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Born in Pudasjärvi, Finland

## EDUCATION:

- 1995 Master of Arts, Aalto University, Helsinki
- 1993 Erasmus-scholarship, Gerrit Rietvelt Academie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 1992 Nordplus-scholarship, College of Art and Design, Stockholm, Sweden

## MEMBERSHIPS:

Association of Finnish Sculptors  
Helsinki Artist's Association

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

State of Finland Art Collection  
Artist Book Collection, Rikhardinkatu Library, Helsinki  
Kunsthalle Szompathely, Szombathelyi, Hungary

## WORKS OF ART IN PUBLIC POSSESSION:

- 2008 Kulosaari Church, Helsinki, Finland  
Kontio Loghouses, Headquarters, Pudasjärvi, Finland
- 2005 Cultural Centre in Bethlehem, Palestine  
(Architect Juha Leiviskä)
- 2003 Tapulikaupunki Parish Hall, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Parish Councils Chapel, Helsinki, Finland
- 2001 Herttoniemenranta Chapel, Helsinki, Finland
- 1997 Harju Funeral Chapel, Mikkeli, Finland  
(Architect Juha Leiviskä, Architect Rosemarie Shnitzer)

Works of art in private collections in Finland, Sweden, Japan, Ireland and England

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS, INSTALLATIONS AND PERFORMANCES IN FINLAND

- 2018 *Memento*, The Craft Museum Finland, Jyväskylä
- 2014 *Eine Kleine Wunderkammer*, Malmi Gallery, Helsinki
- 2012 *The Beauty of Misunderstanding*, Rikhardinkatu Library, Helsinki
- 2011 Galleria Johan S., Helsinki  
*Angel's Swings*, installation, The Old Church Park, Helsinki  
Gallery Stoa, Helsinki
- 2003 Gallery Katariina, Helsinki
- 1999 Gallery Into, Helsinki  
*Cortegé*, performance on the Bay of Töölö, Night of Arts, Helsinki

- 1997 *Angel's Swings*, installation, Kuhmo Chamber Music Festivals, Finland  
*Cortegé*, performance on the Lake Vesijärvi, Mukkula, Lahti, Finland  
*Angel's Swings*, installation, Mukkula, Lahti, Finland
- 1996 Installation, Kamppi underground metro station, Helsinki, Finland
- 1994 Installation, Gallery Vanha, Helsinki, Finland  
 Installation, The Main Library of Oulu, Finland
- 1993 Gallery Vanha, Drawings, Helsinki, Finland  
 Pohjantähti, Drawings, Pudasjärvi, Finland

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS, INSTALLATIONS AND PERFORMANCES ABROAD

- 2007 *Reflections*, Limerick Printmakers Studio and Gallery, Limerick, Ireland
- 2006 *Fairies and Fallen Angels*, Foyer, County Museum, Ennis, Ireland
- 2004 St Paul's Church, Smithfield, Dublin, Ireland  
 "The Path of Bells" – Performance:  
 The performance started with the ringing of bells in succession from four city churches. Twenty ringers representing Christ Church Cathedral and St. Augustine & John's Church (John's Lane) "rang the changes" from the following towers: St. Paul's, Arran Quay, 6pm, John's Lane, Thomas St., 6.15pm, St. Audoen's, Cornmarket, 6.30pm, Christ Church Cathedral, 6.45pm ... and again at 7pm in St. Paul's, when the exhibition was formally opened.  
 These bells were dedicated to the bellringers, who rang the bells in St. Paul's in 1843.
- 2004 Gallery of the Institution of Finland, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 Marktkirche, Essen, Germany
- 2000 Gallery of the Institution of Finland, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1999 Embassy of Finland, Washington, D.C, USA

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

- 2019 *The Birth and Origin*, Gallery Vanha Kappalaisentalo, Porvoo  
 (S. Dickhoff, K. Kaikkonen, U. Pohjola, K. Poijula)
- 2017 *Connotations IV*, Gallery Saskia, Tampere  
 (S. Dickhoff, K. Kaikkonen, U. Pohjola, K. Poijula)  
*Connotations III*, Valve Gallery, Oulu  
 (S. Dickhoff, K. Kaikkonen, U. Pohjola, K. Poijula)
- 2016 *Connotations II*, Gallery Malmitalo, Helsinki  
 (S. Dickhoff, K. Kaikkonen, U. Pohjola, K. Poijula)
- 2015 *Connotations I*, Poriginal Gallery, Pori  
 (S. Dickhoff, K. Kaikkonen, U. Pohjola, K. Poijula)
- 2008 Gallery Laterna Magica, Helsinki  
 (K. Haahti, K. Poijula)

