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EDUCATION

1980–1986 University of Art and Design
(Aalto University), Helsinki, Finland; photographer

1976–86 University of Helsinki, Department of Ecological Zoology, Finland; Master of Science

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015
Carried by Light (retrospective)
- Kuopio Art museum, Kuopio, Finland
- Rovaniemi Art museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
Carried by Light, Almlöf Gallery, Malmö, Sweden
Interior/Exterior, Rainbow Art Gallery/ Indian Photography Festival, Hyderabad, India

2014
Interior/Exterior & Milavida, Gallery Heino, Helsinki
Carried by Light, TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland

2013
Milavida, Gallery Katve, Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland
Interior/Exterior, Nordic Ligh Festival, 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, Tampere Maja, Tartto, Estonia

2010
I am, Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland
Herbarium, Gallery Himmelblau, Tampere, Finland

2007
Interior/Exterior, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Caen, France
Speaking Light, National Centre of Photography, St.Petersburg, Russia

2006
Speaking Light, Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland

2005
Interior/Exterior, Finnish Institute in St.Petersburg, Russia

2004
Interior/Exterior:
- Gallery Orton, Helsinki, Finland
- Finnish Institute in Stockolm, Sweden

2003
Interior/Exterior :
- Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland
- Gallery Ibis, Vaasa, Finland

2002
Interior/Exterior:
- Museum Centre Vapriikki, Tampere, Finland
- Adamson-Eric Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
- Turku Art Museum, Studio, Finland

2001
Interior/Exterior:
- Gallery Harmonia, Jyväskylä, Finland
- Hämeenlinna Art Museum
- Studio Marangoni, Florence, Italy

2000
Interior/Exterior, Gallery Bakeliittibambi, Helsinki, Finland

1999
Interior/Exterior:
- Gallery G/Studio, Helsinki, Finland
- Galleria L'Eremita, Calcata, Italy
- Gallery Ibis / Vaasa Art Hall, Finland

1997
Interior/Exterior, Mikkeli Photographic Centre, Finland
Pinhole images and Snow castle / camera obscura
Kemi, Finland

1994
Pinhole images:
- Gallery Häme, Lahti, Finland
- Touring Exhibition of The Finnish Museum of Photography

1993
Pinhole images:
- Gallery Zebra, Karjaa, Finland
- Gallery Picture, Turku, Finland

1992
Pinhole images:
- Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland
- Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland
Talor Mentre, Touring Exhibition of The Finnish Museum of Photography, Finland

1987

Talor Mentre, Old Student House, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015

Les Photaumnales 2015 - En Écho, Beauvais, France

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

Vintage Photo Festival, Bydgoszcz, Poland

Photo London/ Lens Culture, London, UK

Darkroom, The Finnish Museum of Photography Helsinki, Finland

Six Artists on Tammerkoski, Museum Centre Vapriikki, Tampere, Finland

Real/Unreal, Villa Roosa, Orimattila, Finland

2014

Light touch, Maryland Art Place, USA

- curator Liz Wells

Rediscovered Photography, Zebrstraat, Genth, Belgium

- curator Stefaan De Wolf

Bodies, Borders, Crossings:

- Galería Juan Pardo Heeren ICPNA, Lima, Peru

- MEC, Montevideo, Uruguay

- curators Leena-Majja Rossi and Kari Soinio

Nature and More, Kunsthalle Rostock, Germany

- curators Ulrich Ptak and Ritva Röminger-Czako

Quest country 2014, Galerie STP, Photo Festival Zingst, Germany

- curator Peter Korschake

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

Pôle Nord - 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, WSU Fine Arts Department, Pullman,

Washington, USA

Poetics of Light, The New Mexico History Museum, Santa Fe, USA

- curators Nancy Spencer and Eric Renner

2013

Bodies, Borders, Crossing:

- Preus Museum, Horten, Norway

- Pori Art Museum, Finland

Photography into Art, Hannula & Hinkka Collection,

The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki,

Finland

2012

Redesign and Urban Transformation, CRIO II Creativity

World Biennale, Pier Mauá, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- curator Liana Brazil

