

Emma Sarpaniemi

Born 1993 in Helsinki

Lives and works in Helsinki

Education

2016–2019 BA Photography, The Royal Academy of Art the Hague (KABK), NL

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 Snake Lifter, Organ Vida Festival, Zagreb, HR
Snake Lifter, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, FI
Two Ways to Carry a Cauliflower, Jarmuschek+Partner, Berlin, DE
Two Ways to Carry a Cauliflower, NEVVEN gallery, Gothenburg, SE
- 2024 Honey Crunch, Finnish Museum of Photography K1, Helsinki, FI
Two Ways to Carry a Cauliflower, Miittinen Collection, Berlin, DE
- 2023 Two Ways to Carry a Cauliflower, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
Two Ways to Carry a Cauliflower, Fotoforum, Dresden, DE
Two Ways to Carry a Cauliflower, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, FI
- 2022 When the Sun Goes Down We See Lemons, Galleria Rajatila, Tampere, FI
When the Sun Goes Down We See Lemons, Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti, FI
When the Sun Goes Down We See Lemons, Museum of Fine Arts, Nizhny Tagil, RU
- 2021 When the Sun Goes Down We See Lemons, Gallery of Modern Art Space Place, Nizhny Tagil, RU
When the Sun Goes Down We See Lemons, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki, FI
- 2020 When the Sun goes down We see Lemons, Finlandsinstitutet, Stockholm, SE
- 2015 Taas se aika kuusta, OHO Gallery, Helsinki, FI

Selected Group Exhibitions and Festivals

- 2026 Art Brussels, Brussels, BE
Young Artists 2026, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki, FI (upcoming)
30th Anniversary: A Center of Photography, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, DK (upcoming)
Miittinen Collection: Body Politics, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, FI
- 2025 Luxembourg Art Week, Luxembourg, LUX
Paris Photo, Paris, FR
POSITIONS Berlin Art Fair, Berlin, DE
Multitudes of Blue, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI

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- CHART Art Fair, Copenhagen, DK
 EXIT Paradise, Miettinen Collection exhibition, Schloss Sacrow, Potsdam, DE
 Crawling Home, Pop-up gallery, Salzburg, AT
 Art:badgastein x POSITIONS, Hotel Astoria, Bad Gastein, AT
 Maybe it was magic, Miettinen Collection I Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, DE
 Gen Z: Shaping a New Gaze, Photo Elysée, Lausanne, FR
 Market Art Fair, Stockholm, SE
- 2024
 Me, Myself & Us, Arendt House, Luxembourg, LUX
 Strange Attraction - Works from the Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation
 Collection, Rovaniemi Art Museum, FI
 What (A) Colour, Turku Art Museum, Turku FI
 The Frames of Sopot Photography Festival, Sopot, PL
 Landskrona Foto Festival, Landskrona, SE
 Gegen den Strich (Against the Grain), Sacrow Castle, Berlin, DE
 Athens Photo Festival, Athens, GR
 Wolf D. Hammer: Two Realities, Museum Folkwang, Essen, DE
 Copenhagen Photo Festival, Copenhagen, DK
- 2023
 Søsterskap, Jimei x Arles International Photo Festival, Xiamen, CN
 Nordic Light Festival of Photography, Kristiansund, NO
 Self On Stage, Anita Beckers, Frankfurt, DE
 Søsterskap, Les Rencontres d'Arles festival, Arles, FR
 Rethinking Identity, Family, Community, Cercle Cité, Luxembourg, LUX
 LensCulture New Discoveries in Contemporary Photography, Photo London,
 London, UK
 PORTRAITS – Hellerau Photography Award, The Technische Sammlungen
 Dresden, Dresden, DE
- 2022
 The Next Great Fashion Image Makers, Photo Vogue festival, BASE
 MILANO, Milan, IT
- 2021
 Spektrum — Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Art, WAM, Turku, FI
 1 to 100, Street Gallery Mutteri, Helsinki, FI
 Atla on Paper, Dzidra, Copenhagen, DK
 Un(seen): In the Dazzle of Infrastructure, Galleria Aarni, Espoo, FI
 Spring Salon, Kosminen, Helsinki, FI
 Ripples, exhibition curated by Antonia Hamberg, Helsinki, FI
- 2019
 Graduation festival, Royal Academy of Art The Hague, The Hague, NL
 PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT, Melkweg Expo, Amsterdam, NL
 Glass Cycle, Trixie Gallery, The Hague, NL
 fin.land, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
- 2018
 Generation, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Jyväskylä, FI
 NOUN presents Good Work, The Grey Space in the Middle, The Hague, NL
 New Year New Me (24hour marathon), WORM S/ash Gallery, Rotterdam, NL
 A Breath Of Fresh Air, The Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, NL
- 2017
 Generation 2017, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, FI

