki, Finland, 1990.

Group Exhibitions:

- The 90-years jubilee -exhibition of Finnish Painters' Union/Artists' Association of Lapland, Napa Gallery, Rovaniemi, Finland, October 2019
- International Pastel Biennial Exhibition Nowy Sącz 2018, Poland, September 2019
- Curated Summer Exhibition at Wiurila Mansion, Salo, Finland, June-August 2019
- Artists' Association of Lapland curated group exhibition, in the Mäntinranta gallery, Tampere, Finland, April 2019
- Union of Finnish Art Associations 80 years jubileum exhibition, Joensuu Art Museum, Finland, October 2018, curator Mika Karhu
- Artists' Association of Lapland group exhibition, Anu Pentik Gallery, Posio, Finland, September-December 2018
- Exhibition together with Irina Havaste-Ukkola, Kemijärvi, Finland, June 2018
- 32nd IAPS (International Association of Pastel Societies) Juried Exhibition, American Art Company Gallery, Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A., March – April 2018
- International Biennial Pastel d'Opale Exhibition, Boulogne sur Mer, France, March 2018
- Kakslauttanen Art Gallery, Saariselkä, Finland, November 2017 – January 2018
- Colorida Art Gallery, Lissbon, Portugal, September 2017
- Forty-fifth Annual Exhibition, Enduring Brilliance!, juried exhibition in National Arts Club Gallery, New York, U.S.A., September 2017
- Arctic Art & Design Summer –happening, Arctic Light Hotel, Rovaniemi, Finland, June-August 2017

- Guest of honor, invited by Société des Pastellistes de France in the exhibition: Salon International du pastel, La Rochelle, France, Sep-Oct 2016
- Group exhibition in Kemijärvi Cultural Centre, Kemijärvi, Finland, Sep 2016
- Forty-third Annual Exhibition, Enduring Brilliance!, juried exhibition in National Arts Club Gallery, New York, U.S.A., September 2015
- Artists' Association of Lapland 25 years anniversary exhibition "How to Read in the Dark", curator Tanel Rander:
 - Joensuu Art Museum, Joensuu, Finland, 22.1. – 15.3.2015
 - Tartu Kunstimaja, Tartu, Estonia, 8. – 31.5.2015
 - Grimmuseum, Berlin, Germany, 13.6. – 26.7.2015
- Aurora Borealis -exhibition, Konst & Form –gallery, Sipoo, Finland, 2014 – 2015
- Artists' Association of Lapland, Hallaa Project-exhibition Silence, Kemijärvi, Finland, 2014
- Lapland Artist Society Palas, Annual juried exhibition, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2013
- Välinäytös-exhibition, Pyhäntä, Finland, 2013
- Magentaa! Magenta-Project exhibition, Art Museum of Kemi, Finland, 2013
- Lapland Artist Society Palas, group exhibition in Gallery Järnatti, Järvenpää, Finland, 2012
- Enduring Brilliance!, The Pastel Society of America at 40, juried exhibition in National Arts Club Gallery, New York, U.S.A., 2012
- Gallery Municipal, Nerja, Spain, 2012
- Lapland Artist Society Palas, Annual juried exhibition, Rovaniemi, Finland, 2011
- Joy of Light, Gallery Ferin, Helsinki, Finland, 2010
- Artist Society of Salo, juried exhibition, Salo, Finland, 2006
- Diner's Club-Gallery, Tokyo, Japan, 1994
- Artist Group July, Turku, Finland, 1992
- Finnish Design, Annual juried exhibition, Helsinki, Finland 1991
- Ars Arctica, Annual juried exhibition of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, 1986, -85, -84.

Public Works

Commission by Rovaniemi Town to an elderly home Aaltoranta, 2019

Works in Public Collections

Helsinki University Hospital Art collections, 2020

Rovaniemi Town collections, (Rovaniemi Art Museum), 2012, 2015, 2017, 2020

Somero Town collections, 2010

Works in Publications

Art Journey Abstract Painting, 2017, Ed. Jamie Markle, ISBN 13:978-1-4403-5160-0

Pastelagram Magazine, Vol. 43, 2016, Pastel Society of America, Eds. Jimmy Wright and Arlene Richman.

Publications

"Surun matkakirja", an Art Book with texts by Kemijärvi vicar Pentti Tepsa, 2016, ISBN 978-952-93-7159-4

"Kuin kallein timanteilla koristeltu peili", an Art Book with writings by Kemijärvi schoolchildren, 2013, ISBN 978-952-93-1879-7

Art Education

Art studies in University of Lapland, Open University, 2013 –

Course for professionals in art and design, School of Art and Design, Helsinki and University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, 1982 – 83

School of arts and crafts, ceramics department, Rovaniemi, Finland, 1980 – 82

Membership in art Associations

Member of the Finnish Painters' Union 2018 –

Member of Société des Pastellistes de France, 2016 –

Membership in Artists' Association of Lapland, 2013 – (Member of the Board 2015 –)

Pastel Society of America, Associated Member 2011 – 2015, Signature Member 2015 –

Master Pastellist 2017

Membership in Lapland Artist Society Palas, 2011 – 2013

Membership in Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo, 1994 – 95

Membership of the Association of Professional Artists in Lapland, 1984 – 86