

An abstract black and white artwork featuring bold, expressive brushstrokes and textures. The composition is dominated by dark, charcoal-like tones and bright, white highlights, creating a sense of depth and movement. The background is a solid black, which makes the white and grey elements stand out. The overall style is gestural and painterly, with visible textures and some darker, more intricate details in the lower right quadrant.

SIRPA HÄKLI | VISUAL ARTIST
PORTFOLIO 2025

RESUMÉ

Sirpa Häkli is a visual artist and painter based in Helsinki, Finland. Häkli has studied painting and printmaking at Turku School of Fine Arts, Finland (Diploma in Visual Arts 1984) and Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts, Cracow, Poland (Postgraduate Studies 1984–1986) and art history at University of Helsinki, Finland (Master of Arts 2009). She has exhibited since 1983 in Finland and abroad and received many national and regional grants. Häkli is a member of the Finnish Painters' Union, the Helsinki Artists' Association and the Vyborg Artists' Society.

Sirpa Häkli's work is included in many permanent art collections in Finland and abroad: Among others the Finnish State Art Deposit Collection; Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Finnish Parliament Collections; Hämeenlinna, Jyväskylä, Keuruu, Salo and Vantaa Art Museums' Collections; Kuntsi Modern Art Museum (Vaasa), City of Turku; and Henna and Pertti Niemistö Art Foundation Collections. Art collections abroad count Polish National Museum (Gdansk), Romanian National Museum (Cluj), Sándor Nógrádi Museum (Salgótarján, Hungary), Frans Masereel Center (Kasterlee, Belgium) and Luciano Benetton (Italy) Collections.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

I am a visual artist and painter. My main mediums are oil and acrylic colours combined with dry pigments and drawing. I also make artists' books and assemblages. Key features in my work include clarity of form and colour, a painterly style and combining techniques. My visual language is mainly non-figurative and conceptual.

I approach my art as a process and work serially. My themes and subjects have ranged over the years from the visual depiction of various concepts or philosophical ideas – such as time, voice, existence and language – to landscapes and topics in art history. Due to the broadness of the themes I produce large series of artworks, with new pieces added over a period that may span several years. As an artist I want to surprise, provide visual experiences and challenge conventional patterns of thought.

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Sirpa Häkli; *Time is a Series of Events (I)*; oil, acrylic and dry pigment on canvas, 100 x 100 cm, 2024. Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; *Awake, Time Passing*; Oil colour on canvas, 80 x 66 cm, 2023. Photo ©Sirpa Häkli 2023



Sirpa Häkli; *Nature of Time: Winter*; Oil colour on canvas, 170 x 170 cm, 2024. Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; *Nature of Time: Spring*; Oil colour and dry pigment on canvas, 170 x 170 cm, 2023. Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; *Nature of Time: Summer*; Oil colour and dry pigment on canvas, 170 x 170 cm, 2024. Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; *Nature of Time: Autumn*; Oil colour and dry pigment on canvas, 170 x 170 cm, 2024. Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



