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**STUDIES:**

2004-05 Open University, Art History  
1981-85 Turun Piirustuskoulu (Turku School of Fine Arts)  
1980-81 Liminka Art school

**PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS:**

2016 Koli Nature Centre Ukko  
2016 Promenadi Gallery, Hyvinkää  
2016 Gallery Kajaste, Helsinki  
2014 Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma  
2014 Gallery Kapriisi, Tampere  
2012 Gallery 5, Oulu  
Gallery Å, Turku  
2009 Uusi kipinä, Gallery Kulma, Lahti  
2008 Gallery Be'19, Helsinki  
Gallery Joella, Turku  
2005 VINO-art project, Turku Concert hall  
Gallery Be'19, Helsinki  
2004 Gallery Joella  
2003 Kajaani Art Museum  
2001 Gallery 5, Oulu  
2000 Gallery Joella, Turku  
1998 Gallery Katariina, Helsinki  
1997 Kaarina City Library  
1996 Ars Libera, Kuopio  
1995 Bellarte, Turku  
1994 Poriginal Gallery, Pori  
Rantagalleria, Turku  
Old Town Hall, Parainen  
1993 Bellarte, Helsinki  
1992 Rauma Art Museum  
1991 Raisio Town Hall  
Gallery Saskia, Tampere  
1988, 1992 Naantalın Taidehuone  
1987,-89,-90 Turku Artists' Association Gallery, Turku  
1986 Nivala Public Library  
1985 Kokkola City Hall  
1984 Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS:**

2016 Jöötti ry, Emil Halonen Museum, Lapinlahti  
2015 "Prison+", Kakola prison, Turku  
2015 "Barefoot path", Korpo, Environmental Art Exhibition  
2015 Kuusisto Art Manor, Kaarina

- 2015 Jöötti ry, Botanical Garden, Turku
- 2014 Jöötti ry, Gallery "Uusi Kipinä", Lahti
- 2014 Textiles, Urkin Piilopirtti, Pinsiö
- 2014 "Heponauta", Hyvinkää Art Museum
- 2013 "Jöötti ry", miniature sculptures in St. Petersburg, Russia
- 2013 The 75th anniversary exhibition of the Union of Finnish Art Associations, Voipaala Art Centre
- 2012-13 "Kui", Textiletriennial, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Oulu Art Museum, Joensuu Art Museum
- Jöötti ry, Bracciano, Italy
- 2011 20th anniversary exhibition of Jöötti ry, Tallinna, Estonia
- NOW2011 The summer exhibition in Naantali and Raisio, Raisio Art Museum Harkko
- "Backyard", Hanko
- "Otanta" modern art from Turku, Voipaala Art Centre
- 2010 20th anniversary exhibition of Jöötti ry, Ars Nova Art Museum, Turku
- Heaf / Art 2010, Helsinki Art Fair, Wanha Satama,
- 115<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition of the Artists Association of Finland, Tampere
- "Elojuhlaa", Jöötti ry, Galleria Berner, Turku
- 2009 "Turhan Tärkeys", 85th anniversary exhibition of Turku Artists' Association, Turku Art Museum
- 2008 "Eloa!", Köysirata Gallery, Turku
- 2007 Turku Artists' Association society, Riihigallery, Kuhmoinen
- "Alkuvoimaa", Stentorp, Parainen
- "Osumia", Turku Artists' Association, Titanik, Turku
- 2006 Suvi-Pinx, Sysmä
- Metal Art Weeks, Leineperin ruukki, Ulvila
- "Ihan pihalla", Rautilakeskus, Vehmaa
- 2005 95th anniversary exhibition of Association of Finnish Sculptors, Salo Art Museum
- The National Metal Art Weeks, Leineperin ruukki, Ulvila
- Jöötti ry, Suomenlinnan Rantakasarmi, Helsinki
- Jöötti ry, Mältinranta, Tampere
- 2004 The National Exhibition of the Nordic Art Association, Suomenlinnan Rantakasarmi, Helsinki
- Jöötti ry, Porigal Gallery, Pori
- 80th anniversary exhibition of Turku Artists' Association, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku
- 2001 106th annual exhibition of the Artists Association of Finland, Museum of Middle-Finland, Jyväskylä
- 62th annual exhibition of the Union of Finnish Art Associations, Joensuu Art Museum
- Mänttä Art Festival
- Jöötti ry, Pirkanpohja Art Center, Ähtäri
- 2000 The summer exhibition of the Union of Finnish Art Associations, Pirkanpohja Art Center, Ähtäri
- Jöötti ry, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku
- 1999 75th anniversary exhibition of Turku Artists' Association, The Cultural Centre Poleeni, Pieksämäki
- Artminor, Jöötti ry, Naantalin Taidehuone
- 1997 Jöötti ry, Ateljé Hotel, Turku
- Invited to the annual exhibition of Turku Artists' Association, Gallery JUST, Turku
- 1996 Turku Artists' Association, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku
- Jöötti ry, Villa Roma, Turku
- "The Illustration of City"-project, Titanik, Turku
- 1995 Seven Up, Seinäjoki Art Hall
- Art from Friendship Cities, Ölstykke, Denmark
- 1994 XL-Artfair, Centre of Economic Affairs, Turku
- 70th anniversary exhibition of Turku Artists' Association, Turku Art Museum
- Turku Artists' Association, Åland Art Museum
- 1993 The Briefcase Exhibition of Arte, Merimasku, Velkua, Aura

