

# Sanna Kannisto

Born in 1974, Hämeenlinna, Finland

Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland

## Studies

1998-2002 MA, University of Art and Design in Helsinki, Dept. of Photography  
1994-1997 Turku School of Art and Communication, Dept. of Photography

## Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Gestures*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland  
*Encounters*, Lombardi-Kargl, Vienna, Austria

2024 *Resting Site*, VB Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland

2023 *Observing Eye*, Pyramide of Pantin, Hermès International, Paris, France

2022 *Sense of Wonder*, Maison Louis Carré, Bazoches-sur-Guyonne, France

2020 *Sense of Wonder*, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

2019 *Fieldwork*, Centro de la Imagen, Lima, Peru  
*Observing Eye*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland

2018 *Wanderer, Observer and Conveyor*, part of EMOP photofestival, Gallery Taik  
Persons, Berlin, Germany  
*A Song System*, Metronom Gallery, Modena, Italy

2017 *White Space*, NonostanteMarras, part of Photo Vogue Festival, Milan, Italy

2015 *Local Vernacular*, Galerie la Ferronnerie, Paris, France  
*Local Vernacular*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland

2013 *Far*, Fabbrica Arte Rimini, Rimini, Italy

2012 *Fieldwork*, Le Château d'Eau, Toulouse, France  
*Close Observer*, Metronom Gallery, Bologna, Italy  
*Close Observer*, Gallery Taik, Berlin, Germany

2011 *Fieldwork*, Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, Kristiansand, Norway  
*Fieldwork*, Aperture Gallery, New York, USA  
*Fieldwork*, Gallery Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland

2010 *Close Observer*, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, France

2008 Domaine de Kerguéhennec, Contemporary Art Centre, Bignan, France  
Le centre photographique d'Ile-de-France CPIF, France  
Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, France  
Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
Korjaamo Culture Factory, Gallery 1 & 2, Helsinki, Finland

2007 Galerie Georg Kargl, Vienna, Austria

2006 Jackson Fine Art, Atlanta, USA  
Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, France  
Yours Gallery, Warsaw, Poland  
Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Berlin, Germany

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## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 *ANIMALIA. Of Animals and Humans*, Heidi Horten Collection, Vienna, Austria  
*Bird's-Eye Views – The Birds and Us*, Museum Sinclair-Haus, Bad Homburg, Germany  
*Whose Nature? – On Shared Trails*, Mikkeli Art Museum, Finland  
*Not Nice Girls! The female view in photographs from the SpallArt Collection*, Salzburg, Austria
- 2025 *Whose Nature? – On Shared Trails*, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland
- 2024 *Images Falling From the Sky*, 10th Frames of Sopot Photography Festival State Gallery of Art, Sopot, Poland  
*In the Now: Gender and Nation in Europe, Selections from the Sir Mark Febrs Haukobi Photography Collection*, Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA  
Festival Mondes en commun, Musée Albert-Kahn, Paris, France  
*Who Is an Animal?*, HAM Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland  
Taidevaltakunta biennale, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Hämeenlinna, Finland  
*Feel the Space of the Forest*, KunstCentret Silkeborg Bad, Silkeborg, Denmark
- 2023 *Shared Space*, HAM Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Bestiaires*, Centre Jacques Brel & Puzzle, Thionville, France  
*Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, Photo North gallery, Oulu, Finland  
*Balance*, Art Center Purnu, Orivesi, Finland  
*Enchanteurs*, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris  
*Animalia, Forays from Los Angeles to Mumbai*, Kunshalle Darmstadt, Germany
- 2022 *Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, Landskrona Foto, Sweden  
*Festival photo of La Baden – Gacilly 2022*, Baden, Austria  
*Snowflakes and Other Surprises*, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2021 *New Perspectives Through Photography – 25 Years of Helsinki School*, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland  
*Plein Nord*, Festival photo de La Gacilly, France  
*Model Animal*, Kunsthaus Göttingen, Germany  
*Langt ud i skoven*, Skovhuset Kunst & Natur, Værløse, Denmark  
*Whose Nature?*, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland  
*Whose Nature?*, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
- 2020 *Illusionary observations*, Museum für Photographie Braunschweig, Germany  
*A Fresh Breeze from the North! Lübeck Kunsthalle*, Germany  
*The Helsinki School – The Nature of Being*, Persons Projects, Berlin, Germany  
*Life Under Threat*, Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Working on it*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2019 *Finnish Aalto*, Busan Museum of Art, South Korea  
*Datong International Festival of Photography*, Datong, China  
*Unfolded matters*, Nature as Culture, Culture as Nature, Galerie Georg Kargl, Vienna, Austria
- 2018 *Endangered Species*, Artists on the Front Line of Biodiversity, Washington State's Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, USA  
*Considering Finland*, Kunstverein Ludwigshafen and Port25 Raum für

