Persons Projects
THE HELSINKI SCHOOL

ULLA JOKISALO / CV

Born in 1955 in Kannus, Finland. Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland.

Education

1983 Master of Arts (Photography), University of Art and Design Helsinki (UIAH) (now Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture)

Solo exhibitions (selected)

2024 Sanaleikit, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Fl
2019 art berlin, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
2018 Imaginations of Freedom, HAM — Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
2015 How to be both, Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin, DE
2011 Intentions - Under the Guise of Play, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
Guises of Play, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku, FI; monograph
2006 Regression works, Synart Gallery, Frankfurt am Main, DE
The World imaginable, The State Museum of History of St. Petersburg, RU
2005 An Open book, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
2003 NaDiff Gallery, Tokyo, JP; catalog
2001 The Memory of My Images, the Years 1980-2000; retrospective show, Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, FI; monograph
1997 Silhouettes, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
Victor Barsokevitch Photographic Centre, Kuopio, FI
1993 Cutting, retrospective show, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, FI; catalog
1992 ANIMAlis, Museum of Contemporary Art, Ateneum, Finnish National Gallery, Helsinki, FI; catalog
Puberty, Rantagalleria, Oulu, FI
1989 Private Fantasies, Photographic Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, FI
1986 Essence, Photographic Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, FI
Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku, FI
1985 Alvar Aalto Museum of Modern Art, Jyväskylä, FI
1984 The Essential Vocabulary, Photographic Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, FI
Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Hämeenlinna, FI
1983 On loneliness, on that which separates us and from which memory creates a shared experience, on us, Photographic Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, FI

Group exhibitions (selected)

2025 Rock, Paper, Scissors – Kiasma's Collection Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, FI
2025 Exit Paradise – Die Miettinen Collection in Sacrow, Potsdam, DE
2024 In the Now: Gender and Nation in Europe, Selections from the Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection, The Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
2023 A Veneer of Happiness, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
2022 Softy, HAM – Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
2021 In The Now: Gender And Nation In Europe. Selection From The Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection, LACMA – Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA
2020 Path, Hippolyte Korjaamo Culture Factory, Helsinki, FI
Explorations, Turku Art Museum, FI
2019 Sihlouettes and Shadows, Kerava Art Museum Sinkka, FI
2018 Reflections: from here to there, Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin, DE
The Log Lady, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, DK
2017 Rencontres d'Arles 2017 - The spectre of surrealism, Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR

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Finland at 100, Abecita Konst Museum, Borås, SE
Landskrona Foto View: Finland, Landskrona Museum, Landskrona, SE
Dreamaholic - Kunst aus Finnland. Miettinen Collection, Weserburg Museum, DE
Five Finnish Photographers, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK

2014 Potretti. Contemporary Photographic Portraiture from Finland, Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, DE; catalog
Darkness & Light, Contemporary Nordic Photography, Scandinavia House, The Nordic Center in America, New York, USA
The Adidas Woman and the Strongwoman, Commenting the Present, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Modern Art, Tampere, FI
Paris Photo, FR

2013 Still Life / Work Life, Hasselblad Center, Gothenburg, SE; catalog
Thread and Paper, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, FI; catalog
Pearls, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, FI
Suuri näytelmä, Villa Roosa, Orimattila, Fi

2012 Truth or Nonsense, Kajaani Art Museum, FI
Alice in Wonderland, Ecco, Centre of Contemporary Art in Cadiz, SP; catalog
Rajan taju, Taidekeskus Purnu, FI
Collage, Hyvinkää Art Museum, FI

2011 A Female View, Part 2, Fotoraum, Vienna, AT
Artissima 18, International Fair of Contemporary Art, Turin, I
Alice in Wonderland, Logomo, Turku, FI; catalog
A Female View, Purdy/Hicks, London, UK
Viennafair, AT

2010 Daegu Photo Biennale, KR; catalogs

2009 Ecology of Emotions, XIV Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, FI; catalog
Finlandia 200, Finnish Portraiture 1809-2009, Helsinki City Art Museum, FI
Works, Deeds, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
The Artist´s Kalevala, Ateneum Art Museum, Finnish National Gallery, Helsinki, FI; catalog / dvd
A Stich in Time (with Leena Saraste), Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI

2008 Helsinki by Night, Gallery Taik, Berlin, DE

2007 Paris Photo, FR
Our Land! Photographs from Finland, Helsinki City Art Museum, FI; catalog
To Look or to see, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Fi
Emma, Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, FI; catalog
Reflections, Photography Centre of Mikkeli, FI

2006 Paris Photo, Stella Polaris, Central Exhibition, Pays Nordiques a L´Honneur, Paris, FR; catalog
Black and White Metaphor, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI
The Helsinki School - A new Approach, Hotel de Ville de Bruxelles, Brüssels, BE; Borås Art Museum, Borås, SE

2005 The Helsinki School - A new Approach, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, DE
The Helsinki School, Photography by Taik, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, SE; catalog
Fractures of Life, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, FI; catalog
To look or to see, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI

2004 Love me or leave me, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, FI
30 by Taik, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
Finnish Contemporary Photography, Roellin/Duerr galerie, St. Gallen, CH

2003 New Realities, Hasselblad Center, Göteborg, SE; catalog
iD, Platform, Vaasa, FI; catalog
Laps Suomen, Tikanoja Art Museum, Vaasa; Salo Art Museum, FI; catalog
Finlands Institutet (with Aino Kannisto), Stockholm, SE

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2002 Mutter, Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna, AT; catalog
Almost perfect, Jugendsali, Helsinki; Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, FI
Vapaa kappale, Jukka Male Museum, Helsinki, FI

2001 Familienbild, Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin, DE; catalog
Voltti, The Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma, FI; catalog
VI Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, FI; catalog

2000 The Human Body as an Expression of the Subconscious, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, JP; catalog
Dein Wille geschehe... Das Bild des Vaters in Zeitgenössischer Kunst und Wissenschaft, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin; DE; catalog
Nordic Postmodernism, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, FI

1999 Auf der Suche nach der Zeit, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin, DE; catalog
In Visible Light, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI; catalog
The Home District, The Photography Centre of Mikkeli, FI

1998 The Second Finnish Art Triennial, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI; catalog
The Nude and the Masked, Images of Woman in Finnish Art, Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland; catalog
Fins Huis (with Stefan Bremer), Antwerpen, BE

1997 Above / Below, the Surface, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Ateneum, Finnish National Gallery, Helsinki, FI; catalog
Dark Side, Kari Kenetti Gallery, Helsinki, FI
The Drum and the Camera, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo, FI
Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, DE

1996 Borealis 7 - Desire, Bergen Art Museum, Norway, Gallery F 15, Moss, N, Gothenburg Art Museum / Hasselblad Center, Gothenburg, SE; catalog
Above/Below, the Surface, Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Muhka, Antwerpen, BE; catalog
Momentum, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
Divers Memories, The Museum of Lieksa, FI; catalog
Vents du Nord, N.C.E. la galerie, Paris, FR
Bosnia-Herzegovina Art Museum, Sarajevo, YU

1995 The Script, The Second Finnish Photography Triennial, Kunstahalle Helsinki, FI
Borealis 7 - Desire, Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, FI; Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humblebaek, DK; catalog
Postfem, Female Photographers Post Art Exhibition, Helsinki Post Museum, Helsinki, FI; catalog
Vents du Nord, Le Mois de la Photographie, Talant, FR
Floating forks, The Centre for Creative Photography, Jyväskylä, FI; catalog

1994 ART=ACT, Galleria dell credito Valtellinase, Milan, IT; catalog
Le cruxifié Artic, Institut Finlandaise, Paris, FR
Album, Private Photographs from Finland and Sweden, Turku, FI; catalog

1993 ART=ACT, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI; catalog
A Woman´s Laughter II, Vapauden aukio, Helsinki, FI

1992 Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna, AT; catalog
Touch, Villa Roma, Turku, FI; catalog
Postmoral, The First Finnish Photography Triennial, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI; catalog
A Woman´s Laughter, Vapauden aukio, Helsinki, FI

1991 The Speaking Eye, Art Gallery Otso, Espoo, FI; catalog
ZET, Rotuaari, street art exhibition, Oulu, FI; catalog

1990 La Photographie et la Philosophie, Institut Finlandaise, Paris, FR; catalog

1989 Colorful, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Okra Gallery, Vantaa, FI
The Photography Centre of Mikkeli (with Armi Laukia), Mikkeli, FI

