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STUDIES

UNIVERSITY OF
ART AND DESIGN, HELSINKI, 1977-1986

MA, DEPARTMENT OF ART EDUCATION, 1982
MA, DEPARTMENT OF CERAMICS AND GLASS DESIGN, 1986
Product Designer Intern at Arabia Factory, 1983

MEMBERSHIP

International Academy of Ceramics IAC, Geneva, 2007-

Finnish Association of Sculptors (Suomen
Kuvanveistäjäliitto ry) 1991-

Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO 1987-
(Teollisuustaiteen liitto Ornamo)

Vantaa Artists' Association (Vantaan Taiteilijaseura ry)
2000-

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

State of Finland / Vantaa Art Museum Artsi, Finland / City of Vaasa, Finland / Finnish Real Estate Bank, Finland / The University of Art and Design Helsinki / Finnish Broadcasting Company YLE, Finland / The IRIS Collection, City of Porvoo, Finland / Northern Arizona University, Art museum and Galleries, USA / Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taiwan / Arabia Museum, Design museum Helsinki, Finland / Youngone Corporation, Seoul, Korea / Salo Fine Arts museum, Finland / City of Salo, Finland / The Paulo Foundation, Helsinki Finland / Malkki collection, Tampere, Finland / Röhsska Museet, Gothenburg, Sweden / NOKIA company Finland / FuLe International Ceramic Art Museums (FLICAM), Fuping, China /

Jingdezhen Sanbao Ceramic Art Institute, Jingdezhen, China / 5th International Golcuk Ceramic Symposium collection, Kocaeli, Turkey / The Ateliers d'Art de France, Paris / Wartberg ob derAist municipality, Austria / Arctic Ceramic Centre, Posio, Finland / SIO-2 Ceramica Collet S.A.Barcelona, Spain / Deutsch-Finnische Handelskammer AHK, Helsinki / KWUM Museum and Galleries, Fiskars, Finland, Private Collections in Finland and abroad

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024** Gumbostrand Konst och Form Gallery, Sipoo, Finland
- 2024** Kymenlaakso Museum, Maritime Centre Vellamo, Kotka, Finland
- 2022** KWUM Museum and Galleries,
- 2018** Hungarian institute for Culture in Helsinki,U-galleria,duo exhibition with Eszter Bornemisza,
- 2017** Galleria K,duo- exhibition Rastas & Rytkölä (exhibition space of Vantaa Art Museum and Artists Association of Vantaa) Vantaa, Finland
- 2016** Heinola Art Museum, Heinola, Finland
- 2014** Gallery Bronda, Helsinki, Finland
- 2009** Galley Gjutars, Vantaa,Finland
- 2008** FORUM BOX, Helsinki,Finland
- 2007** Galleri Lerverk, Gothenburg,Lerverk, Gothenburg,Sweden
- 2007** Raisio Museum Harkko,Raisio, Finland
- 2007** Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005** Gallery Bronda, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004** Gallery Malkkimuseo, Tampere, Finland
- 1998** Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1995** Galleria Bronda, Helsinki, Finland
- 1993** Galleria Bronda, Helsinki, Finland
- 1991** Gallerie Garten, Darmstadt, Germany
- 1991** Galleria Ixia, Tampere, Finland
- 1990** Galleria Bronda, Helsinki, Finland
- 1988** Galleria Bronda,Helsinki, Finland
- 1988** Galleri Blås & Knåda, Stockholm, Sweden

EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

- 2023** Landscapes on clay, A2 Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2022** Joint exhibition, gallery K, Vantaa, Finland
- 2022** Group exhibition, gallery K, Vantaa Finland
- 2022** Imatra Art Museum, Imatra Finland, group exhibition, Leikkiä savella (Palying with clay)
- 2021** Hungarian institute for Culture in Helsinki,U-galleria,contemporary Finnish and Hungarian Ceramic Design(1.9.- 20.9.)
- 2021** On the Edge- Finnish National exhibition, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Korundi, Rovaniemi,Finland
- 2020** From Form to Surface, Vantaan Art Museum Artsi, Finland
- 2020** (Valon voima,) Power of Light, Galleria K, Vantaa,Finland
- 2019** CTG(R) Collective (New York), residency exhibition, Aleksanterin linna Serlachius museum,Mänttä
- 2019** Secret of Paradise, Arabia- Iittala Design Centre, Helsinki
- 2019** Risteyksiä-exhibition, Galleria 5, Oulu
- 2018**, Pyhäniemi, Manor,Hollola,
- 2018** White with black,Black Wall Gallery,Vaasa,
- 2018** About Clay, European Ceramic Art, Fiskars Village, The Copper Smithy inFiskars Village
- 2018** Urban Nature, joint exhibition, Napa Gallery, Rovaniemi
- 2017** joint exhibition, Galleria Bronda, Helsinki

2014 Ceramics & Space, Designmuseum Helsinki
2017 Karin Widnäs, Kotona- exhibition, Fiskars
2016 Lapland Inspiring –the exhibition of the symposiums 2016, ACC, Anu Pentik Gallery, Posio
2016 From the pottery to visual art Teijon masuuni, Salo
2014 Ceramics & Space, Designmuseum Helsinki
Helsinki Fat Clay, Designmuseum Gallery Arabia, Helsinki
2014 Vantaa Art Association 20 Anniversary, Gallery K, Tikkurila Vantaa
2012 Ceramega 2012, Voipaala Art Center, Sääksmäki,
2011 FI COLLECT, LB Contemporary Gallery, Helsinki
2011 Gallery Art Kaarisilta, Sanomatalo, Helsinki
2011 Gallery Rööperin taidesalonki, Helsinki
2011 Around, Vantaa Art Association, pop up gallery in the Flamingo Center, Vantaa
2009 Gallery Rööperin taidesalonki, Helsinki
2008 Keramiikan kevät (Helsinki Fat Clay), Gallery Oljemark, Helsinki
2007 Open – doors open to the Art of teachers in Annantalo Art Center, Helsinki
2005 Eyes open -exhibition of Artists Association in Vantaa, Vantaa Art Museum, Vantaa
2004 Ceramega, Voipaala Art Center, Sääksmäki
2004 Finnish contemporary ceramics, Jyväskylä Crafts Museum, Jyväskylä
2003 Keramiikan vuosisata, A.W. Finchin jälkeläiset, Design Museum, Helsinki
2003 Ihmeiden puutarha K03- exhibitions, The South Carelia Museum of Art, Lappeenranta;
2003 Töölönlahden taidepuutarhat 03Töölönlahti Art garden 03, Helsinki
2002 Hot Line (Kuuma linja), Arabia museum, Helsinki
2002 Hot line (Kuuma linja), Kajaani Art Museum, Kajaani
2002 Hot line (Kuuma linja), Salo Art Museum, Veturitalli, Salo
2001 Ceramic Summer, Gallery Bronda, Helsinki
2001 Neighbours II, Gallery Rantakasarmi, Suomenlinna, Helsinki
2001 Hot line (Kuuma linja), Kouvola Art Museum, Kouvola
2001 Vaikutelmia Vantaalta, Gallery Gjutars, Vantaa
2000 Galleria Bakeliittibambi, Helsinki
2000 Osmosis, by a group of six sculptors, The Inner Court of City Hall Helsinki, Helsinki
2000 Hot line, Savonlinna Art Museum, Savonlinna
2000 Gallery Gjutars, summer exhibition, Vantaa
2000 Yhteys-Connection, Exhibition of Artists` Association in Vantaa, Myyrmäkitalo, the exhibition hall of Vantaa City Museum, Vantaa
1999 Hot line, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma
1998 Pressing, Cable Factory, Cultural Centre of the City of Helsinki, Helsinki
1998 Hot line, Keuruu Museum of Art, Keuruu
1998 Galleria Pintura, Helsinki
1996 Summer exhibition, Kotigalleria Villa Anitra, Naantali
1996 Ceramega, Voipaala Art Center, Valkeakoski, Sääksmäki
1996 Ceramic Route-96, the Inner Court of City Hall, Helsinki
1996 Summer exhibition, Galleria Bronda, Helsinki
1996 Odysseusn the North 1996, Toijan kivimakasiini, Kisko
1996 15 Finnish ceramists, Galleria Rahling, Porvoo
1996 Creative hands, Kerava Museum of Art, Kerava
1994 Summer exhibition, Galleria Katariina, Helsinki
1993 Exhibition, Annantalo, Cultural Centre of the City of Helsinki, Helsinki
1992 Sommarkonst (summer art), Eckerö, Åland
1992 Galleria Johan S, Porvoo
1991 Suomi muotoilee 8 (Finnish form 8), The Finnish Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki; Seinäjoki Art Gallery, Seinäjoki; Kajaani Art Gallery, Kajaani
1991 Käsialoja (Handwritings), Alajärven taidekammari, Alajärvi
1991 KerTa 1991, Finnish sculptural ceramics, The South Carelia Museum of Art Lappeenranta; Kuopio Museum of Art, Kuopio
1991 Summer exhibition, Abel & Venla, Hirvikumpu, Keminmaa
1990 Finnish design 1990, The Finnish Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki
1990 Muistikuvia (Memory Pictures), Galleria Bronda, Helsinki

