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## Education

University of the Arts Helsinki:

2024 Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA)

1998 MFA

1996 BFA

1997–00 University of Art and Design Helsinki, Pedagogical studies for artists

1991–93 University of Helsinki, Department of Philosophy, History and Art Studies

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 Galleria G, Helsinki
- 2021 Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
- 2018 Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki
- 2017 Gallery Hippolyte, Studio, Helsinki
- 2015 Kouvola Art Museum, Kouvola
- 2015 Gallery Muu, Helsinki
- 2012 Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki
- 2011 Gallery Forum Box/permanto, Helsinki
- 2010 Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki
- 2007 Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki
- 2004 Gallery Artina, Helsinki
- 2001 Gallery Artina, Helsinki
- 2001 Gallery of Media Centre Lume, Helsinki
- 1999 TM Gallery, Helsinki
- 1998 Gallery Bakeliittibambi, Helsinki
- 1998 Gallery of the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
- 1991 Gallery Joella, Turku

## Group Exhibitions

- 2024–25 *Experiments in Concretism*, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
- 2023 *Wihuri on Tour*, Arktikum, Rovaniemi
- 2022–23 *Variations*, Korundi, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi
- 2022 *Arvoitus*, Taidekeskus Purnu, Orivesi
- 2021 *The Blue Planet*, Art and Museum Centre Sinkka, Kerava
- 2021 Porvoo Triennial, Porvoo
- 2021 *Research Pavilion #4 Uniarts Helsinki*, Hietsun paviljonki, Helsinki
- 2021–22 *Impressions*, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi
- 2020–21 *Luostarin puutarhassa*, Valamo Monastery Cultural Center, Heinävesi
- 2019 *I Experiment as I Experience* - Exhibition Laboratory/The University of the Arts Helsinki
- 2019 *Art goes kapakka*, Ravintola Pjazza, Helsinki
- 2019 *Bela-biennial*, Museo Centro Cultural Correios, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2018–19 *Glitch Art*, Kunsti Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa
- 2018 *Lost Luggage*, Galerie Toolbox, Berlin
- 2017–18 *Real Celebration*, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi
- 2017 *Verden i akvarel/World Wide Watercolour*, Hillerød, Denmark
- 2016 *Waterfall*, Svendborg, Denmark

- 2015–16 *The Adventure Can Begin*, The Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden  
 2015 *Experimentality*, Research Pavillion, Venice, Italy  
 2015 *Turku Biennial 2015*, Aboa Vetus Ars Nova ; Museum of History and Contemporary Art, Turku  
 2013–14 *Thread an Paper*, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa  
 2012–13 *Reality Bites*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki  
 2012 *Artists 2012 – The 117<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition of Finnish artists*, Kunsthalle Helsinki  
 2012 *The 7<sup>th</sup> Wave – Wihuri and Visual Art*, Kunsthalle Helsinki – Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma – South-Carelia Art Museum, Lappeenranta  
 2012 *Olemisen kevyt sietämättömyys*, Ars Auttoinen, Padasjoki  
 2012 *Kollaasi - Collage*, Hyvinkää Art Museum, Hyvinkää  
 2012 *Pieces of Eight*, PSL, Leeds, UK  
 2012–13 *Löytöjä – Taidetta kampuksilta*, Helsinki University Museum, Helsinki  
 2011 *Nature forte*, Korundi – Rovaniemi Art Museum  
 2011 *Kantri & urbaani*, Lappeenranta  
 2010 *Highlights, Centenary Exhibition of the Association of Finnish Sculptors*, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku  
 2010 *Playtime*, Tjörn, Sweden  
 2009 *Nordisk akvarel*, Dronninglund Kunstcenter, Denmark  
 2008 *Colours*, Nordiska akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn, Sweden  
 2008 *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa  
 2008 *Splätsh! – The Extensions of Water Colour*, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki  
 2005 *Silmänkääntäjät*, Rauma Art Museum  
 2004 *Mänttä Art Festival*, Mänttä  
 2003 *Virtaa*, Art Factory, Porvoo  
 2002 *Artists' Association of Finland, 107<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki  
 2002 *Uniikki 2002*, Fiskars  
 2001 *Young Artists Exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki  
 2001 *Taju*, Hyvinkää  
 2001 *Hockey Flowers*, Helsinki  
 2000 *Uni jossa osaan lentää*, Espoo  
 1998 *Artists' Association of Finland, 103<sup>rd</sup> annual exhibition*, Kerava Art Museum  
 1997 *Degree show*, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki  
 1996 *Comment – Young Artists Exhibition*, Espoo  
 1996 *10 huonetta exhibition*, Helsinki  
 1995 *Uusimaa regional exhibition*, Kerava Art Museum  
 1993 *Sculptors from the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts*, Espoo  
 1992 *Young Artists Exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki  
 1991 *Young Artists Exhibition*, Kunsthalle Helsinki  
 1990 *Irti Maasta*, Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki

## Works in Collections

Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation; Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi  
 Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki  
 HAM - Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki  
 The EMMA-collection Collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo  
 The Finnish State Art Deposit Collection  
 Oulu Museum of Art  
 Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo  
 Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden  
 University of Helsinki  
 Fine Arts Association of Finland  
 City of Raisio  
 Finnish Art Society  
 Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, The Swanljung Collection, Vaasa

