

Joel Karppanen

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Solo exhibitions

2027 Oulu Art Museum, Oulu FI (upcoming)
2026 Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki FI
2026 Ateneo Malaga, Madrid ES
2025 PHotoESPAÑA Madrid, ES
2024 Finlandinstitutet, Stockholm, SE
2023 Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki FI
2023 Turku Art Hall, Turku FI
2023 Gallery Fikka, Porvoo FI
2022 Mediaboxi / Forum Box, Helsinki FI
2021 Oulunsalo Soi, Artist of the year, Oulu FI
2020 Gallery Ratamo, Jyväskylä FI
2020 Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki FI
2020 Finnish Labour Museum, Tampere FI
2019 Aine Art Museum Tornio FI
2018 ARTag Gallery, Helsinki FI
2018 Photo North, Oulu FI
2018 Nykyaika, Tampere FI
2017 Hippolyte Studio, Helsinki FI
2016 Oulu August Festival, Oulu FI

Selected group exhibitions

2026 Gallery Huuto, Helsinki FI
2024 Kesähuone, Hanko FI
2024 Lahti Museum of Visual Arts Malva, Lahti FI
2023 Korundi Museum, Rovaniemi FI
2023 Emil Aaltonen Museum, Tampere FI
2022 Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki FI
2022 Nastola Summer Exhibition, Nastola FI
2022 Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa FI
2022 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

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

Other work experience

2026– Editor-in-Chief at Taide-lehti
2024–2026 Artistic Director at Oulu Music Video Festival

Awards

2017 New Photojournalist Award, Finnish Press Photo
2017 Burn Magazine Emerging Photographer Fund
2017 Jouko Lehtola Foundation Young Hero Award

Publications

2024 Lauri Eriksson: Muodonmuutoksia (Parvs)
2023 Ruokalähetin 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)

