

ARNO RAFAEL MINKKINEN / CV

Born 1945 in Helsinki, lives and works in Helsinki.

Education

- 1974 MFA Photography, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Providence, RI
The New School for Social Research; The School of Visual Arts
1967 BA English, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY, studied with Dr. Thomas Kendris

Selected Solo Shows

- 2022 Arno Rafael Minkkinen. Retrospective, Kunstfoyer, München, Germany
Self-Portraits (From Last Three Decades Of Five), Cité de l'Image, Clervaux, Luxembourg
- 2021 Same But Different, Savignano Immagini Festival, Reggio Emilia, Italy
Two Hundred Seasons, Fotografiska, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2020 Two Hundred Seasons, Fotografiska, Stockholm, Sweden
Arno Rafael Minkkinen – Going the Distance, Persons Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Retrospective, Erarta Museum of Contemporary Art, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 2018 Taivanranta-Firmamento, retrospective, Cultural Center Gallery, Lima, Peru
- 2017 Minkkinen, Centro Niemeyer, Avilés, Spain
Mind Over Matter, Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona, FL, USA
Floating in the Air, Willas Contemporary, Oslo, Norway
- 2016 Photo & Contemporary Gallery, Turin, Italy
Shenzhen Photography Festival, See + Gallery, Shenzhen, China
- 2015 7 8 9 0 1, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2014 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Blomqvist Kunsthandel, PUG Gallery, Oslo, Norway
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, St. John's College, Oxford University, Oxford, England
Retrospective, Lumière Brothers Center of Photography, Moscow, Russia
- 2013 Photo Festival St. Germain des Prés, Galerie Arcturus, Paris, France
A Dance of Light, Dance on Camera Festival, Lincoln Center, New York, NY, USA
- 2012 Palindromes, Phototheatron/Athens House of Photography, Athens, Greece
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Performing for the Camera, Barry Friedman Ltd., New York, USA
- 2011 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, La Biennale de Lyon, Galerie Domus, Université de Lyon, Lyon, France
The Journey of Arno Rafael Minkkinen, InFocus Gallery, Cologne, Germany
A Sentimental Journey, Cortona On the Move Festival, Cortona, Italy
- 2010 Photo & Contemporary, Turin, Italy
Galerie Confluence, Nantes, France
Finnish Pavilion, Shanghai World's Fair, Shanghai, China
- 2009 L'Empire Nu d'Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Valérie Bach Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Finnish Footprints: 70 / 08, The Finnish Institute, Paris, France
Weightlessness, Weeks Gallery, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown, NY, USA
Cavallo Point, Golden Gate National Park at Fort Baker, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2008 The Celebrity Solstice Art Collection, Celebrity Solstice Photo Gallery
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie Agathe Gaillard, Paris, France
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2007 Four Decades of Self-Portraits, Barry Friedman Ltd., New York, NY, USA
Malmö Museet, Fotografi i Fokus Festival, Malmö, Sweden
- 2006 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, 12th Lianzhou International Photo Festival, Lianzhou, China
Le Corps Du Photographe, Mai-Photographies, Galerie Saluden, Quimper, France
- 2005 SAGA: The Journey of Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Thirty-Five Years of Photographs, DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA, USA

- 2003 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2002 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, MA, USA
- 2001 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Retrospective, Église Saint Georges, Musée de Normandie, Caen, France
- Never in the Viewfinder, Photo-Eye Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, USA
- 2000 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Joel Soroka Gallery, Aspen, CO, USA
- The Body as an Expression of the Subconscious, Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 Frequent Flyer, Photo & Contemporary, Turin, Italy
- 1998 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Body & Photography, American Cultural Center, Prague, Czech Republic
- Ten Minutes Past Midnight, Gallen Kallela Museum, Helsinki, Finland;
- Mois de la Photo, Paris, France
- High Noon, Barry Friedman Ltd., New York, NY, USA
- Body Land, Galerie Clairefontaine, Luxembourg
- 1996 Reindeer in the Canyon, Galerie Nathalie Emprin, Paris, France
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Il Diaframma, Milan, Italy
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Retrospective, Castello Fortezza, Montalcino, Italy
- Waterline touring retrospective: Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi, Belgium;
- Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
- Sundsvall Museet, Sundsvall, Sweden
- 1995 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, L'Artothèque de Caen and Musée de Normandie, Caen, France
- Waterline, Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, Switzerland;
- Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Braggiotti Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Fotogalleriet, Oslo, Norway
- The Big Five, Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Houk Friedman Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 1994 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Akehurst Gallery, London, Great Britain
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie L'Imagerie; Centre Jean Savidan, Lannion, France
- 1993 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie du Château d'Eau, Toulouse, France
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Le Parvis de Tarbes, Tarbes, France
- 1992 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Prague House of Photography, Prague, Czech Republic
- Spirit Level, Images Center of Photography, Cincinnati, OH, USA
- 1991 Finnice, Retrospective, Museum of Modern Art, Nice, France
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie Suzel Berna, Antibes, France
- Primordial Image, Centre d'Art Santa Monica, Barcelona, Spain
- Available Light Gallery, Jacksonville, FL, USA
- 1990 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Peri Center of Photography, Turku, Finland
- 1989 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, USA
- 1988 15 Years in Front of My Camera, Galerie Viviane Esders, Paris, France
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, Finland
- 1987 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie Vrais Rêves, Lyon, France
- 1985 PORI PARIS, POLAROID KUVIA, Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
- Mattomies, Galerie Viviane Esders, Paris, France
- 1984 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie Viviane Esders, Paris, France
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Maison de la Culture, Reims, France
- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Photographic Museum of Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 1983 Father and Son, Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, MA, USA
- 1982 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Yuen Lui Gallery, Seattle, WA, USA
- 1979 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Canon Photo Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Frostbite, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA, USA

