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EDUCATION – KOULUTUS

1980–1986

Photographer, University of Art and Design Helsinki,
Department of Photography/ Taideteollinen korkeakoulu,
koulutuskeskus, valokuvataiteen laitos

1976–86

Master of Science, University of Helsinki, Ecological Zoology/
Filosofian maisteri, Helsingin yliopisto, morfologis-
ekologinen osasto

SOLO EXHIBITIONS – YKSITYISNÄYTTELYT

2018

In Strindberg's Rooms - Strindbergin huoneissa, Northern
Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland

In Strindberg's Rooms - Strindbergin huoneissa, Gallery Heino,
Helsinki, Finland

2017

In Strindberg's Rooms - Strindbergin huoneissa, curated by
Laura Kuurne, Serlachius Museum Gösta, Mänttä, Finland
Dream of Milavida - Milavidan uni, Museum Milavida,
Tampere, Finland

2016

Carried by Light, Almlöf Gallery, Malmö, Sweden
Interior/Exterior @ Camera obscura, Médiathèque Toussaint,
Angers, France

2015

Carried by Light, retrospective, Kuopio Art museum, Kuopio,
Finland

Carried by Light, retrospective, Rovaniemi Art Museum,
Rovaniemi, Finland

2014

Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland
Carried by Light, retrospective, Tr1 Art Hall, Tampere, Finland

2013

Milavida, Gallery Katve/Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland
Interior/Exterior-Sisätila/ulkotila, Nordic Light, Kristiansund,
Norway

2012

Herbarium, Gallery Ibis, Vaasa, Finland
Milavida @ Inner Landscapes, Gallery Ratamo, Jyväskylä,
Finland

2011

Speaking House @ Interior-Exterior, Gallery la Chambre Claire,
Rennes, France
Herbarium, Tamperemaja, Tartto, Estonia

2010

I am - Minä olen, Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland
Herbarium, Gallery Himmelblau, Tampere, Finland
Like a Breath in Light - Kuin valon hengittämistä, Gallery
Luova.fi, Helsinki, Finland
Herbarium, Cafe Arboretum, Tampere, Finland

2009

Bugum, Gallery Emil, Tampere, Finland

2007

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Musee des Beaux-Arts de
Caen, France

Speaking Light, National Centre of Photography,
St.Petersburg, Russia

Speaking Light - Puhuva valo, Gallery K, Huittinen, Finland

2006

Speaking Light - Puhuva valo, Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland

2005

Interior/ Exterior, The Finnish Institute in St.Petersburg,
Russia

2004

Interior/ Exterior, Gallery Orton, Helsinki, Finland

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Finland's Institute in
Stockolm, Sweden

2003

Interior/ Exterior, Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Gallery Ibis, Vaasa, Finland

2002

Interior/ Exterior, Museum Centre Vapriikki, Tampere, Finland

Interior/ Exterior, Adamson-Eric Museum, Tallin, Estonia

2001

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Gallery Harmonia,
Jyväskylä, Finland

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Hämeenlinna Art Museum,
Hämeenlinna

Interior/ Exterior, Studio Marangoni, Florence, Italy

2000

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Gallery Bakeliittibambi,
Helsinki, Finland

1999

Gallery G/ Studio G, Helsinki, Finland

Interior/ Exterior, Gallery d'Arte l'Eremita, Calcata, Roma, Italy

Interior/ Exterior, Gallery Ibis/Vaasa Art Hall, Vaasa, Finland

1997

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Mikkeli Photographic
Centre, Mikkeli, Finland

Church of Kuokkala Jyväskylä, Finland

1995

Oulu Art Museum/ Studio, Oulu, Finland

1994

Gallery Häme, Lahti, Finland

1993

Gallery Zebra, Karjaa, Finland Gallery Picture, Turku, Finland

1992

Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland

Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland

1987

Talor Mentre - Kun joskus, Old University House, Helsinki, Finland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS, selected –

YHTEISNÄYTTELYT, valikoidut

2018

People in Focus - ihmisen kuva, works from the collection of the Heino Art Foundation, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland

Six Artists on Tammerkoski, Gallery Noorus, Estonia, Tartu

2017

Zwischen Licht und Dunkelheit - Valon ja pimeyden välissä, curated by Ritva Röminger-Czako, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Kiel, Germany

