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EDUCATION

2002 Master of Arts, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, FI

1998 Bachelor of Art, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, FI

SOLO SHOWS

2026 EIKON Schauraum, MuseumsQuartier (MQ) Vienna, Austria

2026 Gallery Persons Projects, Berlin, Germany

2019 Galleri Andersson Sandström, Stockholm, Sweden

2018 Gallery TaiK Persons, Berlin, Germany

2016 Gallery Valo, Arktikum Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland

2016 Gallery Camara Oscura, Madrid, Spain

2015 Yumiko Chiba Associates, Viewing Room, Tokyo, Japan

2014 Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

2014 Galleri Andersson Sandström, Umeå, Sweden

2014 Galleri Andersson Sandström, Stockholm, Sweden

2009 Skövde Art Museum with Pasi Välimaa, Sweden

2009 Gallery Confluence, solo exhibition, Nantes, France

2008/09 Kerava Art Museum, "Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings" with Ari Saarto, Kerava, Finland

2008 Gallery Camara Oscura, with Aino Kannisto, Madrid, Spain

2008 Kemi Art Museum, "Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings" with Ari Saarto, Kemi, Finland

2007/08 Galleri Andersson Sandström, Umeå, Sweden

2007 National Museum of Szczecin, "Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings", with Ari Saarto, Szczecin, Poland

2007 Jönköping Art Museum, Jönköping, Sweden

2006 Hanninge Art Museum, Hanninge, Sweden

2006 Gävle Konstcentrum, Gävle, Sweden

2005 Gallery Archifax, with Ari Saarto, Genoa, Italy

CURRICULUM VITAE



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2004 Gallery Valo, Rovaniemi, Finland
 2004 City Library of Jönköping, Jönköping, Sweden
 2003 Gallery Dina4Projekte, München, Germany
 2003 Gallery Stefan Andersson, Umeå, Sweden
 2003 Arktikum-centre, Rovaniemi, Finland
 2002 Gallery Artina, Helsinki, Finland
 2002 Gallery Romfeia, with Ari Saarto, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
 2001 The Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, England
 2001 Photographic Centre Nykyaika, Tampere, Finland
 2000 VB Photographic Centre, with Nanna Hänninen, Kuopio, Finland
 2000 Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
 1999 Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
 1998 Gallery Zinc, Stockholm, Sweden

GROUP SHOWS (selected)

2026 "Not Nice Girls - Der weibliche Blick in Fotografien der Sammlung SpallArt", Galerie im Alten Rathaus, Prien am Chiemsee, Germany
 2025 "Temporary Presence", celebration Exhibition of the Visiting Artist Residency Programme by the Wihuri Foundation and University of Lapland, curated by Angela Rosenberg, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Arktikum Centre, FI
 2025 Far North Photo Festival, Yellowknife, Kanada
 2024 "Les Sentinelles Figures de l'Arbre", curated group Show, The Rouen Normandy Photographic Centre/Château de Flamanville, Cotentin, FR
 2022 "Kutsut", curated group exhibition, 40th anniversary of Photographic Centre Nykyaika, Tampere, Finland
 2022 "Lensculture New York 2022, New discoveries in contemporary photography", curated group exhibition, Caelum Gallery, New York, USA
 2021 "Shapes and Shadows", group exhibition, Gallery GSA, Stockholm, Sweden
 2021 "New Perspectives Through Photography – 25 years of the Helsinki School", group show, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
 2021 "Kenen luonto?/Whose nature?", curated group show, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu/ Jyväskylä Art Museum/Kunsthalle Turku/ Pohjanmaan photographic centre, Mikkeli Art Museum, Finland
 2021 "WHY?", curated group show by Alasdair Foster, The Pingyao International Photography Festival, China
 2021 "TamingNature", Jaakko Kahilaniemi, Sandra Kantanen and Riitta Päiväläinen, Gallery Valerius, Luxemburg
 2020-21 "Searching for the Shapes Within", group exhibition, Gallery Persons Projects, Berlin, Germany
 2020 "The Nature of Being", group exhibition, Gallery Persons Projects, Berlin, Germany
 2020 "Frischer Wind aus dem Norden", curated group show, Kunsthalle St Annen, Lubeck, Germany
 2019-20 "LandEscapes", Kunsthalle Borås, Sweden
 2019 "Finnish Aalto", curated group show, Busan Museum of Art, Busan, South Korea
 2019 "Forest.Enter.Exit.", curated group exhibition, MEWO Kunsthalle, Menningen, Germany
 2018 "Nature as Playground, Gallery H, Trade Center Store, Seoul, South Korea

