

**ARNO RAFAEL MINKKINEN / CV**

Born in 1945 in Helsinki, Finland. 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

**Solo exhibitions (selected)**

- 2025 Kotiinpaluu – Homecoming, VB Photographic Center, Kuopio, FI  
2025 Ever Since 1969, IVAR Stockholm, Matchstick Palace, Stockholm, SE  
2022 Arno Rafael Minkkinen. Retrospective, Kunstfoyer, München, DE  
Self-Portraits (From Last Three Decades Of Five), Cité de l'Image, Clervaux, LU  
2021 Same But Different, Savignano Immagini Festival, Reggio Emilia, IT  
Two Hundred Seasons, Fotografiska, Tallinn, EE  
2020 Two Hundred Seasons, Fotografiska, Stockholm, SE  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen – Going the Distance, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE  
2019 Retrospective, Erarta Museum of Contemporary Art, St. Petersburg, RU  
2018 Taivanranta–Firmamento, retrospective, Cultural Center Gallery, Lima, PE  
2017 Minkkinen, Centro Niemeyer, Avilés, ES  
Mind Over Matter, Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona, FL, USA  
Floating in the Air, Willas Contemporary, Oslo, NO  
2016 Photo & Contemporary Gallery, Turin, IT  
Shenzhen Photography Festival, See + Gallery, Shenzhen, CH  
2015 7 8 9 0 1, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA  
2014 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Blomqvist Kunsthandel, PUG Gallery, Oslo, NO  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, St. John's College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK  
Retrospective, Lumière Brothers Center of Photography, Moscow, RU  
2013 Photo Festival St. Germain des Prés, Galerie Arcturus, Paris, FR  
A Dance of Light, Dance on Camera Festival, Lincoln Center, New York, NY, USA  
2012 Palindromes, Phototheatron/Athens House of Photography, Athens, GR  
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, FR  
The Journey of Arno Rafael Minkkinen, InFocus Gallery, Cologne, DE  
A Sentimental Journey, Cortona On the Move Festival, Cortona, IT  
2010 Photo & Contemporary, Turin, IT  
Galerie Confluence, Nantes, FR  
Finnish Pavilion, Shanghai World's Fair, Shanghai, CH  
2009 L'Empire Nu d'Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Valérie Bach Gallery, Brussels, BE  
Finnish Footprints: 70 / 08, The Finnish Institute, Paris, FR  
Weightlessness, Weeks Gallery, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown, New York, 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, FR  
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, SE  
2006 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, 12th Lianzhou International Photo Festival, Lianzhou, CH

- 2005 Le Corps Du Photographe, Mai-Photographies, Galerie Saluden, Quimper, FR  
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, FR  
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, JP
- 1999 Frequent Flyer, Photo & Contemporary, Turin, IT
- 1998 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Body & Photography, American Cultural Center, Prague, CZ  
Ten Minutes Past Midnight, Gallen Kallela Museum, Helsinki, FI;  
Mois de la Photo, Paris, FR  
High Noon, Barry Friedman Ltd., New York, NY, USA  
Body Land, Galerie Clairefontaine, LU
- 1996 Reindeer in the Canyon, Galerie Nathalie Emprin, Paris, FR  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Il Diaframma, Milan, IT  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Retrospective, Castello Fortezza, Montalcino, IT  
Waterline touring retrospective: Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi, BE;  
Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, DK  
Sundsvall Museet, Sundsvall, SE
- 1995 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, L'Artothèque de Caen and Musée de Normandie, Caen, FR  
Waterline, Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, CH; Pori Art Museum, Pori, FI  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Braggiotti Gallery, Amsterdam, NL  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Fotogalleriet, Oslo, NO  
The Big Five, Laterna Magica, Helsinki, FI  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Houk Friedman Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 1994 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Akehurst Gallery, London, UK  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie L'Imagerie; Centre Jean Savidan, Lannion, FR
- 1993 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie du Château d'Eau, Toulouse, FR  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Le Parvis de Tarbes, Tarbes, FR
- 1992 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Prague House of Photography, Prague, CZ  
Spirit Level, Images Center of Photography, Cincinnati, OH, USA
- 1991 Finnice, Retrospective, Museum of Modern Art, Nice, FR  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie Suzel Berna, Antibes, FR  
Primordial Image, Centre d'Art Santa Monica, Barcelona, ES  
Available Light Gallery, Jacksonville, FL, USA
- 1990 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Peri Center of Photography, Turku, FI
- 1989 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, Providence, USA
- 1988 15 Years in Front of My Camera, Galerie Viviane Esders, Paris, FR  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, FI
- 1987 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie Vrais Rêves, Lyon, FR
- 1985 PORI PARIS, POLAROID KUVIA, Pori Art Museum, Pori, FI  
Mattomies, Galerie Viviane Esders, Paris, FR
- 1984 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Galerie Viviane Esders, Paris, FR  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Maison de la Culture, Reims, FR  
Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Photographic Museum of Finland, Helsinki, FI
- 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, NL  
Frostbite, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA, USA

