

## **OLA KOLEHMAINEN / CV**

Born in 1964 in Helsinki, Finland. Lives and works in Berlin, Germany.

### **Education**

- 1999 Master of Arts in Photography, University of Art and Design Helsinki  
(now Aalto University – School of Arts, Design and Architecture)  
88-92 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism

### **Solo Exhibitions (selected)**

- 2017 Ola Kolehmainen, Helsinki Art Museum, FI  
2017 Sketches of Spain, Galeria Senda, ES  
2017 Sketches of Spain, Studio Session, Gallery Forsblom, FI  
2017 It Never Entered My Mind, Galleri Brandstrup, NO  
2017 Sinan Project, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, TR  
2015 Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK  
Sense of Volume, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, FI  
2014 Kompositionen mit Licht und Zeit, Stefan Vogdt/Galerie der Moderne,  
München, DE  
Reason and Intuition, Museum Pitzhanger Manor House and Gallery, London,  
UK  
Geometric Light - including color installation by Sauerbruch-Hutton Architects,  
Haus am Waldsee Museum, Berlin, DE  
2012 Enlightenment, Alvar Aalto Museum, Jyväskylä, FI  
Gallerie Brandstrup, Oslo, NO  
2011 Rohmaterial: Sauerbruch-Hutton, Gallery TAIK, Berlin, DE  
2010 Deutsche Werkstätten, Dresden, DE  
Alvar Aalto, Galeria Senda, Barcelona, ES  
17th Biennale of Sydney, AUS  
Colour Urban Structures, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, DE  
Galerie Vanguardia, Bilbao, ES  
Galerie Brandstrup, Oslo, NO  
A Building is not a Building, KUNTSI, Museum of Modern Art, Wasa, FI  
2009 A Building is not a Building, KIASMA, Helsinki, FI  
A Building is not a Building, The National Museum of Photography,  
Copenhagen, DK  
A Building is not a Building, New Art Gallery Walsall, UK  
Ola Kolehmainen, Jyrki Parantainen, ACE Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
2008 Ola Kolehmainen, PurdyHicks Gallery, London, UK  
Ola Kolehmainen, Galeria Senda, Barcelona, ES  
2007 Mirrors and Windows, Sint-Lukas galerij, Brussels, BE  
Ola Kolehmainen and Pertti Kekarainen, Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, NO  
2006 Espace des deux arbres, Artothèque de Caen, Caen, France, FR  
Fraction, Abstraction, Recreation, Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid, ES  
Arquitectura en dos dimensiones, SEA, Castillo de Santa Bárbara, Alicante, ES  
2005 Space is Unknown, Galerie dominique fiat, Paris, FR  
2004 Search for Mastery, Museum Waldhof, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Bielefeld, DE  
Construction II, Galerie sphn, Berlin, DE  
2003 Construction, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI  
2001 The Yellow Staircase, site-specific public work commissioned by Helsinki  
Festivals, Helsinki, FI  
2000 Golden Hall, i8 galleri, Reykjavik, IS  
1999 Pyramid, gallery installation, Zinc Gallery, Stockholm, SE  
1998 Portaikko-Trappan, gallery installation, Galleria Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, FI

