

RIITTA PÄIVÄLÄINEN / CV

Born in 1969 in Maaninka, Finland. Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland.

Education

- 2002 Master of Art (Photography), University of Art and Design Helsinki (UIAH)
(now Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture)
- 1998 Bachelor of Art, Department of Photography, University of Art and Design,
Helsinki

Solo exhibitions

- 2019 Galleri Andersson Sandström, Stockholm, SE
- 2018 River Notes, Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin, DE
- 2017 Second Skin, Museum Sinclair-Haus, Bad Homburg v.d. Höhe, DE
- 2016 Gallery Valo, Rovaniemi, FI
River Notes, Camara Oscura Galeria de Arte, ES
- 2015 Yumiko Chiba Associates, Tokyo, JP
- 2014 Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, FI
Galleri Andersson Sanström, Umeå, SE
Galleri Andersson Sandström, Stockholm, SE
- 2009 Skövde Art Museum with Pasi Välimaa, SE
Gallery Confluence, solo exhibition, Nantes, FR
- 2008 Kerava Art Museum, "Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings" with Ari Saarto,
Kerava, FI
Gallery Camara Oscura, with Aino Kannisto, Madrid, ES
Kemi Art Museum, "Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings" with Ari Saarto,
Kemi, FI
- 2007 Galleri Andersson Sandström, Umeå, SE
National Museum of Szczecin, "Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings", with
Ari Saarto, Szczecin, PL
Jönköping Art Museum, Jönköping, SE
- 2006 Haninge Art Museum, Haninge, SE
Gävle Konstcentrum, Gävle, SE
- 2005 Gallery Archifax, with Ari Saarto, Genoa, IT
- 2004 Gallery Valo, Rovaniemi, FI
City Library of Jönköping, Jönköping, SE
- 2003 Gallery Dina4Projekte, München, DE
Gallery Stefan Andersson, Umeå, SE
Arktikum-centre, Rovaniemi, FI
- 2002 Gallery Artina, Helsinki, FI
Gallery Romfeia, with Ari Saarto, Plovdiv, BG
- 2001 The Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, UK
Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, FI
- 2000 VB Photographic Centre, with Nanna Hänninen, Kuopio, FI
Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, FI
- 1999 Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
- 1998 Gallery Zinc, Stockholm, SE

Group exhibitions (selected)

- 2025 Temporary Presence, Visiting Artist Residency Programme by the Wihuri Foundation and University of Lapland, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Arktikum Centre, FI
Far North Photo Festival, Yellowknife, CA
- 2024 Les Sentinelles Figures de l'Arbre, Château de Flamanville, Cotentin, FR
- 2021 New Perspectives Through Photography – 25 years of the Helsinki School, group show, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI
Kenen luonto?/Whose nature?, curated group show, NorthernPhotographic Centre, Oulu, FI
Kenen luonto?/Whose nature?, curated group show, Kunsthalle Turku, FI
TamingNature, Jaakko Kahilaniemi, Sandra Kantanen and Riitta Päiväläinen, Gallery Valerius, LU
- 2020 The Nature of Being, group exhibition, Gallery Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Frischer Wind aus dem Norden, curated group show, Kunsthalle St Annen, Lubeck, DE
Searching for the Shapes Within, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
A Fresh Breeze from The North, Kunsthalle St. Annen, Lübeck, DE
- 2019 LandEscapes, Kunsthalle Borås, Sweden
Finnish Aalto, Busan Art Museum, Busan, KOR
Forest.Enter.Exit, MEWO Kunsthalle, DE
- 2018 Nature as Playground, Gallery H, Trade Center Store, Seoul, KOR
Electric and distant, Colección olorVISUAL, Centre Cultural Tecla Sala, Barcelona, ES
- 2017 Real Celebration, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi, FI
Independence Through The Lenses, FLUSS, Wolkersdorf, AT
Independence Through The Lenses, Robert Capa Contemporary Photography Center, Budapest, HU
Fabric Works, Galleri Andersson/Sandström, SE
- 2013 Sensibility, Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, FI
New Wave Finland - Contemporary Photography from the Helsinki School, ASF/Scandinavia House, New York, USA
7th Wave - Wihuri and Visual Art, Kunsthalle Helsinki, FI
- 2012 "Helsinki Abstract", Gallery Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, AT
- 2011 "Female View", FotoRaum, Wien, AT
"Helsinki School", Christophe Guye Galerie, Zurich, CH
"Within/Beyond Borders", European Investment Bank, Byzantine & Christian Museum, Athens, GR
"Alice in Wonderland", Logomo, Turku, FI
- 2010 Suu kuin seitsemän leivän uuni, Adel Abidin, Pasi Eerik Karjula, Pentti Kaskipuro, Hilda Kozári, Riitta Päiväläinen, Vantaa Art Museum, FI
The Helsinki School at Daegu Photo Biennale Korea, Daegu, KR
Highlighted - Contemporary Finnish photography from the collection of Pieter and Marieke Sanders, Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, NL
- 2009 Regards croisés, Les oeuvres de la BEI à la BCEE, Luxembourg, LU
- 2008 XIII Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, FI
- 2007 6th Biennale de la Photographie Ar caine, curated group show, ML Photo Finnish, The Helsinki School, Sternersen Art Museum, Oslo, NO
Helsinki School, Art Foyer DZ Bank, Frankfurt, DE
- 2006 Facing East: Contemporary Landscape Photography from Baltic Areas, Yard Gallery, Nottingham, UK
Vad är Fotogra ? Helsinki School, Borås Art Museum, Borås, SE
Kolme Tietä, Kuopio Art Museum, with Nanna Hänninen and Taina Kontio, Kuopio, FI

