

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 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 Rotermani Soolaladu, Contemporary Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia

Selected solo and duo exhibitions

2019 Åland Islands Art Museum (duo with B.Talpsepp-Jaanisoo)
Tila havainnon taustana, Riihimäki Old Glass Factory, Riihimäki, Finland
IN SITU, Kunstgussmuseum, Hirzenhain, Germany

2017 *Materiaan kans(s)a – kuvanveistoa tässä ajassa*, Taidemuseo Eemil, Lapinlahti, Finland
Laine parketil, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery, Estonia

2014 Black Market, Gallery Sinne, Helsinki, Finland
NordArt 2014, Carlshütte, Germany

2013 *Monteaudio 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

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

Public sculptures and commissions

- 2018 Paradise Island, Lempäälä Municipality/Kiilto Family Oy, Finland
Elephant, City of Jyväskylä, Finland
Lokki, Helsinki Art Museum HAM, Finland
2016 Public artworks to Kuopio City Theatre, Kuopio, Finland
2015 *Kuukkeeli*, Kalasatama, Helsinki, Finland
2014 *Second Rubberduck*, City of Örebro, Sweden
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 *Cow*, 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

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- 1998 *Just the fucking stones*, Pori-Kankaanpää, Finland
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
- 2018 *Hands*, Nauvo, Finland
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Hands, Nauvo, Finland

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- 1990 *Girl*, Pirkkala, Finland
1989 Relief for the Jakob Hurt in Otepää church, Estonia
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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