## Public and Commissioned Artworks

- 2023 *Packed in*, installation of plastic containers, 59 parts, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo  
2002 *Desk*, oil painting on canvas, University of Helsinki, Department of Sociology, Helsinki  
2000 *Flowers, leaves, flies, drops*, oil painting on canvas, four parts, Raisio Library, Raisio

## Prizes

- 2024 The Finnish State Prize for the Visual Arts  
2015 Audience award, Turku Biennial 2015, Aboa Vetus & Art Nova

## Teaching / Presentations

- 2019 Presentation *Valinta*, The Academy of Fine Arts Research Days, Helsinki  
2016 Arranging a symposium *Particles*, University of the Arts Helsinki, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki  
2011 Presentation *The Temptation of Distraction* at the conference *Changing Identities and Contexts in the Arts: Artistic Research as the New European Paradigm for the Arts*, the Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, England  
2010 Lecturer, the Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki  
2000–04 Art School Maa, Helsinki

## Memberships

Association of Finnish Sculptors  
Co-operative Forum Box

## Bibliography

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- Närhinen, Maija: "Experiments in Depicting". *Etappeja – Waypoints*. Ed. Mika Elo, Lea Kantonen and Petri Kaverma. Helsinki: University of the Arts. 2019. 208-209.
- Närhinen, Maija: "Valinta". *Experience and experimentality in artistic work and research*. Ed. Denise Ziegler. Helsinki: University of the Arts, 2019. 47–59.
- Närhinen Maija: "The Painted Illusion". *The Artist's Knowledge 2. Research at the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts*. Ed. Jan Kaila. Helsinki, Yliopistopaino 2008. 76–79.

## Articles and Reviews

- Rautio, Pessi: "Nähtyjä". *Taide Art Magazine* 3/2018.
- Suosalo Irene: "Reassembling materials with Maija Närhinen in #100artinhelsinki interview" <https://www.finnishartagency.com/100artinhelsinki-interview-by-irene-suosalo-with-artist-maija-narhinen/>. 13.5.2018.
- Rabb, Synnöve: "Läcker orimlighet". *Hufvudstadsbladet* 11 October 2015.
- Valjakka, Timo: "Kaksitoista kysymystä Maija Närhiselle". *Taide* 5/2015.
- Skulptur: Contemporary Sculpture from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden*. Edited by Royal British Society of Sculptors. Hatje Cantz, 2015.
- litiä, Inkamajja: "Off the Map". 7. *Turku biennaali 2015: odottamaton vieras 7. Turku biennial 2015: the unexpected guest*. Ed. Silja Lehtonen. Turku: Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, 2015.
- Andersson, Pamela: *Thread and Paper*. Exhibition Catalogue. Vaasa: Kuntsin modernin taiteen museo, 2013.
- Hacklin Saara: "Opetus, asiakirja, näyte: dokumentin eri muodot nykytaiteessa". *Tosi kyseessä – dokumentti nykytaiteessa*. Ed. Eija Aarnio, Patrik Nyberg. Exhibition Publication, 2012.
- Valjakka, Timo: "Mappi pursuaa muistiota". *Helsingin Sanomat* 17 December 2011.

Niska, Rebeka: "Havainnon uskottavuudesta". *Taidemaalaus* 4/2010.

Sundell, Dan: "Ett strimlat landskap". *Hufvudstadsbladet* 1 May 2010.

Valjakka, Timo: "Suunnistajan painajaisia, eksyjän unelmia". *Helsingin Sanomat* 6 May 2010.

Peltonen, Riina: "Tuhlaajapojan paluu". Exhibition catalogue. Ed. Anne-Maj Salin, Riina Peltonen. Vaasa: Kuntsin modernin taiteen museo, 2008. 126–127.

Pirtola, Erkki: *Akvarellis kiehuu*. Exhibition catalogue. Helsinki: Maahenki Oy. 2008. 7, 24–27.

Pitkänen-Walter, Tarja: "Päivänselviä ilmestyksiä". *Taide* 1/2007.

Kantokorpi, Otso: "Miten kuva esittää?" *Kauppalehti* 8 August 2007.

Tihinen, Juha-Heikki: "Pintoja ja syvyyksiä". *Taide* 4/2007.

Valjakka, Timo: "Retkiä maalaustaiteen rajoille". *Helsingin Sanomat* 14 August 2007.

Rautio, Pessi: *Uniikki 2002. Kuvataidetta Fiskarsissa*. Exhibition catalogue. Fiskars, 2002. 22–23.

Uimonen, Anu: "Sivellin maalaa siveltimen kuvan". *Helsingin Sanomat* 18 August 2004.

Rautio, Pessi: "Värin, sideaineen ja pohjan yhdistelmä". *Helsingin Sanomat* 12 April 2001.

Tilander, Anu: "Lehtien ja kasvojen kudelmia". *Turun Sanomat* 27 October 1999.

Uimonen, Anu: "Hajamielisyyden ja etsimisen kuvia". *Helsingin Sanomat* 6 October 2001.

Rautio, Pessi: "Väri karkaa ja puu ryöppyää takuuvarmoissa näyttelyissä". *Helsingin Sanomat* 18 December 1999.