- The Helsinki School, Finnish photography from the 21st century, Hôtel de ville de Bruxelles, Grand-Place, Brussels, BE
Facing East, Tullie House & Art Gallery, Carlisle, UK
Various Artists: The Helsinki School, Gallery Photology, Milan, IT
- 2005 Helsinki School, The New Approach, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, DE
Peinture Fraîche II: Jeune Création Finlandaise, Kerava Art Museum, FI
Personally, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, SE
Under Your Skin, Gallery White Box, New York, USA
30 by Taik, Museum of Finnish Photography, Helsinki, FI
- 2004 Gokann, 4th Triennial of the Finnish Artists' Association, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Helsinki, FI
Facing East, The Arts Institute at Bournemouth, England/ Impressions Gallery, York, UK
Peinture Fraîche: Jeune Création Finlandaise, Nanterre, FR
Zeitgenössische Fotokunst Aus Finnland, Salo Art Museum, FI
- 2003 Gokann, 4th Triennial of the Finnish Artists' Association, Kyoto, JP
Summer, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, FI
Ordinary everyday, Vantaa Art Museum, Vantaa, FI
Zeitgenössische Fotokunst Aus Finnland, touring group exhibition, DE
- 2002 Artstorm, touring group exhibition, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, NO
- 2000 Jatulintarha, Finnish-British Artists Exchange 2000-2002, Finland, UK
Our Friends From The North, Hat eld, UK
- 1999 Exhibition '99, The Association Gallery, London, UK

Commissions

- 2021 Region Stockholm, Konstväxlingar, The metro station of Mariatorget, Stockholm, SE
- 2004 The City of Jönköping, Unwritten History, Memory, Landscape, SE

Bibliography (selected)

- 2017 Paris Photo by Karl Lagerfeld, Steidl Verlag, DE
- 2016 Exhibition catalogue, Die Zweite Haut, DISTANZ Verlag, DE
- 2014 Helsinki School - From the Past to the Future, Vol. 5., Hatje Cantz, DE
- 2012 The 7th Wave, Kunsthalle Helsinki; The Art Museum of Lönnström; South-Karelia Art Museum, FI
- 2011 The Helsinki School - A Female View, Hatje Cantz, DE
Beyond Borders, European Investment Bank, Byzantine & Christian Museum, Athens, GR
Catalog, Alice in Wonderland, FI
- 2010 Daegu Photo Biennale 2010, tru(E)motion, The Helsinki School, pages 114-119, Daegu, KR
Lapsus Magazine, pages 6-21, Issue #4/2010, ES
VIERAANA POHJOISEN VALOSSA, Forgotten, alternative stories, pages 98-103, FI
- 2009 RIITTA PÄIVÄLÄINEN - IMAGINARY MEETINGS, Kehrer Verlag, Heidelberg, DE
Regards Croisés, Les oeuvres de la BEI à la BCEE, Luxembourg, LU
LAPIZ 248, page 91, Aino Kannisto, Riitta Päiväläinen, Juan José Santos, Laura F. Farhall, Madrid, ES
- 2008 Keski-Uusimaa, 16.12.2008, Jouko Tuomas-Kettunen, FI
Helsingin Sanomat, 1.12.2008, Kaisa Heinänen, FI
Next Level, Ice Riitta Päiväläinen, White Issue, ed.14/2008, pages 78-81, London, UK