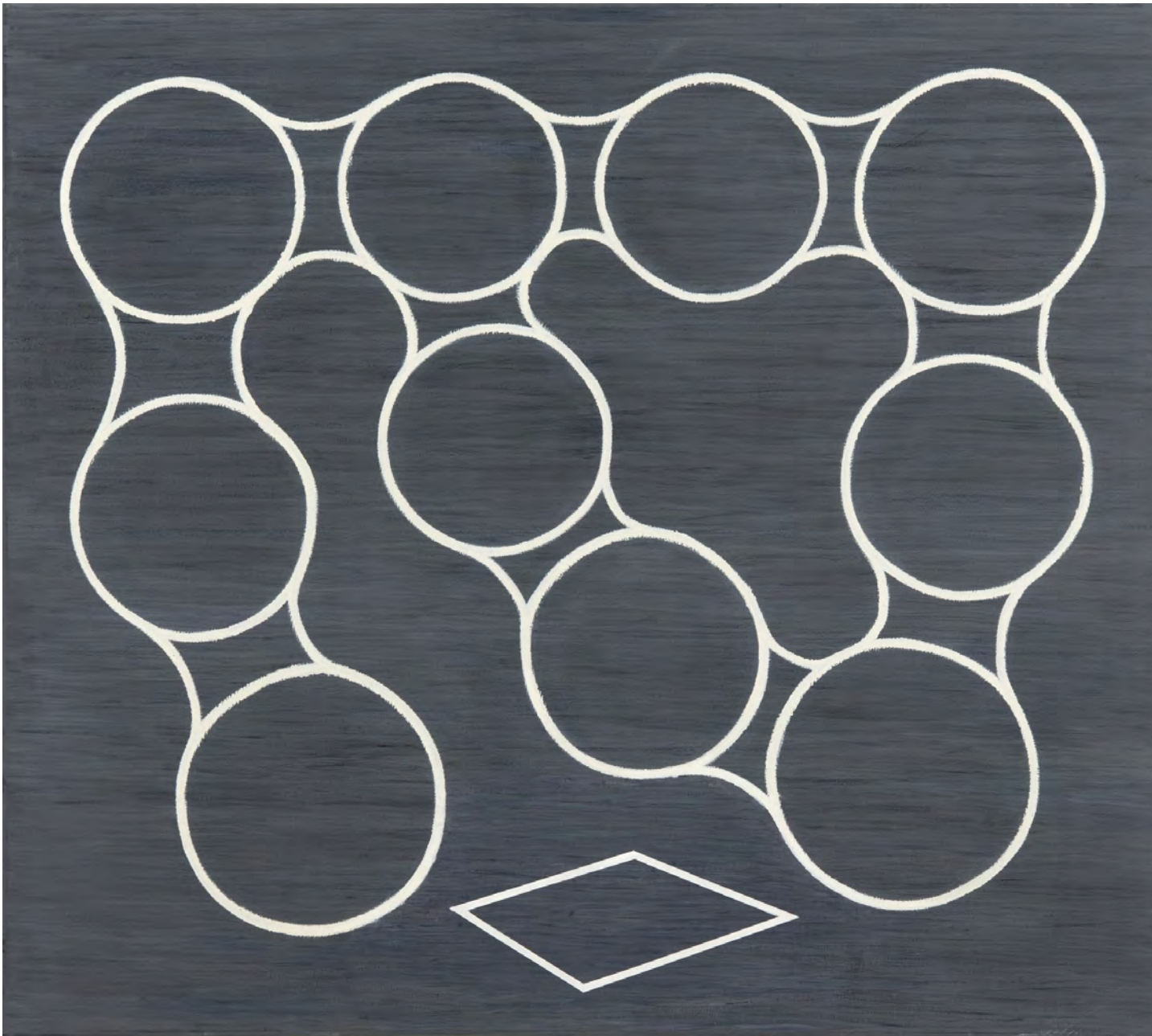
Sirpa Häkli; *Time Requires Change (I)*; Oil, acrylic and dry pigment on canvas, 140 x 120 cm, 2024 Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; *Time Requires Change (II)*; Oil, acrylic and dry pigment on canvas, 140 x 120 cm, 2024 Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; *Time Requires Change (III)*; Oil, acrylic and dry pigment on canvas, 140 x 120 cm, 2024 Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; *Time is a Series of Events (II)*; Oilbar, acrylic and dry pigment on canvas, 92 x 100 cm, 2024 Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024



Sirpa Häkli; Left: *Nature of Time: Summer* & Right: *Nature of Time: Winter*; Solo Exhibition *Nature of Time*, Nov-Dec 2024, Gallery A2, Helsinki, Finland.

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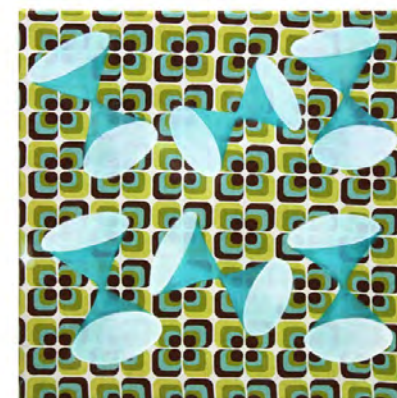
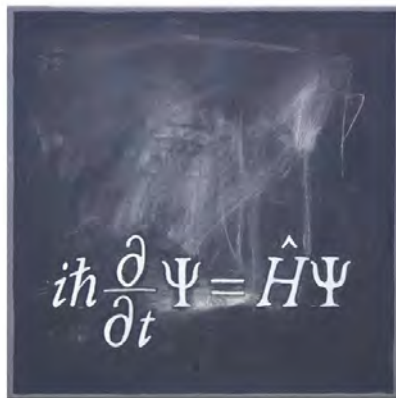


Sirpa Häkli; Above: *Oscillation (I)*; Oil, acrylic and dry pigment on canvas, 60 x 60 cm, 2024 & Below: Artist's Book *Séries temporaines*, 21 mixed media works on paper, 2023–2024. Solo Exhibition *Nature of Time*; Gallery A2, Helsinki. Photo ©Barbara Kaucher 2024



Sirpa Häkli; Series *Reading Carlo Rovelli's Order of Time*; Oil / acrylic / dry pigment / wood / stone on canvas / fabric / plywood, à 41 x 41 cm, 2023-2024.