**Group Exhibitions (selected)**

- 2017 Lichtblicke – Zeitgenössische Kunst aus Finland, Kunstverein KunstHaus Potsdam, DE
- 2014 Swedish Grace, Jacksons Desgin, Berlin, DE
- 2014 Le vol en provence d'Helsinki, Le19 Centre Régional d'Art Contemporain, Montébiard, FR
- 2014 Art from Elsewhere, Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow, UK
- 2014 Summer Group Show, Gallery Bryce Wolkowitz, New York City, USA
- 2014 Topological Constellation Art and Architecture I, DNA Galerie, Berlin, DE
- 2014 Within / Beyond Borders, European Investment Bank & Banco de Portugal, Lisbon, PT
- 2014 Encounters with Aalto, Jacksons Desgin, Berlin, DE
- 2014 Spuren der Moderne, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, DE
- 2013 Inside Outside Architecture, Nasjonalmuseet for Kunst, Oslo, NO
- 2013 Now and Then - the first five countries of the ECB's exhibition series, European Central Bank, Frankfurt, DE
- 2013 If Walls Could Speak, Huize Frankendael, Amsterdam, NL
- 2013 Stadt in Sicht - Werke aus der Sammlung Deutsche Bank, Museum Ostwall im Dortmunder U, Dortmund, DE
- 2013 Metropolis: Reflections on the modern city, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Waterhall, Birmingham, UK
- 2012 The First Kyiv International Biennale of Contemporary Art, Arsenale 2012, Kiev, UA
- Alles nur Fassade? Architektur als Abstraktion. Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf, DE
- Helsinki Abstract, Galerie Ruzischka, Salzburg, AT
- Segment 1A. Borusan Collection, Istanbul, TR
- 2011 Helsinki School, Christophe Guye Galerie, Zurich, CH
- Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
- Facade: Through a Glass Darkly, National Glass Centre, University of Sunderland, UK
- 2011 Verortung. Die Frage nach dem Raum in der zeitgenössischen Kunst. Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, DE
- 2010 Export - Import, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI
- 2009 Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs - Neue Fotografie aus Finnland, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, DE
- 2008 Mois de la Photo, Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris, FR
- En Privat 1, Esbaluard, museu d'art modern i contemporani de palma, Palma de Majorca, ES
- Artistas y Fotógrafos - Imágenes para una colección, Museo de Madrid Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid, ES
- Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare, Fotografia Italiana, Milan, IT
- 2007 Drei Farben - Weiss, Thema: Equality, XIV. Rohkunstbau, Schloss Gross Leuthen, Spreewald, DE
- The Helsinki School of Photography, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
- Photo Finnish: The Helsinki School, The Stenersen Museum, Oslo, NO
- 2006 Intersection—Between Past and Future, Pori Art Museum, FI
- Ideal Cities—Invisible Cities, Zamo, PL
- Vad är fotografi? - The Helsinki School, Borås Konst Museum, Borås, SE
- Nordic Cut- The Helsinki School, Art Pavilion, Zagreb, Croatia, HR
- Opterracuna: Anton Henning, Ole Kolehmainen, Sven Kroner, Anj Smith, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, USA

- 2005 Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía, Fundacion Aena, Madrid, ES  
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, DE  
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, SE
- 2004 Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid, ES  
Contemporary finnish photography, galerie | christian roellin, St. Gallen, CH
- 2002 Le Bâti et le Vivant (The Built and the Living), Chapelle du Rham, LU  
Brussels—Helsinki, La Maison d'Art Actuel des Chartreux, Brussels, BE  
Helsinki—Brussels, Valkoinen Sali, Helsinki, FI  
New Pictures—Brotherus, Kella, Kolehmainen, Lajunen, Parantainen, Helsinki  
City Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
- 2001 Magnetic North, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, UK  
Finnish Photography, Gallery Christian Dam, Copenhagen, DK
- 2000 100 Show: 90 Designers-10 Artists, Helsinki, FI
- 1999 Tila-Espaces, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, FR  
Spaces, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI

#### Publications (selected)

- 2011 Some aspects of Contemporary Finnish Photography. Uitgelicht /  
Highlighted. Exhibit. Cat. (Bertheux, Maarten), Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, NL
- 2011 Spot On. Nr. 1. Fictional Realities. Ola Kolehmainen, Exhibit. Cat. Essay by  
Necmi Sonmez, Borusan Contemporary, TR
- 2010 Daegu Photo Biennale 2010. The Helsinki School, Daegu, KR
- 2009 Ola Kolehmainen: A Building is not a Building, Hatje Cantz Verlag, DE (Texts by  
David Elliott, Alistar Hicks, Arja Miller, Taru Tappola)
- 2009 Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs / Helsinki School – Neue Fotografie aus Finnland,  
Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg & Hatje Cantz, DE
- 2009 Photography matters: Helsinki School. Statoil Hydro art programme, Oslo, NO
- 2009 Export-Import, Exhibition Catalogue, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI
- 2008 Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare, Exhibit. Cat. (Fassi, Luigi), Fotografia  
Italiana, Milano, IT
- 2008 En Privat 1, Exhibit. Cat., Esbaluard, museu d'art modern I contemporani  
de palma, (Salva, Christina Ros), Palma de Majorca, ES
- 2007 Ola Kolehmainen: Abstraction, Fraction, Recreation. Martina Fuchs, Mark  
Gisbourne., Hatje Cantz Verlag, DE
- 2007 Drei Farben – Weiss, Thema: Equality, XIV. Rohkunstbau, (Gisbourne, Mark).  
Exhibit. Cat. Spreewald, DE
- 2007 Boogie Woogie – Kuvataide ja Jazz, Pasanen, Kimmo., Helsingin Taidehalli, FI
- 2006 Ideal Cities – Invisible Cities, Zamosc, Poland and Potsdam, DE
- 2005 Molina Pilar Cimarra. Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía, Exhibit. Cat,  
Fundacion Aena, Madrid, ES
- 2004 Ola Kolehmainen: Search for Mastery. Honnef, Klaus and Ferdinand Protzman.  
Bielefeld: Kunstverein Bielefeld, DE
- 2002 Le Bâti et le Vivant (The Built and the Living), Exhibit. Cat. Semaines  
Européennes de l'Image and Editions Café-crème, L
- 2002 Kuvitelmiä/Fantasies. Mäkelä, Asko, Exhibit. Cat. Sara Hildén Art Museum  
and Finnish Museum of Photography. Tampere and Helsinki, FI
- 2001 Magnetic North – Current Installation Photography in Finland, Faure Walker,  
Caryn. FI
- 1998 Me, Myself and I, Exhibit. Cat. University of Art and Design. Helsinki, FI
- 1996 Ola Kolehmainen, Exhibit. Cat. Lintonen, Kati. European Photography 17, no.  
60/2, DE
- 1994 Qinterro, OPUS 26, gravure portfolio