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- 2017  
*Gegenwartskunst*, Mannheim, Germany  
*Nature as a Playground*, The Museum of Photography Seoul, South Korea  
*The Von Wright Brothers*, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Systema Naturae*, Kunsthall Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway  
*Herbarium*, Fotografiskcenter Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Kuusi*, Lachenmann Art, Konstanz, Germany  
*Human/Nature*, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland  
*You Want Truth or Beauty*, Kunsthalle Nexus, Saalfelden, Germany  
*Le Jardin potager*, Musée de l'image, Epinal, France  
*Antologia*, Metronom gallery, Modena, Italy  
*Lehmä pitää viedä jälle, jotta se tansii*, Samuelis Baumgarte and the Ratskeller, Bielefeld, Germany
- 2016  
*Paradise Lost*, Kunsthalle and Museum Villa Rot, Burgrieden-Rot, Germany  
*Photomed*, Hôtel des Arts, Centre d'art contemporain, Toulon, France  
*Kolga Tbilisi Photo 2016*, Museum Of Modern Art Tbilisi/ MOMATbilisi, Georgia  
*Longing for Landscape – Landscape Photography*, Tieranatomisches Theater, Berlin, Germany  
*Les Explorateurs*, Parc de Clères, Clères, France
- 2015  
*Fotografia Contemporanea dall'Europa nord-occidentale*, Fondazione Fotografia Modena, Italy
- 2014  
*Collective Collection, volet 2*, BBB centre d'art, Toulouse, France  
*Summer Selections*, De Buck Gallery, New York City, New York  
*What's Life Anyway?*, Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø, Norway  
*Asombrosas afinidades*, PHE2014, Fundación Antonio Saura. Casa Zavala, Cuenza, Spain  
*Nordic Light International Festival of Photography*, Kristiansund, Norway  
*Photography Into Art. The Hannula & Hinkka Collection*, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku, Finland  
*Le bestiaire des photographes*, Centre culturel Henri-Desbals, Toulouse, France
- 2013  
*ARTE Vidéo Night 5 / screening*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France  
*Vermessene Dinge / Measured Things*, Eres Stiftung, Munich, Germany  
*Reality Bites*, Museum of Contemporary Art KIASMA, Helsinki, Finland  
*Spécimens*, Domaine de Chamarande, Chamarande, France  
*The Near and the Distant – Photography and Space*, Künstlerhaus Dortmund, Germany
- 2012  
*State of the Art - New Contemporary Photography*, NRW-Forum, Düsseldorf, Germany (catalogue)  
*Festival of Photography*, Knokke-Heist, Belgium  
*Hunters and Hunted – Insects in Contemporary Art*, Museum Villa Rot, Burgrieden-Rot, Germany  
*Äärimmäisyyksien yhteinen tekijä*, Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, Finland (catalogue)
- 2011  
*A Female View. Part 2 - aus der Helsinki School*, Foto Raum, Wien, Austria  
*Für Hund und Katz ist auch noch Platz*, Art Foyer DZ Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

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- 2010 *Beautiful Vagabonds*, Yancey Richardson Gallery, USA  
*Prague Biennale, The romantic construct*, Czech Republic (catalogue)  
*8th Mercosul Biennial, Essays on Geopoetics*, Porto Alegre, Brazil (catalogue)  
*Strange Travelers*, Tanya Bonakdar gallery, curated by Mark Dion, New York, USA  
*elles@centrepompidou, Women artists in the collections of the Centre Pompidou*, Paris, France  
*Wald*, Städtische Galerie Waldkraiburg, Waldkraiburg, Germany (catalogue)  
*Repeat All*, Centro Cultural Chacao, Caracas, Venezuela  
*Speed*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Kansas, USA
- 2009 *The Tree*, Fuglsang Art Museum, Island of Lolland, Denmark  
*Variations on Transcending the Finiteness of Human Vision*, Riga Art Space, Latvia  
*FotoRio –Short List / The Dream Machine*, Niterói Museum of contemporary art, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
*Repeat All*, MIS - Museu da Imagem e do Som, São Paulo, Brazil (catalogue)  
*Arctic hysteria Onscreen*, Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art, Budapest, Hungary  
*PhotoEspaña*, Descubrimientos PHE Madrid, Spain  
*Får ej övertäckas*, Eskilstuna Art Museum, Sweden  
*Nature en Kit*, MUDAC Musée de design et d'arts appliqués contemporains, Lausanne, Switzerland  
*Struggle for life*, Eres Stiftung, München, Germany
- 2008 *Other florae*, Galeria Nara Roesler, São Paulo, Brazil (catalogue)  
*Video short list: Machines à rêver/ Dream machine*, Passage de Retz, Paris, France (catalogue)  
*REAL*, Städel Museum, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (catalogue)  
*Observing beast, time, evolution*, Kunstverein Hildesheim, Germany (catalogue)  
*Arctic hysteria Onscreen*, Museum of Modern Art Moma, New York, USA  
*Cinéma et vidéos d'artistes*, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France  
*Five variations on the finiteness of human vision*, Artget Gallery, Cultural Centre of Belgrade, Serbia  
*Tapis, cousins et vidéos*, 36th La Rochelle International Film Festival, La Rochelle, France
- 2007 *Research and Invention*, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland (catalogue)  
*Bird Watching in Harlem*, De Vishal exposition space, Haarlem, Netherlands  
*Garden Eden –The Garden in Art since 1900*, Kunsthalle Emden, Germany (catalogue)

