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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2020
Master of Arts, Aalto University
Visual Culture, Contemporary Art and Curating, , 120cr

2012
Lahti University of Applied Sciences,
Institute of Art and Design
Photography BA, Medianome, 240 cr

PUBLICATIONS / BOOKS

2022
BROKEN HOLIDAY ALBUM
Hardcover Book, 96 pages, Publisher: Kerber Verlag

2020
**PORI BIENNALE CATALOGUE: NOT TO SING LIKE
A CITY BIRD SINGS**
Hardcover Book, 230 pages, Porin Kulttuurisäätiö

2016
INVISIBLES - TRUE STORIES ABOUT IMAGINARY FRIENDS
Hardcover Book, 146 pages, self-published

GRANTS

2022 Taike, FRAME

2021 Taike, Aalto Art Department Grant, Taike

2020 JOKES ,Taike, AALTO ARTS

2019 FRAME, Aalto Art Department Grant

2017 SKR - Finnish Cultural Foundation

2013 SKR - Finnish Cultural Foundation

2010 Patricia Seppälä Foundation

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

My works are part of numerous private collections and
the public art collection of Pori (Siesta Never Forget)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIES:

2021
FINALIST IN BEST PORTFOLIO CATEGORY
Imago Lisboa Photo Festival

SOLO / COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITIONS

2023
MIKKELIN VALOKUVAKESKUS MIKKELI, FINLAND

2022
**TAIDEKESKUS MÄLTINRANTA TAMPERE, FINLAND
KOUTA GALLERIA KOUVOLA, FINLAND**

2020
**GALLERIA 5 OULU, FINLAND
B-GALLERIA TURKU, FINLAND**

2019
**SPACE PLACE GALLERY, NIZHNY TAGIL, RUSSIA
VS GALLERY, FISKARS VILLAGE, FINLAND
KORJAAMO CULTURE FACTORY, HELSINKI, FINLAND**

2018
55-98: SHOW MUST GO WRONG
BetaSpace Gallery, in collaboration with artist Krista Seppälä,
ESPOO

2012
**LASIPALATSIN AUKIO,
CITY OF HELSINKI PUBLIC OPEN AIR EXHIBITION,
HELSINKI, FINLAND**

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022
BOOKED 2022
curated Miikka Laihininen, Rita Leppiniemi & John Gayer
MUU Galleria, Kaapelitehdas, HELSINKI, FINLAND

WATER IN THE LIBRARY – COLLECTION DISPLAY
curated by paula roush,
msdm GALLERY LIBRARY, LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN

2021
SIMPLE FORM
curated by Evgeny Komuhin, SPACE PLACE GALLERY, RUSSIA

2020
PORI BIENNALE 2020
curated by Porin Kulttuurisäätiö, PORI, FINLAND

2019
MAINOSTAUKO (AD BREAK) Public exhibition in the bustops of
Vantaa, curated by StreetArtVantaa in collaboration JCDeaux,
VANTAA, FINLAND

SAFE PAIR OF HANDS - CONTEMPORARY TEXTILE ART,
Aalto University, LQ Lobby, ESPOO, FINLAND

2018
AQUA ART FAIR MIAMI with "Tracks" film, Art Week Miami,
MIAMI, USA

IMAGES, TROPES AND NARRATIVES - SHARING CONTROL
Curators Martin Breidl and Harri Laakso, Marek gallery,
WOLKERSDORF, AUSTRIA

SCREENINGS / CURATING
OTHER ARTISTIC ACTIVITY

2022

Paris Photo Book signing/ presentation

with KERBER VERLAG, Paris, France

2022

**Directing music video + visual world
Martti Vesala Soundpost Quintet´s
Album Landmarks**

Record Label Ozella music 2022, Germany

2017 - on going

**Visiting Lecturer on photography and
visual portfolio**

Metropolia University of applied Science, Helsinki

2020

Mille Feuille dancevideo

with Pina Bounce Dance Company, Youtube

2020

Isolation piece dancevideo

with Pina Bounce Dance Company, Youtube

2019

**Co-curating Lovia´s the Flipside: Trash to
Treasure exhibition**

Helsinki Design Week 5.-15.9.2019, www.loviacollection.com

2019

Mille Feuille dance performance

with Pina Bounce Dance Company, Vapaan Taiteen tila

2018

ELOSSA FILM FESTIVAL

with "Tracks", Curated screening, Kino Tapiola

2018

AV Club: Moving Image Night

Curated screening, UWAS Station, Aalto University

2017

Kuvamuisti, exhibition and social art project

In collaboration with Helsinki Alzheimer Association

2017

Siesta 1955-98 Never Forget performance

In collaboration with artist Krista Seppälä, PORI

2015

**Helsinki International Film Festival -
Love & Anarchy**

Film: One Man Multishow, 2 screenings during festival week

2015

Budapest Design Week

Film: One Man Multishow, Invited by
Finnish Culture Institute Finnagora

SELECTED PRESS/ EXPOSURE

28.10.2022

Design and Paper,

A Review about Broken Holiday Album photobook written by Sini
Mäkelä www.designandpaper.com

17.10.2022

Photobook Reviewer,

A Review about Broken Holiday Album photobook written by Alex
Prior, [@photobook_reviewer](https://www.instagram.com/photobook_reviewer) instagram

10.7.2022

Kouvolan Sanomat, Kulttuuri

An article about "Out of this Time and Space" exhibition at
KOUTA-gallery, Journalist Anna Helakallio

4.10.2020

Helsingin Sanomat

"Etelänlomien loppu",
2-spread visual story about Broken Holiday series,
journalist Maria Manner

21.9.2020

Kaleva

"Turistien kaikottua", whole spread interview about me and Broken
Holiday series, journalist Anna Pesonen-Smith

29.5.2019

**the Blog of The Finnish Museum of
Photography, Terävyysalue**

I was interviewed to the 3-part blog article about photography
art and Instagram, Writer Anna Björklund

19.6.2019

Yle Puhe, Nosto

Radio interview about the "Off-season - broke dreams"
Journalist Mira Selander

29.5.2019

Yle Radio Suomi, Iltapäivä,

Radio interview about the "Off-season - broke dreams"
Journalist Vesa Marttinen

5.10.2017

Satakunnankansa, Porilaine

Article about the "Siesta 1955-98 Never Forget"
piece of artist duo -55-98, Journalist Marja-Kristiina Vainel

9.10.2016

Helsingin Sanomat

"Valokuvaaja kuvasi lasten mielikuvituskaverit",
whole spread interview about me and the Invisibles project,
journalist Anna-Sofia Berner

MEMBERSHIPS

The Photographic Artists' Association

Valokuvataiteilijoiden liitto, member since 2017

The Finnish Documentary Guild

Dokumenttikilta, member since 2015