

Pauliina Mäkelä

Born in 1980

Lives and works in Turku, Finland

Education

- 2005 Media Studies, Visual Communication Program, Graphic Design Department,
Lahti Institute of Design
- 2003 Studies at the Krakow Academy of Fine Arts, Department of Graphic Arts

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 AER, Turku Art Hall
- 2025 Valoilmio Festival, Hauho Church
- 2025 AER, FAIS-LE TOI-MÊME Gallery, Paris
- 2025 AER, art publication, HARMAA + Sormi Editions 2024–25 Pneuma, Lahti Museum of Visual Arts Malva
- 2023 In Between Shadows, Pauliina Mäkelä & Kate Stone, Galleria Mäntinranta, Tampere
- 2022 Harhamat, Vallilan Panimo Gallery, Helsinki
- 2021 Illustrator of the Year 2021 Award Exhibition, House of Arts, Turku
- 2008 Mystic Sessions, Napa Gallery, Helsinki
- 2008 Parallel Spook, Ram Hotel Gallery, Bologna

Selected Duo & Group Exhibitions

- 2025 Marras, KUBU, Kemiönsaari
- 2025 Marras, Vanha Kaivos, Outokumpu
- 2024 Marras, Sanna Hukkanen, Hannele Richert, Pauliina Mäkelä, Amanda Vähämäki, Laterna Magica, Helsinki
- 2024 Kuumat kuplat, Kutikuti Comics Association 20th Anniversary Exhibition, Kouvola Art Museum
- 2024 2024 BIBF International Illustration Awards Exhibition, China National Convention Center, Beijing
- 2022 Tapoja olla, K.H. Renlund Museum, Kokkola
- 2022 Puusta puuhun, Galleria Kuvitus, Helsinki
- 2020 Kotka Art, Galleria Uusikuva, Kotka
- 2016-17 Tempora Mutantur touring exhibition, Kutikuti 10th anniversary exhibition, including Geneva, Riga, Vladivostok, Oslo, Paris
- 2016 Senso O, Pine Brooklyn, Osaka
- 2016 Piirrä nyt, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi
- 2015 Piirrä nyt, Lahti Art Museum, Lahti
- 2014 Senso O, Noon cafe, Osaka
- 2014 Kutikuti, Wayfarers Gallery, New York
- 2014 Aakkostoukka – Contemporary Comic Exhibition for Children and Adults, Muu Gallery, Helsinki

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2011	Jump into the Frame! – Great Finnish Comics, Design Museum, Helsinki
2008	Helsinki Biennale, Design Museum, Helsinki
2008	White Noise, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen
2008	White Noise, Space1026, Philadelphia
2007	Sprezzatura Maze, Customs Gallery, Glasgow
'2007	Going to bed, Heaven Gallery, Chicago

Grants, Awards & Nominations

2025	Arts Promotion Center, exhibition grant
2025	Arts Promotion Center, project grant
2025	VISEK, working grant
2024	Arts Promotion Center, project grant
2023	World Illustration Awards, book cover design, Professional Category Winner (Fantasma)
2023	Mikkeli Illustration Triennial, honorable mention
2023	Most Beautiful Books 2022, honorable mention (Fantasma)
2023	Arts Promotion Center, project grant
2021	Illustrator of the Year 2021 Award, Kuvittajat ry
2021–25	Kone Foundation, HARMAA working group, 4-year working grant
2017	3x3 International Illustration Show, Merit Award
2017	Mikkeli Illustration Triennial, honorable mention
2009	Finlandia Prize for Children's and Youth Literature, finalist (Emilian päiväkirja – Supermarsu pelastaa silakat)
2007	Fumetto International Comix Competition winner, Lucerne, Switzerland
2006	Tikapuut Award, Karnevaalit -comic album, Vuoden Huiput 2005

Film & Performing Arts

2024	Kultapalmut (2024, dir. Verna Kovanen). Experimental documentary short film in collaboration with Topias Tiheäsalo. Original concept, design, images, and projections.
2024	Lau Nau & Pauliina Mäkelä, Flow Festival
2022	SORMI EDITIONS – A publishing platform for sound recordings and visual art works, Sormi Editions, in collaboration with musician and composer Topias Tiheäsalo.
2021	KULTAPALMUT – Expanded cinema ensemble specializing in experimental live images and sound, Kultapalmut, together with guitarist Topias Tiheäsalo. Performances include: Sodankylä Film Festival, Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Galleria Forum Box, Cinema Orion, and Kalervo Kallio's Ateljeetalo.

Residencies

2025	Ateljeesäätiö artist residence, Grassina Casa Finlandese, Italy
2012	Uusimaa Arts Council residency, Berlin
2011	Mustarinda, Hyrynsalmi, Finland

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