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## *Education*

2013 Master of Arts, Aalto-University, Department of Art (Helsinki, Finland)

2002 Master of Arts in Ceramics, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff (U.K)

1997-1998 Institute of Art Ceramics, Höhr-Grenzhausen (Germany)

1999 Ceramic Artisan, Kuopio Institute of Art and Design (Finland)

2012-2013 Arabia Art Department Society, visiting Artist

## *Awards*

2014 Honorable Mention, The 10<sup>th</sup> International Ceramics Festival '14 Mino, Japan

## *Artists Talks*

Nordic Hands, Symposium, *Artist talk, Saana Murtti, MA Ceramic artist, On her artistic work in a phenomenological perspective*, 22.9.2018, Godsbanen Art – and Culture Centre, Aarhus, Denmark ([www.hintproject.dk](http://www.hintproject.dk))

## *Upcoming 2019 - 2020*

Handwerksform Hannover: Handmade in Europe, 21.3. – 25.4.2020, Hannover, Germany

Gallery G12, Helsinki, Finland group exhibition with Kirsi Kivivirta, Arni Aromaa, Aura Kajas and Katja Kotikoski, August 2020

3.10.2019 Book launch in Pompidou Centre, Paris 'CERAMIQUE 90 ARTISTES CONTEMPORAINS', Pyramyd, Maison d'édition consacrée au design, à la création et à la culture visuelle, Parutions rentrée 2019. Kirjoittajat: Charlotte Vannier, Véronique Pettit Laforet. ([www.pyramyd-editions.com](http://www.pyramyd-editions.com))

2019 'Blanc de Chine' International Ceramic Art Award exhibition, 23.6. – 31.7.2019, Peking, China

<http://en.blancdechineicaa.com/game2019/works.html>

<http://en.blancdechineicaa.com/#page2>

2019 'Human Approach', Aalto-University Art collection, Finland

### ***Private Exhibitions***

- 2013 Gallery Arabia (Helsinki, Finland): Beyond presence
- 2012 Gallery Huuto, Uudenmaankatu (Helsinki, Finland): Disappearances  
Gallery Lume (Helsinki, Finland)
- 2005 Gallery Arabia (Helsinki, Finland)
- 2003 Gallery Septaria Cable Factory (Helsinki, Finland)

### ***Collective Exhibitions***

2018

Nordic Hands, Hint Project, Inter-Nordic dialogue about art and the creative processes, exhibition, artists meeting and experimental collaboration, 16 - 23.9.2018 in Godsbanen Art – and culture Centre, Aarhus Tanska ([www.hintproject.dk](http://www.hintproject.dk))

About Clay, European Ceramic Art Exhibition, 13.5.- 2.9.2018, Fiskars Village, Copper Smithy, Fiskars, Finland (Invitational Exhibition)

Asuurkeraamika, Loewenschede Tower, Tallinn, Estonia: Muinaisjutud ja tösilood, (Group Exhibition)

Pyhäniemi summer exhibition 2018, Hollola, Finland

2017

Oregaard Museum (Hellerup, Denmark): Olo-Maerkbart

Gallery Lokal (Helsinki, Finland): Oi Suomi, katso!

Varkaus Artmuseum (Varkaus, Finland): Out and About

Päämajamuseo, Mikkeli, Finland: State of the Art –  
The State Art Collection 60 years.

The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland: State of the Art –  
Contemporary Art, The State Art Collection, Finland

2016 Kouvola Artmuseum Poikilo, ( Kouvola.Finland): Olo Maekbart

Gallery Art Kaarisilta, Helsinki: Koskettavin veistos 2016 (by Association of Finnish Sculptors)

2015 Gallery Pentik, (Posio, Finland): Arctic Clay 2015 International exhibition

Révélations, Grand Palais (Paris, France): Magic language/game of whispers

Gallery K, (Vantaa, Finland): Out and About

Gallery Officinet ,(Copenhagen, Denmark): Contemporary Ceramic Art from  
Denmark and Finland

Handwerksform, (Hannover, Germany): Tervetuloa! Angewandte Kunst aus Finland

Vendyssel Kunst Museum, (Hjorring, Denmark): Scandinavian Ceramic Exhibition

Maila Talvio salonki, Vanha-Koskipään kartano, (Hartola, Finland)

2014

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Ceramics Festival '14 Mino, (Japan)

XXIIIrd International Biennial of Vallauris, (France): Contemporary Creation and Ceramic

Design Museum, (Helsinki, Finland): Ceramics & Space – Finnish Ceramic Art Exhibition

Bukowskis presents – The Art and Design of tomorrow, (Helsinki, Finland)

Fiskarsin Ruukin Kuparipaja, (Fiskars, Finland): 'Blurred Lines'

Ars Auttoinen, (Auttoinen, Finland): 'Tyhjä täyttä täydempää'

Untamala Culture Centre, (Untamala, Finland)

Gallery Kappalainen's House (Porvoo, Finland): Artists O – Out and About

Gallery Arabia (Helsinki, Finland): Arabia Art Department Society 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition

2013

Gallery Johan S, (Helsinki, Finland): Contemporary Ceramic Art from Denmark and Finland

Nuutajärvi, Vanhan hytin halli, Nuutajärvi, Finland: 'Juhlat', Nuutajärvi and Arabia Art Departments

Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design (Tallinn, Estonia): Artists O – Out and About

Mältinranta Artcenter/Tampere Artist's Association (Tampere, Finland): with Tiia Matikainen and Tytti Korin

2012

Gallery Arabia (Helsinki, Finland): group exhibition with Arabia Art Department Society

Annantalo Arts Centre (Helsinki, Finland): with Elisa Rovamo

Lahti Art Museum (Lahti, Finland): Metamorphosis '12 - New Finnish Design

Voipaala Art Centre (Valkeakoski, Finland): Ceramega 12

2011

Gallery Maaret Finnberg (Turku, Finland): with Tiia Matikainen and Tytti Korin

Gallery Art Kaarisilta (Helsinki, Finland)

2009

Gallery Flow (London, U.K): Signals

2007

Åland Art Museum (Åland)

Gallery Pictor (Nummela, Finland)

2006

Gallery Elverket (Tammisaari, Finland)

Gallery Sinne (Helsinki, Finland)

2005	Porvoo Art Factory (Porvoo, Finland)
2004	Craft Museum of Finland (Jyväskylä, Finland)
2003	The National Museum of Finland (Helsinki, Finland)
2002	Howard Gardens Gallery (Cardiff, U.K)
2000	Hantwerkskammer Koblenz (Koblenz, Germany) Craft Museum of Lappeenranta( Lappeenranta, Finland)
1999	Hantwerkskammer Koblenz (Koblenz, Germany) Design Forum (Helsinki, Finland) Gallery 5 (Oulu, Finland)
1998	Gallery Taitemia (Kuopio, Finland) Gallery Into (Helsinki, Finland)
1997	Gallery Formhaus ( Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany)

### ***Public Collections***

Aalto-University Art Collection, Finland  
Helsinki University Hospital Art Collection  
Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan  
The State Art Collection of Finland  
Finnish Art Society Art collection  
Arabia Art Department Society´s Collection  
Arctic Clay Collection  
Private collections

### ***Memberships***

Association of Finnish Sculptors  
Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo  
Artists O  
Kuvasto ry  
Pot Viapori ry

### ***Grants***

2019 The Swedish Cultural Foundation, project grant  
2017 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant  
2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Uudenmaan rahasto, working grant / 3 months  
  
2015 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, travel grant / the International Ceramic Symposium, Posio, Finland  
  
2014 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant  
Greta and William Lehtisen säätiö, project grant  
The Finnish-Danish Cultural Foundation, project grant  
Arts Promotion Centre, project grant  
  
2013 Ornamo-foundation, Kaarina Aho´s fund, project grant  
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, exhibition costs (work group)  
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The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, project grant  
  
2012 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, working grant  
2011 Uudenmaan taidetoimikunta, exhibition costs (work group)

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, exhibition costs (work group)  
2010 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, working grant  
2008 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, working grant  
2007 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Public display grant  
The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, project grant  
2006 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, travel grant  
2003 Gallery Septaria, exhibition stipend  
2002 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Master of Art studies in U.K.  
2000 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Master of Art studies in U.K.  
2001 Professional Classes Aid Council London

### **Residences**

2015 The 6th Arctic Clay Symposium, International Ceramic Symposium, Posio  
2010 Källskär, Åland  
2006 Kökar, Åland

### **Publications, the media**

Book: CERAMIQUE 90 ARTISTES CONTEMPORAINS, Pyramyd, Maison d'édition consacrée au design, à la création et à la culture visuelle, Parutions rentrée 2019. Kirjoittajat: Charlotte Vannier, Véronique Pettit Laforet, 2019, s. 332 – 337 ([www.pyramyd-editions.com](http://www.pyramyd-editions.com))

CGTN FRANCAIS, Le Journal: L'exposition des oeuvres du deuxième concours international de céramique intitulé 'Blanc de Chine, Concours international d'art céramique à Beijing', 23.6.2019  
<https://video.h5.weibo.cn/1034:4386301319795777/4386368807647935?from=singlemessag&isapininstalled=0>

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Publication: Nordic Hands, Published on the occasion of the laboratorium, symposium and exhibition NORDIC HANDS, Denmark 2018

Exhibition Publication, *About Clay, European Ceramic Art*, Curator Erna Aaltonen, 2018, p. 56-57

Exhibition Publication, *Pyhäniemi 2018*, Curator Riikka Latva-Somppi, 2018, p. 50-51

Hämeen Sanomat, Ursula Rynänen, *Riihimäen Vanha Lasitehdas sulautuu nykytaiteeseen*, 28.6.2017

Warkauden lehti, Sirpa Ylönen, *Teokset kommentoivat nykymenoa, Vakavia ja hauskoja huomioita itsestä ja yhteiskunnasta*, 26.1.2017