XXII Mänttä Art Festival - Mäntän kuvataideviikot, curated by Pirjetta Brander, Mänttä, Finland

Wings of Fantasy, International Photography Festival, Dali City, China, curated by Ruth Eichhorn and Huang Wen

2016

Inner Landscapes - Sisäiset maisemat, Hagiso Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

A Field Guide to Nowhere, curated by Amy Friend, Visual Arts Gallery, Ontario, Canada

Wings of Fantasy - New European Photography, curated by Huang Wen, China and Ruth Eichhorn, Germany, Festival Beijing Photo, Beijing, China

Utsökt, curated by Håkan Ludwigsen, Abecita Konstmuseum, Borås, Sweden

Collecting Light, Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury, UK

Pinhole images, Arezzo & Fotografia Festival, Arezzo, Italy

Milavida @ Nottbeck, FAA, Finlayson Art Area 2016, Tampere

2015

Within/Without, C. Grimaldis Gallery, Baltimore, USA

En Écho, Les Photaumnales 2015, La Galerie Nationale de la Tapisserie, Beauvais, France

Vintage Photo Festival, Bydgoszcz, Poland

Photo London/ Lens Culture, London, UK

Darkroom, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

Six Artists on Tammerkoski- Kuuden taiteilijan Tammerkoski, Museum Centre Vapriikki, Tampere, Finland

Real/Unreal - Tosi/epätosi, Villa Roosa, Orimattila, Finland

175th Anniversary of Photography, Zebrstraat, Ghent, Belgium

2014

Nature and More, Kunsthalle, Rostock, Germany

Rediscovered Photography, curated by Stefaan De Wolf, Zebrstraat, Genth, Belgium

Light touch, curated by Liz Welles, Maryland Art Place, U.S.A

Bodies, Borders, Crossings, Galeria Juan Pardo Heeren/ICPNA, Lima, Peru

Landscapes in a décolleté, Kunst- und Kulturstiftung Opelvillen, Rüsselsheim, Germany

Quest country 2014, curated by Peter Konschake, Galerie STP, Zingst, Germany

Collection de photographie Finlandaise du Pôle Image, Caen, France

Rencontres, L'Abat-Jour, Galerie Photo, Lyon, France

A Sense of Place, Contemporary Finnish Photography, Gallery II, Washington, USA

Poetics of Light, curated by Nancy Spencer and Eric Renner, The New Mexico History Museum, Santa Fe, USA

2013

Bodies, Borders, Crossings - Rajanylityksiä, Preus Museum, Horten, Norway

Bodies, Borders, Crossings - Rajanylityksiä, Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland

Photography into Art, Hannula & Hinkka Collection, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

2012

CRIO II Creativity World Biennale, Pier Mauá, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Present remains - Raunioilla, TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland

Mazzano! - 20 years for Art, The Architecture Museum of Tallinn, Estonia

Inner Landscapes - Sisäiset maisemat, Kunsthalle TR1, Tampere, Finland

Paths to Milavida - Polkuja Milavidaan, Näsilinna, Tampere, Finland

Sharp Light - Terävä valo, Museum Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland

Jyväskylä Art museum, Jyväskylä, Finland

2011

Bodies, Borders, Crossings, Governors Island, New York, U.S.A.

Inner Landscapes - Sisäiset maisemat, Portsakoti, Turku, Finland

Layers of Time, Space and Light, Retretti, Punkaharju, Finland

Inner Landscapes - Sisäiset maisemat, Castle of Turku, Finland

Mazzano! - 20 years for Art, Amos Andersson Art museum, Helsinki, Finland

Mazzano! - 20 years for Art, Tampere Art Museum, Tampere, Finland

Nature morte - Luonnonvoimia: Rovaniemi Art museum, Rovaniemi, Finland

Water - Vesi, Wäinö Aaltonen Art museum, Turku, Finland

5th Triennial of Photography, Hamburg, Germany

Pirilä @ Nuutinen, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland

2010

115th Exhibition of the Artists' Association in Finland, Art Centre Mäntinranta, Tampere, Finland

