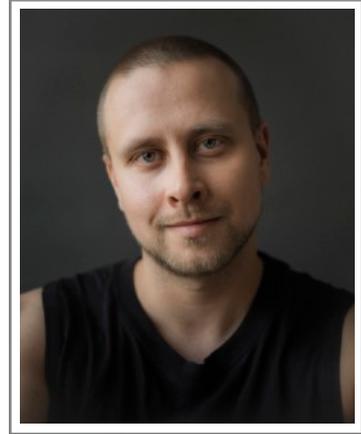


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Solo exhibitions

- 2026 Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki FI
- 2026 Ateneo Malaga, Madrid ES
- 2025 PHotoESPAÑA Madrid, ES
- 2024 Finlandinstitutet, Stockholm, SE
- 2023 Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki FI
Turku Art Hall, Turku FI
Gallery Fikka, Porvoo FI
- 2022 Mediaboxi / Forum Box, Helsinki FI
- 2021 Oulunsalo Soi, Artist of the year, Oulu FI
- 2020 Gallery Ratamo, Jyväskylä FI
Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki FI
Finnish Labour Museum, Tampere FI
- 2019 Aine Art Museum Tornio FI
- 2018 ARTag Gallery, Helsinki FI
Photo North, Oulu FI
Nyky aika, Tampere FI
- 2017 Hippolyte Studio, Helsinki FI
- 2016 Oulu August Festival, Oulu FI

Selected group exhibitions

- 2026 Gallery Huuto, Helsinki FI
- 2024 Lahti Museum of Visual Arts Malva, Lahti FI
- 2023 Korundi Museum, Rovaniemi FI
Emil Aaltonen Museum, Tampere FI
- 2022 Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki FI
Nastola Summer Exhibition, Nastola FI
Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa FI
Kemi Art Museum, Kemi FI
- 2020 Aine Art Museum, Tornio FI
- 2019 OFF Festival, Bratislava, SK
Kunst Haus Wien, Vienna AT
- 2018 Oxo Tower Wharf & The Bargehouse Gallery, Lontoo UK
Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä FI

Films

- 2027 Labour Day (feature documentary in development)
- 2026 John 9:25 (documentary/experimental short)
- 2021 A Nature Documentary (documentary short)
- 2019 Alhaisolauluja (documentary short)

Public artworks

- 2026 Oulu Children's Cultural Centre

Working grants

2025	WISEK
2024	Patricia Seppälä Foundation
2022	Kone Foundation Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2021	Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2019	Arts Promotion Centre Finland Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation Paulo Foundation
2018	Young Artist Grant Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2017	Finnish Cultural Foundation

Other work experience

2024–	Artistic Director / Oulu Music Video Festival
2017–	Freelance writer/critic for Helsingin Sanomat, Long Play, Yle, Suomen Kuvalehti, Ylioppilaslehti, Taide-lehti
2011–	Freelance photographer

Awards

2023	Best Film Idea, Kettupäivät Festival
2017	New Photojournalist Award, Finnish Press Photo Burn Magazine Emerging Photographer Fund Jouko Lehtola Foundation Young Hero Award

Publications

2024	Lauri Eriksson: Muodonmuutoksia (Parvs)
2023	Ruokälähetin päiväkirja (Long Play)
2021	Poikkeustila 2020 (S&S)
2020	We Feed the World (Little Toller Books)
2019	Transeurope: European Photography and Visual Arts Forum (La Fabrica)
2018	Suomalainen pastoraali (Maahenki Kustantamo, Musta Taide) Tiheä hetki – Valokuvataiteen vuosikirja (Maahenki Kustantamo, Mustataide)

Works in collections

The Finnish Museum of Photography, The Finnish State Art Collection, Jenny ja Antti Wihuri Foundation
The Aine Art Museum, Kemi Art Museum, The Finnish Labour Museum, The Northern Photographic
Centre, Patricia Seppälä Foundation, Finnish Art Society, Pyynikinlinna, Nelimarkka Rahasto, Private
collectors

Residencies

2025	Nordic Film Lab
2024	AVEK Kehittämö Talent Development Lab
2024	Futures Photography
2023–2024	Moment Photo Book Brewery
2022	Åland Archipelago Guest Artist Residency
2020	Mustarinda

Positions of trust

The Board for Grants to Visual Artists, Arts Promotion Centre Finland (2022–2024)
The Finnish Photographic's Artist Association (member of the board 2020–2022)