

MILJA LAURILA / CV

Born 1982 in Helsinki, Finland. Lives and works in Helsinki.

Education

- 2010 Master of Arts, Aalto University – School of Arts, Design and Architecture
- 2008 Musashino Art University, Tokyo, Japan. Department of Imaging Arts and Sciences
- 2002 Communication Studies, University of Helsinki
- 00–02 Studies in French Philology, University of Helsinki

Solo exhibitions (selected)

- 2025 What remains? Pictures, words and the poetics of erasure, The National Library of Finland, Helsinki, FI
- 2023 Untitled Women, Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti, FI
- 2022 Untitled Women, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Woman. With more than 1,000 illustrations in black-and-white and seven colour plates, Hippolyte Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- 2017 Helsinki School - The Younger Generation. Shoot Gallery, Oslo, NO
(Together with Anna Reivilä)
- 2016 Galleria Ama, Helsinki, FI
In Their Own Voice, Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin, DE
Un problème féminin, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
- 2015 Magnetic Sleep, Photographic Center Peri, Turku, FI
- 2013 To remember – The Enigma of Memory, 2902 Gallery, SG
(Together with Tristan Cai)
- 2012 The Latest Knowledge, Forum Box, Helsinki, FI
- 2011 A Room of One's Own, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
(Together with Hannele Rantala), Ciphers Galleria, Turku, FI
- 2010 To remember, Gallery Uusi Kipinä, Lahti, FI
- 09–10 Ciphers, Korjaamo Studio, Helsinki, FI
- 2009 Ciphers, Gallery Huuto, Helsinki, FI
- 2007 To remember, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
- 2006 Perfect, untouched, blank, Kuldjala tower/Finnish Institute in Estonia, Tallinn, EE

Group exhibitions (selected)

- 2025 Women in Progress, Burg Vischering, Lüdinghausen, DE
- 2024 The Helsinki School—Out of the Depths of Photography, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Images Falling From the Sky, Państwowa Galeria Sztuki, Sopot, PL
In the Now: Gender And Nation In Europe. Selection From The Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection, The Brooklyn Museum, N.Y, USA
- 2023 Portraiture as Social Commentary, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
- 2021 In the Now: Gender And Nation In Europe. Selection From The Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, L.A., USA
New Perspectives Through Photography – 25 years of the Helsinki School, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki, FI
Inconsistent Ways of Seeing, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
- 2019 Human + Landscape. Colección Kells. PHotoESPAÑA 2019, Palacete del Embarcadero, Santander, ES
- 2018 Singapore International Photography Festival, SG
- 2017 Circulation(s). Festival de la jeune photographie européenne, Le

- CENTQUATRE-Paris, Paris, FR
Art and Life. From the hopeful affinity between art and medicine to the
National Socialist crimes, Center for Persecuted Arts in Kunstmuseum
Solingen, DE
Summer Breeze, Shoot Gallery, Oslo, NO
Five Finnish Photographers, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
2016 Fondation Hippocrène, Paris, FR
Medicine in Art, MOCAK, Museum of Contemporary Art Krakow, PL
2015 Arcub Cultural Centre of Bucharest/Microtopia, Bucharest, RO
Valokuvagalleria Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
2013 Greatest of all is Love?, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, FI
Museum of Instability, Helsinki University Museum, Helsinki, FI
2012 What a Party!, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, FI
2011 A Female View, Fotoraum, Vienna, AT
Touching Dreams – Helsinki School vol. III, Det Nationale Fotomuseum,
Copenhagen, DK
Supermarket Art Fair, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, SE
2010 Instructions for Initial Conditions, Drift Station Gallery, Lincoln,
Nebraska, US
Erosion Biennale, Klaipeda Exhibition Hall, Klaipeda, LT
Helsinki School – Photography and Video NOW, Art Museum Meilahti,
Helsinki, FI
09–10 Young Artists, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki, FI
2009 Helsinki School – New Art Photography from Finland, Loft Project ETAGI,
St.Petersburg, RU
Wonderful dreadful life, South-Karelian Art Museum, Lappeenranta, FI
Rose Boréal – Photographies de l'école d'Helsinki. Palais des Beaux-Arts,
Lille, FR
2008 Rose Boréal – Photographies de l'école d'Helsinki, Ecole nationale supérieure
des Beaux-Arts, Paris, FR
2007 The Helsinki School, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
Photo Finnish – The Helsinki School, Stenersenmuseet, Oslo, NO
2006 Vad är fotografi? The Helsinki School, Borås Artmuseum, Borås, SE
Nousu – Rising, Photographic Center Nykyaika, Tampere, FI
2005 Gallery TaiK, Art Forum Berlin, Berlin, DE
Die vierte Generation, PPS Galerie, Hamburg, DE
Finnish Versions – The Helsinki School, Centrum för fotografi,
Stockholm, SE
Gallery TaiK, Art Fair, Sollentuna, SE
Artists 2005. 110th exhibition of Finnish artists, Kunsthalle, Helsinki, FI
2004 Yhteiset taivaat, jaetut horisontit, Museum center Vapriikki, Tampere,
FI. Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI

Publications (selected)

- 2016 "La actualidad, en 10 obras de ARCO." El Mundo, 25.2.2016
2015 Muistin valokuvaaja pohtii nyt lääketieteen ja psykiatrian historiaa." Turun
Sanomat 22.8.2015
"Kvinnor, psykiatri och medicin." Svenska YLE, 28.8.2015.
2014 Helsinki School Vol. 5. Hatje Cantz, DE
2011 The Helsinki School. A Female View. Hatje Cantz, DE
2009 Milja Laurila: 355 memories. Musta Taide, Helsinki, FI
The Helsinki School. Young Photography by TaiK. Hatje Cantz, DE
2007 The Helsinki School. New Photography by TaiK. Hatje Cantz, DE

Grants

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Central Association of Finnish Photographic Organizations
Fine Arts Society of Finland
Finnish Cultural Foundation, regional fund of Uusimaa
FRAME Finnish Fund for Art Exchange
Kone Foundation
University of Art and Design Helsinki

Works in Collections

Apotekets konstförening, SE
Fine Arts Society of Finland, FI
Finnish Museum of Photography, FI
Helsinki Art Museum, FI
LACMA Los Angeles County Museum of Art, USA
Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, FI
State Art Collection, FI
Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, FI

Private collections in Australia, Belgium, Finland, Germany, and Norway