Interior/ Exterior - Sisätila/ulkotila, Gallery Menoparkas, Kaunas, Lithuania

Slow movement, Voipaala Art centre, Valkeakoski, Finland

2009

(De)konstruktionen, Fotogallerie Wien, Austria

Aletheia - Positions in contemporary photographs, Meilahti Art Museum, Helsinki

France-Finlande 3 - 3, Galerie photo du Pôle Image HN, Rouen, France

Speaking House - Puhuva talo, Retretti, Punkaharju, Finland

Grand Prix, The VII International Festival of Photography in Lodz, Poland

Pirkanmaa 4th triennial, Tampere Art museum, Tampere, Finland

Senza Lenti, Archivio contemporaneo Stampa d'arte Fotografica, Florence, Italy

Senza Lenti, Galleria Paolo Aldi, Roverto, Italy

Shiny - Häikäisevää, Kuntsi Modern Art Museum, Vaasa

Shiny - Häikäisevää, Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, Finland

Shiny - Häikäisevää, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Hämeenlinna, Finland

2008

Collectif - Collective, Arc en Réve, Centre d'Architecture, Bordeaux, France

Conflict - Riita, The Finnish Labour Museum, Tampere, Finland

Interior/Exterior, Old city hall, Naantali, Finland

Saastamoinen Foundation collection, EMMA, Museum of modern art, Espoo, Finland

2007

Mapping the Unknown, Overbeck Gesellschaft, Lübeck, Germany

Streams - Virtauksia, Tampere Art Museum, Tampere, Finland

French Dictionary - Ranskalainen päiväkirja, Rantagallery, Oulu, Finland

French Dictionary - Ranskalainen päiväkirja, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, Finland

Art Fair Brussels, Gallery Heino, Belgium

The Magic of 3D Photography, Mikkeli Photographic Centre, Mikkeli, Finland

Pointers, Gallery Häme, Lahti, Finland

2006

Winterland - Talvimaa, Salo Art Museum, Salo, Finland

Presence - Läsnäoloja, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku, Finland

Third Triennial of Pirkanmaa, Central Museum of Labour, Tampere, Finland

Pointers, Studio Marangoni, Firenze, Italy

Pointers, Gallery Fluss, Wolkersdorf, Austria

Pointers, Galerie Nei Liicht, Luxembourg

OM, Gallery Caesar, Olomouc, Czech Republic

2005

Dialogues, Manezh Central Exhibition Hall, St.Petersburg, Russia

To Look or to See - Katsoa vai nähdä, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

5th International Festival of Photography in Lodz, Poland

PF-gallery, Poznan, Poland

Home - Koti, VB-photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland

Rauma Art Museum, Rauma, Finland

Facing East, Dick Institute, Kilmarnock, Scotland

2004

Women's Eyes - Naisen silmät, PhotoFesta, Maputo, Mosambik

Fantastic realism, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia

House of Photography, Prague, Czech Republic

Fragile, Gallery Rantakasarmi, Sweaborg, Finland

2003

Photography & Video Art from Finland, Center of Photography, St.Petersburg, Russia

Imatra Biennale of Photography, Imatra Art Museum, Imatra, Finland

Photography from Finland, DOM Photographic Center, Poprad, Slovakia

Image and Word - Kuva ja sana, Voipaala Art Centre, Sääksmäki, Finland

II Triennial of Pirkanmaa - Pirkanmaan II Triennaali, Tampere Art Museum, Finland

Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland

Summer - Kesä, Kerava Art Museum, Savio, Finland

Children in Finnish Art - Lapsi Suomen kuvataiteessa, Tikanoja Art Museum, Vaasa, Finland

Children in Finnish Art, Salo Art Museum, Finland

2002

VII Mänttä Art Festival, curated by Kaisu Koivisto, Mänttä, Finland - VII Mäntän kuvataideviikot, Mänttä

Korrelations, Fotogallerie Wien & Fotoforum West, Innsbruck, Austria

International Pinhole Photographers, Siena, Italy

Interior/Exterior, Turku Art Museum, Turku, Finland

2001

Time in Mazzano - Mazzanon aika, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland

Pinhole Images - Neulanreikävalokuvia, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, Finland

2000

Bearers of Light-Valonkantajat, Museum Centre Vapriikki, Tampere, Finland

1999

Light - Valoa, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

Floating Thoughts - Ajatuksen lento, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä

Places of Life - Luoghi della Vita, Prato, Italy

Finnish photography, Palais du Luxembourg, Paris, France
Northern Exposures, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain
Down to Earth - Mainen kuvajainen, Rantagalleria, Oulu, Finland
Cut 102 - Leikkaus 102, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
Suomi 80 years, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, Finland
Nordic Art for Millions, Kalmar Art Museum, Kalmar, Sweden
Drum and Camera - Rumpu ja Kamera, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland

1996

Modena per la Fotografia, Modena, Italy
The New Documentary Photography, Siberia Hall, Tampere, Finland
Photography from Nordic Countries, Bosnia-Herzegovina Art Museum, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

1995

Floating Forks, Galleria Fotokram, Jyväskylä, Finland

1994

Nord Foto Art, Varzaw, Poland
Northern Realities, Macedonian Museum of Modern Art of Thessaloniki, Greece
Saaremaa Fotofestival, Kuressaari, Estonia

1993

Planket 1993, Stockholm, Sweden
Nature and Us, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, Finland

1992

Time of Photography, Kuopio City Museum, Kuopio, Finland
Lightbearers - Valonkantajat, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tampere, Finland
Fotofinlandia 1992, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
Elementa Naturae, Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland

1991

Fotofinlandia 1991, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
Planket 1991, Stockholm, Sweden
Eurotica, Melkweg Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
56 Degrees Northern Latitude, Århus, Denmark
International Pinhole Exhibition, VB-Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland
Body of Nature, curated by Jan-Erik Lundström Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
Body of Nature, Norbottens Museum, Luleå, Sweden

PUBLIC WORKS – JULKISIA TEOKSIA

2007

Album/camera obscura, Portsa, home for aged people, Turku - **Albumi/camera obscura**, Portsakoti, Turku/ Turun taidemuseon omistuksessa)

2005

Comb/camera obscura, Central upper secondary school Sampo, Tampere -
Kenno/camera obscura, Sammon keskuslukio, Tampere/ tilaaja Tampereen kaupunki

PUBLICATIONS – JULKAISUT

Carried by Light, 2014

photobook, retrospective, essay by Jyrki Siukonen, texts by Marja Pirilä

publisher Musta Taide/ Aalto Arts Books

Inner Landscapes - Sisäiset maisemat 2012

photobook together with Tomoko Kurahara and Satoko Sai

texts by Veikko Halmetoja and Riitta Oittinen

publisher EU-Japan Fest, Japan committee

I am - Minä olen, 2010

artist book/ taiteilijakirja

Speaking Light - Puhuva valo 2006

text by Harri Laakso, publisher Gallery Heino

CAMERA OBSCURA interior/exterior -

CAMERA OBSCURA sisätila/ulkotila 2002

photobook, text by Janne Seppänen, publisher Musta Taide

The Eyes of the Fingertips Are Opening -

Aukeavat sormenpäiden silmät 1993

photobook, poems by Leena Krohn, publisher Musta Taide

ART WORKS IN COLLECTIONS – TEOKSIA KOKOELMISSA

Gösta Serlachius Fine Arts Foundation's collection, Mänttä,

Finland - Serlachiuksen taidesäatiön kokoelma

Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, Espoo, Finland -

Saastamoisen säätiö, Espoo

Renlund Foundation, Kokkola, Finland - Renlundin säätiö,

Kokkola

Wihuri Collection, Rovaniemi, Finland - Wihurin säätien

kokoelma, Rovaniemi

Tradeka Collection, Helsinki - Tradeka-yhtymän

taidekokoelma, Helsinki

Finnish State art Collection - Valtion taidekokoelmat

Art Collection of Parliament, Helsinki, Finland - Eduskunnan

taidekokoelma, Helsinki

Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, Finland - Wäinö

Aaltosen museo, Turku

Tampere Art Museum - Tampereen taidemuseo

Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio - Kuopion taidemuseo

Salo Art Museum, Salo, Finland - Salon taidemuseo

Art Museum of Aine, Tornio, Finland - Aineen taidemuseo,

Tornio

Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Hämeenlinna, Finland -

Hämeenlinnan taidemuseo

Imatra Art Museum, Imatra, Finland - Imatran taidemuseo

The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland -

Suomen valokuvataiteen museo

City of Tampere, Finland - Tampereen kaupunki

City of Jyväskylä, Finland - Jyväskylän kaupunki

Art Museum of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo

Swanjung Collection, Helsinki, Finland - Swanjungin

kokoelma

Hinkka & Hannula Collection, Finland

Heino Collection, Helsinki, Finland - Heinin kokoelma
Private collections in Finland, Germany, Sweden, Neatherlands,
Italy, U.S.A, Denmark and France

