

KAIJA POIJULA

BIOGRAPHY

- 1963 Born in Pudasjärvi, Finland
1995 Master of Arts, Aalto University
1993 Erasmus-scholarship, Gerrit Rietvelt Academie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
1992 Nordplus-scholarship, College of Art and Design, Stockholm, Sweden
Educational visits: 1989 Tallinn, Estonia, 1990 Florence, Italy, 1992 Lodz, Poland
1992 Bergen, Norway, 1993 Paris, France
2003-07 Lived and worked in Ireland

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Vantaa Art Museum Artsi
Oulu Art Museum
State of Finland Art Collection
Kunsthalle Szompathely, Hungary

WORKS OF ART IN PUBLIC POSSESSION

- 2008 Kontio Loghouses, Headquarters, Pudasjärvi, Finland
2008 Kulosaari Church, Helsinki, 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 (Architects Juha Leiviskä and Rosemarie Shnitzler)
1995 Martela House, Helsinki, Finland
1993 City of Oulu Counselling Centre, Finland
1993 Senior Secondary School, Pudasjärvi, Finland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS, INSTALLATIONS AND PERFORMANCES IN FINLAND

- 2024 "Kekri", Gallery A2, Helsinki
2022 "Winterreise", Gallery A2, Helsinki
2022 "Wintereise", Taidekamari, Pudasjärvi
2018 "Memento", Craft Museum of Finland
2014 "Eine Kleine Wunderkammer", installation, Malmi Gallery, Helsinki
2012 "The Beauty of Misunderstanding", installation, Rikhardinkatu Library, Helsinki
2011 Gallery Johan S, Helsinki
2011 Gallery Stoa, Helsinki
2010 Artist of the Month, The Internet gallery of Artists O, Design Museum, Helsinki
2003 Gallery Katariina, Helsinki
1999 Gallery Into, Helsinki
1999 "Cortegè", Performance on the Bay of Töölö, Night of Arts, Helsinki
Old, wooden rowing boats carrying a consoling flame on their final journey.
1998 Kuhmo Chamber Music Festivals
1997 "Cortegè", Performance on the Lake, Lahti
1996 Installation, Kamppi underground metro station, Helsinki
1994 Installation, The Main City Library of Oulu
1994 Installation, Gallery Vanha, Helsinki
1993 "Angels", Gallery Vanha, Drawings, Helsinki
1993 "Angels", Pohjantähti, Drawings, Pudasjärvi

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 NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

2025 "Artists's Books", Gallery Duetto, Helsinki

2024 "PAIN, Exhibition explores the vulnerability and fragility of life". Oulu Art Museum, Oulu.

2024 "Hope and Beauty", Gallery Saskia, Tampere

2022 "Book Art Exhibition", Gallery Duetto, Helsinki

2022 "With naked Eye", Voipaala Art Centre, Sääksmäki

2021 PudArt, Taidekamari, Pudasjärvi

2021 "Three Dimensional Poetry", Book Art, Rikhardinkatu Library, Helsinki

2020 "With naked Eye", HAA Gallery, Suomenlinna, Helsinki

2019 "Growth and Loss, Hair in Contemporary Art, Oulu Museum of Art, Oulu

2019 "The Birth and Origin", Gallery Vanhan Kappalaisentalo, Porvoo

2018 BELA III, Biennial of European and Latin American Contemporary Art, Capel Factory, Helsinki

2017 "Book Art Exhibition II" (Finland 100), Gallery Katariina, Helsinki

2017 "Connotations", Gallery Saskia, Tampere

2017 "Connotations", Gallery Valve, Oulu

2016 "Art Helsinki", Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre

2016 "Connotations", Gallery Malmitalo, Helsinki

2015 Purnu Art Center, www.purnu.fi, Purnu

2015 Nordic Book Art Exhibition, Gallery Jangva, Helsinki

2015 "Connotations", Poriginal Gallery, Pori

2014 XIX Mänttä Art Festival, www.mantankuvataideviikot.fi/ Finland

2014 Book Art Exhibition, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki, Finland

2013 "Pyhäniemi Art Exhibition", Pyhäniemi Manor

2013 "The Wonderwater on the Baltic Sea Exhibition", Old Customs Warehouse, Helsinki