**Bibliography (selected)**

- 2011 Tila on väriä ja valoa. Ekegren, Tuija. Taide & Design Magazine (Helsinki), no. 1
- 2011 Exposed: artist's plan to move Opera House to Cockatoo Island amid a biennale blast.
- 2010 The Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney), February 10
- 2009 Arkitektur ur nya vinklar kan ses i Kiasma. Vasabladet (Vasa), February 27
- 2009 Arkkitehtuuria uudesta vinkkelistä. Pohjolan Sanomat (Kemi), February 26
- 2009 Arkkitehtuuria uudesta vinkkelistä. Etelä-Saimaa (Lappeenranta), February 26.
- 2009 Arkkitehtuurin muodot. Geo (Helsinki), No 2009/3 (14/ Vuosi)
- 2009 Valokuva Akvarellina. Arrel, Berndt. Glorian Antiikki (Helsinki), No 2009/ 3 (10/ Vuosi)
- 2008 Retratos Inmóviles. Ketelsen Patricia. Architectural Digest, Espana, March `08
- 2007 Review: Ola Kolehmainen, Space is unknow[sic]. Gossert, Laurence. Paris-Art, November 2005.  
[http://www.paris-art.com/lieu\\_detail-2939-flat-kolehmainen.html](http://www.paris-art.com/lieu_detail-2939-flat-kolehmainen.html)
- 2007 Loving the Grid: Ola Kolehmainen's Minimalist Photographs. Hicks, Alistair. db artmag, no. 38 (online edition, October-November 2006) and no. 1 (printed edition, forthcoming 2007)
- 2007 Mirrors and Windows. Luyckx, Filip. Tijdschrift Sint-Lukasgalerij Brussels, no. 2
- 2006 Ola Kolehmainen. In Ideal Cities—Invisible Cities, Fuchs, Martina. Exhibit. Cat. European Art Projects. Multiple locations in Zamość, Poland and Potsdam, Germany
- 2006 Art in the Detail. Binst, Jean-Marie. Agenda, July
- 2006 Fornemmelse for rom. Barth, Malin. No Magazine, no. 7
- 2006 Review: In View, Opterracuna, Robert Miller Gallery. Neil, Jonathan T.D. Modern Painters
- 2006 Nordic Art and Design. Auction cat. Christie's. London
- 2006 Portfolio: Ola Kolehmainen, Photographie, April
- 2005 The Helsinki School: Photography by TaiK. Holzherr, Andrea, et al. Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz
- 2005 Jetsetti tulee ostoksille. Jäämeri, Hannele. Suomen Kuvalehti, June 10
- 2005 Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía. Madrid: Fundación Aena
- 2005 Kulturtidningen. Ulander, Maria. Kulturhuset Stockholm 4
- 2005 Straight in Front. Valjakka, Timo. Ptah. 2005, no. 2
- 2004 Glänzende Aussichten. Berg, Roland. Der Tagesspiegel, September 17
- 2004 Valokuvaa elää kultakautta, Anu Uimonen. Helsingin Sanomat, May 4, Helsinki
- 2004 Museet for Fotokunst Journal of Photography and Video January 16, Friis, Jens, and Finn Trane.
- 2003 Metropolis Magazine, part 4, Miklos Gaal, Aino Kannisto, Ola Kolehmainen, Timothy Persons, ARTE TV channel, transmitted 22.11. Sabine Willkop.
- 2003 Landscape, Photographs of Time and Space, Ferdinand Protzman. National Geographic Books, Washington
- 2003 Ola Kolehmainen. Giulia Vola. JULIET art magazine, Nr 114, Trieste
- 2003 Aufbruch im Hohen Norden. Boris Hohmeyer. ART das kunst Magazin, Nr 9, Hamburg
- 2003 Tilan ja pinnan hallittua leikkiä. Anu Uimonen. Helsingin Sanomat, June 5, Helsinki
- 2003 Vitare vitt, svartare svart. Nina Björkman. Huvudstadsbladet, July 7, Helsinki
- 2003 Täydellisiä tiloja. Image, May 2003, Helsinki
- 2002 Le Bâti et Le Vivant / The Built and the Living. 2nd edition. Pierre Stiwer, Paul di Felice. Contemporary Photography, exhibition catalogue, Cafe Creme, Luxembourg

