

Villu Jaanisoo

Born 1963 in Tallinn, Estonia

Lives and works in Pirkkala and Helsinki, Finland since 1991

Studies

1989 Estonian Academy of Arts

Selected solo and duo exhibitions

2013 Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland
Eskilstuna Art Museum, Sweden

2012 *Päivänvalossa*, Oulu Museum of Art, Oulu, Finland (with Hanna Vihriälä)
Muotokuvia, Gallery Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland

2009 Gallery Kone, Hämeenlinna, Finland
Atlantic Shoreline, Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland (with Hanna Jaanisoo)
Kaiku-Gallery, Finnish Academy of fine Arts, Helsinki, Finland

2008 *Fear*, Turku Art Museum, Studio, Turku, Finland
Wave, Gallery Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland

2006 Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland

2002 CAVE Gallery, New York, USA
Upton Gallery, Buffalo, NY, USA

2001 Rotermanni Soolaladu, Contemporary Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia

Selected solo and duo exhibitions

2013 *Monteandio 13*, Montevideo, Uruguay
OpenART 2013, Örebro, Sweden

2012 *NordArt 2013*, Carlshütte, Germany
Events in Nature, Espoo Museum of Modern Art EMMA, Finland

2011 *Backstart*, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma, Finland
Water – Sense and Sensation, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
Wäinö! Sculpture Exhibition 2011, Turku, Finland
Biennale of Contemporary Art, D-0 ARK Underground, Konjic, Bosnia

2009 *The Father, the Son and the Holy Lake*, Kunsthalle, Helsinki, Finland
The Fourth Pirkanmaa Triennial, Tampere, Finland

2008 *Happy Together*, Estonian Kunsthalle, Tallinn, Estonia
HoviArt, Anttola, Finland
The Art of Humanity, The 7th Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland

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- 2007 *HoviArt*, Anttola, Finland
- 2005 *The 110th artist's exhibition*, Kunsthalle, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 *Musta tuntuu*, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma, Finland
 Retretti Art Center, Punkaharju, Finland
Compost, Pedvale Art Museum, Sabile, Latvia
Home Sweet Home, Rotermani Soolaladu, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2003 City Art Exhibition, Jyväskylä, Finland *Keksi - Art Exhibition*, Lahti, Finland
Pirkanmaa Triennial, Fine Art Exhibition of Tampere Region, Tampere, Finland
- 2002 *Contemporary Cast Iron Art*, juried exhibition, Johnson Atelier, Trenton, NJ, USA
The 7th Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland
- 2001 *Mehitamine*, Rotermani Soolaladu, Tallinn, Estonia
Art2Heart, Stockholm, Sweden

Public sculptures and commissions

- 2011 *Rubber Duck*, Tampere, Finland
- 2009 *Everything is Possible*, Viikki, Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 *Munamuna*, Pedvale Open-Air Art Museum, Sabile, Latvia
- 2006 *Seagull*, Estonian Art Museum Kumu, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2003 *The House*, Estonian Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
Skeychair, Pedvale Sculpture Park, Latvia
Rubber Duck, Pirkkala, Finland
- 2002 *Sally's Muffin*, Griffis Sculpture Parc, Ellicottville, USA
Mug, Burchfield-Penney Art Centre, Buffalo, NY, USA
Couch, PRATT Institute of Art, Sculpture Park, New York, USA
- 2001 *Com*, Pirkkala, Finland
Machine 1, Estonian Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2000 *Dark Cloud*, Veszprem Town Collection, Hungary
 Monument for the Finnish civil war (1918), Pirkkala, Finland
- 1999 *Hole*, Hamar, Norway Monument for the 100 years of Finnish public education, (tog.with J.Mukala), Tampere, Finland
Just the fucking stones, Pori-Kankaanpää, Finland
- 1998 *Homo Birkkalensis*, Pirkkala, Finland
Cast iron sculpture, Leinovalu Factories, Salo, Finland
- 1997 *Relationship*, Kankaanpää, Finland
Fiancé, Kankaanpää, Finland
- 1996 Monument for the Victims of the m/s 'Estonia', Tallinn, Estonia, (tog.with J.Mukala), Tallinn, Estonia
 Steel sculpture in Bagsvaerd Park, Gladsaxe, Denmark
- 1993 Reliefs for the A.P. Mäkikylä, Ylöjärvi, Finland
Birds, Nuoliala elementary school, Pirkkala, Finland
- 1992 Portrait of Juice Leskinen, Nokia, Finland
- 1990 Monument for the Jakob Hurt in Otepää, Estonia
Hands, Nauvo, Finland

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- 1990 *Girl*, Pirkkala, Finland
Relief for the Jakob Hurt in Otepää church, Estonia
- 1989 Monument for Villem Reiman in Kolga-Jaani, Estonia

Works in collections

Estonian Art Museum Kumu, Tallinn, Estonia
Espoo Museum of Modern Art EMMA, Espoo, Finland

Memberships

Member of The Association of Finnish Sculptors – Member of Board
Member of Estonian Sculptor's Association – Member
The Estonian Artists' Union – Member
The Finnish Union of University Professors – Member

Selected curatorial work

- 2013 Opening Exhibition of the Academy of Fine Arts' Gallery Kuva/Tila, together with Maaretta Jaukkuri and Leevi Haapala
- 2006 Opening Exhibition of the Estonian Art Museum Kumu, together with Mika Hannula and Hanno Soans
- 2003, -05, -07 Pirkkala Sculptor Park and Symposium

Activities in professional associations

- 2013 Head of the Jury of Biannual National Young Artists' Exhibition, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Finland
- 2012 Member of Jury of Jyväskylä Educational Consortium Public Art Commissions, Jyväskylä, Finland
- 2011 Member of Jury of the public sculpture for Porvoo Culture and Congress Center, Porvoo, Finland
- 2009 Member of Jury of the public art commission – the design for Monument to Tartu Marathon, Tartu, Estonia
- 2008 Member of Jury of the public art commission Tartu Rahu, Tartu, Estonia
- 2007 Member of Jury of the public art commission, Kuressaare, Estonia

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Teaching

- 2008 Professor and Director of Sculpture Department, The Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, Finland
- 2006-2008 Professor, Head of the Sculpture Department, Estonian Academy of Arts
- 1995-2004 Workshops, critics, lectures and mentoring in: Estonian Academy of Arts, Helsinki
Art Academy, East Carolina University and Pori School of Art
- 2002 Professor of Sculpture, Buffalo State College, NY, USA
- 1991-1999 Teacher in the Kankaanpää Art Institute, Finland
- 1993-1995 Teacher in the Tampere School of Art and Communication, Finland
- 1993-1994 Head of the Fine Art Department in Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Tampere, Finland

Selection of other projects

- 2014 Member of Board of the 7th International Conference on Contemporary, Cast Iron Art, Pedvale, Latvia
- 2007 Pirkkala Sculpture, International Sculpture Symposium, Pirkkala, Finland
- 2005 Pirkkala Sculpture, International Sculpture Symposium, Pirkkala, Finland
- 2004 Compost, International Art Symposium, Sabile, Latvia
- 2003 Pirkkala Sculpture, International Sculpture Symposium, Pirkkala, Finland
- 2002 International sculpture symposium, Griffis Sculpture Park, Ellicottville N.Y., USA
4th International Conference of Contemporary Cast Iron Art, Johnson Atelier, Merserville NJ, USA
- 1999 ADDENDA 2 cast iron art symposium, Hamar, Norway
Instructor of cast iron art symposium (with C.Billingsley and K.Payne), Szentendre, Hungary

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