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## education

1989-1995 University of Art and Design, Department of Ceramics and Glass, Helsinki, Finland, MA  
1992-93 Sheridan College, School of Craft and Design, Department of Glass, Oakville, Ontario, Canada

## solo exhibitions

2011 *Tästä / Here*, Poriginal galleria, Pori, Finland  
2011 *Tässä / Here*, Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki, Finland  
2009 *Artists-O Artist of the Month, June-July 2009* [www.artists-o.fi](http://www.artists-o.fi) and Design Museum Helsinki  
2008 *Rakas lapsi* (together with Synnöve Dickhoff), Jorvi Hospital, Espoo Finland  
1995 *Preesens*, Galerie Pelin, Helsinki, Finland  
1995 *Lupiininsiemeen ja muita kokemuksia*, Cygnaeus Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

## selected group exhibitions

2015 *Huominen / Tomorrow*, Haihara Art Center, Tampere, Finland  
2014 *The First Chinese Glass Art Biennale*, Shanghai, China  
2013 *SKJL 2013* Union of Finnish Art Associations, Voipaala Art Centre, Finland  
2013 ART4, AHJO art center, Joensuu, Finland  
2013 *Mine - Take What's Yours*, Underline Gallery, New York, NY, USA  
2012 *Spirit of the Material*, The White Box Museum, 798 Art District, Beijing, China  
2012 *Food for Art*, Restaurant G.W.Sundman's, Helsinki  
2012 *Metamorfoosi '12*, Lahti Art Museum  
2012 Tendenser, Gallery F 15, Moss, Norway  
2011 *Between Tradition and Future*, Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheungju, South-Korea  
2011 *PYHÄNIEMI 2011* contemporary art, Pyhäniemi Manor, Hollola, Finland  
2011 *FI Collect*, LB Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland  
2010 *Artists 2010*, Artist's Association of Finlands 115. exhibition, TR1 Tampere Kunsthalle  
2010 *Arsboretum Winter*, Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius / Westers, Kemiönsaari, Finland  
2010 *SKJL 2010* Union of Finnish Art Associations, Järvenpää Art Museum, Finland  
2010 *Ars Häme'10*, Forssa, Finland  
2010 *Remarkable Glass*, CAA Gallery, London, UK  
2010 *Arjen voima, The Power of Every Day*, Akseli Gallén-Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland  
2009 OTTO, Circulo de Bellas Artes de Madrid, Spain  
2009 *Fruit Market*, Nuutajarvi, Finland  
2008 R.A.SIA, Kuparipaja, Fiskars, Finland  
2008 *OTTO Artists-O introduction exhibition*, Vantaa Art Museum, Finland  
2007 *Kolme = 三 (san)*, with Kazushi Nakada and Anne Raasakka , Järvenpää, Finland  
2006 *Remix*, Kuparipaja, Fiskars, Finland  
2005 *Taidetta armosta*, Malmi church, Helsinki, Finland  
2004 *Hajutatud Valgus III*, Eesti Tarbekunsti- ja Disaini Muuseum, Tallinn, Estonia,  
2004 *Vetri. Nel mondo. Oggi*, Palazzo Franchetti, Venice, Italy  
2004 *Nordic Cools*, The National Museum of women in the Arts, Washington D.C., USA  
2003 *Hajavaloa II*, Suomen lasimuseo, Riihimäki, Finland  
2003 *Finnish Glass*, Glasgalerie Splinter, Berlin, Germany  
2002 *Hajavaloa*, Järvenpää, Finland  
2002 *Young and Hot - Emerging European Artists*, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
1995 2000, -04, -10, -15 *Finnish Glass Lives 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7* The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland  
1996 *Valo*, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki  
1995 *Miniatyrer*, Galleri Glas Ett, Stockholm, Sweden  
1995 *Nuoret 48*, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland  
1994 51%, Contemporary Craft Gallery, Portland, Oregon, USA  
1994 *Baltic Jubilé*, Malmö, Sweden  
1991 *Norsu ja posliinikaupan paluu*, Titanik Galleria, Turku  
1991 *Reaktioita*, Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Finland

## travelling exhibitions

2014 2D→, Arka Gallery, Vilnus, Lithuania, V. Grybas Museum in Jurbarkas, Lithuania, Museum of New Art in Pärnu, Estonia, Rietumu Bank gallery in Riga, Latvia  
2012-14 *Finnish Glass Art 2005-2010*, Slovenia, Slovakia, France, Germany, Estonia  
2006-09 *New Finnish Glass Art 2000-2005*, Slovakia, Germany, Latvia, Turkey, Poland, Netherlands  
2007 *pro.KORU II*, Täky-gallery, Lappeenranta, Finland, 2008 Galleri Iron Inc. Copenhagen, Denmark

2006 *L'art du verre finlandais 2000-2005*, Musée du verre Carmaux, France Conseil Général de Meurthe et Moselle, Nancy, France  
2003-04 *FASZINATION GLAS Tendenzen in der finnischen Glaskunst*, several places, Germany  
2001-03 *Finlandia – Vanguardia en Vidrio*, Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Germany  
2000-02 *Nordic Glass 2000*, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Norway  
1996-97 *Finnish Post War Glass*, England