#### SELECTED NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

- 2019 *Growing It, Losing It. Let Your Hair Down*  
 Oulu Museum of Art
- 2018 BELA BIENNIAL - III Biennial of European and Latin American Contemporary Art  
 Caple Factory, Helsinki
- 2017 Book Art Exhibition II (Suomi 100), Gallery Katariina, Helsinki
- 2016 ArtHelsinki, Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Center
- 2015 Purnu Art Center, Orivesi  
 Nordic Book Art Exhibition, Gallery Jangva, Helsinki

- 2014 XIX Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä
- 2013 Book Art Exhibition, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki  
Pyhäniemi Manor Art Exhibition, Hollola
- 2010 ArtHelsinki 2010, Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Center, Helsinki
- 2009 Luxus, Design Forum Finland  
Art Fair Suomi, Muu ry, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2001 Happiness, Textile Art Exhibition, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä
- 1999 Textile Triennial 5, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

- 2018 *Connotations V*, Tampere-Maja, Tartu, Estonia
- 2016 The 3rd International Exhibition BOOK-ART OBJECT 3, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2015 Gallery Astley, Uttersberg, Sweden
- 2013 *Artist Books*, Herceg Novi, Montenegro  
*Book-Art Object 2*, National Library on Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2012 *Between tradition and future*, Experimental Craft and Contemporary Design from Finland, Cheongju Craft Biennale, South Korea  
*16 steps closer*, Vilnius Academy of Art Exposition Halls, Titanikas, Lithuania
- 2011 *16 steps closer*, Nordic Baltic Designers Event, Riga Art Space, Latvia  
Collect, The International Art Fair for Contemporary Objects, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 *Luxus -09*, The Artothèque de Caen, Caen, France
- 2009 *Signals*, Flow Gallery, London, UK
- 2006 *Tulca*, Festival of Visual Arts, Fairgreen Gallery, Galway, Ireland
- 2005 The 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland  
*OFFSIDE LIVE II*, performance evening, Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin, Ireland  
National Group Exhibition, Wicklow Town, Ireland  
*Sculpture in Context*, Botanic Gardens, Dublin, Ireland  
*Hunt the Postcard*, The Hunt Museum, Limerick, Ireland
- 2000 13<sup>th</sup> Internationale Minitextile Biennial, Kunsthalle Szombathely, Hungary
- 1999 *Look through*, läpikuultavia pintoja, Textil Kultur Haslach, Austria
- 1997 Gallery Space 21, Tokyo, Japan (C. Sato/M. Rokumura/K. Poijula)  
Gallery Maronie, Kyoto, Japan C. Sato/M. Rokumura/K. Poijula)
- 1996 11<sup>th</sup> Internationale Minitextile Biennial, Kunsthalle Szombathely, Hungary  
Finnish Lines, Manchester Metropolitan Galleries, England
- 1994 Nordic Art and Design, The Swedish Museum of Textile History, Borås, Sweden
- 1992 Our Common Environment, St Petersburg, Russia

#### AWARDS, GRANTS

- 2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, grant for working group  
(S. Dickhoff, U. Pohjola, K. Kaikkonen, K. Poijula)
- 2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, grant for working group  
(S. Dickhoff, U. Pohjola, K. Kaikkonen, K. Poijula)
- 2014 Arts Council of Helsinki Metropolitan Region, grant for artistic work
- 2007 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, grant for working group
- 2005 Context Award for a large outdoor work of distinction, "Sculpture in Context" exhibition, National Botanical Gardens, Dublin, Ireland
- 2003 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

- 2002 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, public display grant
- 2000 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Regional Fund, grant for artistic work
- 1999 Travel Grant (The National Arts Council), exhibition in Washington  
Finnish Cultural Foundation, project grant  
State Grant to Artists, grant for artistic work
- 1998 The Alfred Kordelin Foundation, grant for artistic work and organising exhibition  
City of Helsinki, grant for artistic work
- 1996 Alfred Kordelin Foundation, residence grant for working group  
The City of Helsinki Cultural office, grant for artistic work  
The Scandinavian-Japan Sasakawa Foundation, grant for organising exhibitions  
in Tokyo and Kyoto  
Finnish Association of Designers, ORNAMO, project grant  
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant
- 1995 Award for Excellent Master´s thesis, The University of Art and Design, Helsinki

#### ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

- 2000 Scandinavian Society of Art and Science in Rome, Italy
- 1996 The Finnish Cultural Institute in New York , USA

#### OTHER EDUCATION

- 2012 Post graduate degree in teacher education  
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Metropolia, University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki. Burren College of Art, Ireland.  
HAAGA-HELIA University of Applied Sciences. Vocational College Live, Helsinki.  
Vantaa Adult Education Centre. Helsinki Adult Education Centre.  
Espoo Omnia Adult Education. Kalliola Adult Learning Centre, Helsinki.  
Lahti Folk High School. Kulosaari Secondary school.