

Heli Rekula

Born 1963 in Helsinki, Finland.

Lives and works in Helsinki.

Solo exhibitions

- 2019 *Drunken gods and a box of colours*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2018 *Aiming fot The Grey*, Trykkeriet, Bergen, Norway
- 2017 *Linnuntietä – Fågelvägen – As the Crow Flies*, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
- 2015 *Pyhän Teresan burmio – The Ecstasy of Saint Teresa*, shared exhibition, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014 *In Hemingway's Garden*, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, Denmark
In Hemingway's Garden, Oslo Kunstforening – Oslo Fine Art Society, Oslo, Norway
- 2013 *In Hemingway's Garden*, Kabuso Art Centre, Hardanger og Voss Museum, Øystese, Norway
In Hemingway's Garden, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 *Landscape no.20 AnTiaracht*, shared exhibition with Sohei Nishino, Stiftelsen 3,14 in Bergen, Norway
- 2009 *Scène*, Institut Finlandais, Paris, France
Galleri 21, Malmö, Sweden
Växjö Konsthall, Växjö, Sweden
Norrtälje Konsthall, Norrtälje, Sweden
- 2008 *Stage*, Gallery Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 *Toisaalta tässä - Here Then*, shared exhibition 1/5, TR1 Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Tampere, Finland
- 2006 *Paris Photo 2006*, Guest of Honor: Nordic Countries. Solo presentation with Galerie Anhava, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France
- 2005 *In Between Worlds*, Crawford Municipal Art Gallery, Cork, Ireland
Desert, works from 1989 – 2004, Retrospective Exhibition at Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 *In Between Worlds*, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma, Finland
- 2002 *Ars Fennica Award 2002*, with Jacob Dahlgren (SWE), Tal R (DK) and Saara Ekström (FI), South Carelian Art Museum, Lappeenranta; Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Hämeenlinna, Finland
Skein, Gallerie Cent 8, Paris, France
- 2001 Gallery Marella Contemporanea project space, Milano, Italy
- 2000 *Here Today, Gone Tomorrow*, Fotogalleriet, Oslo, Norway
Skein, Gallerie Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
Meeting With an Erotic Artist, Art Space 1%, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999 *Nordic Videokunst*, shared exhibition with Pekka Niskanen, Uppsala Artmuseum, Uppsala, Sweden

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- 1998 *Paradise Lost*, Stedelijk Museum Het Domein, Sittard, Netherlands. Curated by Stijn Huits
- 1997 *Pilgrimage*, Helsinki City Art Museum; Gallery Kluuvi, Helsinki, Finland
Pilgrimage, Gallery Struts, Oslo, Norway
- 1995 *Nature Studies*, Helsinki City Art Museum; Gallery Kluuvi, Helsinki, Finland
Häpeä & Halu – Shame & Desire, MUU Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1993 *Muotokuvia - Portraits*, Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland

Group exhibitions (selection)

- 2020 *Polku | Path*, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte/Korjaamo, Helsinki, Finland
- 2019-2020 *A Dream of Community | Drømmen om det gemensamma*, KODE Art Museums, Bergen, Norway
- 2019 *Taivaalliset värit: sinistä ja kultaa | Heavenly Colours: Blue and Gold*, Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2017 *Theater of The Self*, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum of History and Contemporary Art, Turku, Finland
Me: Self Portraits Through Time, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
Vallaton – Rascal, group exhibition, ARTSI Vantaa Art Museum, Vantaa, Finland
- 2016 *above the ARTic circle*, KaviarFactory, Henningsvær, Lofoten, Norway
- 2015-16 *Gestos Hacia Uno Mismo – Gestures Towards The Self*, TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes
- 2015 *Research Pavilion 2015: Experimentality*, curated group exhibition, 56th Venice Biennial
Sala del Camino, Campo S. Cosmo, Giudecca, Venezia, Italy
SIKSI – The Nordic Miracle Revisited, Group exhibition at Galleri F 15, Moss, Norway. Curated by Gertrud Sandqvist & John Petter Nilsson
- 2014-16 *Kosketus/Touch - Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection*, EMMA - Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland. Curated by Pilvi Kalhama
- 2013 *Lips Painted Red*, Trondheim Kunstmuseum, Trondheim, Norway. Curated by Pontus Kiander
The 7th Wave – Wiburi and Visual Art, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma, Finland
The 7th Wave – Wiburi and Visual Art, South-Karelia Art Museum in Lappeenranta, Finland
Market Art Fair 2013, Helsinki Contemporary presenting Heli Rekula and Marcus Eek, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2012 *The 7th Wave – Wiburi and Visual Art*, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
Carnegie Art Award 2012, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Carnegie Art Award 2012, The Royal Swedish Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm, Sweden
Carnegie Art Award 2012, Sophienholm, Lungby, Denmark