LECTURING & WORKSHOPS – LUENTOJA & TYÖPAJOJA

1988–1990

Guiding artist photographer in the province of Oulu Finland -
Valokuvauksen ohjaava läänintaiteilija Oulun läänissä

1988 –

Lecturings and workshops in universities, art schools
and photo festivals in Finland and abroad - vuodesta
1988 luentoja ja työpajoja yliopistoissa, taidekouluissa ja
valokuvafestivaaleilla Suomessa ja ulkomailla :

Aalto University, University of art and design, department of
photography, Helsinki

University of Tampere, Finland - Tampereen yliopisto, Tampere,
Finland

Art Academy of Åbo, Finland - Turun taideakatemia, Turku,
Finland

Fluss, Centre of Photography, Vienna, Austria

Nordens Fotoskolan, Stockholm, Sweden

Fotohögskolan Göteborg, Sweden

Studio Marangoni, Florence, Italy

Art Academy of Tallinn, Estonia - Tallinnan taideakatemia, Viro

Sara Hilden Academy, Tampere, Finland - Sara Hilden
akatemia, Tampere

Liminka Art School, Liminka, Finland - Limingan taidekoulu,
Liminka

AWARDS – PALKINNOT

2000

State Photography Award - Valokuvataiteen valtionpalkinto

2010

Art Award of The Arts Council of Pirkanmaa -
Pirkanmaan taidetoimikunnan taidepalkinto

GRANTS - APURAHAT

2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 3 years artist grant
Majaoja -foundation, project grant
Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, FRAME

2015 Finnish Cultural Foundation, project grant
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant
Arts Council of Pirkanmaa, project grant
Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, FRAME

2014 National Council for Photographic Art

2013 Finnish Cultural Foundation, one year artist grant
Jenny and Antti Wihuri foundation, working grant
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

2012 Finnish Cultural Foundation/ Pirkanmaa

2011 Tampere City Working Scholarship

Turku 2011 foundation, European capital of culture

2010 Turku 2011 foundation, European capital of culture

2009 National Council for Photographic Art, project grant
Arts Council of Finland, project grant

2008 National Council for Photographic Art, 5 years grant

2007 Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, FRAME
Finnish Cultural Foundation, one year artist grant
Pole Image Haute de Normandie, working stipend,
Rouen, France

2006 Fine Arts Association of Finland

Arts Council of Finland, project grant

NIFCA, stipend for 2 months residential work in Åland

Arts Council of Pirkanmaa, half-year working grant

Alfred Kordelin Foundation, working grant

2005 Arts Council of Finland, project grant

National Council for Photographic Art, project grant

2004 Arts Council of Finland

2003 Finnish Cultural Foundation, one year artist grant

National Council for Photographic Art, project grant

2002 Tampere City Working Scholarship

Finnish Fund for Art Exchange (FRAME)

Arts Council of Finland; project grant

National Council for Photographic Art, project gran

2001 Arts Council of Finland, project grant

2000 Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, FRAME

1998 National Council for Photographic Art, 3 years grant

NIFCA, stipend for residential work in Bergen, Norway

Tanner Foundation, Mazzano Romano, Italy

1997 The Arts council for Province of Häme, working grant

1996 Arts council of Finland, project grant

1995 Tampere City Working Scholarship

1994 Arts council for Province of Häme, working grant

1993 Leo and Regina Wainstein Foundation, project grant

Arts council of Finland, project grant

1992 National Council for Photographic Art, working grant

1991 Arts council for Province of Oulu, project grant

Arts council of Finland, project grant

Finnfoto Scholarship

1987 Finnish Cultural Foundation, project grant

MEMBERSHIPS - JÄSENYT

Union of Artist Photographers in Finland -

Valokuvataiteilijoiden liitto ry

Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland -

Valokuvakeskus Nyky aika

Tampere Artists' Association, Finland -

Tampereen taiteilijaseura