

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Degrees:**

**2023** Masters of Fine Arts, Uniarts Helsinki: The Academy of Fine Arts

**2013** Bachelor of Culture, Arts and Media, Jyväskylä University

### **Other studies:**

2014-15 Kungliga Konsthögskolan – Stockholm, Sweden

2010-11 Free Columbia – New York, USA

2009 Copenhagen Business School – Copenhagen, Denmark

## **VIDEO ART, SHORT FILMS, & DOCUMENTARIES**

### **2024**

In Lucid Dream (4K 08:25 min)

Metamorphosis of Fear (4K)

Omilla Mailla (4K 30:00 min post production)

Erkki Pirtola ja vyöryvät kuvat - documentary (HD 15:00 min post production)

### **2023**

“III” (4K 02:18 min)

“Bygga 1986” (HD 10:00 editing; dir. Karri “Paleface” Miettinen)

### **2022**

Truel (4K 07:37 min)

Katoavat kalliot, vuoret (HD 16:00 editing and photo collages; dir. Pira Cousin)

Famous for What? (4K 20:00 min)

Walk the Walk (4K 06:30 min)

### **2021**

Layers (4K 10:21 min)

Layers of Blue Layers (HD 12:18 min)

Ajan mineraalikerrostumia ja videoituja näkyjä (HD 30:00 min)

The Last Establishment (HD 45:02 min)

### **2018-2020**

The Greatest of All Secrets (4K 15:12 min)

Lightforms (4K 29:00 min)

The Forms of Light (4K 3:33 min)

Suon Ylitys - film by Ilkka-Juhani Takalo-Eskola (HD 30:00 script and cinematography)

### **2010-2016**

TRASHOLD OPERA - The Heartelligence of Lazarus (HD 25:15 min)

I MANUAL (HD 22:44 min)

In Car Nation (HD 20:00 min)

The Birth Of The Transmodern (miniDV 30:09 min)

## SOLO & GROUP EXHIBITIONS, SCREENINGS

### 2026 (upcoming)

Museum of Science Boston & Emerson College, **WaveForms** – Boston, MA, USA  
Adrián Ibáñez Galería, **Simulacra and Simulation** – Bogotá, Colombia (upcoming)  
ARTBO, **International Art Fair of Bogotá** – Bogotá, Colombia (upcoming)  
Lightforms Art Center, **Kalevala Project** – Hudson, New York, USA (ongoing)  
Finlandia Art Gallery, **film screening** – Hancock, Michigan, USA (upcoming)  
Scandinavian Culture Center, **film screening** – West Newton, Massachusetts, USA (upcoming)

### 2025

Festival Angaelica, **film screening** – Pasadena, California, USA & online  
Balkan Can Kino, **film screening** – Athens, Greece & online  
Almaty Underground Screening Series, **film screening** – Kazakhstan & online

### 2024

Finlayson Factory private event at Tampere Film Festival, **screening** – Tampere, Finland  
CultureHub, RE-FEST, **film screening** – Seoul, South Korea, streaming online  
Finlayson Factory area, **FLASH screening** – Tampere, Finland  
Lightforms Art Center, **Metamorphosis of Fear** – New York, USA

### 2023

Music museum Fame, **Jou! - 40 years of Finnish Hip Hop** – Helsinki, Finland

### 2022

Lightforms Art Center, **Winging it** – New York, USA  
Cinema Orion, **Kettupäivät film festival** – Helsinki, Finland  
Jyväskylä University, **Katoava luonto** seminar – Jyväskylä, Finland  
Harakka Island - Gallery Lennätin, **Helsinki day** – Harakka Island, Finland  
Gallery Longa - **Katoavat kalliot, vuoret** video loop – Helsinki, Finland

### 2021

Uniarts Helsinki, **Feel Helsinki**, Media screen of the Music hall of Helsinki – Finland  
Lightforms Art Center, **Worlds of Color** – New York, USA  
Uniarts Project Room, **Ajan mineraalikerrostumia** – Helsinki, Finland

### 2020

Uniarts Exhibition Laboratory, **Kuvan kevät** – Helsinki, Finland  
Uniarts Helsinki, **Saari 2020 Island of Relations** – Kuninkaansaari, Helsinki, Finland  
Lightforms Art Center, **video screening in Hilma af Klint show** – New York, USA  
Uniarts Helsinki, **Feel Helsinki**, Media screen of the Music Hall of Helsinki – Finland

### 2019

Gallery Uusikuva, **Kotka Art** – Kotka, Finland  
Tasku Gallery, **Size Matters**, Uniarts Helsinki – Helsinki, Finland

### 2016

Free Columbia Gallery, **Black Box** – New York, USA  
Inky Editions Gallery, **Lazarus Project** – New York, USA  
Kreuzberg Grundgebirge studio, **Ground Rock** – Berlin, Germany

### 2015

Alte Braugold Brauerei, **FÖN Kunstpreis** – Erfurt, Germany  
Vanha lääninvankila, **VALTIO+** – Turku, Finland  
Kungliga Konsthögskolan, **Open Spaces** – Stockholm, Sweden  
Svarta Huset, **Art Supermarket** – Stockholm, Sweden

