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EDUCATION

2017-2020
Master of Arts, Aalto University
Visual Culture and Contemporary Arts Master's Degree, 120cr
(ViCCA + Cumma)
WWW.AALTO.FI

2008-2012
**Lahti University of Applied Sciences,
Institute of Art and Design**
medianome, Photography BA, 240 cr
WWW.LAMK.FI

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

9/2014 — 05/2015
Film and Television theory basic studies
University of Helsinki (Minor via Open University, 25cr)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

9-10/2020
Galleria 5, Oulu Artist's Association Gallery
OULU, FINLAND

7/2020
B-Galleria
TURKU, FINLAND

9/2019
SPACE Place Gallery
Central City Library of Nizhny Tagil, RUSSIA

8-10/2019
VS Gallery Fiskars
FISKARS, FINLAND

5-8/2019
Korjaamon galleria
HELSINKI, FINLAND

10. - 30.7.2012
Lasipalatsin aukio
HELSINKI, FINLAND

2009
Suvilahti Aaltopelti
HELSINKI, FINLAND

COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITIONS

3/2018
55-98: Show must go wrong
BetaSpace Gallery, in collaboration with artist Krista Seppälä, ESPOO

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1.-14.4.2019
Pori Biennale IV - Not to Sing Like A City Bird Sings
Virtual Biennale, curated by Porin Kulttuurisäätiö
www.porinkulttuurisaato.fi

1.-14.4.2019
Mainostauko (Ad Break)
Exhibition in the bustops of Vantaa, curated by Essi Ruuskanen,
StreetArtVantaa, VANTAA, FINLAND

1.-14.4.2019
Safe Pair of Hands - soft materials in contemporary art
Aalto ARTS university student exhibition, Väre, ESPOO, FINLAND

4. - 8.12.2018
Aqua Art Fair Miami
With "Tracks" film, Art Week Miami, MIAMI, USA

25.1.-9.2./2018
Images, Tropes and Narratives - Sharing Control
Curators Martin Breidl and Harri Laakso, Marek gallery, WOLKERSDORF, AUSTRIA

25.1.-9.2./2018
Whose History Is It Anyway?
Aalto University Learning Centre, Group Exhibition, ESPOO, FINLAND

29.3.2015
Where Art Meets Fashion
Group Exhibiton, nHow Gallery, BERLIN, GERMANY

2011
With the series of **Sweet Gun of Mine**
Pick Me Gallery, Helsinki, FINLAND

GRANTS

2020

JOKES

2020

TAIKE Arts Promotion Centre Finland

2019

Aalto ARTS Grant

2019

FRAME Contemporary Art Finland

2019

Aalto Art Department Grant

2017

Finnish Cultural Foundation

2013

Finnish Cultural Foundation

2010

Patricia Seppälä Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

2016

Invisibles

- true stories about imaginary friends

Hardcover Book, 146 pages

Publicist: Vernace Production
Concept, Stories and Photographs by me.

WWW.PROJECTINVISIBLES.COM
FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

DOCUMENTARY FILMS

2015

**One Man Multishow
- a movie about artist Teemu Keisteri**

Directing and Filmography + Script, 42 minutes

2013

**The Beauty of the Streets
(orig. name Kadun Kaunein)**

documentary about voguing dancer Olli Haapaniemi
Directing and Filmography, 12 minutes

SCREENINGS / SHOWS

29.10.2018

ELOSSA FILM FESTIVAL

with "Tracks", Curated X Film Femmes, Kino Tapiola

6.10.2018

AV Club: Moving Image Night

with work "Punainen Vaate", Curated Helen Alexandrova and Lauri Linna, UWAS Station, Aalto Uni

27.9.2017

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

2015

Kino Sheryl

Film: One Man Multishow, several shows during the year, premiere 23.4.2015

MEMBERSHIPS

since 2017

Artist duo -55-98

(with Krista Seppälä)

since 2017

The Photographic Artists' Association

since 2015

The Finnish Documentary Guild

(Dokumenttikilta)

since 2010

Union of the Journalists in Finland

(Journalistiliitto)

IN THE MEDIA

(selected articles and interviews)

19/6/2019

Yle Puhe, NOSTO,

Radio interview about Off-season – broken dreams exhibition
<https://areena.yle.fi/audio/1-50167985>

29/5/2019

Yle Radio Suomi, Iltapäivä,

Radio interview about Off-season – broken dreams exhibition
<https://areena.yle.fi/audio/1-50168277>

27/9/2017

Yle Radio Suomi, Suomen Radio,

Radio interview about the "Siesta 1955-98 Never Forget"
piece of artist duo -55-98

9/10/2016

Helsingin Sanomat

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

25/11/2016

Suomen Kuvalehti

"Kohtaamiset", one page article about the Invisibles book,
journalist Lauri Lehtinen

28/11/2016

Radio Yle Puhe

"Mielikuvitusystävät kehittävät sosiaalisia taitoja ja ovat bonuskavereita",
radio program, wide story about imaginary friends and the Invisibles book,
journalist Tiina Lundberg