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## EDUCATION

2004-2007 MFA, SIUC, Carbondale, Illinois, USA

1997-2001 BA (Hons), Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen, UK

1994-2000 MA (English and Russian) Åbo Akademi University, Turku, FIN

## SOLO SHOWS

2019-2020 *Personae mythologicae*, public artwork, WeeGee & Espoo Modern Art Museum EMMA, Espoo, FIN

2018 *Femininity*, Joensuu Art Museum (together with Kerttu Horila), FIN

2017 *Bat Brows and Trout Pouts*, Muu gallery, Helsinki, FIN

2016 *Domestic Dreams, Baby!* B-galleria, Turku, FIN

2015 *Cocktails and Stew Party*, Loimaa Art Museum's Dryer Gallery, Loimaa, FIN

2014 *WasteLand*, Salo Art Museum, Salo, FIN

2013 *Poison*, The Smart Gallery, Aberdeen, UK

2012 *Eye Candy*, Bar 9, Helsinki, FIN

2011 *Kukkuluuruu*, Salo Art Museum studio, Salo, FIN

2011 *Fun in the Sun*, The Foyer, Aberdeen, UK

2011 *Gardenwork*, Kaani InOn Design, Helsinki, FIN

2010 *Cuts*, Gallery Å, Turku, FIN

2009 *Once upon a Time*, Gallery Maaret Finnberg, Turku, FIN

2007 *Let's Play Happy!* Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, USA

2007 *Album*, Vergette Gallery, Carbondale, USA

2007 *Leikkihuone*, Turku Art School Gallery, Turku, FIN

2006 *Hospital of Happiness*, New Art Center, New York, USA

2006 *Isolation Tank*, A Room with a View Gallery, Chicago, USA

2003 *Pearl Necklace*, Raatihuone Gallery, Turku, FIN

2002 *All Shook up*, The Foyer, Aberdeen, UK

## GROUP AND JURIED SHOWS

2020 *RSA John Kinross Scholars*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh

2017, 2019 *Art Fair Suomi*, Helsinki

2017, 2018, 2020 *Taidemaalariliiton teosvälitys*, Helsinki

2014 *Uusi MUU*, Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki

2013 *Play Park*, Rubislaw Terrace Gardens, Aberdeen

2012 *Micromentalists*, Howl Gallery, Fort Myers, Florida

2009 *Muovista kristallia*, Ars Aarras, Kanneltalo, Helsinki

2009 *Futile Matters*, Turku Art Museum (curated by Mia Haltia), Turku

2008 *Kotijoulu*, Galleria Titanik, Turku

2008 *Punainen täplä*, Salo Art Museum Veturitalli, Salo

2007 *New York, New York 2007*, McCormack Gallery, New York

2007 *Art Process Trapani*, Trapani, Italy

2007 *Micromentalists*, Gallery Fifty50 and Butcher Shop/Dogmatic, Chicago

2007 *Le papier (part) deux*, Gescheidle Gallery, Chicago

2007 *Drawing Game D.I.C.K.*, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Indiana

2007 *In Their Own Words*, End Gallery, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK

2007 *Art Papers Auction*, Mason Murer Fine Art, Atlanta

2006 *Contemporary Portraits Exhibit*, Mad Art Gallery, St. Louis

2005 *Holiday Show*, Mark Palmer Gallery, Paducah, Kentucky

2004 *Scopeoholic*, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale

2004 *Fighting back*, MotoAzabu Gallery, Tokyo

2004 The Gaslight Gallery, Mougins Village, France

2004 21m2 Visningsrum, Stavanger, Norway

2002 *ArtRatikka*, Helsinki

2002 *BP Portrait exhibition*, The National Portrait Gallery, London

2001 *New Generation Show*, Compass Gallery, Glasgow, UK

2001 Degree show at Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen

2001 The Royal Scottish Academy Students' Exhibition, Edinburgh

2000, 2001 *Aberdeen Artist's Exhibition*, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen

2000 *British Airways Exhibition*, Aberdeen Airport, Aberdeen

2000 *Marking Time*, Aberdeen University, Aberdeen

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2020 Arts Promotion Centre Finland (TAIKE), public display grant, FIN  
2019 Ministry of Education and Culture, exhibition grant (Aboa Vetus), FIN  
2018 Ministry of Education and Culture, exhibition grant (Joensuu Art Museum), FIN  
2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland (TAIKE), working grant, FIN  
2014 Arts Promotion Centre Finland (TAIKE), grant, FIN  
2011 Artist of the Year, Salo Art Museum & SSO, FIN  
2010 Arts Council of Western Finland, working grant, FIN  
2009 Artist of the Year, Turku Artists' Association, FIN  
2007 Saatchi online Top Ten, jury Ana Finel Honigman, 22nd-30th Jan.  
2006 Best of Show, South of France Competition, myartspace.com, USA  
2004 Master's Fellowship, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, USA  
2002 Arts Council of Western Finland, working grant, FIN  
2001 RSA Painting Prize, Maclaine & Watters Medal, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK  
2001 Visual Award, Scottish International Education Trust, Edinburgh, UK  
2001 John Kinross Scholarship, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK  
1998 Ede and Ravenscroft Award, Aberdeen, UK

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2014 *WasteLand*, Salo Art Museum, Salo, FIN  
2013 *Five Minutes with Ilona Niemi*, Flux Video, Glasgow  
2013 *Made by*, The Finnish Institute, London  
2011 *500 Portraits*, National Portrait Gallery, London  
2008 Ruby Mag, issue 26  
2007 *In Their Own Words*, Sheffield, UK  
2007 *The Micromentalists*, Lori Waxman, Artforum  
2003 Guest book, Turku TV, Turku, FIN  
2002 *BP Portrait Award*, National Portrait Gallery, London

## MEMBERSHIPS

MUU, FIN // Painters' Union, FIN // Micromentalists, Chicago // GAPP, Carbondale

## WORKS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Espoo Modern Art Museum EMMA, FIN // Salo Art Museum, Salo, FIN // Åbo Akademi, Turku, FIN // University Museum, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale // The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen

## OTHER ART-RELATED ACTIVITY

2017- collaboration with Kallio Brewery, FIN  
2006-2012 freelance critic, Art Papers, Atlanta  
2008-2009 Art Teacher, Turku University Teacher Training School, Turku  
2005-2007 Instructor on Record, SIUC, Carbondale, Illinois  
2000-2001 Part-time Arts Tutor, Northfield Academy, Aberdeen, UK