Uniarts Exhibition Laboratory, *Exhibiting painting* – Helsinki, Finland

**2012**

Basilica Hudson, *Beyond Object, Beyond Sensation* – New York, USA

Kulturhuset, *Initiative Forum* – Järna, Sweden

## **TOURS OF MULTIMEDIA PERFORMANCES**

### **2015-2016 TRASHOLD OPERA - The Heartelligence of Lazarus**

Inky Editions gallery – New York, USA

Magic Mountain – Berlin, Germany

### **2013-2015 I MANUAL tour**

Titanik gallery – Turku, Finland

Aboa Ars Vetus (7th Turku Biennale) – Turku, Finland

Free Columbia Art Convergency – New York, USA

Liwanag World Festival – Davao, The Philippines

OXFORD Brookes University – Oxford, United Kingdom

FLUXUS café – Ghent, Belgium

Gallery Luova – Helsinki, Finland

### **2012 IN CAR NATION tour**

Beyond the Object – Basilica Hudson, New York, USA

International Initiative Forum 2012 – Kulturhuset, Järna, Sweden

Fiesta Tanguera – Helsinki, Finland

Hannes Film Festival – Culture Center Ali Seppälä, Lahti, Finland

### **2011 THE BIRTH OF THE TRANSMODERN tour**

CREDERE awards – Hawthorne Valley, New York, USA

Living Questions – Chestnut Ridge, New York, USA

Image Arts – Basilica Hudson, Hudson, New York, USA

Vadelma Fest – Alppipuisto, Helsinki, Finland

KVT annual fest – Lammassaari, Helsinki, Finland

Haus Schurman – Basel, Switzerland

OSS – Open Immanuel studio session – Basel, Switzerland

International Initiative Forum 2011 – Kulturhuset, Järna, Sweden

### **2010 BACK FROM THE DEAD tour**

Free Arts Festival – Culture Center Ali Seppälä, Lahti, Finland

Waldorf-institut Witten – Annen, Germany

Schreinerei – Basel, Switzerland

Sense Festival 2010 – Järna, Sweden

Conspiracy Café – Quezon City, Manilla, The Philippines

EMERGE! 2010 – Manilla, The Philippines

Heart Chord International Music and Art Festival – Basel, Switzerland

### **2003-2009**

Around 60 solo performances throughout Finland, Denmark, Italy, and Switzerland.

## **AUDIO WORKS**

**2022**

Vallisaaren murha ja mysteeri (50:00 min) - Mobile sound walk in Vallisaari, Finland

**2015**

The Unknown hits of I Land (CD 26:54min)

**2014**

I Manual (CD 22:08min)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE IN ARTS ADMINISTRATION & PRODUCTION**

**2024-2025**

Board member - Helsinki Studio Foundation (Helsingin Ateljeesäätiö), Finland

**2024-2008**

Producer - Immanuel art projects

**2024-2017**

Producer and administrator of Archives and Art Collections - Estates of Erkki and Marjatta "Papu" Pirtola

**2016-2017**

Producer - Kriittinen Korkeakoulu/Human and artificial intelligence forum, Finland

**2009-2017**

Production Consultant and Booking Manager for artists and organizations in different countries, including John McGregor, Sami Kukka, MC Matre (USA), Philip Stoll (GER), Youth Initiative Forum (SWE), Youth Section (SWI), and Heart Chord Festival (SWI).

**2008-2009**

Producer - Mutageeni Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

**2007-2009**

Project worker - Amnesty International, Finland

**2007**

Producer - Campus Entertainment, Jyväskylä, Finland

**2006-2007**

Producer - O2 Finland ry / Happihuone cultural space, Helsinki, Finland

**2006**

Producer - Teatteri Rujo, Helsinki

**2005-2006**

Assistant - State Art Museum / Ateneum, Kiasma & Central Archive of Visual Arts, Finland

**2005**

Assistant - KynnysKINO5 – International Disability Film Festival, Finland

**2004-2003**

Sylvia Koti association (civil service), Finland

**2000**

Assistant - Helsinki Art Museum, Finland

**1999-2003**

President of Student Council - Helsinki Rudolf Steiner School, Finland

## **WORKSHOPS & LECTURES**

Youth Initiative Program in social entrepreneurship – Järna, Sweden

Heart Chord Music & Art Festival – Basel, Switzerland

Kriittinen Korkeakoulu – Helsinki, Finland

Witten-Annen seminar – Germany

Spring Valley – Chestnut Ridge, New York, USA

Youth Section – Basel, Switzerland

Neue Kunst Schule – Basel, Switzerland

Free Columbia – Philmont, New York, USA

Oxford Brookes University – Oxford, United Kingdom

Liwanag World Festival of Creativity and Sustainability – Davao, The Philippines

Fluxus Café – Ghent, Belgium

THINK OUT WORD – New York, USA

EMERGE! conference – Manilla, The Philippines

## **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Sortavala Foundation  
Sarjakuvantekijät Association  
Anita Snellman Foundation  
Kone Foundation  
Arts Council Finland  
Konstnärernas Hjälpfond  
Free Columbia  
Kungliga Konsthögskolan  
Vidarstiftelsen  
Svenska Studiecirkel  
Finnish Cultural Foundation  
Helsingin Kulttuuriasiainkeskus  
THINK OUT WORD - Credere grant  
Lachlan Grey fund  
International Initiative Forum  
FOCUS/YS  
ATTAC

## **RESIDENCIES**

Art Center Takkunen – Kalajoki, Finland  
Free Columbia – New York, USA  
AANAAJAANA – Ghent, Belgium  
Lightforms Art Center - New York, USA

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Helsinki Artists' Association  
Finnish Association for Light Art (FLASH)  
AV-arkki – Centre for Finnish Media Art  
Vadelma – Visual Art and Live Music Association  
Kuvasto - Copyright Association for Visual Artists