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## EDUCATION

- 2017 Bachelor of Culture and Arts 1.9.2013 - 2017, Häme University of Applied Sciences, Degree Programme in Design, Glass and Ceramics.
- 1993 Master of Science (Engineering) 6.4.1993. University of Technology Helsinki, Finland.

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2022 Sculpture course for Wood and ceramic, Tapani Kokko and Jari Vesterinen, Finland.
- 2021 Throwing boxes, Heidi Puumalainen, Ceramic Centre Septaria, Finland.
- 2019 Filaments and Textures Workshop, Alberto Bustos, Ceramic Centre Septaria, Finland.
- 2019 Hand build large objects, Leena Juvonen, Glass- and ceramic centre Kuu, Finland.
- 2017 Special techniques in ceramics - Nerikomi, Nanna Bayer, Glass- and ceramic centre Kuu, Finland.
- 2016 3D Clay Printing workshop, Estonian Academy of Arts, Estonia.

## JOINT EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2023 Muji Gallery, Helsinki. Finland.
- 2023 The Mosaic of Poems, Espoo Visual Artists, Gallery Aarni, Espoo, Finland.
- 2023 Diversa Natura, Galleria Napa, Rovaniemi, Finland.
- 2023 Ornamo Art & Design Sale, Gallery Maamusta, Helsinki, Finland.
- 2022-23 Canopy, Gallery Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland.
- 2022 What a Wonderful June, Gallery Fokka, joint exhibition, Helsinki, Finland.
- 2022 Ornamo Art & Design Sale, joint exhibition, Helsinki Cable Factory, Finland.
- 2021 Hospitality, Yearly exhibition of LUTS Artist Association, Gallery LUTS, Lohja, Finland.
- 2021 RED, Espoo Visual Artists, joint exhibition, Gallery Aarni, Espoo, Finland.
- 2021 Pearls of winter, Huone ett Rum, joint exhibition, Inkoo, Finland.
- 2021 "Asteita", joint exhibition, Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland.
- 2021 House of Arts, Lohja House Fair, LUTS Artists exhibition, Lohja, Finland.
- 2021 Nordic Nature, Galatea Contemporary Art Gallery, Bucharest, Romania.
- 2021 Ornamo Art & Design Sale, Helsinki Cable Factory, Finland.
- 2020 Snowless Day, Gallery K, Vantaa, Finland.
- 2020 Ornamo Art & Design Sale, Helsinki Cable Factory, Finland.
- 2020 4°C - Reflections on the state of nature, Gallery Ronga, Tampere, Finland.
- 2019 Told by Layers, joint exhibition, Nokia Art House, Finland.
- 2019 Ornamo Art & Design Sale, Helsinki Cable Factory, Finland.
- 2018 A+ Ambition In Glass – Glass Exhibition, Riihimäki Glass Museum, Finland.

- 2018 Ornamo Art & Design Sale, Helsinki Cable Factory, Finland.  
2017 Summer Dates – Ceramic and Glass Works, Design and Art, GalleriAri, Mikkeli, Finland.

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Mikrogallery, Gable Factory Konttori, solo exhibition, Helsinki, Finland.  
2022 Artist of the Month, Gallery Aarni, Espoo, Finland.  
2021 Artist of the Month, Artisaani Shop, Helsinki, Finland.  
2019 Where is new green..., solo exhibition, Caisa Gallery, Helsinki, Finland.  
2018 Eternal Ice - Pop-up-exhibitions: Restaurant Fero Helsinki and Restaurant Kuura Espoo, Finland.  
2018 Eternal Ice – Glass Art exhibition, Galleria Mafka&Alakoski, Helsinki, Finland.

#### UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Gallery Aarni, Joint exhibition, Espoo, Finland.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 *Utterat kaivertajat*, Exhibition review, Richard Kautto, Lapin Kansa nr 109.  
2021 *Lutsissa halutaan luoda yhteyksiä*, Eira Talka, Länsi-Uusimaa nr 344.  
2018 *Muotoilija Merja Castrénia ajaa käsillä tekemisen palo*, Kaisa-Liisa Ikonen, "Antiikki ja taide" Magazine, 3/2018.  
2018 *Sininenkin lasi on joskus oranssia*, Petri Lyy, "Aamuposti" nr 102 and "Länsiväylä" nr 43.

#### WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- 2019 Touch of Ice, blown glass (three pieces), HUS Art Collection, Helsinki, Finland.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

- 2017 Light Bringers, artistic outdoor lamps, Urkin piilopirtti, Pinsiö, Finland.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

- 2023 Design cooperative Unionin26  
2021 LUTS, the Artists' Association of Western Uusimaa  
2020 Espoo Visual Artists  
2019 Artists O  
2015 Ornamo Art and Design Finland

#### SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

- 2023 Taike, Targeted grant for organizing a joint exhibition (Castrén & Haanaho).  
2021 Taike Corona Grant, 3 months grant for artistic work.  
2019 City of Espoo Cultural Institution, 3 months artist grant.