- 1976 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Fotografiska Museet at Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1973 White Underpants, Gallery for Creative Photography, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1972 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Apeiron Traveling Exhibition, Spectrum Gallery, Tucson, AZ, USA
Freemale, Soho Photo Gallery, New York, NY, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Nuages – In memoriam Françoise Nuñez (1957–2021), Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris, France
- 2021 La Suite, Fundación PROA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
The Naked & the Nude: Reflections on Edward Weston, Northlight Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA
Art of Illusion: Photography and Perceptual Play, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Bloch, L11, Kansas City, USA
- 2018 Ansel Adams in Our Time, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA, USA
Unexpected Families, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA, USA
Architecture and the Human Form, De Cordova Museum, Lincoln, MA, USA
- 2017 Bodies in Water, De Cordova Museum, Lincoln, MA, USA
Foto View: Finland, Landskrona Museum of Art, Landskrona, Sweden
- 2016 Wild Strawberries, Wäinö Aaltonen Museo, Turku, Finland
The Kiss, Lumière Brothers Center of Photography, Moscow, Russia
Passageways: Photographic Education in America, SPE Regional 2015 Honored Educators and their students Pingyao International Photography Festival, Pingyao, China
- 2015 Barbado Gallery, inaugural group exhibition, Lisbon, Portugal
After the Moment: Reflections on Robert Mapplethorpe, Contemporary Art Center, Cincinnati, OH, USA
Water, Water, Everywhere, Nordic Light Festival, Kristiansund, Norway
- 2014 Festival d'Images, Vevey, Switzerland
Paris Photo: Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris, France
Self-portraits, Galerie Les Douches, Paris, France
- 2013 Paris Photo, Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris, France
Views on Landscapes: Scandinavian Photography, Museum of Modern Art, Bogota, Colombia
The Finnish Frame of Mind (with Niko Luoma), Galerie Valérie Bach, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 Photography = Fiction? Galerie Clairefontaine, Luxembourg
Phoenix Museum of Art Auction, Phoenix, AZ, USA
Performing for the Camera: Stéphane Janssen Collection, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ, USA
A New Vision, Modernist Photography, Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH, USA
- 2011 Paris Photo, Robert Klein Gallery, Photo & Contemporary, Paris, France
Water, Sense and Sensation, Wäinö Aaltonen Museo, Turku, Finland
- 2010 Salute to the Masters, Dali City International Photography Festival, Dali City, China
Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Arles, France
Out of the Box, DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA, USA
Pyari Onlus, Fondazione Mazzotta and Sotheby's International, Milan, Italy
- 2009 Reality Revisited, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2008 Tracking Traces, Kiasma Contemporary Museum of Art, Helsinki, Finland
40th Year Anniversary Exhibition, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland

- Forum für Fotografie, "Light/Writing," Literaturhaus, Cologne, Germany
Face-to-Face: Challenging Traditional Portraiture, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA, USA
- 2007 One Shot Each, Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
2006 Nordic Light Festival, Kristiansund, Norway
2005 To Look or To See, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
2004 Fotosintensi Photography Festival, Chiesa di S. Agostino, Piacenza, Italy
Physical Presence: Photographs from the Collection, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA, USA
- 2003 Armory Show, Photography, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Modernism Show, 67th Armory, Barry Friedman Ltd., New York, NY, USA
An American Century of Photography: From the Dry-Plate to the Digital, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, USA
- 2002 Subjectivity: Photographs of Themselves, Stéphane Janssen Collection, ASU Art Museum, Tempe, AZ, USA
- 2001 Hall of Mirrors, Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2000 Century of the Body, Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, Switzerland
Photography in Boston, DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA, USA
In the Spirit of the Masters, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
An American Century of Photography: Dry-Plate to Digital, Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, KS; Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA, USA
- 1999 Self-portraits, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
1998 Ficcions intimes, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Waterproof, Belém Cultural Center, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1997 The Body in the Lens, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Montreal, Canada
1996 Bathers, Washington Center for Photography, Washington, DC, USA
1995 Water, Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, MA, USA
1994 Air Water Earth: Focus on Finnish Art, Turku Art Museum, Turku, Finland
1993 Collection Photographique de la Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Musée de la Photographie, Mougins, France
- 1992 Finnice, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
1991 NEA Regional Grant Awards, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA, USA
1990 Clichés: Le Choix des Sens, French Cultural Center, Paris, France; Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, Switzerland; Beaunord, Brussels, Belgium
- 1988 Splendor & Misery of the Body, Musée d'art moderne de la ville de Paris, Paris, France
Selections 4, Polaroid Collection, Photokina, Cologne, Germany
- 1986 Victor Barsokevitch Museum, Kuopio, Finland
1984 Photography as Phantasy, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
- 1978 Tusen Och En Bild, Fotografiska Museet at Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