- 2018 "New Territory, Landscape Photography Today", curated group exhibition, Denver Art Museum, Denver, USA
- 2018 "Nature as Playground", curated group exhibition, Museum of Photography, Seoul, South Korea
- 2018 "Elèctric i Ilunyà, Fotografia contemporànea", Colección OlorVISUAL, Barcelona, Spain
- 2018 "Imaginary Meeting", The Collections of Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
- 2017-18 "Real Celebration", The Collections of Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
- 2017 "Beautiful Horror", The Collections of Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland
- 2017 "Independence Through The Lenses", touring exhibition: Latvian Museum of Photography, Riga, Latvia/ FLUSS, Wolkersdorf, Germany/
Robert Capa Contemporary Photography Center, Budapest, Hungary
- 2017 "Fabric Works" Louise Bourgeois, Angela de la Cruz, Metalsæus-Berlin, Riitta Päiväläinen, Ulf Rollof, Galleri Andersson Sandström, Stockholm, SWE
- 2017 "Smell of Málaga: olfactory perceptions of colección olorVisual", Museo del Patrimonio Municipal, Málaga, Spain
- 2016-17 "Second Skin", Museum Sinclair House, Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe Germany
- 2016 "My Silence," group show, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland
- 2015 "Daikanyama Photo Fair", Tokyo, Japan
- 2015 "Ellas - Creadoras de los siglos XX Y XXI", CAC Vélez-Málaga Francisco Hernández, Vélez-Málaga, Spain
- 2013 "Sensibility", group show, Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2013 "New Wave Finland - Contemporary Photography from the Helsinki School, ASF/ Scandinavia House, New York, USA
- 2012-13 "7th Wave - Wihuri and Visual Art", Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI
- 2012 "Helsinki Abstract", Gallery Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
- 2011 "Female View", FotoRaum, Wien, Austria
- 2011 "Helsinki School", Christophe Guye Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2011 "Within/Beyond Borders", European Investment Bank, Byzantine& Christian Museum, Athens, Greece
- 2011 "Alice in Wonderland", Logomo, Turku, Finland
- 2010-11 "Suu kuin seitsemän leivän uuni", Adel Abidin, Pasi Karjula, Pentti Kaskipuro, Hilda Kozári, Riitta Päiväläinen, Vantaa Art Museum, FI
- 2010 "The Helsinki School at Daegu Photo Biennale Korea", Daegu, Korea
- 2010 "Highlighted - Contemporary Finnish photography from the collection of Pieter and Marieke Sanders", Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, Holland
- 2009 "Regards croisés, Les oeuvres de la BEI à la BCEE", Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- 2008 "XIII Mänttä Art Festival", Mänttä, Finland
- 2007 "6th Biennale de la Photographie Arficine", curated group show, Mali, Africa
- 2007 "Photo Finnish, The Helsinki School", Sternersen Art Museum, Oslo, Norway
- 2007 "Helsinki School", Art Foyer DZ Bank, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2006-07 "Facing East: Contemporary Landscape Photography from BalticAreas", Yard Gallery, Nottingham, England
- 2006 "Vad är Fotografi? Helsinki School", Borås Art Museum, Borås, Sweden
- 2006 "Kolme Tietä", Kuopio Art Museum, with Nanna Hänninen and Taina Kontio, Kuopio, Finland
- 2006 "The Helsinki School, Finnish photography from the 21st century", Hôtel de ville de Bruxelles, Grand-Place, Brussels, Belgium
- 2006 "Facing East", Tullie House & Art Gallery, Carlisle, England
- 2006 "Various Artists: The Helsinki School", Gallery Photology, Milan, Italy

- 2005 "Helsinki School, The New Approach", Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
- 2005 "Peinture Fraîche II: Jeune Création Finlandaise", Kerava Art Museum, Finland
- 2005 "Personally", Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2005 "Under Your Skin", Gallery White Box, New York, USA
- 2005 "30 by TaiK", Museum of Finnish Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 "Gokann", 4th Triennial of the Finnish Artists' Association, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 "Facing East", The Arts Institute at Bournemouth, England/Impressions Gallery, York, England
- 2004 "Peinture Fraîche: Jeune Création Finlandaise", Nanterre, France
- 2004 "Zeitgenössische Fotokunst Aus Finnland", Salo Art Museum, Finland
- 2003 "Gokann", 4th Triennial of the Finnish Artists' Association, Kyoto, Japan
- 2003 "Summer", Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
- 2003 "Ordinary everyday", Vantaa Art Museum, Vantaa, Finland
- 2003 "Zeitgenössische Fotokunst Aus Finnland", touring group exhibition, Germany
- 2002 "Artstorm", touring group exhibition, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway
- 2000 "Jatulintarha", finnish-british artists exchange 2000-2002, Finland, England
- 2000 "Our Friends From The North", Hatfield, England
- 1999 "Exhibition '99", The Association Gallery, London, England

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- 2025 Planted Journal, Creation: Essence of Being, online magazine, interview
- 2022 Interview by Dr. Alasdair Foster, "Of Ice and Intuition", published in Talking Pictures
- 2021 Article "Of Ice and Intuition", Dr. Alasdair Foster, Photoworld Magazine, China
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- 2018 Catalog, "Nature as Playground", Korean and Nordic Contemporary Photography, ISBN: 978-89-93748-73-4, Seoul, Korea,
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COMMISSIONS

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- 2020 "Riverbed", Södersjukhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 The city of Jönköping, "Unwritten History, Memory, Landscape", Sweden
- 2003 Commission works for District Court of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

WORKING ABROAD/ RESIDENCIES

- 2022 SIM residency, Korpúfsstaðir, Iceland
- 2017 Muodoslompola, artist residency of The Artists Association of Lapland, Finland
- 2016 The Åland Archipelago Guest Artist Residence in Kökar, Finland
- 2015 The Saari Residence, Kone Foundation, 2 months, Mietoinen, Finland
- 2013 Mustarinda artist residency, Kainuu, Finland
- 2004 Aomori, working period/ 3 months, Japan
- 2003 Jenny and Antti Wihuri Association/ Artist and working residency, Rovaniemi, 3 months, Finland
- 2002 Kökar, artist residency, Finland
- 2001 Seascale, Ravenglass, England (Jatulintarha-project)

ARTIST BOOKS/CATALOGUES

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AWARDS

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2011 William Thuring prize of the Fine Arts Society of Finland, FI

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