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Born in 1976, Riihimäki, Finland

Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland

Studies

2021– Doctoral research at The University of the Arts, Helsinki
2004-2008 Master of Fine Arts, The Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
Department of Time & Space

Selected solo exhibitions

2022 *Solvent*, Helsinki Contemporary, Finland
2021 *The Boneless One*, Yeh Art Gallery, New York, USA
Solo presentation, Museum of Contemporary Art Metelkova/Sonica festival,
Ljubljana, Slovenia
2019 *Habitat Cascade*, WAM, Turku, Finland
2018 Amado Art Space, Seoul, South Korea
Dossier of Tentacular, Turku Art Museum / Darkroom, Finland
2017 *Thermoscene*, SINNE, Helsinki, Finland
A Porous Share, Helsinki Contemporary, Finland
Thermocene, Mobile Home 2017, Finnish Institute in Berlin, Germany (with
Raumlabor Berlin)
2015 *Sensory Adaptation Devices*, SADE Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
Moderate Hardness, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
Al Dente, Sign Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
2014-2015 *Fundamental Matter*, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
2012 *Maps and Mazes*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
Flow festival, artist of the year, Helsinki, Finland
2011 *Museum of Oblivion*, Art+Shanghai gallery, Shanghai, China (with Tatu
Tuominen)
2010 *Point of no return*, Kellarigalleria, Oulu, Finland (with Jaakko Mattila)
Rising, Helsinki Kunsthalle studio, Helsinki Finland
Typhoon stage, Galleria Huoltamo, Tampere, Finland
2009 *Vanishing Point*, Korjaamo gallery, Helsinki, Finland (with Jukka Korpihete)
Turmoil, Helsinki City Art Museum, Kluuvi gallery, Finland
2007 *Soledad vol. 2*, Gallery Nuovo, Lahti, Finland
Soledad, an exhibition by invitation of the Paulo Foundation,
Kuvataideakatemia Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
2003 Heräämö *Bon Voyage*, Myymälä 2 gallery, Helsinki, Finland

Selected group exhibitions

- 2022 *CALM BEFORE THE STORM*, Centre for Art and Ecology, Delft, Netherlands
- 2021 *Laskentumispaikka*, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
Selected Works, Helsinki Contemporary, Finland
Helsinki Biennial, Helsinki, Finland
Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2021, curated by Qiu Zhijie, Macau, China
- 2020 *Facing New Challenge*, the 69th International Film Festival Mannheim Heidelberg, Germany
- 2019 *Honorary Vertebrate Club*, A Tale of a Tub, Rotterdam, curated by Julia Geerlings and Niekolaas Johannes Lekkerkerk
Screen City Biennale, Stavanger, Norway. Curated by Daniela Arriado and Vanina Saracino,
Fiskars Village Biennale, Fiskars, Finland, curated by Jenni Nurmenniemi
- 2018 EMAF, European Media Art Festival, *Wild Grammar*, Osnabrück, Germany
Seoul Mediacity Biennale
NRW-Forum Düsseldorf, Germany
21st Biennale of Sydney, Australia
- 2017 *Real Celebration!*, Rovaniemi Art Museum
ARS17 - Hello world!, the Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Lebmä pitää viedä jälle, jotta se tanssi, Samuelis Baumgarte Galerie, Bielefeld, Germany
Hybrid Art Fair + Espacio Naranja + Proyecto SeAlquila, Madrid
Extensions.FI, Triumph Gallery, Moscow; Victoria Gallery, Samara, Russia
No Vacancy II, Alt Esc, Brooklyn, New York
- 2016 *Collection Exhibition*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
Material Art Fair, Mexico City, with SADE LA gallery
S.O.S. Save Our Souls, Art for a Time of Urgencies, Seoul, Korea
- 2015 CHART Art Fair, Copenhagen, Denmark
The Earthbound, Cannonball, Miami, USA
Meditations & Spells, Ytan International, Västerås, Sweden
Frontiers in Retreat: Excavations, HIAP Gallery Augusta, Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014-2015 *In Other Worlds*, Städtische Galerie Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany
- 2014 *In Other Worlds. Kunst aus Finnland.*, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Kiel, Germany
- 2012-2013 *Mustarinda 2014 – Exergy*, Mustarinda, Hyrynsalmi, Finland
- 2012 *Reality Bites*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2011 *Camouflage*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 Notch11 festival, Beijing, China
Mildura Palimpsest Biennale #8, Mildura, Australia,
I am a Socialist-anarchist-individual-collectivist-individualist-communist-cooperative-aristocrat-democrat, Jyväskylä Art Museum; Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland
- 2009-2010 *URBAN STORIES*, the NUT space, Shanghai, China
- 2009 *Tracking Traces...*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
New Pleasure - Contemporary art from Norway and Finland, part of EKKO, Bergen, Norway