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- 2011 *Phantasma*, Gallery Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
Carnegie Art Award 2012, The Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway
Muotoseikkoja / Formalities, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
NATURE FORTE, The Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation collection display (2011-12), Rovaniemi Art Museum, Korundi House of Culture, Rovaniemi, Finland
- 2010 *True (E)Motion*, Helsinki School at Daegu Biennale 2010, Daegu Culture and Arts Center, Daegu, South Korea
Big Girls, Rick Wester Fine Art (RWFA), New York, USA
- 2009 *Finnish Contemporary Art – Collection display*, Gothenburg Museum of Art, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2008 *Talkin' Loud and Sayin' Something - Four Perspectives on Artistic Research*, Gothenburg Museum of Art, Sweden
Every Body Counts, Vestfossen Kunslaboratorium, Vestfossen, Norway
Viva Lolita! Maddox Arts Center, London, United Kingdom
- 2007 *Aiheita - Motifs – Finnish photographic art*, Fiskars, Finland
- 2007 *FinnArt*, Eskilstuna Art Museum, Eskilstuna, Sweden
The Helsinki School, The Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway
Art Brussels 25th Contemporary Art Fair / Galerie Anhava, Bruxelles, Belgium
Grey Matters - Aftercop, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki
- 2006 *Madonna*, Blekinge Museum, Karlskrona, Sweden
Maisema / Landscape - collection display (2006-2007), Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
The Helsinki School, Borås Art Museum, Sweden & Hôtel de Ville de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium
Huuma, Örebro Konsthall, Lindköpings Konsthall Passagen & Skövde Konsthall, Sweden
Presence – Perspectives on Finnish Photography, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku, Finland
- 2005 Photology at Arte Fiera Bologna & Grafiche Dell'Artiere Bologna, Italy
Art Basel Miami / Galerie Anhava, Miami, USA
Art Forum Berlin Galerie Anhava, Berlin, Germany
Huuma, Örebro Konsthall, Örebro, Sweden
Photology, Milano, Italia
The Helsinki School, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
Personligt - The Helsinki School, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004-05 *LAT (de-)construction of living*, Odapark, Venrey, The Netherlands
- 2004 *Ars Fennica 1991-2003*, Ars Fennica Laureates at the Museum of Russian Art, St. Petersburg, Russia
Ars Fennica 1991-2003, Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Turku, Finland
No Lo Llamas Performance – Don't Call it Performance, El Museo Del Barrio, New York, USA
No Lo Llamas Performance – Don't Call it Performance, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Sevilla, Spain
Love Me or Leave Me - collection display (2004-2005), Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Esineiden maailma – The World of Objects, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Tampere Art