- 1992 Turku Artists' Association, Rathuset Århus, Denmark  
 The Briefcase Exhibition of Arte, National-Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden  
 Regional exhibition "Territory", Turku
- 1991, 1993 The annual exhibition of Turku Artists' Association, Turku
- 1989 Turku Artists' Association, The Cultural Centre Cruselli, Uusikaupunki
- 1987 Turku Artists' Association, Gallery Uusikuva, Kotka
- 1986 Regional exhibition of Turku and Pori, Karvetti Art Centre, Naantali  
 Turku Biennale, install.(team), Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku
- 1986, 1988 Turku and Pori Young Artists' Exhibition, Rauma Art Museum
- 1986 Kuvantekijät ry, Laitila Public Library
- 1985 Kuvantekijät ry, Rauma Art Museum  
 "Summer Pictures", Raisio Town Hall

#### **COLLECTIONS:**

Essl Museum, Wien, Austria  
 The State Art Collection of Finland  
 Turku City  
 Raisio City  
 Kaarina City  
 Sampo-groups  
 Collection of the Newspaper Turun Sanomat

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

"Start of the trip", Kiiminkijoki daycare center, Oulu  
 "Pearls", Itäinen rantakatu 72, Turku  
 "Deposit", installation, Café Sirius, Turku City Library  
 "Moths", lightwork in four parts, Student village, Turku  
 "On the Waves", relief, Kaarina-Piikkiö Health Care Centre, Kaarina  
 "Piece", relief, Värttinä Retirement Centre, Kaarina  
 "Mirage", relief, Kerttulakoti Retirement Centre, Raisio

#### **GRANTS:**

2015 Arts Council of Finland (Kuvataiteen näyttöapuraha)  
 2014 Regional Arts Council of South-West Finland  
 2012 The Turku Art Society  
 South-West Cultural Foundation

2009 Arts Council of Finland (Kuvataiteen näyttöapuraha)  
 2008 Regional Arts Council of South-West Finland  
 2005 Arts Council of Finland (Kuvataiteen näyttöapuraha)  
 2005 Arts Council of Finland  
 2004 Regional Arts Council of South-West Finland (1-year working)  
 2002 Regional Arts Council of South-West Finland  
 1998 Regional Arts Council of South-West Finland  
 1996 Regional Arts Council of Turku and Pori  
 1996 Arts Council of Finland  
 1996,-97,-98 Kaarina City  
 1992 The Turku Art Society  
 1991 Turku City  
 1990 Turun Seudun Osuuspankki  
 1985 Turku Saskiat Society  
 1984 Wäinö Aaltonen Society

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

The Association of Finnish Sculptors  
Turku Artists' Association  
Jöötti ry (Bronze Casting Foundry in Turku)  
Kuvasto

**AWARDS:**

Artist of the year 1990 (Turku Artists' Association)

**REPRESENTATIVE:**

Committee of Artotheque, 1996-99  
Turku Artists' Association (member of the board), 1997-98