- Variations on Transcending the Finiteness of Human Vision*, Riga Art Space, Riga, Latvia
- 2008 Honkahovi Summer exhibition, Mänttä, Finland
Tomorrow always belongs to us, Göteborgs konsthall, Gothenburg, Sweden
 Gallery Hippolyte Summer exhibition, Helsinki, Finland
Night on Earth – Berlin-Shanghai-Helsinki, group show as curator and artist
 - Showroom gallery, Zero Gallery, Berlin, Germany
 - MOCA – Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China
 - Gallery Myymälä2, Suvilahti, Tiivistämö, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 No+ch festival, Beijing, China
Evil eye – Works from the collection, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2006 *Songs of freedom and love - contemporary art from the north*, Platform Garanti
- 2004 Contemporary Art Center, Istanbul, Turkey and Izmir, Turkey

Screenings

- 2021 Gallery Nova, Curated by Vanina Saracino, Zagreb, Croatia
We parley with the possible, The Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art, Warsaw, Poland
Queer Ecology, curated by Christine Ruffert, Bremen, Germany
- 2020 Vdrome screening of the video work *Haemocyanin*, Introduced by Filipa Ramos
 Expo Chicago presents *Alternate Assembly, Environmental Impact in the Era of Pandemic*, online screening
 Southbank Centre, London, UK
- 2017 International Film Festival Rotterdam, Market Screenings, CJC, LUX, AV-
- 2016 ARKKI distribution
 32nd Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
 7th Bucharest Biennale, Romania
 New Horizons IFF, European short films competition, Poland
 Ewha International Media Art Presentation 2016, Seoul, South Korea
Splinters in the Depths, Là-Bas, Kiasma Theatre, Helsinki, Finland
 29th European Media Art Festival, Osnabrueck, Germany
 62nd International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Germany
 Kyiv International Short Film Festival, Kyiv, Ukraine
 Media art space Black Cube, Art Helsinki, Finland
- 2015 Moving Image, New York City, USA
- 2014 Berlin Director's Lounge, AV-arkki distribution
- 2013 5th Cairo Video Festival, AV-arkki distribution
 Festival International Signes de Nuit, AV-arkki distribution
- 2012 N Minutes Video Art Festival - Shanghai, China
 Videoformes, France
- 2011 11th Oldenburg Short Film Days zwergWERK, Oldenburg, Germany
 Festival international Signes de Nuit, Paris, France
 N Minutes Video Art Festival - Urban skin, Shanghai, China
 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo, Japan

Other Projects

- 2021 Augmented reality work for Daata AR
Doctoral research on ecology and the arts at the University of Arts, Helsinki.
Research title: Symbiotic Processes.
Sapiduz, vinyl album composed by the artist, Öm sound/Svart records
- 2020 *Protean Sap*, project website
- 2019 Kunst.tv artist website
Library's Other Intelligences, a project in the central library in Helsinki, Finland, curated by Shannon Mattern and Jussi Parikka
- 2016 *Best Regards*, Ti-la 2016, Jyväskylä, Finland
- 2015 Mildura Palimpsest Biennale #10, Australia, installation *Ralik Chain* with Dr. Kristian Häggblom
Performative installation *Deep Time Séance: Contamination* (together with Matti Ahopelto, Jaakko Pallasvuori, Pia Lindman and Laura Jantunen, curated by Jenni Nurmenniemi), Kiasma Theatre, Helsinki, Finland; Residency Unlimited, New York City, USA
- 2012 *Three Levels* happening in underground spaces in Helsinki. Open House Helsinki 2012 programme, Finland
- 2011 Videos for Marimekko's fashion show at New York Fashion Week, USA
54th Venice Biennale, audio-visual performance for Finland's opening celebration
Set design and videos for Marimekko spring/summer 2012 fashion show,

Residencies

- 2019 FCINY residency, New York
- 2016 ISCP, New York
- 2015 Villa Karo, Benin
- 2011 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo

Works in Collections

Miettinen Collection
Wihuri Foundation
EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
Helsinki City Art Museum
Päivi and Paavo Lipponen's Trust

Awards

- 2021 AVEK award, The Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture, Finland
2015 The Most Beautiful Finnish Book of the Year 2014 (*Tuomas A. Laitinen / Fundamental Matter*), the Finnish Book Art Committee
2013 Finnish Art Academy Award

Publications

- Fundamental Matter*, exhibition catalogue, EMMA, 2014.
Camouflage, exhibition catalogue, Kiasma, 2012.
Museum of Oblivion, exhibition catalogue, publisher: Art+Shanghai gallery, 2011.
Variations on Transcending the Finiteness of Human Vision, exhibition paper, Riga Art Space, 2009.
Tracking Traces, catalogue for group exhibition, Kiasma, 2009.
A Good Idea, Tomorrow Always Belong to Us, exhibition catalogue, Göteborgs konsthall, 2008.
Night on Earth, exhibition catalogue, Shanghai, 2008.
Soledad & Other Works, exhibition catalogue, edited by Mika Hannula, 2007.