#### **coming up**

10/2015 Novy Bor Glass Symposium as invited artist in Crystalex [http://www.igsymposium.cz/Latva\\_Somppi-en](http://www.igsymposium.cz/Latva_Somppi-en)  
05-08/2015 Solo exhibition in Drawing gallery Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki, Finland

#### **artfairs**

2014 ArtHelsinki , Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius  
2012 *Eunique Internationale Messe für Angewandte Kunst und Design*, Karlsruhe  
2011 ArtHelsinki , O-Gallery  
2011 *SWAB*, Feria Internacional de Arte Contemporáneo Barcelona, Espanja , Galleria Maaret Finnberg  
2011 *Collect*, London, The International Art Fair for Contemporary Objects, Saatchi Gallery, Galleria Norsu  
2010 ArtHelsinki , Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius  
2009 ArtHelsinki, Finland, O-galleria  
2009 SOFA, Chicago, Galleria Norsu  
2008 *TAIDE 2008* Art fair, Finland, O-Galleria  
1997 *Stockholm Art Fair*, Sollentuna, Sweden

#### **collections**

Finnish Art Foundation, The Finnish Glass Museum, State Art Collection of Finland, Kesko Oy, Jorvi Hospital, Pyhäniemi Manor, private collections in Finland, Sweden, USA, Canada

#### **public art**

*Home / Kotiseutu*, Public art for Tikkurila new city centre, City of Vantaa, as a curated artist by Vantaa Art museum  
2015  
*Näktergallen Satakieli (Nightingale)* commissioned to Arabianranta, Finland 2009

#### **scholarships and grants**

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, 3 year grant, 2013  
The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Region of Uusimaa 2012  
Arts Council of Finland, Grant of Public Display in Visual Arts 2012  
Arts Council of Uusimaa 2012  
Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse 2011  
Arts Council of Finland 2011  
Arts Council of Finland, Travel grant 2010  
Aalto University School of Art and Design, Travel grant 2010  
Arts Council of Finland, Grant of Public Display in Visual Arts 2010  
Arts Council of Finland, Travel grant 2009, 2010  
The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Region of Uusimaa 2007, -03  
Kesko Oy, Pirkka-scholarship 1995  
Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, ME, USA 1993  
University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland 1996 , 1992  
Several group grants

#### **awards**

Certificate of Honour for Environmental Art in 2009 for *Näktergallen Satakieli (Nightingale)* by Foundation for Environmental Art 2010  
The Finnish Glass Museum, Champagne glass design competition, 2nd prize, 2007

#### **related work experience and teaching**

2015 Horse and art research program in Hungary  
2014 Lecturer Aalto University Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Department of Design  
2013-14 Senior lecturer Aalto University Aalto University, School of Art, Design and Architecture, Department of Design, Ceramic and Glass Design  
2013 Visiting lecturer, Turku University  
2010- Curator for PYHÄNIEMI 2011, -2012, 2013 and 2014 contemporary art exhibitions  
2010-2014 Lecturer, Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Dept. of Design, Ceramic and Glass Design  
1996-09 Lecturer, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Dept. of Design, Ceramic and Glass Design  
2006- Private glassworkshops  
2005, -07 Lecturerer, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Dept. of Design, Industrial Design  
1998 Tutor for BA thesis, Institute of Design, Lahti University of Applied Sciences

#### **seminars/ conference lectures**

2010 Full parper, Design and Emotion, IIT Institute of Design, Chicago, Illinois, USA  
2006 Meeting point-konference, Tallinn, Estonia

- 1998 Materiaalin muisti- seminar, Lahden Muotoiluinstituutti, Finland  
 1992 Call for papers lecturer, Interaction in Ceramics-konferenssi, University of Art and Design Helsinki  
 1991 Call for papers lecturer, American Ceramic Society , Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

#### **positions of trust**

- 2014- Helsingin Wiisikot, board member  
 2013-14 National Council for Multidisciplinary Art 2013 - 2014, Arts Promotion Centre Finland  
 2013-14 Board of professional matters, The Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO  
 2013-15 Entrance Examination Board member, Aalto University, School of Art, Design and Architecture, Department of Design  
 2012- BA Thesis Evaluator Aalto University, School of Art, Design and Architecture, Department of Design, Ceramic and Glass Design  
 2010-11 Chairwoman of Artists O  
 2010-11 Cabinet member, The Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO, ART  
 2010-11 Board member, Society for New Craft  
 2007-08 Member Selection Board, Artists O and The Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO, ART  
 2010 BA Thesis Evaluation Board member Aalto University School of Art and Design, Dept. of Design, Ceramic and Glass Design  
 2008-09 BA Thesis Evaluation Board member University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Dept. of Design, Ceramic and Glass Design  
 2000-08 MA Thesis evaluator University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Dept. of Design (00, -01, -04, -05,-06, -08)  
 2006 Artists O Representative, The Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO  
 2006-07 BA Portfolio Evaluation Board deputy member, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Dept. of Design, Ceramic and Glass  
 1997- Board member / Treasurer, Hytti ry  
 2002-03 Entrance Examination Board member, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Dept. of Design, Ceramic and Glass Design  
 1997 Executive Board, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Dept. of Design, Ceramics and Glass

