

**General information**

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**Education**

- 1990 Matriculation examination, Haapajärven lukio
- 1996 Artesaani, Sámi Education Institute, SAKK, Inari
- 2005 Leuku -workshop, Outakoski, Utsjoki
- 2007 Journeyman bladesmith (by Finnish National Board of Education), Länsi-Suomen käsi- ja taideteollisuusoppilaitos, Mynämäki
- 2008 Bachelor of Design, Savonia University of Applied Sciences / Kuopion Muotoiluakatemia, Kuopio
- 2009 Master Bladesmith (by Finnish National Board of Education), Länsi-Suomen käsi- ja taideteollisuusoppilaitos, Mynämäki
- 2012 Vocational teacher's education, Oulu University of Applied Sciences, Oulu
- 2012 Knife steel making -workshop for bladesmiths, Valimoinstituutti, Tampere
- 2012 Specialist in competence-based qualifications, Oulu University of Applied Sciences, Oulu
- 2019 Master of Culture and Arts, Savonia University of Applied Sciences, Kuopio

**Work history**

- 1997 – 2009 As a teacher in all school grades (for instance around 50 knife making courses)
- 2001 – 2004 Entrepreneur, PJ-ART, mainly knives and knifeblades
- 2009 – Lecturer, Arts and crafts, Sámi Education institute, Inari
- 2017 – Entrepreneur, Jaakonaho Arts & Design

**Memberships**

- 1998 Finnish Knife Association
- 2005 Artist Blacksmith's Association of Finland
- 2005 Scandinavian Knifemakers Guild
- 2010 – 2015 Helsinki Knife Show (as chairman 5/2014 – 5/2015)
- 2015 Finnish Knifemakers Guild (as chairman 5/2017– 11/2020)
- 2007 Ornamo Art and Design Finland
- 2019 The Association for Finnish Work

**Competitions**

## International awards

- 2001 Ludvika, Sweden Helhorn klass B, 3rd.
- 2004 Gysinge, Sweden Team work, 2nd.
- 2006 Gysinge, Sweden Team work, 2nd

## National awards

### ***Competitions by the Knife Association of Finland, Fiskars***

- 1997 Sámi style knives 1st.
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- 1998 Hunting knives, honourable mention
- 1999 Masters, divided 2nd.
- 2000 Masters, 2nd.
- 2001 Master series – traditional knives, SM-silver
- 2003 Master series – traditional knives, SM-gold
- 2004 Master series – traditional knives, SM-silver
- 2005 Master series – traditional knives, SM-gold
- 2006 Master series – traditional knives, SM-silver

2006 bladeforging competition in Fiskars -> blademaker of the year 2006

### ***Metsästys ja Kalastus – magazine's Big Knife Competition***

- 2006 Voted 1st. by the readers

### ***Kauhava knifefestivals, Kauhava***

- 2002 Bladeforging competition, honourable mention
- 2003 Every-day puukko series, 1st.

### ***Other competitions***

- 2018 **Plootu Fennica.** Virta -chef's knife. Honourable mention in Educational Establishment Category

### **Other awards and grants**

- 2014 The bladesmith of the year, The Knife Association of Finland
- 2016 Golden medal, The Knife Association of Finland
- 2017 Master bladesmith Pekka Tuominen and team, Finnish Cultural Foundation, For making a knife exhibition in Solingen, Germany
- 2020 half-year artist grant, The Arts Promotion Centre Finland

### **Exhibitions (besides above)**

- 2001 – 2009 Outdoor life fairs, Riihimäki and Oulu, Finland
- 2006 – 2007 Leuku, touring exhibition
- 2006 – 2007 Suomalainen puukko, The national museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 Sword and sabre, Fiskars, Finland

2009 – 2010 Leuku II, touring exhibition  
2011 Cheongju International Craft Biennale, South-Korea  
2013 Knifemakers, Höyry-gallery, Korpilahti, Finland  
2010 – 2019 Helsinki Knife Show  
2017 Masters of Finnish Knifemaking, Solingen, Germany  
2018 – 2019 FiCX Paris Knife Show, Paris, France  
2019 Triennale di Milano, Italy  
2019 Lapland - 66 ° North latitude Light and Shadow in Living, Kitakaruizawa,  
Japani

### **Other**

2007 Designed and made SISU -puukko knives to Ornamo Art and Design Finland  
2010 – 2016 Editor-in-chief to the Knife Association of Finland's Puukkoposti magazine  
2014 – 2015 Chairman, Helsinki Knife Show ry  
2017 Designed the logo of Finnish Knifemakers Guild ry  
2017 - 2020 Chairman, Finnish Knifemakers Guild ry