2009 "Luxus", Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland,

2008 PudArt, Pudasjärvi, Finland

2008 Gallery Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland (Haahti/Poijula)

2001 "Happiness", Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä

1999 Textile Triennial 5, Design Museum Helsinki

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

2022 BABE, Bristol Artist's Book Event, Bristol, Iso-Britannia

2018 "Connotations", Tampere Maja Galleria, Tartu, Estonia

2016 BOOK-ART OBJECT 3, Museum of Applied Art Belgrade, Serbia

2015 Gallery Astley, Uttersberg, Sweden

2014 "Artist's Books", Dyssekilde Station, Denmark

2013 "Artist's Books", Herceg Novi, Montenegro

- 2013 "Book – Art Object", National Library of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2012 "16 steps closer" Vilnius Academy of Art Exposition Halls, Titanikas, Lithuania
- 2011 "16 steps closer", Nordic Baltic designers event, Riga Art Centre, Latvia
- 2011 "Between tradition and future", Cheongju Craft Biennale.
Experimental craft and contemporary design from Finland, South Korea,
- 2011 The International Art Fair for Contemporary Objects, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 "Luxus –09" The Artothèque de Caen, France
- 2009 "Signals", Flow Gallery, London
- 2006 Tulca 2006, Galway, Ireland
- 2006 Normoyle Frawley Gallery, Limerick 2006, Ireland
- 2006 Works on Paper, Glor, Ennis 2006, Ireland
- 2005 The 175th Annual Exhibition 2005 (Royal Hibernian Academy), Dublin, Ireland
- 2005 National Group Exhibition 2005, Wicklow Town, Ireland
- 2005 Sculpture in Context 2005, Botanic Gardens, Dublin, Ireland
- 2005 OFFSIDE LIVE II, performance evening 2005, Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 1997 Gallery Maronie, Kyoto, Japan (together with Sato and Rokumura)
- 1997 Gallery Space 21, Tokyo, Japan (together with Sato and Rokumura)
- 1996 "11th Internationale Minitextile Biennial", Kunsthalle Szompathely, Hungary
- 1996 "Finnish Lines", Manchester Metropolitan Galleries, UK
- 1994 "Nordic Art and Design", The Swedish Museum of Textile History, Sweden
- 1992 "Our Common Environment", St Petersburg, Russia

PERSONAL AWARDS, GRANTS

- 2025 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 3-year grant for artistic work
- 2023 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1-year grant for artistic work and solo exhibition costs
- 2022 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, grant for artistic work and solo exhibition costs
- 2021 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Public Display grant
- 2014 Arts Council of Helsinki Metropolitan Region
- 2005 Context Award for a large outdoor work of distinction, "Sculpture in Context"-exhibition,
National Botanical Gardens, Dublin, Ireland
- 2003 Project Grant (The Arts Council of Finland)
- 2002 Public Display Grant for Visual Artists
- 2000 The Arts Council of Helsinki Metropolitan Region
- 1999 Travel Grant (The National Arts Council)
Finnish Cultural Foundation
State Grant to Artists
- 1998 The Alfred Kordelin Foundation
City of Helsinki
Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1996 The Alfred Kordelin Foundation
City of Helsinki
The Scandinavian-Japan Sasakawa Foundation
The National Arts Council
Finnish Association of Designers, ORNAMO
Helsinki University of Art and Design

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

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

MEMBER OF

Association of Finnish Sculptors

Helsinki Artist's Association

Kuvasto, copyright society for artists working in the field of visual arts

ART TEACHING

2018- Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences,

Vantaa Adult Education Centre, Espoo Adult Education Centre

2006 Burren Collage of Art, Co. Clare, Ireland