Mazzano! – 20 years for Art, Museum of Estonian Architecture, Tallin, Estonia

Inner Landscapes, TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland

Paths to Milavida, Näsilinna, Tampere, Finland

2011

Bodies, Borders, Crossings, Governors Island, New York, USA

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

- curator Tapani Pennanen,

Inner Landscapes, Turku Castle, Finland

Mazzano! – 20 years for Art,

- Amos Andersson Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland

- Tampere Art Museum, Finland

- curator Timo Valjakka

Nature morte, Korundi, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland

Water, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland

5th Triennial of Photography, Hamburg, Germany

Pirilä & Nuutinen, Northern Photographic Centre / Rantagallery, Oulu, Finland

2010

115th Exhibition of the Artists' Association of Finland,

Mäntinranta Artcenter, Tampere, Finland

Interior/Exterior, Gallery Menoparkas, Kaunas,

Lithuania

2009

(De)konstruktionen, Fotogalerie Wien, Austria

Aletheia – Positions in contemporary photographs,

Art Museum Meilahti, Helsinki, Finland

- curator Jan-Erik Lundström,

France–Finlande 3–3, Galerie Photo du Pôle Image, Rouen, France

Pirkanmaa 4th Triennial, curator Paula Toppila, Tampere Art Museum, Finland

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

Shiny – Häikäisevää:

- Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland

- Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, Finland

- Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland

2008

Collectif, Arc en Rêve, Centred'Architecture,

Bordeaux, France

Conflict/Riita, curator Teemu Mäki,

The Finnish Labour Museum Werstas, Tampere, Finland

Jubilee exhibition of Tampere Artists' Association,

Mäntinranta Artcenter, Tampere, Finland

Art from the Collection of Saastamoinen Foundation,

EMMA, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Finland

2007

Mapping the Unknown, Overbeck Gesellschaft,

Lübeck, Germany

- curator Ritva Röminger-Czako

Streams, Tampere Art Museum, Finland

French Dictionary:

- Rantagallery, Oulu, Finland

- Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, Finland

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

2006

Winterland, Salo Art Museum, Finland

Presence – Läsnäoloja, Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, Finland

III Triennial of Pirkanmaa, The Finnish Labour Museum Werstas, Tampere, Finland

- curator Janne Gallen-Kallela-Sirén

OM, Gallery Caesar, Olomouc, Czech Republic

Moving in Margins, Vantaa Art Museum, Finland

Pointers:

- Studio Marangoni, Florence, Italy

- Gallery Fluss, Wolkersdorf, Austria

- Galerie Nei Licht, Luxembourg

- curator Harri Laakso

2005

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

To Look or to See, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

5th International Festival of Photography, Lodz, Poland

Home, VB Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland

Silmän kääntäjät, Rauma Art Museum, Finland

Facing East – Contemporary Landscape Photography from Baltic Areas, Dick Institute, Kilmarnock, Scotland

- curator Liz Wells,

2004

Women's Eyes, PhotoFesta, Maputo, Mosambik

Fantastic realism, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia

Facing East:

- Bournemouth Photography Festival, UK

- Impressions Gallery, York, UK

Contemporary Finnish Photography,

House of Photography, Prague, Czech Republic

Fragile, Gallery Rantakasarmi, Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland

2003

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

- curator Anna Kharkina

Imatra Biennale of Photography, Imatra Art Museum, Finland

Photography from Finland, DOM Photographic Center, Poprad, Slovakia

II Triennial of Pirkanmaa, Tampere Art Museum, Finland

- curator Markus Copper

Summer - Old and New Art, Kerava Art Museum,

Finland

Child in Finnish Art :

- Tikanoja Art Museum, Vaasa

- Salo Art Museum, Finland

2002

VII Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland

- curator Kaisu Koivisto

International Pinhole Photographers, Siena, Italy

Korrelations:

- Fotogallerie Wien, Austria

- Fotoforum West, Innsbruck, Austria

2001

Time in Mazzano, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland

Pinhole Images, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, Finland

1999

Light, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki

Floating Thoughts, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä, Finland

Places of Life – Luoghi della Vita, Prato, Italy

Finnish Photographic Art, Palais du Luxembourg, Paris, France

Northern Exposures, Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain

Cut 102 102, Exhibition of Artists' Association of Finland, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland

Finland 80 years, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku,

Nordic Art for Millions, Kalmar Museum of Art, Sweden

Drum and Camera, The Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland

1996

Modena per la Fotografia, Modena, Italy

The New Documentary Photography,

Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland

Photography from Nordic Countries,

Bosnia-Herzegovina Art Museum, Sarajevo,

- curator Jan-Erik Lundström

1994

Northern Realities, Macedonian Museum of

Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece

Nord Foto Art, Varzaw, Poland

Saaremaa Fotofestival, Kuressaari, Estonia

1993

Nature and Us, Oulu Art Museum, Finland

Planket, Stockholm, Sweden

1992

Time of Photography, Kuopio City Museum, Kuopio, Finland

Lightbearers, Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Finland

Fotofinlandia 1992, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
Elementa Naturae, Gallery Laterna Magica,
Helsinki, Finland

