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Education

Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki:

2006– Department of Postgraduate Studies (doctoral candidate)

1996–98 MFA

1992–96 BFA

1997–00 University of Art and Design Helsinki, Pedagogical studies for artists

1991–93 University of Helsinki, Department of Philosophy, History and Art Studies

Solo Exhibitions

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| 2022 | Galleria G, Helsinki |
| 2021 | Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki |
| 2018 | Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki |
| 2017 | Gallery Hippolyte, Studio, Helsinki |
| 2015 | Kouvola Art Museum, Kouvola |
| 2015 | Gallery Muu, Helsinki |
| 2012 | Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki |
| 2011 | Gallery Forum Box/peranto, Helsinki |
| 2010 | Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki |
| 2007 | Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki |
| 2004 | Gallery Artina, Helsinki |
| 2001 | Gallery Artina, Helsinki |
| 2001 | Gallery of Media Centre Lume, Helsinki |
| 1999 | TM Gallery, Helsinki |
| 1998 | Gallery Bakeliittibambi, Helsinki |
| 1998 | Gallery of the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki |
| 1991 | Gallery Joella, Turku |

Group Exhibitions

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| 2024–25 | <i>Experiments in Concretism</i> , Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo |
| 2023 | <i>Wihuri on Tour</i> , Arktikum, Rovaniemi |
| 2022–23 | <i>Variations</i> , Korundi, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi |
| 2022 | <i>Arvoitus</i> , Taidekeskus Purnu, Orivesi |
| 2021 | <i>The Blue Planet</i> , Art and Museum Centre Sinkka, Kerava |
| 2021 | <i>Porvoo Triennial</i> , Porvoo |
| 2021 | <i>Research Pavilion #4 Uniarts Helsinki</i> , Hietsun paviljonki, Helsinki |
| 2021–22 | <i>Impressions</i> , Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi |
| 2020–21 | <i>Luostarin puutarhassa</i> , Valamo Monastery Cultural Center, Heinävesi |
| 2019 | <i>I Experiment as I Experience - Exhibition Laboratory</i> /The University of the Arts Helsinki |
| 2019 | <i>Art goes kapakka</i> , Ravintola Pjazza, Helsinki |
| 2019 | <i>Bela-biennial</i> , Museo Centro Cultural Correios, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |
| 2018–19 | <i>Glitch Art</i> , Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa |
| 2018 | <i>Lost Luggage</i> , Galerie Toolbox, Berlin |
| 2017–18 | <i>Real Celebration</i> , Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi |
| 2017 | <i>Verden i akvarel/World Wide Watercolour</i> , Hillerød, Denmark |

- 2016 *Waterfall*, Svendborg, Denmark
 2015–16 *The Adventure Can Begin*, The Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden
 2015 *Experimentality*, Research Pavillion, Venice, Italy
 2015 *Turku Biennial 2015 - The Unexpected Guest*, Aboa Vetus Ars Nova; Museum of History and Contemporary Art, Turku
 2013–14 *Thread an Paper*, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa
 2012–13 *Reality Bites*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
 2012 *Artists 2012 – The 117th annual exhibition of Finnish artists*, Kunsthalle Helsinki
 2012 *The 7th Wave – Wihuri and Visual Art*, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki – Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma – South-Carelia Art Museum, Lappeenranta
 2012 *Olemisen kevyt sietämättömyys*, Ars Auttoinen, Padasjoki
 2012 *Kollaasi - Collage*, Hyvinkää Art Museum, Hyvinkää
 2012 *Pieces of Eight*, PSL, Leeds, UK
 2012–13 *Löytöjä – Taidetta kampuksilta*, Helsinki University Museum, Helsinki
 2011 *Nature forte*, Korundi – Rovaniemi Art Museum
 2011 *Kantri & urbaani*, Lappeenranta
 2010 *Highlights, Centenary Exhibition of the Association of Finnish Sculptors*, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku
 2010 *Playtime*, Tjörn, Sweden
 2009 *Nordisk akvarel*, Dronninglund Kunstcenter, Denmark
 2008 *Colours*, Nordiska akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn, Sweden
 2008 *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa
 2008 *Splätsh! – The Extensions of Water Colour*, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki
 2005 *Silmänkääntäjät*, Rauma Art Museum
 2004 *Mänttä Art Festival*, Mänttä
 2003 *Virtaa*, Art Factory, Porvoo
 2002 *Artists' Association of Finland, 107th annual exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki
 2002 *Uniikki 2002*, Fiskars
 2001 *Young Artists Exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki
 2001 *Taju*, Hyvinkää
 2001 *Hockey Flowers: Works from the Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Collection*, Helsinki
 2000 *Uni jossa osaan lentää*, Espoo
 1998 *Artists' Association of Finland, 103rd annual exhibition*, Kerava Art Museum
 1997 *Degree show*, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
 1996 *Comment - Young Artists Exhibition*, Espoo
 1996 *10 huonetta exhibition*, Helsinki
 1995 *Uusimaa regional exhibition*, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava
 1993 *Sculptors from the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts*, Espoo
 1992 *Young Artists Exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki
 1991 *Young Artists Exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki
 1990 *Irti Maasta*, Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki

Works in Collections

Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation; Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi
 Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
 HAM - Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki
 The EMMA-collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
 The Finnish State Art Deposit Collection
 Oulu Museum of Art
 Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
 Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden
 University of Helsinki
 City of Raisio
 Finnish Art Society
 Swanljung Collection, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa

Public or Commissioned Artworks

- 2023 *Packed in*, installation of plastic containers, 59 parts, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
2002 *Desk*, oil painting on canvas, University of Helsinki, Department of Sociology, Helsinki
2000 *Flowers, leaves, flies, drops*, oil painting on canvas, four parts, Raisio Library, Raisio

Presentations and teaching

- 2019 Presentation *Valinta*, The Academy of Fine Arts Research Days, Helsinki
2016 Arranging a symposium *Particles*, University of the Arts Helsinki, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki
2011 Presentation *The Temptation of Distraction* at the conference *Changing Identities and Contexts in the Arts: Artistic Research as the New European Paradigm for the Arts*, the Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, England
2010 Courses / Figurative and three-dimensional painting, the Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki
2000–04 Teacher, Art School Maa, Helsinki

Memberships

- Association of Finnish Sculptors
Co-operative Forum Box

Grants and prizes

- 2023–25 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, three-year artist grant
2022 Oskar Öflund Foundation, project grant
2021–22 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2020 Public display grant
2020 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant
2019 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2018 Arts Council of Uusimaa, project grant
2017 Alfred Kordelin Foundation
2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant
2015 Winner of the audience award, Turku Biennial
2013–17 Arts Council of Finland, five-year artist grant
2012 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2012 Arts Council of Finland, project grant
2012–15 Åström studio stipend
2010 Anita Snellman Foundation stipend
2010 Oskar Öflund Foundation, project grant
2009 City of Helsinki, project grant
2009–11 Arts Council of Finland, three-year artist grant
2008 Arts Council of Finland
2007 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2007 Arts Council of Finland, project grant
2006 Arts Council of Finland
2005 Public display grant
2005 Arts Council of Finland, project grant
2004 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Uusimaa Regional Fund
2003 Arts Council of Uusimaa
2002 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2001 Public display grant
2001 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Uusimaa Regional Fund
1999 Kordelin Foundation
1999 Arts Council of Finland, project grant
1998 Finnish Cultural Foundation

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Närhinen, Maija: *Valinta*. I Experience as I Experiment. Experience and experimentality in artistic work and research. (ed. Ziegler, Denise). The University of the Arts Helsinki 2019

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Rabb, Synnöve: *Läcker orimlighet*. Hufvudstadsbladet 11 October 2015

Valjakka, Timo: *Kaksitoista kysymystä Maija Närhiselle*. Taide 5/2015

Skulptur. Contemporary Sculpture from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Edited by Royal British Society of Sculptors. Hatje Cantz 2015

Iitiä, Inkamaija: *Off the Map*. Turku Biennial 2015 The Unexpected Guest. Exhibition catalogue. 2015

Andersson, Pamela: *Thread and Paper*. Exhibition catalogue. 2013

Hacklin Saara: *Opetus, asiakirja, näyte: dokumentin eri muodot nykyaiteessa*. Tosi kyseessä – dokumentti nykyaiteessa. (ed. Aarnio, Eija, Nyberg, Patrik) Nykyaiteen museon julkaisuja. Exhibition catalogue. 2012

Valjakka, Timo: *Mappi pursuaa muistiota*. Helsingin Sanomat 17 December 2011

Niska, Rebeka: *Havainnon uskottavuudesta*. Taidemaalaus 4/2010

Sundell, Dan: *Ett strimlat landskap*. Hufvudstadsbladet 1 May 2010

Valjakka, Timo: *Suunnistajan painajaisia, eksyjän unelmia*. Helsingin Sanomat 6 May 2010

Närhinen Maija: *The Painted Illusion*. The Artist's Knowledge 2. Research at the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts. (ed. Jan Kaila) Yliopistopaino 2008. pp.76–79

Peltonen, Riina: *Tuhlaajapojan paluu*. Exhibition catalogue.(ed. Anne-Maj Salin, Riina Peltonen) 2008 pp.126–127

Pirtola, Erkki: *Akvarellis kiehuu*. Exhibition catalogue. Maahenki Oy. 2008. pp. 7, 24–27

Pitkänen-Walter, Tarja: *Päivänselviä ilmestyksiä*. Taide 1/2007

Kantokorpi, Otso: *Miten kuva esittää?* Kauppalehti 8 August 2007

Tihinen, Juha-Heikki: *Pintoja ja syvyyksiä*. Taide 4/2007

Valjakka, Timo: *Retkiä maalaustaiteen rajoille*. Helsingin Sanomat 14 August 2007

Rautio, Pessi: *Uniikki* 2002. Kuvataidetta Fiskarsissa. Exhibition catalogue. 2002 pp. 22–23

Uimonen, Anu: *Sivellin maalaa siveltimen kuvan*. Helsingin Sanomat 18 August 2004

Rautio, Pessi: *Värin, sideaineen ja pohjan yhdistelmä*. Helsingin Sanomat 12 April 2001

Tilander, Anu: *Lehtien ja kasvojen kudelmia*. Turun Sanomat 27 October 1999

Uimonen, Anu: *Hajamielisyyden ja etsimisen kuvia*. Helsingin Sanomat 6 October 2001

Rautio, Pessi: *Väri karkaa ja puu ryöppyä takuuvarmoissa näyttelyissä*. Helsingin Sanomat 18 December 1999