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EDUCATION

2019

Master of Arts, Aalto University

Visual Culture and Contemporary Arts Master's Degree
(ViCCA + Cumma)

WWW.AALTO.FI

2012

Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Art and Design

medianome, Photography BA, 4 yrs

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

8/2019 (coming up)

Off-Season

VS Gallery, FISKARS

29.5. - 4.8.2019 (coming up)

Off-Season

Korjaamo aulagalleria, HELSINKI

9 - 23.3.2018

55-98: Show must go wrong

BetaSpace Gallery, in collaboration with artist Krista Seppälä, ESPOO

10. - 30.7.2012

Invisible Friends

Lasipalatsin aukio, City of Helsinki public open air exhibition, HELSINKI

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1.-14.4.2019 (coming up)

Mainostauko (Ad Break)

Exhibition in the bustops of Vantaa, curated by StreetArtVantaa, VANTAA

4. - 8.12.2018

Aqua Art Fair Miami

With "Tracks" film, Art Week 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

29.3.2015

Where Art Meets Fashion

Group Exhibiton, nHow Gallery, BERLIN

2011

With the series of Sweet Gun of Mine

PICK ME Gallery, Group Exhibition, HELSINKI

2011

11x11 by Cumma Students

(Curation Suvi Saloniemi) Aalto University, HELSINKI

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

GRANTS

2017

Finnish Cultural Foundation

for Artistic Work in Memory-project
12 000€

2013

Finnish Cultural Foundation

for the Invisibles Book Project
16 000€

2010

Patricia Seppälä Foundation

for Photographic Documentary Making in Texas
7000€

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

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

2017 — on going

Visiting Lecturer

Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Department of Design

2010 — on going

Freelancer Photographer, Videographer and Visual Artist

Vernace Production

02/2014 — on going

Blogger in Vinkkipankki

Lily blog-portal, blog about art and culture

WWW.LILY.FI/BLOGIT/VINKKIPANKKI

5/2015 — 5/2017

Visual Content Manager

Drama Queen Communication

WWW.DQC.FI

1/2013 — 1/2015

Photographer/Visual Designer

Vallila Interior

2-12/2012

Gallery Assistant

Laboratory- Art Space for now, photography art gallery

10/2011 — 12/2012

Production Assistant / Assistant of Heli Mäenpää

Viewmasters agency

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)

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