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EDUCATION:

- 1994 MA in photography, University of Art and Design, Helsinki
- 1988 MA in art education, University of Art and Design, Helsinki

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS:

- collections of Kiasma the Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
- collections of the State of Finland
- collections of the Museum of Photography, Helsinki
- collections of the Wihuri Foundation (Rovaniemi Art Museum)
- collections of the town of Kotka
- private collections in Finland, Japan and USA

SOLO SHOWS:

- 2007 Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings (avec Riitta Päiväläinen), Muzeum Narodowe w Szczecinie/the National Museum in Szczecin, Poland
- 2005 IN SITU Early Gallery, Osaka Japan
- 2005 Vestige/Topography of Fear (avec Riitta Päiväläinen) Spaziodellavolta, Studio Archifax, Genoa, Italy
- 2004 IN SITU Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
- 2002 Topography of Fear Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
- 2002 Topography of Fear UNN Squires Gallery Newcastle, United Kingdom
- 2002 Topography of Murder Photographic Centre Peri Turku
- 2005 Vestige/Topography of Fear (avec Riitta Päiväläinen) gallery Romfeia, International Meetings of Photography, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- 2001 Topography of Fear Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
- 2001 Topography of Murder Nordic Photographic Centre, Oulu
- 1996 Kryptomnesia gallery Workshop, Helsinki
- 1993 Seen Through Senses the Kluuvi gallery (Helsinki City Art Museum)
- 1992 Point of Pain gallery Hippolyte Helsinki, Concert Hall gallery Kotka
- 1987 Small room and Other Photographs Kotka Town Library Exhibition Hall

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2007 Contemporary Finnish Art from the Wihuri Foundation Collections (curated), Jyväskylä Art Museum
- 2006 Finlandia(avec Jouko Lehtola, Joakim Eskildsen, curated), Frans Hals Museum/De Hallen, Haarlem, Netherlands
- 2006 MENS.The Story of a Wound (curated), the Centre for Religious Art and Culture and Municipal Museum for Contemporary Art (S.M.A.K. in Ghent), Leuven, Belgium
- 2006 Vad är Fotografi? The Helsinki School (curated), Borås Art Museum, Sweden
- 2006 The Helsinki School, Finnish Photography from the 21st Century (curated), Hotel de Ville de Bruxelles, Grand-Place, Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2006 Nordic Cut - The Helsinki School of Photography (curated), Art Pavillion, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2005 Fractures of Life (curated) Kiasma, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
- 2005 Metropolis (curated) Mare Articum at the National Museum, Szczecin, Poland
- 2005 the Helsinki School (curated) Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin,
- 2005 Personligt, fotografier från the Helsinki School (curated) Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2005 The TaiK Gallery Sollentuna Art Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 30byTaiK (curated) Museum of Finnish Photography, Helsinki
- 2004 Gokann The Fourth Triennale of Contemporary Finnish Art (curated) the Kunsthalle of Helsinki (the Helsinki Art Hall)
- 2004 Conversation with Nature (curated) Aomori Contemporary Art Center, Japan
- 2004 Images Against War Photokina, Cologne, Germany

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued):

- 2003 Gokann The Fourth Triennale of Contemporary Finnish Art (curated) Kyoto Art Center, Seika University Gallery, Voice Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
- 2003 Blue Horizon (avec Pertti Kekarainen, Jan Kaila, curated) Spiral Gallery, Wacoal Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 Exposure 2003 (curated) Hereford Art Gallery, United Kingdom
- 2003 Images Against War Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
- 2003 Images Against War, L'Usine Galerie, Brussels, Belgium
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (curated) Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (curated) FotoForum West, Innsbrück, Austria
- 1997 The Drum and the Camera (curated), Gallén-Kalela Museum, Helsinki
- 1997 Mother's Heart an installation, the 7th Biennale of Audiovisual Design (curated), Lahti
- 1996 Momentum - The 90's of the Finnish Photography (curated), Museum of Photography, Helsinki
- 1995 The Script the Second Biennale of Finnish Photography, (curated), the Kunsthalle of Helsinki (the Helsinki Art Hall)
- 1994 Male Anxiety (curated), Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin, Germany
- 1993 The Night of Photography a curated group exhibition in the Park of Vuorimiehenkatu during the Night of Arts, Helsinki Festival
- 1993 Young Photographers a group exhibition in Helsinki City Theatre
- 1993 There and Back a group exhibition with five painters, gallery Allinna, Riihimäki
- 1992 The Young Roosters (curated), Sveaborg Fortress, Helsinki Photography Festival
- 1991 Planket Festival, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1989 Focus (curated), Museum of Photography, Helsinki (touring exhibition in Latvia, Estonia and Finland)
- 1989 The Young (curated), Old Studenthouse of the Helsinki University, Helsinki Photography Festival

