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**MEMBERSHIPS**

The Association of Finnish Sculptors

The Artists' Association of Lapland

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022 **Korundi House of Culture, Rovaniemi, Finland**, Artist of the Month, *Chilling Tales*
- 2019 **Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland**, *Places of the Mind Framed by the World* - Retrospective exhibition  
**Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland**, *On Boundaries, Protected Aapa Mire* - exhibition
- 2017 **Gallery Napa and Studio Mustanapa, Rovaniemi, Finland**, *Dactylorhiza and the Vanishing Landscape, Protected Aapa Mire* - exhibition  
**Museum-Gallery Alariesto and the Library, Sodankylä, Finland**, *Pictures from the Aapa Mire, Protected Aapa Mire* - exhibition
- 2016 **Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland**, *Viiankiaapa, Protected Aapa Mire* - exhibition  
**Lusto – Finnish Forest Museum, Punkaharju, Finland**, *Nature Views*
- 2015 **Korundi House of Culture, Rovaniemi, Finland**, Artist of the Month, *Demonstration*
- 2014 **Galleria G, Helsinki, Finland**, *Protected Aapa Mire*
- 2013 **Korundi House of Culture, Rovaniemi, Finland**, Artist of the Month, *Cone*  
**Museum-Gallery Alariesto, Sodankylä, Finland**, *Handprint*
- 2011 **Gallery Katariina, Helsinki, Finland**, *Underneath*  
**Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi, Finland**, *Other Wood*
- 2010 **Alta Museum, Alta, Norway**, *Skognært – Close to Forest*
- 2009 **The Lönnström Art Museum - Yard Studio, Rauma, Finland**  
**Vadsø Museum - Kjeldsenbruket, Ekkerøy, Vadsø, Norway**, *Ventetiden – While waiting*
- 2008 **Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland**  
**Joensuu Art Museum, Finland**
- 2007 **Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi, Finland**  
**Gallery Becker, Jyväskylä, Finland**
- 2005 **Kemi Art Museum, Finland**
- 2004 **Tramway - Upper Foyer Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland**, *The Thread*
- 2003 **Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Finland**, *Shelter*
- 2002 **Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland**, *Shelter*
- 2001 **Visual Center – Gallery 5, Oulu, Finland**  
**The Brno House of Arts, – Mala Galerie, Brno, Czech Republic**, *Flora*  
**Katve Gallery, Rovaniemi, Finland**, *Forest Like Every Tree*
- 1996 **Täysikuu Gallery, Rovaniemi, Finland**, *Steps Closer*  
**Alariesto Gallery, Sodankylä, Finland**
- 1995 **Art Gallery Justin, Oulu, Finland**
- 1994 **Mältinranta, Tampere, Finland**, *November*  
**Just Gallery, Turku, Finland**

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND**

- 2021 **Wiping the Ice-Cream Off Your Face**, Artists' Association of Lapland 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, Gallery Valo, Arktikum, Rovaniemi  
**Pohojonen**, Gallery Rankka, Helsinki
- 2019 **The Human Era, Mänttä Art Festival**  
**Cood Wood** - Cultural Centre Poleeni 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, Pieksämäki

- The Aapa Mire**, The Regional Museum of Lapland, Rovaniemi
- 2016 **Where does poetry nest?**, Gallery Emil, Tampere  
**The Snowball Effect 3**, Northern Finland Biennial, Kemi Art Museum
- 2015 **Annual Exhibition of the Union of Finnish Art Associations**, Seinäjoki Art Hall
- 2014 **The Snowball Effect 2**, Northern Finland Biennial, Korundi, Rovaniemi
- 2013 **Pathway**—Dialogue on Northern Issues, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Oulu Art Museum
- 2012 **Wha'?** IX Textile Art Triennial, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku  
**The Snowball Effect 1**, Northern Finland Biennial, Oulu Art Museum and Northern Ostrobothnia Museum  
**Barked!** Contemporary Birch, The Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo
- 2011 **Formalities**, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku  
**Sense of wood**, XII TAJU - An Event of Contemporary Art, Hyvinkää Art Museum  
**Lapland**, Lapland Regional Exhibition, Kemi Art Museum
- 2010 **HIGHLIGHTS**, Association of Finnish Sculptors 100th Anniversary Exhibition, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku  
**Kajaani Art Museum**, group exhibition (Kaarina Kaikkonen, Kaija Kiuru, Kaisu Koivisto)  
**NOW**, Artists' Association of Lapland 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, Rovaniemi Art Museum
- 2009 **Honkahovi**, Mänttä  
**My North**, Nordic Art Association in Finland Exhibition, Jetty Barracks Gallery, Helsinki
- 2008 **Spiral**, Union of Finnish Art Associations Exhibition, Imatra Art Museum
- 2007 **Etelä-napa**, Artists' Association of Lapland Exhibition, Jetty Barracks Gallery, Helsinki
- 2006 **Far from a deceitful world?** International Contemporary Art Exhibition, Saarijärvi Museum  
**BookBlast**, Artist Book Exhibition, (with Juha Siro), The Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma  
**Talvinapa**, Artists' Association of Lapland Exhibition, Rovaniemi Art Museum
- 2005 **Mänttä Art Festival**
- 2004 **Annual Exhibition of the Union of Finnish Art Associations**, Rovaniemi Art Museum  
**Hibernations**, Finnish contemporary art from Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Art Collection, Rovaniemi Art Museum  
**NAPA**, Artists' Association of Lapland Exhibition, Seinäjoki Art Hall  
**White**, Granary, Fiskars
- 2003 **Migration-A Barents Art Project**, Kemi Art Museum  
**Nature and Human Nature**, Purnu, Orivesi  
**Gates of Mysticism**, Tampere Art Museum
- 2002 **The Artists' Association of Lapland** in Kerava Art Museum  
**Harbour Lights**, Association of Finnish Sculptors Exhibition, South Harbour, Helsinki
- 2001 **Omstilling**, Nordic Contemporary Art, Rovaniemi Art Museum
- 2000 **NatUrban Realities**- Nature in an Urban Landscape, Jyväskylä Ridge and Jyväskylä Art Museum  
**Artists' Association of Lapland 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition**, Kemi Art Museum
- 1999 **In Via I-A European Network**, A project of European female artists, Lasipalatsi, Helsinki  
**Ultima Thule**, Northern Environment and Art Education Project, Valo Gallery, Rovaniemi
- 1998 **The Fell**, Environment and Art Education Project in Levi fell, Valo Gallery, Rovaniemi
- 1997 **Union of Finnish Art Associations Annual Exhibition**, Hyvinkää Art Museum  
**Mänttä Art Festival**
- 1996 **Ars Arctica**, Annual Exhibition of Lappish Artists, Rovaniemi
- 1995 **The River**, Environmental Art Event by the Ounasjoki river, Rovaniemi Art Museum
- 1991 **Final Show**, The Institute of Fine Arts of Lahti, Mäntinranta, Tampere  
**Annual Exhibition of Finnish Artists**, Oulu Art Museum
- 1990 **Artists' Association of Lahti Annual Exhibition**, Lahti Art Museum  
**Annual Exhibition of Finnish Artists**, Helsinki Art Hall

#### INTERNATIONAL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 **Landscape-Metropolis**, Kraftwerk der Rathenau-Hallen, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 **Angle of Incidence** – influence of an environment, Willem II Fabriek, 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands

- 2013 **X-border Art Biennial – Crossing the border**, Art Hall, Luleå, Sweden  
**Lands of the Art**, Studio Vanna Casati, Bergamo, Italy  
**Supermarket–Stockholm Independent Art Fair**, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2011 **Una stanza tutta per sé / A Room of One's Own**, AbitaMi, Fiera Milano, Italy
- 2010 **Arctic Heat–Earth Remembers**, Art from Northern Finland and Lapland, Gallery Wedding, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 **Pewna Finlandia**, Contemporary Art from Finland, Gallery Awangarda, BWA Wroclaw, Poland; Centre of Polish Sculpture, Oronsko, Poland
- 2007 **Pewna Finlandia**, Contemporary Art from Finland, Gallery BWA, Katowice, Poland  
**Gemeinsames-Unterschiedlich**, EU-Art-Network, Nordico-Museum der Stadt Linz, Austria
- 2005 **Konst från norra Finland**, Artists' Association of Lapland Exhibition, Konstens Hus, Luleå, Sweden  
**Une certaine Finlande**, Contemporary Art from Finland, Atelier 340 Muzeum, Brussels, Belgium
- 2004 **Ziel 1-Kunst-Ziel 1**, EU-Art-Network, Burgenländische Landesgalerie, Eisenstadt, Austria
- 2003 **B-fact: Black Sea/Baltic Sea/Barents Sea**, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey  
**B-fact: Black Sea/Baltic Sea/Barents Sea**, (with Huseyin Alptekin), 2.Tirana Biennale, Tirana, Albanie  
**Migration-A Barents Art Project**, Kiruna Parish, Sweden  
Konstens Hus, Luleå, Sweden  
Åjtte, Swedish Mountain and Sami Museum, Jokkmokk, Sweden  
The Arkhangelsk State Museum, Russia  
Murmansk Art Museum, Russia  
The Grenseland Museum, Kirkenes, Norway
- 2002 **Ziel 1-Kunst-Ziel 1**, EU-Art-Network, Contemporary Art between Village and Cyberspace, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France and European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium  
**In Natura-Barentstriennalen**, Svolvær, Lofoten, Norway
- 2001 **Ziel 1-Kunst-Ziel 1**, EU-Art-Network, Contemporary Art between Village and Cyberspace, Cselley Mühle, Oslip, Austria  
OHO, Open House Oberwart, Oberwart, Austria  
Kunst in Bewegung, ORF Funkhaus, Eisenstadt, Austria
- 2000 **In Via II-A European Network**, A project of female artists in Europe  
Museum Bäregasse, Zürich, Switzerland and Casal Balaguer, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 1999 **S.S.A Annual Exhibition**, The RSA Galleries, Edinburgh, Scotland  
**In Via I-A European Network**, A project of female artists in Europe, Zeche Zollverein, Essen, Germany  
**Skulpturum**, Konstens Hus, Luleå, Sweden  
**The Land of Brunhilde**, female artists of The Barents Sea Region, Archangelsk Art Museum, Russia
- 1998 **Ultima Thule**, Northern Environment and Art Education Project, Sami Museum, Varangerbotn, Norway  
**Exhibition of female artists of The Barents Sea Region**, Boden, Sweden  
**The Land on the Arctic Circle**, Breaking the Ice- Cultural Festival of the Barents Sea Region, Stockholm, Sweden  
**The Fell**, Environment and Art Education Project, Environmental Art in Levi fell, Montreal, Canada
- 1995 **Current**, Artists' Association of Lapland Exhibition, Haparanda, Sweden  
**Exhibition of The Tampere Artists' Association**, Trondheim, Norway

## PUBLIC WORKS

- Another Sketch** (2012), Science Centre Pilke, Rovaniemi, 2022, Finland  
**Hide and seek** and **Wind's Nest**, (2022). Sámi Museum and Northern Lapland Nature Centre Siida, Inari, Finland  
**Landscape Images** and **Flora**, (2019), Health and Well-being Centre Sopukka, Sodankylä, Finland  
**Birch Tree** and **Waitings I-III**, (2007-2008), Central Hospital of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland  
**Lighthouse**, (2002), Hahtisaari Park, Kemi, 2007, Finland  
**Mukulat**, (2006), Kuivasranta Kindergarten, Oulu, Finland  
**Little riverbed**, (2004), Pallas-Ylläs National Park, Finland  
**Cover of The Earth**, (2000-2003), Pallas-Ylläs National Park, Finland

**Cradle**, (1999), Sculpturepark Kronan, Luleå, Sweden  
**Wooden sculptures**, (1996), Rautionsaari School, Rovaniemi, Finland  
**Spring**, (1996), Hirvas School, Rovaniemi, Finland

#### **WORKS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS IN FINLAND**

State Art Collection  
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Collection  
The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Lapland Regional Fund Collection  
Aine Art Museum Collection  
Kemi Art Museum Collection  
Collection of the Oulu Museum of Art  
Kemi City Art Collection  
Oulu City Art Collection  
Rovaniemi City Art Collection  
Turku City Art Collection  
Metsähallitus

#### **AWARDS**

2014 The WihuriEffect Award, Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation  
2005 Favorite Work of the Public in Mänttä Art Festival, Lions Club Mänttä  
2004 The Culture Award of Rovaniemi City and Municipality  
2003 The Art Award of the Province of Lapland

#### **POSITIONS OF TRUST**

Chairman of The Arts Council of Lapland 2007-2009  
Member of The Arts Council of Lapland 2004-2006  
Member of representative body of The Artists' Association of Finland 2002-2005  
Chairman of The Artists' Association of Lapland 1997-98  
Member of board in The Artists' Association of Lapland 1996-2000

#### **FIELD TRIPS AND WORKING ABROAD**

2016 Vadsø Artist Residence, Norway  
2012 Lásságámmi, The Artists' Residence of Nils-Aslak Valkeapää, Skibotn, Norway  
2008 Åland Archipelago Guest Residence, Kökar, Åland  
2007 The Light of Varanger, The Artist Residence in Vadsø, Norway  
2004 Glasgow Sculpture Studios, Glasgow, Scotland  
2003 The Artists' Studio of The Artists' Association of Finland, Grassina, Italy  
2002 Kunstnerhuset-The Artists' Studio, Svolvær, Lofoten, Norway  
2001 The Artists' Residence of The Arts Council of Lapland, Brno, Czech Republic  
2000 Andalucia, Spain  
1999 Essen, Germany  
1990 Prague, Czechoslovakia  
1989 New York, USA

#### **PUBLICATION**

Kaija Kiuru and Timo Helle, *Viiankiaapa ikuisesti* (2022), Into Kustannus  
The book about Viiankiaapa Nature Reserve located in Sodankylä Finnish Lapland and the Sakatti mining project that threatens the area.

2021 Supplementary artist pension by Arts Promotion Centre Finland granted to Kaija Kiuru