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13 Most, Moscow; Krasnogvarsk, Kiov, Kazan, Harkov, Tallinn; Soviet Union; catalog
Photographers look at themselves, Rundetårn, Copenhagen, DK; catalog

1988 Questioning Europe, Reinterpretations within Photography, Holland-America Line Terminal, Rotterdam, BE; catalog
Utopia and Memory, Taidesalonki Bellárte, Turku, Gallery Uusikuva, Kotka, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki City Art Museum, Joensuu Art Museum, FI
Muu, The Muu Society´s Exhibition, Artis´s Union Gallery, Helsinki, FI
Kilo III Finale (with MOX Mäkelä), Kilo, Espoo, FI

1987 Künstlerische Fotografie in Skandinavien heute, Kunstmuseum Düsseldorf, BRD; catalog
13- New Finnish Photography Art, Art Gallery Otso, Espoo, FI
Contemporary Finnish Photography, Ganser Art Gallery, Pennsylvania, USA

1986 Zeitgenössische Photographen, Nikon-Galerie, Vienna, AT; catalog
Where - Finnish Photographic Art in 1842-1986, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI; catalog

1985 Nordisk Fotokunst, Odense, DK; + exhibition touring in the other venues in Scandinavia; catalog
Woman´s Energies (with Kari Paajanen), Jugendsali, Helsinki, FI

1984 By the River – Finnish Photography now, Pori Art Museum, FI; catalog
26 – The First Group Exhibition of Female Photographers in Finland, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki;
Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Modern Art, Turku, Finland,nCanon Photo Gallery, Amsterdam, NL, Hämeenlinna
Art Museum, Joensuu Art Museum, FI, etc.; catalog

1983 Five Finnish Photographers, Fotograficentrums: Gothenburg; Linköping; Huskvarna, Gislaved; SE; catalog

1982 Personally, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI

1981 Men, Iisalmen Kamera, FI
Mukana-Med, Alongside, Jugendsali, Helsinki, FI
Art Exhibition by the Students of Photograhy, Vanha Ylioppilastalo; Helsinki, FI
Young Artist 1981, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI

Curatorial and professional experience

2015 Ah! Jo! Art museum Onni, Joensuu, FI

2002-04 Professor, Department of Visual Culture, University of Arts and Design, Helsinki, FI

1998-99 Curator of The Third Finnish Photography Triennial what is real, Helsinki Kunstahalle, FI; Mikkeli Art Museum, FI

1991 For Private Use, document film (with art historian Arja Elovirta and producer Tarja Strandén), YLE 1

1987 The Essential Vocabulary, document film about the art production of Ulla Jokisalo (with producer Tarja Strandén), YLE

Publications

2011 Monograph Guises of Play, published in conjunction with the solo exhibition Ulla Jokisalo, Guises of Play, Museum Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova by Musta Taide, FI

2006 The World Imaginable, State Museum of the History of St. Petersburg, RU

2005 Fort-da, Musta Taide, FI

2001 Monograph Ulla Jokisalo, The Memory of My Images, the Years 1980-2000, Helsinki City Art Museum by Musta Taide, FI

1998 Bond, WSOY, FI

1993 Cutting, Kuopio Art Museum, FI

1983 On the Borderline, University of Industrial Arts, Photographic Arts Dep. Photo publications, FI

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Awards

2012 The Most Beautiful Book of the Year 2011, Art Books category / Ulla Jokisalo, Guises of Play, Graphic design by Jorma Hinkka, published by Musta Taide, FI
2011 Order of the Lion of Finland - Pro Finlandia Medal
2004-09 Art Professorship of the State, FI
2002 Finnish Culture Fund Prize and Mikael Agricola Medal
2001 State Art Prize, FI
1985 Finnish Cultural Union Award, FI
1984 State Art Prize, FI

Works in collections (selected)

Alvar Aalto Museum, FI
Bibliotheque Henri Vincenot, FR
Espoo City, FI
Finnish State
Hasselblad Foundation, SE
Heino Collection, FI
Helsinki Art Museum, FI
Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, FI
Pori Art Museum, FI
Kouri Collection, FI
Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Swanljung Collection, FI
Saastamoinen Collection, FI
Finnish Museum of Photography
Museum of Contemporary Art Tampere, FI
Turku Art Museum, FI
Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Modern Art, FI
Oulu Art Museum, FI
Rauma Art Museum, FI
Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, FI
International private collections

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