1991 Käsiäloja (Handwritings), Alajärven taidekammari, Alajärvi
1991 KerTa 1991, Finnish sculptural ceramics, The South Carelia Museum of Art Lappeenranta; Kuopio Museum of Art, Kuopio
1991 Summer exhibition, Abel & Venla, Hirvikumpu, Keminmaa
1990 Finnish design 1990, The Finnish Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki
1990 Muistikuvia (Memory Pictures), Galleria Bronda, Helsinki
1989 Exhibition OTE (The touch) (invited participants only), The South Carelia Museum of Art, Lappeenranta
1989 Keramiikkaa (Ceramics), Galleria Figo, Joensuu
1988 Exhibition, Annantalo, Cultural Centre of the City of Helsinki, Helsinki
1988 IIRIS, Exhibition of the 1st International Seminar on Ceramics, Porvoo Art Gallery, Porvoo
1987 Exhibition (invited participants only), The Nelimarkka Museum, Alajärvi
1987 Taidekeidas (Oasis of Art), Galleria Bronda, Helsinki
1987 Metaxis, nuoret kädet (Metaxis, young hands), The Design Museum, Helsinki
1986 Ajatuksen ääriiivat (Contours of thought), Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki
1986 Luonnon voimia (Forces of nature), Hämiäksen studio, Helsinki
1983 Esineitä (Objects), Vanhan Galleria, Helsinki

EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

2024 AZULEJO Tiles Suitcase Exhibition from IAC Members, CCC Caldas da Rainha, Portugal
2024 Indian Ceramic Triennale, IN TRANSIT Gallerie Nvya, New Delhi, India
2023 CERAMICSHIP 2023 9th Nanyang Clay Group Exhibition, National Library Building, Singapore
2022 Bund der Kunsthandwerker Baden-Württemberg e.V. 75 Jahre Jubiläumsausstellung, Stuttgart Haus der Wirtschaft und Karlsruhe
2022 Breath of the City, Tér-Kép Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
2021 Budapest Design Week, Encounters-Finnish and Hungarian ceramic design, KISCELLI MUZEUM
2021 Galerie Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany, Finland-Art from the happiest Country in the world.
2020 Dash to Dash, contemporary art from Finland and Austria, Art Bv Berchtoldvilla Salzburg, Austria
2020 Catinca Tabacaru Gallery, CTG Collective: The Berry Eaters, New York City, USA
2019 Helsinki Fat Clay Spring, Bläs&Knåda Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
2018 40 Anniversary Exhibition World of Ceramics, Gallery Marianne Heller, Germany
2018 Contemporary Touch, Ceramic art from Finland, FU-GUEI SANYI- gallery, Miaoli County, Taiwan
2018 IAC members exhibition, Yingge Ceramics Museum, New Taipei City, Taiwan
2017 7th Moscow International Biennale of Contemporary Art; Finite Recourse, Stroganov Academy, Tunnel-gallery, Moscow, Russia
2016 Ceramics in Architecture and Public Space, Barcelonan Design Museo, Barcelona, Spain
2015 5th International Golcuk Ceramic Symposium exhibitions, Golgüek, Kocaeli, Turkey
2014, Helsinki Fat Clay in Heidelberg, "Finland moves to central stage", Gallery Marianne Heller, Germany
2014 International Academy of Ceramics IAC Members exhibition "Moving Objects", Dublin, Ireland
2014 Finnish and German contemporary ceramic art, Ludwigsburg Castle, Ludwigsburg, Germany
2013 Gallery Galateea, Ceramica, Bucharest Romania
2013 Museo Civico Archeologico di Tolfa, Rome, From Pottery to "plastic", Italy

2012 Helsinki Fat Clay in Faenza, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza, Italy
2012 New World: Timeless Visions, International Academy of Ceramics IAC, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, USA
2012 Helsinki Fat Clay in Milan, Ceramic Art Gallery Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
2011 Finnish Art Mix, Art By Berchtoldvilla, Berufsvereinigung Bildener Künstler Österreichs, Landesverband Salzburg, Austria
2011 7. Internationale Keramikbiennale der Stadt Kapfenberg, Austria
2011 7. Internationale Keramikbiennale der Stadt Kapfenberg, Gradski Muzej, Varazdin, Croatia
2010 Fifty-Fifty, ICCA, Art hall Szombathely, Hungary
2010 "Feur und Eis" Ceramic art from Finland, Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
2010 International Academy of Ceramics IAC, member's exhibition, Sevres Museum, France
2008 Masters in Clay, Great China Ceramic Museum, Jingdezhen, China
2008 International Academy of Ceramics IAC, member's exhibition, Qujiang International Exhibition Center, Xian and FuLe International Ceramics Art Museums, Fuping Pottery Art Village, China
2003 Oslo International Ceramics Symposium OICS-03, "Sculptural Thoughts", Finnish Cultural Institute in Norway, Oslo
2001 The 11. Biennale of Château roux, Château roux, France
2001 10 from Finland, Craft Space MOKKUMTO, Seoul, Korea
2000 Contemporary ceramics from Finland and Russia in the Applied Art Museum, in St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Russia
1998 Contemporary ceramics from Finland, Morley Gallery, London, Great-Britain
1997 Kutani International Decorative Ceramics Competition '97, Komatsu, Japan
1997 5th World Triennial Exhibition of Small Ceramics, Zagreb, Croatia
1997 Bienal Europea de Ceramica de Manises, Valencia, Spain
1995 49. Concorso Internazionale della Ceramica d'Arte Faenza, Italy
1995 IV Bienal Internacional de Ceramica Artistica 1995, Aveiro, Portugal
1995 Bienal Europea de Ceramica de Manises, Museu de Ceramica de Manises, Valencia, Spain
1994 Ceramica Finlandese, Centre permanent d'Artesania de la generalitat de Catalunya Barcelona, Spain
1994 Taipei International Exhibition of Ceramics 1994 (TIEC-94), Central Exhibition Hall, Taipei, Taiwan
1994 Finnish ceramics, Galerie Uta Goppelsröder, Bretten & Cultural Centre Palatin, Wiesloch, Germany
1994 North, the Works Festival, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
1993 World Clay Stomp-93, Northern Arizona University, Art Museum and Galleries, Flagstaff, USA
1993 48. Concorso Internazionale della Ceramica d'Arte, Faenza, Italy
1993 Bretten Stadt des guten Tons (Bretten the town of god clay), Bretten, Germany
1992 10 ceramists from Finland, Sønderborg, Denmark
1992 "North", hot clay from cold climates, Art Evo Gallery, Edmonton, Canada
1991 Gallery Lief Aarestrup, Los Angeles, USA
1990 Exhibition, "Galerie beim Roten Turm", Sommerhausen, Germany
1990 Nordisk keramikk, Oslo International Ceramics Symposium, Galleri F 15, Moss, Norway
1990 Finnische Keramik, Galerie Unter Giebeln, Bretten, Germany
1990 L'Europe des Ceramistes, Madrid, Spain; Linz, Austria; Budapest, Hungary; Joinville & Hagueneau, France
1989 L'Europe des Ceramistes, Centre Culturel de la Yonne, Auxerre, France
1989 I Bienal Internacional de Ceramica Artistica 1989, Aveiro, Portugal
1988 Europäisches Kunsthandwerk 88, Stuttgart, Germany
1985 De Nieuwe Generatie, Galleria Inart, Amsterdam, Netherlands