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- 2003 Museum, Finland
IX Mänttö Art Festival, curated by Kari Kenetti, Finland
New Realities, Reykjavik Arts Festival, Reykjavik Museum of Photography, Reykjavik, Iceland
30 by TAIK, curated by Timothy Persons, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
Nature & Création Finlandaise, Maison des Arts d'Antony, Antony, France
Zeitgenössische Fotokunst aus Finland, Germany: Neuer Berliner Kunstverein; Mannheimer Kunstverein; Städtische Galerie Waldkaiburg; Stadtgalerie Kiel; Brandenburgische Kunstsammlungen Cottbus. Poland: Centrum Kultury ZAMEK, Poznan
Sinistä valoa / Blue Light, Salo Art Museum, Salo, Finland
- 2002 *No Lo Llamas Performance – Don't Call it Performance*, Centro Parraga-Murcia Cultural, Murcia, Spain
No Lo Llamas Performance – Don't Call it Performance, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain
Beyond Paradise: Nordic Art Travelling East during 2002-2003, Shanghai Art Museum, China
Yöjuna – Night Train, Collection Display (2003-2004), Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Other Sight–Drugoe Zrenie, National Center of Potography of the Russian Federation, St.Petersburg, Russia
Radikaalien ystävyyys -Taju, 2003, Promenadigalleria, curated by Tero Nauha, Hyvinkää, Finland
New Realities – Contemporary Finnish Photography, Hasselblad Center, Gothenburg Museum of Art, Sweden
VIEW – Festival of New Finnish Media Art, by Av-Arkki at Galleria Leena Kuumola, Helsinki, Finland
Beyond Paradise: Nordic Art Travelling East during 2002-2003. Curated by Apinan Poshyananda, National Art Gallery Bangkok, Thailand; Kuala Lumpur, Malesia; Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Popcorn and Politics, collection display (2002-2003), Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
- 2001 *Digital Show Room*, Photographic Center, Copenhagen
Second International Biennial of Buenos Aires, Museo Nacional des Bellas Artes, Argentina
Yesterday Was Dramatic...But Today is Ok! Marella Arte Contemporanea, Milano, Italy
- 2000 *Ars Fennica 2002*, South Carelian Art Museum & Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland
Minä Sinä Me – parcours photographique finlandais, CPIF - Centre photographique d'Ile-de-France & Institute Finlandais, Paris, France
EV+A – Biennale, Limerick City Gallery of Art, Limerick, Ireland, Curated by Professor, Dr. Apinan Poshyananda
Finlandia, videoinstallation SKEIN, Site Gallery, Sheffield, UK
Kuivelmia - Fantasies, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland

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- 1999-01 Gallery Christian Dam, Oslo, Norway
Attachement +, Hogeschool West-Vlaanderen, Departement Lerarenopleiding,
- 1999 Kunsthalle Lophem, Brugge
Plateau of Humankind: The 49th Venice Biennale, Venezia, Italy. Curated by Harald Szeemann.
Anteprima Bovisa, Milano Europa 2000, Settore Cultura Mesei e Mostre, Milano, Italia. Curated by Maria Hirvi
Get That Balance, Hamburg, Germany
Gallery Christian Dam, Oslo, Norway
Momentum - Nordic Biennial of Contemporary Art, Moss, Norway
Premate, Impakt Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands. Curated by Arjon Dunnevind
- 1998 *Identité Fictive*, Centré Culturelle des Institutions Europeens, Luxemburg
Identité Fictive, Centré Cultural, Varegem, Belgium
Identité Fictive, Finnish Institute, Paris, France
Shoot moving pictures by artists, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden
Can You Hear Me -2nd Ars Baltica Triennial of Photographic Art, touring exhibition
- 1997 in Baltic countries
666999 - six days, six events, six countries, Annecy, France
Young ones/Old ones, with Maya Deren, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
- 1996 *Identité Fictive*, Galerie Contretype, Bryssel, Belgium
Come in and Find Out, vol 2, Podewill, Berlin. Curated by Klara Wallner
Pink for Boys / Blue for Girls, Neue Gesellschaft für bildende Kunst, Berlin. Curated by Kathrin Becker
What is Real, Mikkeli Art Museum, Mikkeli, Finland
Mmm... But Not for Marabou, Stockholm Art Fair. Curated by Frame & Av-Arkki
Mikä on todellista – What is Real, The 3rd Triennial of photographic Art, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Helsinki, Finland
Photo/Realities - Biennale Syd, Kristiansand Art Museum, Kristiansand, Norway
Alastomat & Naamioidut (The Naked and The Masked), Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Unknown Adventure - Positions of Contemporary Finnish Art, Sophienhof, Kiel & Kunsthalle, Rostoc, Germany
- 1995 *Darkside*, Gallery Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
Body as Membrane, Kunsthallen Brandts Klaedefabriken, Denmark; Odense &
- 1994 *The Nordic Arts Centre*, Helsinki, Finland, Curated by Valie Export & Kirsten Justessen
Likat – Sju Flickor, Galleri Otto Blonk, Bergen, Norway
Women Breaking the Boundaries of Art, The Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma, Finland
When the Shit Hit the Fan, Scandinavian Art in Recent Time, Overgaden, Copenhagen
Postmorality, Sofia, Bulgaria
Living Texture, Scandinavian Art Productions, Zürich, Switzerland
Art Attack, Scandinavian Art Happening, Oslo
Lady Shave, Gallerie Kluuvi, Helsinki, Finland