## Works in Collections

Aalto University Executive Education Art Collection  
Aalto University's Art Collection  
Artothèque, Bibliothèque d'Auxerre, France  
Centre Pompidou - Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris, France  
Domaine Départemental de Chamarande, Chamarande, France, France  
DZ-Bank Art Collection, Germany  
EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art

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Finnish Museum of Photography, Finland  
Fondazione Fotografica, Modena, Italy  
Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, FNAC, The State Art Collection, France  
Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, FRAC Bretagne, France  
Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, FRAC Haute-Normandie, France  
Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland  
HAM Helsinki Art Museum, Finland  
Hermès International, Art Collection, Paris France  
Jyväskylä University Art Collection  
Kone Foundation  
Kuopio Art Museum  
Le Château d'Eau, Toulouse, France  
MEP, Maison européenne de la photographie, France  
Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland  
Salo Art Museum, Finland  
Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection, the Brooklyn Museum and Los Angeles County Museum of Art, USA  
SKMU Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, Norway  
Société Yves Rocher, France  
SpallArt Collection, Austria  
State Art Collection, Finland  
Statoil Art Collection, Norway  
Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland  
Private collections (BE, FI, SE, FR, DE, NL, NO, ES, USA, PE, AT & CH)

## Selected Publications

*The Flower in Contemporary Photography*, Thames and Hudson, 2022  
*BIRD* by Hoxton Mini Press, London, UK, 2022  
*Observing Eye*, monograph, Hatje Cantz, 2020  
*White Space*, Metronom books, 2017  
*22 Ways*, On Artistic Thinking in Finnish Contemporary Art, Parvs Publishing, Helsinki, 2014  
*The Helsinki School*, From the Past to the Future, Vol 5, Hatje Cantz, 2014  
*State of The Art Photography*, Feymedia and NRW-Forum Duesseldorf, Germany 2012  
*Fieldwork*, monograph, Aperture Foundation, New York, 2011  
*The Helsinki School, Vol. 4, A Female View*, Hatje Cantz, Germany 2011  
*Foam Magazine #19*, 2009, Foam Fotografiemuseum Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Northwave*, Overview of video art in the Nordic Countries, Guerini, Milan 2009  
*Photo Art: The New World of Photography*, Thames and Hudson, 2008  
*Photo Art: Photography in the 21st Century*, Aperture, 2008  
*Observing beast, time, evolution*, Kunst und Natuswissenschaft, Kerber Art, 2008  
*REAL* From the collection of DZ-Bank, Städel Museum & Hatje Cantz, Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
*Research and Invention*, catalogue, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland 2007  
*Photo Art: Fotografie im 21. Jahrhundert*, DuMont Literatur und Kunst Verlag, Germany 2007  
*Garden Eden*, DuMont Literatur und Kunst Verlag, Germany 2007

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*The Helsinki School*, Hatje Cantz, Germany 2007  
*Selbstausslöser*, catalogue, Kunsthalle Fridericianum 2005  
*Framework*, The Finnish art review, issue 4/ Dec. 2005  
*Helsinki Photography Festival 2005*, catalogue, Gallery Hippolyte, 2005  
*The Helsinki School*, Hatje Cantz, Germany 2005  
*Private Collection*, catalogue, Sanna Kannisto and Galerie La Ferronnerie, Helsinki, 2004  
*State of The Art Photography*, Feymedia and NRW-Forum Duesseldorf, Germany 2012  
*Fieldwork, monograph*, Aperture Foundation, New York, 2011  
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## Grants and awards

Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Artist Professor grant 2025-2029  
Finnish Cultural Foundation, 2022-2023  
Finnish Cultural Foundation, 2020  
Finnish Art Society, William Thuring Prize, 2017  
Arts Council of Finland, 5-year working grant, 2016  
State Prize for Photographic Art, 2015  
Nomination for the Finnish Fine Arts' Academy Prize, 2015  
Finnish Cultural Foundation Grand Prize, 2012

## Public Artworks

Nuotti day-care centre, HAM Helsinki Art Museum, Finland, 2023  
Södersjukhuset, Stockholm Sweden, 2022  
Hospital Nova in Central Finland, Jyväskylä, Finland, 2020  
Hyvinkää Hospital, Finland, 2018  
Linköping University Hospital, Sweden, 2015  
Stockholms Sjukhem, Stockholm Sweden, 2013  
Laurin koulu, Upper Secondary School, Salo, Finland, 2005

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