Publication in Internet, Olo-Maerkbart Exhibition, Kouvola Artmuseum Poikilo 29.9.2016 – 8.1.2017, p.72 – 73, <https://issuu.com/artists-o/docs/olo-maekbart-nayttelyluettelo>

Ornamo Magazine nr 2/2016, The Artist of the Month, Saana Murtti, April 2016, p.40

Kunsthåndverk, The Nordic Issue, Marianne Zamecznic, *Game of Whispers*, volume 35/ issue 137/no 3, 2015, p.4-9,

Exhibition publication, magic language / game of whispers, Contemporary craft from Denmark,

Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, Nordic Craft Pavilion Révelations Grand Palais 2015, Paris, Object 13 Changing perception, by Saana Murtti, Finland

Lapin Kansa, Anu Jormalainen, *Kansainvälinen keramiikka Posion pauloissa*, 22.8.2015

Politiken, Lars Hedebo, *Utställningen `Definition`*, 8.1.2015, (Denmark)

Exhibition publication, *Ceramics & Space*, 2014, p. 58-59

Exhibition publication, *The 10<sup>th</sup> International Ceramics Competition, Mino, Japan*, 2014, p. 113

Exhibition publication, *The 10th Internationale Création Contemporaine et Céramique, Vallauris 2014*, p. 66-67, 167-168

[www.scandinaviandesign.com](http://www.scandinaviandesign.com), *Ceramics & Space exhibition Designmuseet*, 1.10.2014

*Hufvudstadsbladet*, Synnove Rabb, *Keramiken tar stolt plats*, 1.11.2014

*Aamulehti*, Katri Kovasiipi, *Tee taidematka Padasjoelle ja näe näkymätön*, 4.8.2014

*Uudenkaupungin Sanomat*, Juhani Marttala, *Kiviset kankaat valloittavat Untamalassa*, 14.6.2014

*Laitilan Sanomat*, Ville Juuti, *Taiteen moninaisuutta hienossa kulttuuriympäristössä*, 10.6.2014

*Västra Nyland*, Camilla Lindberg, *I gränslandet föds det nya*, 17.5.2014

*Borgåbladet*, Egil Green, *Materialbaserad konst förenar kvinnosextett*, 8.5.2014

*Uusimaa*, Samu Karvala, *Hengenheimolaisten näkökulmia elämään, Kuuden monipuolisen taiteilijan teokset luovat puhuttelevan kokonaisuuden*, 10.5.2014

*Glorian koti*, Anna Aromaa, *'Savisten polkujen tallaja'*, August 2013

<http://uudised.err.ee/index.php?06276855> (*Eestin kulttuuriuutiset*), Gerli Nomm, *Eesti Tarbekunsti ja Disainmuuseumis avatakse homme Soome tarbekunsti rühmituse Artists O näitus "Out and About"*, 11.4.2013

*Aamulehti*, Helsinkiläisten näyttely on leikkisä, monimielinen kokonaisuus, 8.2.2013

<http://nokkonen.wordpress.com>, Raisa Jäntti, *Häijyä tekemässä* 1.2.2013

*Turun Sanomat*, Sinikka Eskola, *Kenkiä, kuplia ja kielikukkasia* 6.7.2011

*Turun Sanomat*, Nina Suni, *Pehmeää kuin äidin syli* 12.7.2011

*Crafts Magazine*, Pamela Buxton, *Beyond function and decoration*, March/April 2009

*Ålands Tidning*, 18.10.2007

*Nya Åland*, 20.10.2007

*Västra Nyland*, 3.11.2006

*Helsingin Sanomat*, Jukka Yli-Lassila, *Muutoksia iholla ja pinnoilla* 29.1.2005

*Hbl*, Åsa Hellman, *Lera som andas* 17.2.2005

*Helsingin Sanomat*, Hannu Pöppönen, *Nykytaidekäsityö astui Kansallismuseoon*  
17.9.2003

### **Other**

Keramiikkaa kellon ympäri, Juhana Manner, documentary film

### **Teaching**

- 2018 Espoo School of Art (Espoo, Finland): teacher in ceramics
- 2014 The Animakers – an interactive animation exhibition, Annantalo Arts Center, Helsinki,  
21.8.2014 – 18.1.2015.
- 2012 Pohjois - Haaga Primary School (Finland): ceramic workshops (Hesan Nuorten Ääni-  
Cultural activities)
- 2011 Saint Petersburg Institute ( Russia): Portrait workshop for children and their parents
- 2009- Annantalo Arts Centre (Helsinki, Finland): teacher in ceramics
- 2006-07 Vihti Visual Arts School ( Nummela, Finland) teacher in ceramics
- 2007 The Finnish Deafblind Association (Helsinki, Finland): teacher in ceramics course
- 2005-06 The Helsinki Association for Visually Impaired (HUN) (Helsinki, Finland): teacher in ceramics/  
exhibition organizer
- 2003-2006 Vocational Institute Sydväst ( Tammisaari, Finland): teacher in ceramics