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Bibliography - Monographs

- 2019 *Humalaiset jumalat ja laatikollinen värejä / Drunken gods and a box of colours – Artist book*
Publisher: Heli Rekula, Helsinki, Finland
ISBN ISBN 978-952-94-2008-7
- 2014 *Hemingwayn Puutarhassa / In Hemingway's Garden – Artist Book, essays by Heli Rekula and Hanna Johansson.*
Publishers: Heli Rekula and Helsinki Contemporary.
ISBN 978-952-93-3378-3
- 2005 *AUTIOMAA teoksia vuosilta 1989–2004 / DESERT works from 1989–2004*
Kiasma publications 2005, Helsinki, Finland
ISBN 951-53-2673-7
- 2002 *Maailmojen välissä - In Between Worlds*
Publisher: Henna and Pertti Niemistö Art Foundation - Ars Fennica, Helsinki, Finland
ISBN 951-98749-1-7
- 1998 *Paradise Lost*, Stedelijk Museum Het Domain, Sittard, Netherlands
ISBN 90-75883-06-4

Awards and nominations

- 2014 Literature Award, Finnish Art Society, for the book *In Hemingway's Garden*
- 2011 Carnegie Art Award 2012 – Nomination
- 2005 The State Prize for Photographic Art, The National Arts Council of Finland
- 2002 Ars Fennica Award, Henna and Pertti Niemistö Art Foundation. Expert 2002: Robert Storr

Works in collections

Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
Stedelijk Museum Het Domain, Sittard, The Netherlands
State Art Collection, Finland
HAM Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
Hasselblad Foundation Collection, Gothenburg, Sweden
Gothenburg Museum of Art, Gothenburg, Sweden

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Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, EMMA - Espoo Museum of
Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
Hoff Collection, Oslo, Norway
Vexi Salmi Collection, South-Karelian Art Museum in Hämeenlinna, Finland
Niemistö Collection of Contemporary Art, South-Karelian Art Museum in
Hämeenlinna, Finland
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Art Collection, Rovaniemi Art Museum,
Finland
Heino Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Bergen Kommune, Bergen, Norway

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BIBLIOGRAPHY – exhibition catalogues, art works in articles and
publications 1995–2015
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ARTIST TALKS, SEMINARS AND BOOK LAUNCHES 1996–2017
PRESENTATIONS IN ACADEMIC SEMINARS 2005–2014
SCREENINGS AND FESTIVALS 1992–2011
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE 1999–2016
GRANTS 1991–2017
TEACHING 1997–2018
POSITIONS OF TRUST 1991–2014

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