GRANTS, AWARDS:

- 2007 VISEK
- 2006 AVEK
- 2006 the Academy of Fine Arts, Finland
- 2006-2010 full five-year working grant, the National Arts Council
- 2005 the Kordelin Foundation
- 2005 Oskar Öflund Foundation
- 2003-2005 full three-year working grant, the National Arts Council
- 2004 the National Arts Council
- 2004 Niilo Helander Foundation
- 2004 the Frame Fund
- 2003 Oskar Öflund Foundation
- 2003 the Frame Fund
- 2002 the Frame Fund
- 2002 full one-year working grant, the Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2002 the National Arts Council
- 2001 the National Arts Council
- 2001 the Frame Fund
- 2001 National Grant
- 2001 the National Board of Photography
- 2001 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2001 the Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2000 the British Council
- 2000 honourable mention, "Best graphic Design of the Year" the Grafia Foundation (student project)
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- 1999 the Kordelin Foundation
- 1999 the Finnfoto Foundation
- 1999 Icelandic-Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1998 National Grant
- 1998 the National Arts Council
- 1995 Nordic Minister Council
- 1995 Finnish-Danish Cultural Foundation
- 1995 Uudenmaa Provincial Art Committee
- 1994 the National Arts Council
- 1994 the National Arts Council

GRANTS, AWARDS (continued):

- 1992 University of Art and Design
- 1992 Oskar Öflund Foundation
- 1991 Finnfoto Foundation
- 1990 certificate of honour from the Committee of Finnish Book Art
- 1990 the British Council

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY AND BROASTCASTS:

- 2007 europalia.europalis 27+27+27 (Belgium, movie/installation/interview)
- 2007 Motiv Magazine #11 (portfolio, Sweden)
- 2007 Crime Scene: Helsinki (Finland, catalogue)
- 2006 MENS (catalogue, Belgium)
- 2006 Finlandia (catalogue, Netherlands)
- 2006 Origins of Violence national digital broadcasting channel Teema, January
- 2005 Metropolis (catalogue, Poland)
- 2005 The Helsinki School - Photography by TaiK (catalogue, Finland)
- 2004 HotShoe magazine December 2004–January 2005 (UK, interview)
- 2004 Taide (Art) magazine December 2004 (Finland, review)
- 2004 What Contemporary Photography Represents Today – an interview with Marjaana Kella, national digital broadcasting channel Teema, October 29th
- 2004 ARK magazine 4/2004 (Finland, portfolio)
- 2004 Helsingin Sanomat Sept. 30th (Finland, review)
- 2004 Conversation with Nature Aomori Contemporary Art Center (Japan, catalogue)
- 2003 Exposure (UK, catalogue)
- 2003 Gokann (Japan – Finland, catalogue)
- 2003 Blue Horizon (Japan, catalogue)
- 2003 Musta taide (Art Noir) magazine 1/2003 (Finland)
- 2003 Jatulintarha CD-ROM (an international joint project, UK/Finland)
- 2002 Ari Saarto (with Pelle Kronstedt – catalogue, gallery Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany)
- 2002 European Photography #71 magazine (Germany, portfolio)
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (Austria, catalogue)
- 2002 International Meetings of Photography (Bulgaria, catalogue)
- 2002 The Rovaniemi Art Museum and Wihuri Foundation collections 1997-2002 (Finland, catalogue)
- 2002 ARK magazine 1/2002 (Finland, portfolio)
- 2001 Collisions and Dissonances 6. Internationale Fototage Herten 2001 (Germany, catalogue)
- 2001 Helsingin Sanomat Nov. 15th (Finland, review)
- 2001 Mi magazine 2/2001 (Finland)
- 2000 Eidos – Writings About Finnish Photography in the 90's Institute of Design, Lahti (Finland, essay)
- 2000 Mi magazine 1/2000 (Finland)
- 1997 Musta taide (Art Noir) -magazine 2/1997 (Finland)
- 1996 Musta taide (Art Noir) -magazine 3/1996 (Finland)
- 1995 Käsikirjoitus - the Script (Helsinki Photography triennale, catalogue)
- 1993 Valokuva (Photography) -magazine 8/1993 (Finland)
- 1992 Valokuva (Photography) -magazine 4/1992 (Finland)
- 1992 Suomen Kuvalehti magazine 24/1992 (Finland)
- 1992 Stylus magazine 2/92 (Finland)
- 1989 Bildtidningen magazine 5/1989 (Sweden)