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

**Group exhibitions (selected)**

- 2025 15 Fotografiska years, Fotografiska, Stockholm, SE  
 2025 Recent Arrivals: Expanding the Collection, Robert Klein Gallery, Southend, Boston, USA  
 2025 Confluences, Fondation François Schneider, Wattwiller, FR  
 2025 The High Life: Contemporary Photography and the Birds, Museum of Botany, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota Downtown Campus, Florida, USA  
 2025 DEEP BEAUTY, MuDEC, Milan, IT  
 2024 See a World in a Grain of Sand, Ivar Stockholm, SE  
 2022 Nuages – In memoriam Françoise Nuñez (1957–2021), Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris, FR  
 2021 La Suite, Fundación PROA, Buenos Aires, AR  
 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, SE  
 2016 Wild Strawberries, Wäinö Aaltonen Museo, Turku, FI  
 The Kiss, Lumière Brothers Center of Photography, Moscow, RU  
 Passageways: Photographic Education in America, SPE Regional 2015 Honored Educators and their students Pingyao International Photography Festival, Pingyao, CH  
 2015 Barbado Gallery, inaugural group exhibition, Lisbon, PT  
 After the Moment: Reflections on Robert Mapplethorpe, Contemporary Art Center, Cincinnati, OH, USA  
 Water, Water, Everywhere, Nordic Light Festival, Kristiansund, NO  
 2014 Festival d'Images, Vevey, CH  
 Paris Photo: Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris, FR  
 Self-portraits, Galerie Les Douches, Paris, FR  
 2013 Paris Photo, Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris, FR  
 Views on Landscapes: Scandinavian Photography, Museum of Modern Art, Bogota, CO  
 The Finnish Frame of Mind (with Niko Luoma), Galerie Valérie Bach, Brussels, BE  
 2012 Photography = Fiction? Galerie Clairefontaine, LU  
 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, USA  
 2011 Paris Photo, Robert Klein Gallery, Photo & Contemporary, Paris, FR  
 Water, Sense and Sensation, Wäinö Aaltonen Museo, Turku, FI  
 2010 Salute to the Masters, Dali City International Photography Festival, Dali City, CH  
 Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Arles, FR  
 Out of the Box, DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA, USA

- Pyari Onlus, Fondazione Mazzotta and Sotheby's International, Milan, IT  
 2009 Reality Revisited, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE  
 2008 Tracking Traces, Kiasma Contemporary Museum of Art, Helsinki, FI  
 40th Year Anniversary Exhibition, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI  
 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, DK  
 2006 Nordic Light Festival, Kristiansund, NO  
 2005 To Look or To See, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI  
 2004 Fotosintensi Photography Festival, Chiesa di S. Agostino, Piacenza, IT  
 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, DK  
 Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, FR  
 2000 Century of the Body, Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, CH  
 Photography in Boston, DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, USA  
 In the Spirit of the Masters, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, FI  
 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, FR  
 1998 Fictions intimes, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, FR  
 Waterproof, Belém Cultural Center, Lisbon, PT  
 1997 The Body in the Lens, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Montreal, CA  
 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, FI  
 1993 Collection Photographique de la Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Musée de la Photographie, Mougins, FR  
 1992 Finnice, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, FI  
 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, BE  
 1988 Splendor & Misery of the Body, Musée d'art moderne de la ville de Paris, FR  
 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, SE

#### **Collections (selected)**

- BC Partners, London, UK  
 Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, FR  
 Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon, Lyon, FR  
 The Celebrity Art Collection Solstice, Oslo, NO  
 Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, FR  
 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, FI  
 The Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA  
 Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Arles, FR  
 Fotografiska Museet at Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE  
 Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo, FI  
 High Museum, Atlanta, GA, USA  
 International Center of Photography, New York, NY, USA  
 Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, FI  
 Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI  
 Kunsthaus, Zurich, CH  
 Mount Holyoke College Museum of Art, Mount Holyoke, MA, USA  
 Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, FR  
 Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, CH  
 Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, DK  
 Museo Nazionale Alinari Della Fotografia, Florence, IT  
 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, FI  
 Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, JP  
 Viktor Barsokevitch Center, Kuopio, FI  
 WestLicht Schupplatz Museum, Vienna, AT  
 Wäinö Aaltosen Museo, Turku, FI

#### **Grants and Awards (selected)**

2025 The William Klein Award, Académie des beaux-arts, Paris, FR  
 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, CH  
 1996 Scrittura d'Acqua Prize in Literature, Art, & Science: Salsomaggiore Terme, IT  
 1994 Grand Prix du Livre, Waterline, 25th Rencontres d'Arles Festival, Arles, FR  
 1992 Order of the Lion First Class Medal (knight), Helsinki, FI  
 1991 National Endowment for the Arts Regional Fellowship

### **Publications**

- 2019 Minkkinen, Kehrer Verlag, Heidelberg, DE  
2011 Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, No. 14 Collection 16 ½, Lyon, FR  
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, FI  
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  
Carl Gustaf Ehrnrooth Collection  
Rolf Hoff Collection  
Deutsche Bank  
Hermés Collection