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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

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

2021 Taike, Aalto Art Department Grant

2020 JOKES ,Taike, AALTO ARTS

2019 FRAME, Aalto Art Department Grant

2017 SKR - Finnish Cultural Foundation

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2010 Patricia Seppälä Foundation

MEMBERSHIPS

since 2019

**Pina Bounce Dance Company**

since 2017

**55-98**

since 2017

**The Photographic Artists' Association**

(Valokuvataiteilijoiden liitto)

since 2015

**The Finnish Documentary Guild**

(Dokumenttikilta)

since 2010

**Union of the Journalists in Finland**

(Journalistiliitto)

SOLO / COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITIONS

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

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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

2015

**Where Art Meets Fashion**

invitational exhibition, nHow Gallery, BERLIN, GERMANY

## WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

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

## SCREENINGS / OTHER ARTISTIC ACTIVITY

2020

### **Mille Feuille dancevideo**

with Pina Bounce Dance Company, Youtube

2020

### **Isolation piece dancevideo**

with Pina Bounce Dance Company, Youtube

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

### **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

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

25.11.2016

### **Suomen Kuvalehti**

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