1991

56 Degrees Northern Latitude, Århus, Denmark
Planket, Stockholm, Sweden
Eurotica, Melkweg Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Body of Nature

- Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
- Norbottens Museum, Luleå, Sweden
- curator Jan-Erik Lundström

International Pinhole Exhibition, VB Photographic
Centre, Kuopio, Finland

Fotofinlandia, The Finnish Museum of Photography,
Helsinki, Finland

CAMERA OBSCURA WORKS

in collaboration with Petri Nuutinen

The Birth of Photograph / Encyclopedia Camera obscura

2015 Rovaniemi Art museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
Kuopio Art museum, Kuopio, Finland
2014 TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland
Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland
2013 Gallery Katve, Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland
2012 TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland

Harbour / Camera obscura

2012 CRIO II Creativity World Biennale,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Camera obscura for Drawing

2015 Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
2011 Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland

Tubes / Camera obscura

2009 Art Museum Meilahti, Helsinki, Finland
2008 Helsinki Art Museum, Tennis Palace, Finland

Album / Camera obscura

2007 Pportsakoti, Turku, Finland

Tin Can Camera Obscuras

2015 Les Photaumnales Festival, Beauvais, France

Spiral / Camera obscura

2015 Les Photaumnales Festival, Beauvais, France
2007 Musée des Beaux-Arts de Caen, France
2006 The Finnish Labour Museum Werstas,
Tampere, Finland
2006 Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, Finland

Birches / Camera obscura

2006 Vantaa Art Museum, Finland

Eyes and Mouth / Camera obscura

2015 Rovaniemi Art museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
Kuopio Art museum, Kuopio, Finland
2014 TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland
2013 Nordic Light Festival, Kristiansund, Norway
2012 Gallery Ratamo, Jyväskylä, Finland
2011 Museum of Lohja, Finland
2010 Gallery Menoparkas, Kaunas, Lithuania
2008 Mäntinranta Artcenter, Tampere, Finland
2007 Mikkeli Photographic Centre, Finland
2006 Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland

Mother's Buckets / Camera obscura

2015 Rovaniemi Art museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
Kuopio Art museum, Kuopio, Finland
2014 TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere, Finland
2014 Zebrastraat, Genth, Belgium
2013 Nordic Light Festival, Kristiansund, Norway
2009 Retretti, Punkaharju, Finland
2008 Mäntinranta Artcenter, Tampere, Finland
2007 National Centre of Photography,
St.Petersburg, Russia
2005 Rauma Art Museum, Finland

Comb / Camera obscura

2005 Central upper secondary school Sampo,
Tampere, Finland

Self portrait / Camera obscura

2005 The Finnish Museum of Photography,
Helsinki, Finland
2004 Gallery Rantakasarmi, Suomenlinna,
Helsinki, Finland
2003 Tampere Art Museum, Finland
2003 Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland

Snow / Camera obscura Works

1997 Snow castle, Kemi, Finland
1996 Arctic Festival in Luleå, Sweden

Screen / Camera obscura Works

2012 Näsilinna, Tampere, Finland
2007 Overbeck Gesellschaft, Lübeck, Germany
Gallery K, Huittinen, Finland
Rudolf Steiner school, Tampere, Finland
2005 Sara Hildén Academy, Tampere, Finland
Manezh, Central Exhibition Hall,
St.Petersburg, Russia
2004 The National Museum of Finland, Helsinki
2003 Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere,
Finland
2002 VII Mänttä Art Festival, Finland
Museum Centre Vapriikki, Tampere Finland
2000 The Finnish Museum of Photography,
Helsinki, Finland
1999 The Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland
1997 Rantagallery, Oulu, Finland

TEACHING

Visiting lecturer and workshops :

- University of Art and Design Helsinki, department of photography
- University of Tampere, Finland
- Art Academy of Åbo, Finland
- Art School MAA, Helsinki
- The Liminka school of Arts, Liminka, Finland
- Fluss, Centre of Photography, Vienna, Austria
- Nordens Fotoskola, Stockholm, Sweden
- Fotohögskolan Göteborg, Sweden
- Art Academy of Tallinn, Estonia
- Studio Marangoni, Florence, Italy
- Vintage Photo Festival Bydgoszcz, Poland

