

# 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, 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 Performative Representations, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, DK  
(upcoming)
- 2025 Gen Z: Shaping a New Gaze, Photo Elysée, Lausanne, FR (upcoming)  
Market Art Fair, Stockholm, SE
- 2024 Me, Myself & Us, Arendt House, Luxembourg, LUX  
Strange Attraction - Works from the Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation

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- 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 City Art  
 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
- 2019  
 Ripples, exhibition curated by Antonia Hamberg, Helsinki, FI  
 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
- 2018  
 fin.land, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI  
 Generation, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Jyväskylä, FI  
 NOUN presents Good Work, The Grey Space in the Middle, The Hague, NL  
 New Year New Me (24 hour marathon), WORM S/ash Gallery, Rotterdam, NL
- 2017  
 A Breath Of Fresh Air, The Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, NL  
 Generation 2017, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
- 2016  
 Kakadu ja Henkirikoksia, Galleria OYoy, Lahti, FI  
 Qershi dhe Lavazh—Photographs from Albania, Jukka Male Museo, Helsinki, FI

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## Works in Collections

Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg, The Finnish State Art Deposit Collection, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Finnish Art Society, HAM Helsinki Art Museum, Heino Art Foundation, The City of Gothenburg, Sweden, Les Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, Miettinen Collection, Berlin, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Turku Art Museum, Västra Götaland County, Sweden & Wihuri Foundation Collection. Private collections in Finland, 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, Grafia ry (nomination)
2018	Grafia Ry (project grant)

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## Artist talks and Residencies

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

2026	Artist book (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

Berliner Morgenpost, ZEITmagazin (online), Helsingin Sanomat, Kunstkritikk (online), Artforum (online), Paper Journal (online), Der Greif (online), iD-Netherlands (online), Suomen Kuvalehti, Libération, Glass China Magazine, European Month of Photography, Télérama, Mulieris Magazine, Libero Magazine, WÜL Magazine (online), Finnish Art Magazine, Torso Magazine, Ante Nouveau Magazine, In My Hands Magazine (online), SUMU #1 UTU press, Isla Journal (online), Opera Magazine, Kameratehti.

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