Solo Exhibition *Nature of Time*, Gallery A2, Helsinki, 2024. Photo ©Barbara Kaucher 2024



Sirpa Häkli; Series *Reading Carlo Rovelli's Order of Time*; Acrylic / oil / dry pigment / glitter / wood / stone / needlework / object on canvas, à 41 x 41 cm, 2023-2024.
Solo Exhibition *Time Series*, Gallery Tyko, Nurmes. Photo ©Sirpa Häkli 2024



Sirpa Häkli; Series *Aesthetics and the Artist*; Pigmented ink and graphite on book pages (Thomas Munro, *Toward Science in Aesthetics*), à 23 x 30 cm, 2012–2022;
Artists' Books Exhibition *Booked 2022*; MUU Contemporary Art Center, Helsinki, 2022. Photo ©Sirpa Häkli 2022

EDUCATION

2004–2009 University of Helsinki, Finland, Master of Arts, Art History
1984–1986 Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts, Cracow, Poland, Postgraduate Studies
1981–1984 Turku School of Fine Arts, Finland, Diploma in Visual Arts

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selection)

2024 *Nature of Time*, Gallery A2, Helsinki
2024 *Time Series*, Gallery Tyko, Nurmes
2021 *Aesthetics and the Artist (II)*, Arabianranta Library, Helsinki
2020–2021 *Everything Flows*, Teijon Masuuni Gallery, Salo
2019 *State of Nature*, Gallery G, Helsinki
2016 *(Mind) Space*, Porvoo Art Hall, Art Factory
2015 *Obscure and Clear*, Gallery G, Helsinki
2015 *Tabula rasa*, Poriginal Gallery, Pori
2014 *Aesthetics and the Artist (I)*, Gallery Uusi Kipinä, Lahti
2013–2014 *Explanations*, Kouvola Art Museum Gallery
2013 *Painter's Diary*, Gallery Ville, Nurmijärvi
2011 *Top 25 – Confessions and Other Paintings*, Gallery tm, Helsinki
2011 *Top 25 Turku*, Gallery Berner, Turku
2011 *Top 25 Kuopio*, Gallery Carrée, Kuopio
2009 *Updated Autoportrait*, Malmitalo Gallery, Helsinki
1996 *Esse – To Be*, Gallery G, Helsinki
1993 Gallery Duetto, Helsinki
1993 Landscapes, Gallery Rantagalleria, Turku
1990 Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku
1989 Gallery Taidegraafikot, Helsinki
1988 Gallery Okra, Vantaa
1988 Gallery Artteli, Joensuu
1986 Gallery Joella, Turku
1986 Gallery Sciana Wschodnia, Warsaw, Poland
1986 Gallery Rysunku i Grafiki, Gdynie, Poland
1985 Gallery Maly Rynek, Cracow, Poland

DUO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Time(s) – Sirpa Häkli & Helena Hartman*, Gallery Naantalin taidehuone, Naantali
2013 *Sirpa Häkli & Carita Maury*, Gallery Kakelhallen, Mariehamn, Åland
1996 *Sirpa Häkli & Melek Mazici*, Hämeenlinna Art Museum
1990 *Jaana Hytönen & Sirpa Häkli*, Gallery Uusikuva, Kotka
1989 *Jaana Hytönen & Sirpa Häkli*, Oulu Art Museum
1983 *Sirpa Häkli & Ulla-Maija Kallinen*, Gallery Naantalin Taidehuone, Naantali

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selection)

