

# Tuomas A. Laitinen

Born in 1976, Riihimäki, Finland

Based in Japan and Finland

## Studies

- 2021–            Doctoral research at The University of the Arts, Helsinki  
2004–2008     Master of Fine Arts, The Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki  
                 Department of Time & Space  
1999–2004     The Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Painting department

## Selected Solo & Duo Exhibitions

- 2027            Radius Center for Contemporary Art and Ecology, Delft, Netherlands  
                 (upcoming)  
                 Kunsthalle Seinäjoki, duo exhibition with Kristina Öllek (upcoming)
- 2026            *Mitate*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, duo exhibition with Kosen Ohtsubo  
                 *Siphon*, Pioneer Works, New York, duo exhibition with Kosen Ohtsubo
- 2024            *Cyanoceans*, Kai Art Center, Tallinn, Estonia, duo exhibition with Kristina Öllek
- 2022            *Solvent*, Helsinki Contemporary
- 2021            *The Boneless One*, Yeh Art Gallery, New York, USA  
                 Museum of Contemporary Art Metelkova/Sonica festival, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2019            *Habitat Cascade*, WAM-Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku, Finland
- 2018            *Cryptospores*, Amado Art Space, Seoul, Korea  
                 *Dossier of Tentacular*, Turku Art Museum, Turku, Finland
- 2017            *A Porous Share*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki  
                 *Thermoscene*, Sinne Gallery, Helsinki  
                 *Thermoscene*, Finnish Institute, Berlin, Germany
- 2015            *Sensory Adaptation Devices*, SADE LA, Los Angeles, USA  
                 *Moderate Hardness*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014–2013     *Fundamental Matter*, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
- 2013            *Maps and Mazes*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012            Wallflower Gallery, Mildura, Australia
- 2011            Museum of Oblivion, Art+Shanghai Gallery, Shanghai, China, with Tatu  
                 Tuominen  
                 *Rising*, Helsinki Kunsthalle studio, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010            *Typhoon stage*, Galleria Huoltamo, Tampere, Finland
- 2009            *Vanishing Point*, Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, Finland, with Jukka Korpihete  
                 *Turmoil*, Helsinki City Art Museum, Kluuvi Gallery, Finland
- 2007            *Soledad*, an exhibition by invitation of the Paulo Foundation, Helsinki, Finland

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 *Ecotechnics*, Beall Center for Art + Technology, Irvine, CA, USA  
*Avesta Art 2026: Earthly Bodies Born of Love*, Avesta, Sweden  
*(Re)sounding*, Kimball Art Center, Park City, Utah, USA  
*Língua Turva*, Klein Space, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2024 *AIR*, Paimio Sanatorium, Paimio, Finland
- 2023 Ars Fennica nominees' exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland  
 Taidekeskus Purnu, group exhibition Balanssi  
 Ulsan Art Museum, group exhibition w/Myriagon (Ki Nurmenniemi & Tuomas A. Laitinen), Ulsan, South Korea  
 Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, Netherlands
- 2022 *Calm Before the Storm*, Radius CCA, Delft, Netherlands
- 2021 Helsinki Biennial, Helsinki, Finland  
 Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2021, curated by Qiu Zhijie, Macau, China  
*Laskentumispaikka*, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland  
*Selected Works*, Helsinki Contemporary, Finland
- 2020 Kunstverein Heidelberg, Germany
- 2019 *Honorary Vertebrate Club*, A Tale of a Tub, Rotterdam, curated by Julia Geerlings and Niekolaas Johannes Lekkerkerk  
 Screen City Biennale, Stavanger, Norway. Curated by Daniela Arriado and Vanina Saracino, Stavanger, Norway
- 2018 Seoul Mediacity Biennale, w/ Factory Collective and Myriagon, Seoul, Korea  
*Superposition - Equilibrium & Engagement*, 21st Biennale of Sydney, curated by Mami Kataoka
- 2017 *ARS17 - Hello world!*, the Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland  
*No Vacancy II*, Alt Esc, Brooklyn, New York
- 2016 *Collection Exhibition*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland  
 Material Art Fair, Mexico City, with SADE LA gallery  
 7th Bucharest Biennale, Curated by Niels Van Tomme
- 2015 *The Earthbound*, Cannonball, Miami, USA, Curated by Niekolaas Johannes Lekkerkerk  
*Moving Image fair*, New York
- 2014 *In Other Worlds*. Kunst aus Finnland., Stadtgalerie Kiel, Kiel, Germany  
*Mustarinda 2014 – Exergy*, Mustarinda, Hyrnsalmi, Finland
- 2012 *Reality Bites*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland  
*Camouflage*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2011 *Mildura Palimpsest Biennale*, Mildura, Australia
- 2010 *URBAN STORIES*, the NUT space, Shanghai, China.
- 2009 *Tracking Traces...*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland  
*Variations on Transcending the Finiteness of Human Vision*, Riga Art Space, Riga, Latvia, curated by Marita Muukkonen
- 2008 *Tomorrow always belongs to us*, Göteborgs Konsthall, Gothenburg, Sweden  
*Night on Earth – Berlin-Shanghai-Helsinki*, group exhibitions:  
 1. Showroom Gallery, Zero Gallery, Berlin, Germany

## Selected Performances, Projects & Music

- 2026 TAL & Murrettu Meri, DRIFTS Festival, Helsinki, Finland  
*TAL - Spuma Fui Fri & TAL x Murrettumeri - Metempsychosis*, album releases
- 2025 TTxTAL - *Vaellus (INFR4007)*, limited edition 12" vinyl with Tuomas Toivonen
- 2022 TAL & Sapiduz Ensemble, premiere of an AV-Set, Flow Festival, Helsinki  
TAL - Sapiduz album, released by ÖM sound/Svart Records
- 2020 *Protean Sap*, Commissioned by Lighthouse Brighton
- 2019 *Library's other intelligences*, a project curated by Jussi Parikka and Shannon Mattern, Oodi Library, Helsinki  
Tuomas A. Laitinen: *Cryptospores*, AV performance, Flow Festival, Helsinki

## Works in Collections

Miettinen Collection  
Wihuri Foundation  
EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo  
Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki  
Helsinki City Art Museum  
Päivi and Paavo Lipponen Trust

## Permanent public commissions

- 2019 *The Game of Biomes*, Jätkäsaari school, commissioned by Helsinki Art Museum

## Selected reviews & articles

- 2022 Profile in Art in America magazine
- 2021 Bomb Magazine, profile interview
- 2020 Tank Magazine, *Haemocyanin*
- 2019 *Wet Code*, Screen City Biennial journal 2, w/ Ki Nurmenniemi  
ArtReview, Sep 2019, Review of the solo exhibition *Habitat Cascade*
- 2017 Mousse Magazine, *Light Play: Twisting Reality and Deepening Narrative through Augmentation* by Nora N. Khan

## Awards & Nominations

- 2023-24 Ars Fennica Award, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
- 2021 AVEK award, The Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture, Finland
- 2019 Hélène och Walter Grönqvists Stiftelse stipendium  
Arts Promotion Centre Finland (5-year working grant)
- 2013 Finnish Art Academy Award

## Memberships

Finnish state grant board 2025-

AV-Arkki, the Centre for Finnish Media Art, Vice-chair of the board 2021-2024

Bioarts society

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