Selected Collections

- BC Partners, London, Great Britain
Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France
Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon, Lyon, France
The Celebrity Art Collection Solstice, Oslo, Norway
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona, Tempe, AZ, USA
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH, USA
DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA, USA
The Carl Gustav Ehrnrooth Collection, Helsinki, Finland
The Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Arles, France
Fotografiska Museet at Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland
High Museum, Atlanta, GA, USA
International Center of Photography, New York, NY, USA
Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
Kunsthaus, Zurich, Switzerland
Mount Holyoke College Museum of Art, Mount Holyoke, MA, USA
Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, France
Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, Switzerland
Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
Museo Nazionale Alinari Della Fotografia, Florence, Italy
Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA, USA
Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX, USA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA, USA
Polaroid International Collection, Cambridge, MA, USA
Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, USA
Saastamoinen Foundation, Helsinki, Finland
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
Photographic Museum of Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
Viktor Barsokevitch Center, Kuopio, Finland
WestLicht Schauplatz Museum, Vienna, Austria
Wäinö Aaltonen Museo, Turku, Finland

Selected Grants and Awards

2019 German Photo Book Prize Winner, Monograph of the Year 2019 | 2020
Honored Educator, Society for Photographic Education Annual Conference,
Cleveland, OH, USA
2017 Suomen Leijonan Pro Finlandia Medal, presented by the President of Finland
2015 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
Honored Educator, Northeast Region, Society for Photographic Education
2013 Lucie Award for Achievement in Fine Art, Lucie Foundation, New York, NY, USA
2011 Nancy Donahue Professor of Art, University of Massachusetts Lowell
2008 Prix Pictet Finalist
2006 Finnish State Art Prize in Photography
Special Jury Prize, Lianzhou International Photo Festival, Lianzhou, China
Finnish Photographic Arts Book Grant: Homework: The Finnish Photographs,
1973 to 2008
2004 Massachusetts Cultural Council Artist Fellowship in Photography
1998 President of the Jury, Images '98, Vevey, Switzerland
1996 Scritture d'Acqua Prize in Literature, Art, & Science: Salsomaggiore Terme, IT
1994 Grand Prix du Livre, Waterline, 25th Rencontres d'Arles Festival, Arles, France
1992 Order of the Lion First Class Medal (knight), Helsinki, Finland
1991 National Endowment for the Arts Regional Fellowship

Publications

2019 Minkkinen, Kehrler Verlag, Heidelberg, Germany
2011 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, No. 14 Collection 16 ½,
Lyon, France

- 2010 Balanced Equation, Lodima Press Portfolio Series. Revere, Pennsylvania, USA
2008 Homework / Suomen Kuvat, The Finnish Photographs of Arno Rafael Minkkinen,
1973 to 2008, Like Publishing, Helsinki, Finland
2005 SAGA: The Journey of Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Thirty Years of Photographs,
Chronicle Books, San Francisco, CA, USA
1999 Body Land, Motta, Milan, 1997; Nathan, Paris, 1988; Smithsonian Institution Press,
Washington, D.C., USA
1998 Ten Minutes Past Midnight, Musta Taide, Akseli Gallen-Kallela Museo, Tarvaspää,
Finland
1994 The Waterline Portfolio, Aperture Foundation, New York, NY, USA
1981 New American Nudes: Recent Trends & Attitudes, Morgan & Morgan,
Dobbs Ferry, NY. MIT Creative Photography Gallery, Cambridge, MA, USA
1978 Frostbite, Morgan & Morgan, Dobbs Ferry, NY, USA

Works in Collections

Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art
EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art
The Finnish Museum of Photography
Helsinki City Art Museum
Kuopio Art Museum
Tampere Art Museum
Parliament of Finland
State of Finland
Pori Art Museum Deposit Collection
Wihuri Foundation
Paulo Foundation
Heino Art Collection
The Finnish Art Association
The Finnish Institute in London
Teutloff Collection
Statoil Art Collection
Diaphane Collection
Sanders-Ten Holte Collection
Pentti Kouri Collection
Carl Gustaf Ehrnrooth Collection
Rolf Hoff Collection
Deutsche Bank
Hermés Collection
Pentti Kouri Collection
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