GRANTS A.O.

Grant Culture Moves Europe together with AHA Group (Beck, Nonnenmacher, Zeitlhofer, Putsch-Grassi, Rytkölä) **2024-2025**

The Finnish Cultural Foundation travel grant **2023**

The supplementary artist pension awarded as recognition of an outstanding contribution to the creative arts. **2023-**

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant (1-year) **1988, 1991, 1996,2021**

The City of Vantaa, working grant **2001, 2004, 2007, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020,2022**

State of Finland/Arts Promotion Centre Finland, State 1-years Grant for Artists, **2015**

State of Finland/Arts Promotion Centre Finland, State 5-years Grant for Artists, **2008-2012**

Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Covid 19 grant, **2020,2020**

The Finnish Swedish Cultural Foundation grant **2007,2019**

The National Council for Design/ Arts Promotion Centre Finland, grant **2001, 2002, 2005, 2014, 2018, 2020,2022**

The Industrial Arts Council, State of Finland grant **1988, 1990, 1993, 1994**

Public Display Grant for Visual Artists, State of Finland, working grant **2002, 2005**

The Cultural Foundation of Uusimaa, working grant **2002**

The Leo and Regina Wainstein Foundation, Helsinki, working grant **1994**

The City of Helsinki, working grant **1995**

ORNAMO, grant **1987, 1998**

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant **1988, 1991, 1996,2021**

The National Art Council, State of Finland, grant **1989, 1991, 1999, 2006,**

The Regional Arts Council, County of Uusimaa, grant **1990, 1992, 1999, 2016**

The Alfred Kordelin Foundation, Helsinki, working grant **1994**

HONORS

County Arts Council of County Uusimaa, Art prize **1983**

49. Concorso Internazionale della Ceramica d'Arte Faenza, Italia: Medaglia d'argento del Presidente della Repubblica **1995**

Kutani International Decorative Ceramics Competition '97 Komatsu, Japan, Award of Merit **1997**

PUBLIC ARTWORKS A.O

The Mural Riemumuuri (The Wall of Joy) at the square of the police headquarters in City of Tampere, commissioned by The State of Finland, **1991 –1993**

4 ceramic artworks in Katriina Hospital, commissioned by Vantaa Art Museum Vantaa, Finland, **2018**

POSITIONS OF TRUST A.O.

International Academy of Ceramics IAC 49.Congress,Rovaniemi **2021**, member of the Organizing Committee
Vantaa Artist Association council member **2021-2022**, deputy member of council **2023-**
Vantaa Artist Association member of exhibition committee, **2020-**
Member of jury, Behind the Seen, Finnish and German ceramic art exhibition, Porvoo Art Hall,**2016**
Member of project group of exhibition Ceramics and Space in Design museum in Helsinki **2012-2015**
Artists O, Board Member and vice president **2006-2007**
Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO, Board Member **2001 – 2002**
Member of Committee for the Purchase of Works for the State Art Collection **1996 -1998**

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES AND ARTIST IN RESIDENCE A.O.