- 2002 Kuvitelmia / Fantasies. Asko Mäkelä. Exhibition catalogue, Finnish Museum of Photography, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Helsinki / Tampere
- 2002 ZOO, Contemporary culture catalogue, number 11, London
- 2002 Wired Nation. Oliwer Lowerstein. Art Review, May 2002 vol. LIII, London
- 2002 Regards Croisés Bruxelles - Helsinki. Claude Lorent. La Libre Culture, November 20, Brussels
- 2002 Art Around Every Corner. Robert Fulford. National Post, May 9, Toronto
- 2001 Magnetic North. Caryn Faure Walker. Current Finnish Installation Photography in Finland", University of Art and Design, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki
- 2001 The strategic contrasts of scale and subtle juxtapositions of subject create an eminently intelligent and visually engaging spectacle. Roy Exley. Nu magazine 6 vol. III, Stockholm
- 2001 Magnetic North @ New Art Gallery Walsall. Cathrine Grant. Flash Art, Nov-Dec vol.IV No 221
- 1999 ZOO, Contemporary culture catalogue, No 2, London
- 1999 Temple / Ola Kolehmainen. Markus Partanen, Kati Lintonen. FRAMES, viewing Finnish contemporary photography, Päivi Rajakari (ed.). Frame, Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, Helsinki
- 1999 Ne pääsemättömät tilat. Pessi Rautio. Helsingin Sanomat, January 23, Helsinki
- 1999 Tysta verk kräver tid. Paul Steen. Dagens Nyheter, March 9, Stockholm
- 1998 Me, Myself and I. Exhibition catalogue, University of Art and Design, Helsinki
- 1998 New Finnish Photography. Caryn Faure Walker. No 12, Creative Camera, London
- 1997 Temple, Pauliina Pasanen. Kuva No 5, Helsinki
- 1997 Musta neliö ja kuolema. Marja-Terttu Kivirinta. Helsingin Sanomat, September 28, Helsinki
- 1997 Temppele Kluuvissa. Maarit Seeling. Arkkitehti 5-6, Helsinki
- 1996 Ola Kolehmainen. Exhibition catalogue. Kati Lintonen. European Photography No 60, vol. 17. issue 2. Andreas Müller-Pohle (ed.), Göttingen
- 1996 Fotofinlandia, Exhibition catalogue, Valokuva no 2, Kati Lintonen (ed.), Helsinki
- 1996 Koneromantiikka 90-luvun malliin. Kari Kemppainen. Kaleva, March 15, Oulu
- 1995 Exitus. Kati Lintonen. Valokuva No 4, Helsinki
- 1995 Kun elämä kolhii. Anu Uimonen. Helsingin Sanomat, November 11, Helsinki
- 1995 Kun ihmiset poistuvat, kuvaaja saapuu. Pessi Rautio. Helsingin Sanomat, October 10, Helsinki

### Memberships

Union of Artist Photographers in Finland

### Works in Collections

The National Museum of Photography Collection, DK  
Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg Collection, DE  
Carl Gustav Ehrnrooth Collection, FI  
Artek Collection, Helsinki, FI  
The City of Madrid Collection, ES  
European Central Bank Collection, DE  
Société Générale Collection, Paris, FR  
Deutsche Bank, Germany, UK  
DZ Bank, DE  
Fundación Centro Ordóñez-Falcón de Fotografía, ES  
Peter W. Klein Collection, DE  
Malmö Art Museum, SE  
Roland Berger Collection, Munich, DE

# Gallery Talk Persons

Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI  
Helsinki City Art Museum, FI  
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI  
Pentti Kouri Collection, New York, USA  
State Art Council, Stockholm, SE  
State of Finland, FI  
City of Muurame, FI  
Saastamoinen Foundation, Espoo, FI  
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi, FI  
Borusan Collection, Istanbul, TR  
Colección Pilar Citoler, Madrid, ES  
Heino Collection, Helsinki, FI  
Ari Lahti Collection, Helsinki, FI  
Lindell Collection, Helsinki, FI  
Nokia Collection, Helsinki, FI  
Vexi Salmi Collection, Helsinki, FI  
Rafaela Seppälä Collection, Helsinki, FI  
SOK Collection, Helsinki, FI  
UPM-Kymmene Collection, Helsinki, FI  
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Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland,  
Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Turkey and USA

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