- 2024 Booked 2024; *MUU Contemporary Art Center*, Helsinki & *Art Center East*, Lappeenranta
2024 *Urbana Hortus*, Helsinki Artists' Association; Art Center Ahjo, Joensuu
2023–2024 *Probability of Coincidence*, Art Center Voipaala, Valkeakoski
2022 Booked 2022; *MUU Contemporary Art Center*, Helsinki
2022 *Future*, Viborg Artists' Association; Gallery Tärinä, Riihimäki
2022 *Tsiigaa*, Art Goes Kapakka Festival; Restaurant Kosmos, Helsinki
2019 *Unknown Time*, *Wiurila Summer*, Wiurila Manor, Salo
2018 *From There to Here*, Vantaa Art Collection Exhibition, Gallery K, Vantaa
2018 *Limitless*, Kuusisto Art Manor, Salo
2018 *Art Goes Kapakka*, Wonderland Work, Helsinki
2018 *Northern Light*, Vyborg Artists' Association, Gallery Myötätuuli, Raahe
2017 *Unseen Routes*, *Wiurila Summer*, Wiurila Manor, Salo
2016 *In and Out*; *Backman*, *Fuat Sari*, *Sirpa Häkli*, *Kati Immonen*, *Sirpa Särkijärvi*; Gallery OnePoint, Turku
2016 *Vyborg Artists' Association*, Imatra Art Museum
2014–2015 *Vitas 85*, Jubilee Exhibition, Vyborg Artists' Association, Järvenpää Art Museum
2013 *Summer in Gumbostrand*, Gumbostrand Konst och Form Gallery, Sipoo
2013 *Drift–Ajelehtia–Drift*; *Häkli*, *Butt Juvonen*, *Mauri*, *Ollikainen*, Gallery Uusikuva, Kotka and Mäntinranta
2013 *Drift–Ajelehtia–Drift*; *Häkli*, *Butt Juvonen*, *Mauri*, *Ollikainen*, Art Center, Tampere
2012 *Studies on Transformation*, *Helene Schjerfbeck Jubilee Year Exhibition*, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki
2009 *Visions – Häkli*, *Tiina Lamminen*, *Katariina Salmijärvi*, *Aino Ulmanen*, Gallery Vanha Raatihuone, Turku
2009 *Views – Häkli*, *Tiina Lamminen*, *Katariina Salmijärvi*, *Aino Ulmanen*, Gallery Järnatti, Järvenpää
2008 *New Art from Uusimaa*, Gallery Artborg, Sipoo
2008 *New Prints*, Gallery G, Helsinki
2006 *75 Printmakers – 75th Jubilee Exhibition*, *Association of Finnish Printmakers*, Gallery G, Helsinki
2005–2006 *The Small g – National Miniprints*, *Finnish Printmaking 110 Years*, Gallery Joella, Turku
2005 *The Flower of Death – Finnish Printmaking 110 Years*, Lahti Art Brewery
2004–2005 *6th Union of Finnish Art Associations Exhibition*, Rovaniemi Art Museum
2001 *Today's Future*, Vantaa Art Collection Exhibition, Vantaa Art Museum
1997–1998 *Helsinki Artists' Association 30 Years – Finnish Art*, Artists' House, Stockholm, Sweden
1997 *Henna and Pertti Niemistö Contemporary Art Collection Exhibition*, Hämeenlinna Art Museum
1997 *59th Union of Finnish Art Associations Exhibition*, Hyvinkää Art Museum,
1997 *Studio Grafiris*, Matinpalo Museum, Nastola
1996 *Sirpa Häkli*, *Vappu Johansson*, *Taina Kokkonen*, Gallery Joella, Turku
1995 *Regional Exhibition of the Metropolitan Area and the Uusimaa County*, Kerava Art Museum
1994 *Sirpa Häkli*, *Eeva-Liisa Isomaa*, *Melek Mazici*, *Ann Sundholm*, Gallery Artina, Helsinki
1993 *Monotypes*, Gallery G, Helsinki
1993 *98th Artists' Association of Finland Exhibition*, Karkkila
1993 *New Art from Uusimaa*, Gallery Bremer, Karkkila
1992 *Sirpa Häkli*, *Kirsi Neuvonen*, *Tuomo Saali*, Gallery Sirius, Jyväskylä
1989 *94th Artists' Association of Finland Exhibition*, Kouvola Art Museum
1989 *Salon Maila Talvio*, Hartola
1988 *93rd Artists' Association of Finland Exhibition*, Helsinki Art Hall
1987 *40th Young Artists' Exhibition*, Helsinki Art Hall
1987 *Turku Printmakers' Exhibition*, Kunsthau Grenchen, Switzerland

1985 38th Young Artists' Exhibition, Helsinki Art Hall
 1984 State Exhibition, South Carelia Art Museum, Lappeenranta
 1983 36th Young Artists' Exhibition, Helsinki Art Hall
 1983 Turku and Pori County Exhibition Åland Art Museum, Mariehamn

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS (selection)

