

Curriculum vitae

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Date of Birth 20.7.1973

Education

- 1997 - 2001 Turku Art Academy, photographer
1995 - 1996 Jaakkiman kristillinen opisto, studies in video and photography
1994 -1995 Voioimaan opisto, studies in video and photography

Solo exhibitions

- 2003 "Elämä raiteilla, Gallery Peri, Turku, Finland
2003 "Elämä raiteilla", Gallery Valo, Univ.of Lapland/Northern Photographic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland
2003 "Rantagalleria stipendiats", Rantagalleria/Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
2002 "Elämä raiteilla", Kummigalleria/Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland

Group exhibitions

- 2005 "Under the Ground - A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre/ Arts Council of Oulu Province, Tromso Kunstforening, Norway (19.11.05 – 9.1.06)
"Under the Ground - A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre/ Arts Council of Oulu Province, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, Finland (28.9 - 6.11.05)
"Under the Ground - A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities Project, Northern Photographic Centre, Arts Council of Oulu Province, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, Finland (18.6 – 4.9.05)
"Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities Project, Northern Photographic Centre, Arts Council of Oulu Province, Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Finland (14.4 – 5.6.05)
2003 "Pysäkki", regional art exhibition, Kajaani Art Museum, Kajaani, Finland
2002 "Pysäkki", regional art exhibition, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, Finland
2001 "Tarkemmin ajatellen", Hämeenlinna Cultural Centre, Hämeenlinna, Finland
1999 "Merta edemmäs", Manilla Gallery, Turku, Finland
1998 "Turku photoart", Brinkkala Gallery, Turku, Finland

Projects

- 2003 - 2005 Northern Cities –project, "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Photographic Centre and Arts Council of Oulu Province, Finland
2003 - "Olla minä – Being Me"

Coming exhibitions

- 2006 "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities Project, Northern Photographic Centre/ Arts Council of Oulu Province, Felleshuset, Berlin, Germany (6.4 – 12.5.06)
2006 "Olla minä – Being Me", Northern Photographic Centre/Rantagalleria (8.12.06 – 6.1.07)

Grants

- 2004 Niilo Helander foundation, residence in Berlin, Germany
2004 Arts Council of Oulu, one-year grant for artistic work
2004 Nifca, Sleipnir travel grant/ Northern Cities production meetings
2003 Pohjois-Pohjanmaan kulttuurirahasto
2003 Nifca, Sleipnir travel grant/Northern Cities workshops
2003 Arts Council of Oulu, production grant

Work experience

- 2002 - Director, Studio Valokeila
2001 - Freelance photographer in Helsingin Sanomat
2001 Assistant of photographer Esko Männikkö
2000 Photographic courses at Liminka Art School and Northern Photographic Centre

Membership

- 2001- Northern photographic centre, president 2005-2007
2003- Oulu Artists Association
2004 - Union of photographic artists

Works in Collections

Aine Art Museum, Tornio
Northern Photographic Centre
Private collections