2025 Cité internationale des arts, two months residency,Paris France
2025 ARS Ceramic Art Centre Tallinna together with artists AHA Group (Beck, Nonnenmacher, Zeithofer,Putsch-Grassi, Rytkölä
2023 Tallinna Art Hall, residency, Estonia
2023 From Pottery to Nature, symposium, Stangvik, Norway
21-2022 Arctic Ceramic Centre ,Posio,Lapland, Finland, residence
2021 Murole Ruovesi together with artists Kivivirta, Hellman, Isoniemi
2019 Serlachius residency together with CTG Collective c/o CatincaTabacaru Gallery, New York, Mänttä Finland
2016 Arctic Ceramic Centre, Posio, Finland
2016 International Ceramic Symposium Barcelona, group Diagonal Eleven, Barcelona, Spain
2015 Lecture about Finnish Ceramics in NYU The Steinhard School of Education Department of Art and Art Professions Guest by professor Judith Schwarz
2015 5thInternational Golcuk Ceramic Symposium, Kocaeli University, Turkey
2011 Wartberg ob der Aist municipality, Austria
2009 Fifty-Fifty,ICCA, Keckemet, Hungary
1993 World ClayStomp -93, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, USA
1989 World Craft Council, Workshop-89, Rumst, Belgium

REPRESENTATIONS IN LITERATURE A.O.

2024 New Ceramics / Neue Keramik 3 / 2024 ISSN 0933-2367
2022 Diving in the Summer Night ,exhibition catalogue, ISBN 978-952-94-6643-6
Terrart Revista ceramica contemporainian 59 Associacio Ceramistes de Catalunya, Barcelona 2021
From Form to Surface, exhibition catalogue,Finnish-English-Russian, 2020, Vantaa Art Museum, Finland
Betoni-lehti 3 / 2019 (periodical), Finland
Ornamo-lehti4 / 2019 (periodical),Finland
Art&Perception No86 December 2011
New Ceramics, Nr. 3/2010. Neue Keramik GmbH, Höhr-Grenzhausen,Germany
Åsa Hellman Konstkeramik i Finland, Söderströms, 2006,Finland
Keramik Magazin-Ceramics Magazine 6/2006, Germany
Åsa Hellman, Ceramic Art in Finland-A contemporary tradition, Thames&Hudson,London, 2004,Great Britan
Åsa Hellman, taidekeramiikka Suomessa, Otava, 2004, ISBN 951-1-18628-0,Finland
Kerameiki Techni,International ceramic art review, Issue 30, December 1998.
Piraeus, Greece

Keramik Magazin,Nr. 5/ 1998. Verlagsgesellschaft Ritterbach GmbH, Frechen,Germany
Neue Keramik, Nr.4/ 1998. Neue Keramik GmbH, Berlin,Germany
Materia. Taiko & ORNAMO, Helsinki 1993,Finland
Balint J.,Images of Finnish design 1960 – 1990. Kustannus oy Tietopuu, Helsinki 1991,Finland
Margetts M.,International Crafts. Thames and Hudson Ltd, London 1991,Great Britan
Keramik Magazin,Nr 6/1990. Verlagsgesellschaft Ritterbach GmbH, Frechen,Germany
Periäinen T.,SOUL in DESIGN, Finland as an example. Kirjayhtymä, Helsinki 1990,Finland
Käsin tehty II, Suomalaista taidekäsityötä (Hand made II, Finnish artistic handicraft). ORNAMO,
Helsinki 1989,Finland
Keramik Magazin,Nr. 5/ 1998. Verlagsgesellschaft Ritterbach GmbH, Frechen,Germany
Neue Keramik, Nr.4/ 1998. Neue Keramik GmbH, Berlin,Germany
Materia. Taiko & ORNAMO, Helsinki 1993,Finland