1988–1990 Regional Artist of photography, Province of Oulu, Finland

WORKING IN RESIDENCIES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS

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| 2015 | Grež-sur-Loing, France/
Finnish Cultural Foundation |
| 2013 | Rovaniemi, Finland /
Wihuri Foundation and
University of Lapland |
| 2007 | Rouen, France /
Pôle Image Haute de Normandie |
| 2006 | Eckerö, Åland Islands / NIFCA |
| 2000 | Burkina Faso, Africa /
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland |
| 1999 | Mazzano Romano, Italy /
Väinö Tanner Foundation |
| 1998 | Bergen, Norway / NIFCA |
| 1993 | Florence, Italy /
Artists' Association of Finland |
| 1988–89 | United States |
| 1984–87 | several journeys to Italy |

PHOTO BOOKS

Carried by Light, 2014

essay by Jyrki Siukonen, texts by Marja Pirilä
english/finnish, 269 pages, hard cover, 21.5 x 25.5 cm
publisher Musta Taide/ Aalto Arts Books

Inner Landscapes, 2012

with Tomoko Kurahara and Satoko Sai
english/finnish, 96 pages, paperback, 22 x 17 cm
texts by Veikko Halmetoja and Riitta Oittinen

I am, 2010

artist book/ taiteilijakirja

Speaking Light, 2006

text by Harri Laakso
english/finnish, 48 pages, paperback, 23.5 x 19 cm

publisher Gallery Heino (sold out)

CAMERA OBSCURA interior/exterior, 2002

text by Janne Seppänen
english/finnish, 156 pages, hard cover, 19 x 14 cm
publisher Musta Taide

The Eyes of the Fingertips Are Opening, 1993

poems by Leena Krohn
english/finnish, 77 pages, paperback, 16.5 x 20 cm
publisher Musta Taide

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

The Finnish Museum of Photography
EMMA, Espoo Museum of Modern Art
Helsinki Art Museum
Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum
Tampere Art Museum
Salo Art Museum
Kuopio Art Museum
Art Museum of Aine, Tornio
Hämeenlinna Art Museum
Imatra Art Museum
Art Museum of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo
The Finnish State Art Collection
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Parishes
The Saastamoinen Foundation's Art Collection
The Renlund Foundation, Kokkola
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Art Collection
Tradeka Collection
City of Tampere
City of Turku
City of Jyväskylä
Hinkka & Hannula Collection
Swanlung Collection

Heino Collection, Finland
Private collections in Finland, Sweden,
the Neatherlands, Denmark, Germany, Italy,
France and United States

PUBLIC WORKS

2014 *Herbarium/ Polypodiales*

Square of Finnish Bank, Tampere, Finland

2007 *Album/Camera obscura*

Portsa - Portsakoti, Turku, Finland

2005 *Comb/Camera obscura*

Upper secondary school Sampo, Tampere, Finland

AWARDS

- 2010 Art Award of The Arts Council of Pirkanmaa
- 2008 Werstas Award, The Finnish Labour Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 2000 State Art Prize of Photography
- 2002 Backlight award, honorary mention
- 1992 Fotofinlandia finalist
- 1991 Fotofinlandia finalist

SELECTED GRANTS

- 2015 Finnish Cultural Foundation
Arts Promotion Centre Finland
Arts Council of Pirkanmaa
- 2014 National Council for Photographic Art
Frame Visual Art Finland
- 2013 Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation
Finnish Cultural Foundation, one-year grant
National Council for Photographic Art
- 2008 National Council for Photographic Art,
5-year grant
- 2007 Finnish Cultural Foundation, one-year grant
- 2006 Fine Arts Association of Finland
Arts Council of Finland
Arts Council of Pirkanmaa
Alfred Kordelin Foundation
- 2005 Arts Council of Finland
National Council for Photographic Art
- 2004 Arts Council of Finland
- 2003 Finnish Cultural Foundation, one-year grant
National Council for Photographic Art
- 2002 Frame Visual Art Finland
Arts Council of Finland
National Council for Photographic Art
- 2001 Arts Council of Finland
- 2000 Frame Visual Art Finland
- 1998 National Council for Photographic Art,
3-year grant
Väinö Tanner Foundation
- 1997 The Arts council for Province of Häme
- 1996 Arts council of Finland
- 1994 The Arts council for Province of Häme
- 1993 Leo and Regina Wainstein Foundation
- 1992 National Council for Photographic Art
- 1991 Arts council for Province of Oulu
- 1987 The Finnish Cultural Foundation

MEMBERSHIPS

- Union of Artist Photographers in Finland
- Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland
- Tampere Artists' Association, Finland