- 2007 Issues in Curating, Liz Wells, 2007, UK
 Västerbottens Folkblad, 15.12.2007, Katarina Franck, SE
 Västerbottens Kuriren, 11.12.2007, Marit Strandberg, SE
 Sveriges Radio Västerbotten, 2.12.2007 interview by Kaarina Honkanen, SE
 Västerbottens Kuriren, 24.11.2007, Anders Sjögren, SE
 Västerbottens Folkblad, 24.11.2007, Lars Böhlin, SE
 The Helsinki School, New Photography by TaiK, Hatje Cantz Verlag, DE
 Jönköpings Posten, 26.1.2007, Ann-Kristin Losten, Jönköping, SE
- 2006 Dagens Nyheter, 3x kritikerns val, 18.11.2006, SE
 Gefle Dagblad, Konstens nya kläder, 26.8.2006, SE
 RIITTA PÄIVÄLÄINEN - Imaginary Meeting, Structura, Camouflage,
 text Hasse Persson, FI
 LIVRAISON, nbr 2, Hidden Objects, 2006/2007, Stockholm, SE
 Iisalmen Sanomat, 24.2.2006, Maija Puustinen, FI
 Savon Sanomat, 24.2.2006, Hannele Tikkinen, FI
 TAIDE/ART 2/06, Anna-Kaisa Rastenberger, FI
- 2005 RYUKO TSUSHIN, vol. 508, pages 149–154, Nippan Ips Co, Tokyo, JP
 The Helsinki School, Photography by TaiK, Hatje Cantz Verlag, pages 182–187,
 text Andrea Holzherr, GER
 Frankfurter Rundschau, nbr 2, 15.01.2005, Ute Noll, pages 1 and 7, DE
- 2004 HOTSHOE/ Fresh perspectives on contemporary photography,
 August-October 04 #132, Melissa DeWitt, pages 40–47, UK
 Jönköpings Posten, 8.10.2004, Yvonne Teiffel, SE
 Catalog - PEINTURE FRAICHE, Ambassade de Finlande, Institut finlandais,
 Paris, FR
 Helsingin Sanomat, 13.3.2004, FI
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 Katerina Cerny, DE
 GOKANN, IV Triennale of Finnish Art
 ART- Das Kunstmagazin, Nr. 9, s. 21, DE
 Landscape: Photographs of Time and Place, Ferdinand Protzman, USA
 Finnish Photography 2003, Musta Taide 1/2003, FI2003 Zeitgenössische Fo
 tokunst aus Finland, text Andreas Vowinckel, pages: 44–46
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 Helsingin Sanomat, 14.6.2003, Arja Maunuksela, FI
 Västerbottens Kuriren, 23.4.2003, Patrik Back, SE
- 2002 Catalog - International Meetings of Photography, pages 6–7, Plovdiv, BG
 TAIDE-ART magazine, 1/02, FI
- 2001 Jatulintarha CD-ROM, Finnish-British artist exchange, publishers: Center
 for Creative Photography, Jyväskylä and Cumbria University, Institute of
 the Arts, Carlisle, UK
 Newsquest, 11.5.2001, Adrian Mullen, UK
- 2000 Catalog - Our Friends from the North, University of Hertfordshire's Art
 and Design Gallery, text Kathy Kubicki, UK
 Kaleva, 11.11.2000, Timo Jokelainen, FI
 Savon Sanomat, 13.1.2000, Seppo Roth, FI
- 1999 Catalog - EXHIBITION '99, The Association Gallery, UK
 Helsingin Sanomat, 28.10.1999, Arja Maunuksela, FI
 PHOTONEWS -photography magazine, 9/99, Denis Brudna, DE

- KAMERA- magazine, 9/99, article by Hannamari Purhonen, FI
 MUSTA TAIDE "Finnish Photography 1998–1999", FI
 CREATIVE CAMERA -magazine, Feb-March 99, UK
 1998 KUVVA -magazine 4/98, portfolio, pages 21–25, FI
 Paris Photo, Newsletter, 23.11.1998, FR
 Svenska Dagbladet, 7.3.1998, Eva Runefelt, SE
 Catalog Zinc Gallery, SE