#### **memberships**

- 2011- Association of Finnish Sculptors  
 2010- The Artists and Visual Artists Copyright Society Kuvasto  
 1996- Hytti ry  
 2006- The Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO, Artists o  
 1996- 2007 The Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO, Taiko ry Designers Makers  
 1996- 2000 Glass Arts Assosiation of Canada  
 1992-95,-02 American Glass Art Society

#### **languages spoken**

Finnish: mother's tongue, English: fluent, French: good, Swedish: good,, Estonian: basic, Portugese elementary

#### **latest publications**

- Kuvan haurautta ja voimaa kartanon kesässä* (Curator's greetings) in Pyhäniemi 2015, Pyhäniemen kartano Oy, p. 16-17  
*Outi Heiskanen PYHÄNIEMI 2015 -klassikkotaiteilija* in Pyhäniemi 2015, Pyhäniemen kartano Oy, p.18-19  
*Lapin taika on tarttunut kartanoon!* (Curator's greetings) in Pyhäniemi 2014, Pyhäniemen kartano Oy, p.18-19  
*Muotojen ja värien leikkiä. Viivija, pintoja, valoa, iloa!* (Curator's greetings) in Pyhäniemi 2013, Pyhäniemen kartano Oy, p.18-19  
*Katja Kotikoski. Narrations in Clay*, in U. Benappi and A. Oikonomidou (eds.) *Figure del desiderio. Soggettività mutanti nella ricerca pittorica e scultorea di Sonia Ros e Katja Kotikoski*, Fondazione Regionale per la cultura e lo Spettacolo, Liguria p. 14-15, 21  
*Luovaa kapasiteettia taiteen rajapinnoilla!* (Curator's greetings) in Pyhäniemi 2012, Pyhäniemen kartano Oy, p. 22-23  
*Pyhäniemi 2012 Klassikkotaiteilija Alvar Aalto* in Pyhäniemi 2012, Pyhäniemen kartano Oy, p.24-25  
*Pyhäniemen kartanon kesänäyttely 3.7.-14.8. 2011*, Taide & Design 4/ 2011, p.82-87  
*Olavi Lanu*, in Pyhäniemi 2011, Pyhäniemen kartano Oy, p.22-27  
 Mäkelä, Maarit & Latva-Somppi, Riikka (2011): *Crafting Narratives: Using historical context as a reflective tool*, Craft Research, volume 2, 06/11  
 Mäkelä, Maarit & Latva-Somppi, Riikka (2010): *Crafting Connections Between Emotions and Materiality*, 7th International Conference on Design and Emotion 4.-7.10. 2010. Chicago, Ill., USA  
*Art in Public Spaces , Brinck, Latva-Somppi, Turpeinen*, artist catalogue 09/2010 (ed. Outi Turpeinen)

#### **press**

- Aamulehti 2.8.2015 ,Wall Street Journal 12.1.2013, China Daily 10/12, Vantaan Sanomat 1.9.2012, Lahti Watt 5 / 2012, ORNAMO 3/12, FCG 04/2012, Satakunnan kansa 11.12.2011 , Glorian koti 08/11, Sara 07/11, Kansan Utiset 29.7.2011, ESS 2.7.2011, 11.7.2011, Länsi-Suomalainen 1.7. 2011 Helsingin Sanomat 25.7.2014, 14.7. 2013, 29.8.2012 22.7.2012, 1.7.2011, 17.5.2010, 18.2.2010 <http://www.hs.fi>, 14.11.2008, 18.11.2004, 28.6.2003, 22.8.2002, 23.7.1995, Annonsbladet 02.12.2010, Salon Seudun Sanomat 02.11.2010, Borgåbladet 19.3.2010, TAIDE 4-10, esse 6.5.2010, Kotiliesi 5/10, p. 46-49, *New Glass Review* 31/10, Betoni 1/2010, Pohjois-Helsingin

Vartti 24.2. 2010, 7.10.2009, Chicago Tribune 4.11. 2009, Eeva 1/09, Suomen kuvalehti 48/08, Kellokas 7.2.2007, Kotimaa 21.10.2005, Koillis\_Helsingin lähi-sanomat 19.10.2005, Helsingin Uutiset 9.11.2005, n:o68 2003, The Urban Glass Art Quarterly fall 2005, Muoto 02/2005, Hyvinkääsanomat 12.5.2003, TAITO 1, 2003, Avotakka 9, 2002, Viikkouutiset 15.8.2002, Keski Uusimaa 9.8.2002, Iltalehti 15.7. 1995, ARTTU 1995