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Works in Collections

Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg
The Finnish State Art Deposit Collection, Finland
The Finnish Museum of Photography, Finland
Finnish Art Society, Finland
HAM Helsinki Art Museum, Finland
Heino Art Foundation, Finland
The City of Gothenburg, Sweden
Les Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, France
Miettinen Collection, Berlin, Germany
Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
The Podesta Collection, USA
Turku Art Museum, Finland
Västra Götaland County, Sweden
Wihuri Foundation Collection, Finland
Private collections in Finland, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands & Switzerland.

Grants, Awards and Nominations

2025	Arts Promotion Center Finland (project grant)
2024	The Finnish Cultural Foundation (mobility grant) Arts Promotion Center Finland (project grant) Frame Contemporary Art Finland (travel grant)
2023	Kone Foundation (working grant, 2 years) Arts Promotion Center Finland (project grant) The Finnish Cultural Foundation (working grant, 6 months) Getxophoto 2024 (shortlist) Prix de la Photo Madame Figaro (nomination) PORTRAITS – Hellerau Photography Award (finalist)
2022	Finnish Art Society (young artist grant) Arts Promotion Center Finland (working grant, 4 months) Arts Promotion Center Finland (covid19 grant) The Next Fashion Image Makers, Vogue Italia (nomination) Plat(t)form, Fotomuseum Winterthur (nomination) Summer Open 2022, LensCulture (winner)
2021	Arts Promotion Center Finland (covid19 grant) Arts Promotion Center Finland (covid19 grant) Upcoming talent, Vuoden Huiput Festival, Grafiary (nomination)

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Artist talks and Residencies

2026	SÍM, Reykjavik, IS Valóság, Budapest, HU
2025	Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, FR
2024	Sím Artist Residency, Reykjavik, IS
2023	Artist talk, Nordic Neighbours - Conversations and Collaborations on Photography, Copenhagen, DK Artist talk, Nordic Light Festival of Photography, Kristiansund, NO
2022	GlogauAIR, Artist Online Residency, Berlin, DE

Publications

2027	Artist book, published by Disko Bay Books (upcoming)
2020	Home alone #2, zine, edition of 100 + 2 AP, Home alone collective
2019	When the Sun goes down We see Lemons, photobook, edition of 65 When the Sun goes down We see Lemons, artist book made in collaboration with Man Yau, edition of 15 + 2 AP
2018	NOUN presents Good Work, photobook, edition of 150
2016	Home Alone, zine, edition of 50 + 2 AP, Home alone collective

Selected Press

Sphères Magazine, Arxipelag Magazine, Vogue Scandinavia, Steidz Newspaper, L'Oeil, Elle Italia, Süddeutsche Zeitung Magazin, IMPULSE Magazine, Vogue Italia, Helsingin Sanomat, Monopol Magazin, PiB-Photography in Berlin, Photography-Now, ArtRabbit, Göteborgs-Posten, Aesthetica Magazine, Fisheye Magazine, Opera Magazine, BAGARRES magazine, Berliner Morgenpost, Helsingin Sanomat, Kameralehti, ZEITmagazin, SUMU #5, Glass China Magazine, Safelight Magazine, Uncertain States Issue 20, European Month of Photography Issue 114, Artforum, Kunstkritikk, Suomen Kuvalehti, Polka Magazine Issue 61, Guardian, Libération, Télérana, Helsingin Sanomat, Der Grief, Mulieris Magazine Issue 5, In My Hands Magazine, Libero Magazine, WÜL Magazine, Finnish Art Magazine, Torso Magazine, Mämia Publication, Atla on Paper 1, Ante Nouveau Magazine, In My Hands Magazine, SUMU #1, Isla Journal, Paper Journal, iD-Netherlands, Der Grief Guest Room, fin.land, Photobooks from Finland, Ante Nouveau Magazine, In My Hands Magazine (online), SUMU #1 UTU press, Isla Journal (online), Kameralehti.

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