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Education

University of the Arts Helsinki:

2024 Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA)

1998 MFA

1996 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

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/permanto, 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

2025	Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä
2025	AlakkoNää abstraktia?, Oulun taidemuseo, Oulu
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	Porvoo Triennial, 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</i> - Exhibition Laboratory/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	<i>Waterfall</i> , Svendborg, Denmark
2015–16	<i>The Adventure Can Begin</i> , The Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden
2015	<i>Experimentality</i> , Research Pavillion, Venice, Italy
2015	<i>Turku Biennial 2015</i> , Aboa Vetustas Ars Nova ; Museum of History and Contemporary Art, Turku
2013–14	<i>Thread an Paper</i> , Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa
2012–13	<i>Reality Bites</i> , Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
2012	<i>Artists 2012 – The 117th annual exhibition of Finnish artists</i> , Kunsthalle Helsinki
2012	<i>The 7th Wave – Wihuri and Visual Art</i> , Kunsthalle Helsinki – Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma – South-Carelia Art Museum, Lappeenranta
2012	<i>Olemisen kevyt sietämättömyys</i> , Ars Auttoinen, Padasjoki
2012	<i>Kollaasi - Collage</i> , Hyvinkää Art Museum, Hyvinkää
2012	<i>Pieces of Eight</i> , PSL, Leeds, UK
2012–13	<i>Löytöjä – Taidetta kampuksilta</i> , Helsinki University Museum, Helsinki
2011	<i>Nature forte</i> , Korundi – Rovaniemi Art Museum
2011	<i>Kantri & urbaani</i> , Lappeenranta
2010	<i>Highlights, Centenary Exhibition of the Association of Finnish Sculptors</i> , Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku
2010	<i>Playtime</i> , Tjörn, Sweden
2009	<i>Nordisk akvarel</i> , Dronninglund Kunstcenter, Denmark
2008	<i>Colours</i> , Nordiska akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn, Sweden
2008	<i>The Return of the Prodigal Son</i> , Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa
2008	<i>Splätsh! – The Extensions of Water Colour</i> , Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki
2005	<i>Silmänkääntäjät</i> , Rauma Art Museum
2004	<i>Mänttä Art Festival</i> , Mänttä
2003	<i>Virtaa</i> , Art Factory, Porvoo
2002	<i>Artists' Association of Finland, 107th annual exhibition</i> , Kunsthalle Helsinki
2002	<i>Uniikki 2002</i> , Fiskars
2001	<i>Young Artists Exhibition</i> , Kunsthalle Helsinki
2001	<i>Taju</i> , Hyvinkää
2001	<i>Hockey Flowers</i> , Helsinki
2000	<i>Uni jossa osaan lentää</i> , Espoo
1998	<i>Artists' Association of Finland, 103rd annual exhibition</i> , Kerava Art Museum
1997	<i>Degree show</i> , Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
1996	<i>Comment – Young Artists Exhibition</i> , Espoo
1996	<i>10 huonetta exhibition</i> , Helsinki
1995	<i>Uusimaa regional exhibition</i> , Kerava Art Museum
1993	<i>Sculptors from the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts</i> , Espoo
1992	<i>Young Artists Exhibition</i> , Kunsthalle Helsinki
1991	<i>Young Artists Exhibition</i> , Kunsthalle Helsinki
1990	<i>Irti Maasta</i> , 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 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
Fine Arts Association of Finland
City of Raisio
Finnish Art Society
Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, The Swanljung Collection, Vaasa

Public and Commissioned Artworks

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

Prizes

2024	The Finnish State Prize for the Visual Arts
2015	Audience award, Turku Biennial 2015, Aboa Vetus & Art Nova

Teaching / Presentations

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

Memberships

Association of Finnish Sculptors
Co-operative Forum Box

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Itiä, Inkamajja: "Off the Map". 7. *Turku biennaali 2015: odottamaton vieras* 7. *Turku biennial 2015: the unexpected guest*. Ed. Silja Lehtonen. Turku: Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, 2015.

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Hacklin Saara: "Opetus, asiakirja, näyte: dokumentin eri muodot nykytaiteessa". *Tosi kyseessä – dokumentti nykytaiteessa*. Ed. Eija Aarnio, Patrik Nyberg. Exhibition Publication, 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.

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Peltonen, Riina: "Tuhlaajapojan paluu". Exhibition catalogue. Ed. Anne-Maj Salin, Riina Peltonen. Vaasa: Kuntsin modernin taiteen museo, 2008. 126–127.

Pirtola, Erkki: *Akvarellis kiehuu*. Exhibition catalogue. Helsinki: Maahenki Oy. 2008. 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. Fiskars, 2002. 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.

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

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