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Education

University of Art and Design Helsinki, UIAH, 1980-85
Master of Arts, 1985
Practical training, Arabia Factory 1983

Memberships

IAC, International Academy of Ceramics, 2009-
The Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo
Helsinki Artists' Association
Kuvasto

Position of Trust

Chairman of the art division of Ornamo 2014-15
Vice Chairman of designer-makers TAIKO 1990-95
Ornamo Fund, 1995-99
Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Arts 2003-06

Educational experience

1987-99 a lecturer at the University of Art and Design Helsinki
2000-20 Annantalo Arts Centre, art education for children and young people
Internship supervision in ceramics, professional practice guidance, courses

Selected Solo Exhibitions

Krypta, Helsinki, 2022; Mark Rothko Art Centre 2019; Galleria Nuovo, Lahti 2015 and 2011; Galleria Pictor 2014; Solveig Lindqvist Projects 2012; Ekumeeninen taidekappeli 2011; Forum Box, Helsinki, 2008; Talking Landscape, Galleria 5, Oulu, 2007; Time Present, Kunsthalle Helsinki, 2000; Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, 1998, 2005; Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, 1994; Adamson-Ericu Museum, Tallinn, 1989

Selected Group Exhibitions

2022 Afterglow, NNPF-näyttelyt, Norja, Ruotsi, Tanska
2022 Imatran taidemuseo, Ahokainen, Blåfield, Kivivirta, Rytkölä
2021 Kansallinen keramiikkataiteen näyttely, Korundi, Rovaniemi
2021 Northern Lights, Villa Streccius, Landau
2020 From Form to Surface, Vantaa Art Museum Artsi
2020 Dialogi, Galleria G12, Helsinki

Blås & Knåda, Stockholm, 2019; IAC Members exhibition, Yingge Ceramics Museum, New Taipei City 2018; Contemporary Touch, IAC:n Finnish members, Sanyi Fu-Guei gallery, Taiwan 2018; About Clay, Fiskars 2018; Black Wall Gallery, Vaasa 2018; Finite Resource, Stroganov State Academy of Design and Applied Arts, Moscow 2017; Mark Rothko Art Centre, Daugavpils, 2017; Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Korea, 2017; Keramiikka tilassa, Designmuseum, Helsinki, 2015; Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, 2014 and 2010; Officine Saffi, Milano, 2012; The International Museum of Ceramics in Faenza, Italia, 2012; Feuer und Eis, Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, 2010; Ceramics from Finland, Galleria Besson, London, 2009; The 8th International Ceramics Exhibition Mino, Japan, 2008; 54° Concorso Internazionale della Ceramica d'Arte, Faenza, Italy, 2005; Syvällä savessa, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä. 2004; A. W. Finchin jälkeläiset, Designmuseum, Helsinki, 2003; Findesignnow 02, Design Forum, Helsinki, 2002; Kuuma linja -group, Keuruu Art Museum, Lönnströmin Art Museum Studio, Savonlinna Art Museum, Kouvola Art Museum, Arabian Museum Gallery, Kajaani Art Museum, Salo Art Museum 1998 – 2002; Céramique contemporaine de Châteauroux, France, 2001; Neighbours, Muchina Institute, St. Petersburg, 2000; Suomi Muotoilee 10, Design Forum, Helsinki, 1998; Junge Kunstszene Finnland, Hetjens-Museum, Dusseldorf and Karlsruhe, 1995; Galleria Arioso, Stockholm, 1994; Materia, Kunsthall Helsinki, 1993; North, Edmonton, 1992; Maamme (75-years anniversary), Helsinki and Vaasa, 1992; Finnische Keramik, Bretten, 1990; L'Europe des Ceramistes, kiertonäyttely, Auxerre (Ranska), 1989; Yhteensattuma, Kluuvin galleria, Helsinki and Vaasa, 1988; Metaxis, Museum of Applied Arts (Designmuseum), Helsinki, 1987; Esineitä, Vanhan galleria, Helsinki, 1983

Fairs

Craft Trend Fair, Seoul, Korea, 2016; Art Helsinki, 2008 - 2014; EgeArt, Izmir, 2013; Affordable Art Fair, Stockholm, 2012; Sofa Chicago and Sofa New York, 2010; The International Art + Design Fair, New York, 2007; Habitare Helsinki, 2001 and 2007

Grants

Several grants from 1988
2022-2026 Artist Professor Grant
2020 Artist Grant
2013-2017 State Grant for Artists
2006-2008 State Grant for Artists, National Council for Design

Awards

2020 The Cross of the Merit of Finnish Lion
2017 Ornamo, Gold medal
2017 Memory Box competition, Solo Exhibition award at Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Centre
2014 Concours International de Création en Porcelaine, finalist
2010 Ceramic Artist of the Year 2010, Ornamo
2008 8th International Ceramics Exhibition Mino, Japan, Two Honorable mentions
2007 Journalists' Dozen, Habitare Fair (Cubitum stool)
2002 Findesignnow 02, Honorable mention (Vine tiles)
1983 The Award of the Arts Council of Uusimaa

Collections and site-specific art

Aalto University School of Business; Espoo Hospital; OP Financial Group; The Finnish State Art Collection, Embassy of Finland in Paris, Tallinn and Warsaw, The National Police School of Finland, Ministry of Education, Finnish Defence Forces, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Helsinki Music Centre; Design Museum Helsinki; Arabianranta residential area; Tapiola Group; Fondazione Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza; FLICAM (FuLe International Ceramic Art Museums) China; Mizunami City Library, Japan; San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts; State Art Collections Ireland; Arctic Ceramic Centre collection, Riga Porcelain Museum; Mark Rothko Art Center; Museu del Càntir d'Argentona; Yingge Ceramic Museum / IAC collection;

Site-specific community art

Annantalo Arts Centre courtyard, 2017. Team Kirsi Kivivirta, Erja Mehto, Heli Niska, Harri Piispanen
Wäinö Aaltonen primary school, Turku, 2012
Kontula primary school, 2010. In collaboration with Saana Murtti
Soininen primary school, 2010. In collaboration with Saana Murtti
Annantalo Arts Centre, toilet wall tilings, 2009. In collaboration with Kirsi-Marja Siren
Brick Art, Somero Library courtyard, 2000

Residences, symposiums

2019 New Nordic Porcelain Forum, Guldagergaard
2017 12th International Colony of Art Ceramics V-ogljje, Slovenia
2016 6th Gölcük Seramik Sempozyumu, Kocaeli Üniversitesi, Turkey
2015 Arctic Ceramic Center, Posio
2008 Fuping, China
2000 Kultela brick factory, Somero