2019 Postcard Perspectives, Artspace at Untitled, Oklahoma City, United States
 2018 4th 'Enter into Art' International Installations, Cologne; Weißenthurm; Kobern-Gondorf, Germany
 2009 Transitions – Siirtymiä – Förskjutningar - Átmenet, Gallery Padlás, Balatonalmádi, Hungary
 2001–2002 Nordic Aquarell, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki; Mikkeli Art Museum; Ostrobothnian Museum, Vaasa, Finland
 1997–1999 International Print Triennial Cracow '97; Cracow, Poland; Nuremberg, Germany; Museum of Modern Art, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 1995 Biennial of Graphic Art, Nykobing-Falster, Denmark
 1994 Qvinnlia Art, Nordic Female Artists, Lycksele, Sweden
 1990 International Print Triennial, Vaasa Art Hall
 1987 Salgótarján Intersymposion, Nógrád Historical Museum, Salgótarján, Hungary
 1984 International Print Triennial, Vaasa Art Hall
 1984 Exhibition of Prints and Photos, Aberdeen, Scotland
 1983 5th Polish-Finnish Maritime Print Exhibition, National Museum, Gdansk, Poland; Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku, Finland

COLLECTIONS

Finland	Finnish State Art Deposit Collection Finnish Parliament Art Collection Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland Hämeenlinna Art Museum Jyväskylä Art Museum Keuruu Art Museum Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa Salo Art Museum	Vantaa Art Museum Artsi City of Turku Art Collection Municipality of Tohmajärvi Collection Henna and Pertti Niemistö Art Foundation Finnish Cultural Foundation Miina Sillanpää Foundation Fortum Ltd.; Huhtamäki Ltd.; Kemira Ltd.; Tapiola Ltd. Sampo Group; Telia Finland
Abroad	Central Slovak Gallery, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia Frans Masereel Center, Kasterlee, Belgium Lyan Fonden, Lycksele, Sweden National Art Museum, Cluj, Romania Sándor Nógrádi Museum, Salgótarján, Hungary	City Art Gallery, Łódź, Poland Luciano Benetton Coll. <i>Imago Mundi</i> , Italy Ministry of National Education, Poland National Museum, Gdansk, Poland

GRANTS AND HONORABLE AWARDS

2024 Ministry of Education and Culture, State's Artist Pension
 2024 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Project Grant
 2024 Otto A. Malm's Donation Fund
 2023 Viborg Artists' Association
 2022 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Covid-19 Grant
 2021 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Covid-19 Grant
 2018 4th 'Enter into Art' International Installations, Germany, Honorary Award

2016 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Residency Grant
 2015 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Project Grant
 2015 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Arts Council of Uusimaa, Project Grant
 2014 Vyborg Artists' Association, Honorary Award
 2011 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Project Grant
 2011 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Public Display Grant for Visual Artists
 2002 Arts Promotion Center Finland, Public Display Grant for Visual Artists
 1997 Finnish Cultural Foundation Grant
 1995 Oskar Öflund Foundation Grant
 1995 Arts Council of Uusimaa Grant
 1995 Finnish Cultural Institute in New York, Residency Grant
 1994 Finnish Cultural Foundation Grant
 1994 Niilo Helander Foundation Grant
 1993 Finnish Academy of Arts Grant
 1991 Arts Council of Uusimaa Grant
 1990 Arts Council of Finland, Project Grant
 1990 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Project Grant
 1989 City of Vantaa 10 Years Jubilee Fund Grant
 1988 Uusimaa Cultural Foundation Grant
 1987 City of Vantaa 10 Years Jubilee Fund Grant
 1986 Leo and Regina Wainstein Foundation Grant
 1984–86 Polish Ministry of Education, Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

2025 Casa Finlandesa, Grassina, Italy
 2021 Tohmajärvi Artist-in-Residence, Finland
 2019 Arenys de Mar, Artist-in-Residence, Spain
 2016 Cité International des Arts, Artist-in-Residence, Paris, France
 2012 Åland Achipelago Artist-in-Residence, Kökar, Finland
 2011 Casa de Artistas Finlandeses, Artist-in-Residence, Marbella, Spain
 2009 10th International Artists' Symposium, Felsőörs, Hungary
 1999 Finnish Cultural Institute in Athens, Artist-in-Residence, Greece
 1996 Frans Masereel Print Center, Artist-in-Residence, Kasterlee, Belgium
 1995 Finnish Cultural Institute in New York, Artist-in-Residence, United States
 1991 Onni Oja Artist's Home, Artist-in-Residence, Keuruu, Finland
 1990 Cité International des Arts, Artist-in-Residence, Paris, France
 1987 Salgótarján Intersymposium, Mátra Almás, Hungary

MEMBERSHIPS

Finnish Painters' Union
 Helsinki Artists' Association
 Visual Artists' Copyright Association Kuvasto



Sirpa Häkli, Work-in-Progress, Studio View, Helsinki, Finland, October 2024. Photo ©Jouko Vatanen 2024