Residencies

- 2017 Muodoslompolo, artist residency of The Artists Association of Lapland, FI
 2016 The Åland Archipelago Guest Artist Residence in Kökar, FI
 2015 The Saari Residence, Kone Foundation, 2 months, Mietoinen, FI
 2013 Mustarinda, working residency, Kainuu, FI
 2004 Aomori, working period/ 3 months, JP
 2003 Jenny and Antti Wihuri Association/ Artist and working residency, Rovaniemi,
 3 months, FI
 2002 Kökar, artist residency, FI
 2001 Seascale, Ravenglass, UK (Jatulintarha-project)

Awards

- 2020 Lensculture Exposure Awards Finalist and Jurys pick
 2011 William Thuring prize of the Fine Arts Society of Finland, FI

Grants

- 2018 Alfred Kordelin Association
 Arts Promotion Centre, FI
 2017 Arts Promotion Centre, FI
 2015 Frame Visual Art Finland, FI
 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, FI
 2013 National 5 years working grant, FI
 Frame Visual Art Finland, FI
 2012 Arts Promotion Centre FI
 2011 National Culture Foundation, FI
 2010 National Culture Foundation, FI
 2009 Arts Council of Finland, FI
 2008 Arts Council of Finland (Quality Support for Publications of Photographic Art)
 Finnish Cultural Foundation, FI
 Frame Visual Art Finland, FI
 2007 Arts Council of Finland, FI
 2006 Arts Council of Finland, FI
 2005 National 3 years working grant/ Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, FI
 2004 National 1 year working grant, Niilo Helander Foundation/ FRAME, FI
 2003 Hasselblad Foundation, SE
 Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Residence and Working Grant in
 Rovaniemi, FI
 National Grant/ Oskar Öflund und Association, FI
 National Culture Foundation, FI
 Finnish Fund for Art Exchange/Finnish- Swedish Cultural Fund, FI
 2002 National 1 year working grant, FI
 2001 Finfooto, FI
 Oskar Öflund Association, FI
 National 1/2 year working grant, FI
 2000 Finnish Fund for Art Exchange (FRAME)/ Finnish Cultural Foundation, FI

1999 Finnish Fund for Art Exchange (FRAME), FI
Arts Council of Finland, FI
Finnfoto, FI
Alfred Kordelin Association, FI
Oskar Öflund Association, FI
University of Art and Design, FI
Arts Council of Finland, FI
Arts Council of Finland/ Finnish- Swedish Cultural Fund, FI
The City of Helsinki/ Finnish Fund for Art Exchange (FRAME)
University of Art and Design

Memberships

2001–04 Member of the board of The Union of Artist Photographers, FI
2000–01 Member of the co-operative color printing laboratory VÄRINÄ, Helsinki, FI
1998– Member of The Union of Artist Photographers, Helsinki, FI

Publications

2009 Artist book "Riitta Päiväläinen, Imaginary Meetings", publisher Kehrer Verlag, Heidelberg, DE
2007 Catalogue "Riitta Päiväläinen, Imaginary Meeting, Structura, Camouflage", ISBN 952-92-073-X, text by Hasse Persson
2003 Catalogue "Riitta Päiväläinen, Vestige, Series Ice and Wind", ISBN 952-91-5986-2, text by Andreas Vowinckel

Works in collections

Kiasma, Collection of the Museum of Contemporary Art, FI
Museum of Finnish Photography, Helsinki, FI
Finnish State
The State Art Council, SE
Jönköping Art Museum, SE
Kuopio Art Museum, FI
Saastamoinen Foundation, FI
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, FI
The City of Jyväskylä, FI
The City of Jönköping, SE
The City of Tampere, FI
The City of Skellefteå, SE
The City of Umeå, SE
Balticgruppen Umeå, SE
County Council of Västerbotten, SE
Kultur Gävleborg, Gävle, SE
Haninge Kunsthalle, Haninge, SE
Edition Eklund, SE
Uppsala Landsting, SE
Apotekets Kunstförening, SE
DZ-Bank Collection, Frankfurt, DE
European Investment Bank in Luxemburg, LU
Collection olorVISUAL, ES

Private collections (Belgium, England, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey)