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MEMBERSHIPS

The Association of Finnish Sculptors
The Artists' Association of Lapland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 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 - 2nd 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 November***
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

- 2016 **Where does poetry nest?, Gallery Emil, Tampere, Finland, curator Giovanna Esposito Yussif**
The Snowball Effect 3, Northern Finland Biennial, Kemi Art Museum, curator Veikko Halmetoja
- 2015 **Annual Exhibition of the Union of Finnish Art Associations, Seinäjoki Art Hall**
- 2014 **The Snowball Effect 2, Northern Finland Biennial, Korundi, Rovaniemi, curator Laura Köönikkä**
- 2013 **Pathway—Dialogue on Northern Issues, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Oulu Art Museum, curators Patrick Huse and Riitta Kuusikko**

- 2012 **Wha'?** IX Textile Art Triennial, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, curator Anna-Maija Aarras
The Snowball Effect 1, Northern Finland Biennial, Oulu Art Museum and Northern Ostrobothnia Museum, curator Marketta Haila
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, curators Pekka Jylhä and Päivi Kiiski
Kajaani Art Museum, group exhibition (Kaarina Kaikkonen, Kaija Kiuru, Kaisu Koivisto)
NOW, Artists' Association of Lapland 20th 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, curators Torun Ekstrand and Marja Kolu
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**, curator Juhani Tuominen
- 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, curator Hannu Castrén
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, curator Antero Toikka
- 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 10th 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, curator Hannu Castrén
- 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, Oronsco, 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
- 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
- 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

- Waitings 1-3**, 2008, **Birch Tree**, 2007, Central Hospital of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland
- Lighthouse**, 2002, Hahtisaari Park, Kemi, 2007, Finland
- Mukulat**, 2006, Kuivasranta Kindergarten, Oulu, Finland
- Little riverbed**, 2004, installation in nature, Pallas-Ylläs National Park, Finland
- Cover of The Earth**, 2000-2003, landscaping project in Pallasjärvi, Pallas-Ylläs National Park, Finland
- Cradle**, 1999, installation in nature, Sculpturepark Kronan, Luleå, Sweden
- Wooden sculptures**, 1996, The Rautionsaari School, Rovaniemi, Finland
- Spring**, 1996, wooden sculptures in The Hirvas School, Rovaniemi, Finland

WORKS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS IN FINLAND

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

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

GRANTS (selected)

2018–2019 Kone Foundation, Working and project grant
2017 Majaoja Foundation, Project grant
2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
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2015 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1 year Artist Grant
2013 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
2008 - 2012 5-years State Grant to Artists
2004 - 2006 3-years State Grant to Artists

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 Andalusia, Spain
1999 Essen, Germany
1990 Prague, Czechoslovakia
1989 New York, USA