

JORMA PURANEN / CV

Born in 1951 in Helsinki, Finland. Lives and works in Helsinki.

Education

1978 Master of Art (Photography), University of Art and Design Helsinki (UIAH)
(now Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture)

Solo exhibitions (selected)

- 2022 They could hear a faraway thunder, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 Museum Meditations, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum, Turku, FI
- 2019 Icy Prospects, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Fatal Departures, Galleri Flach, Stockholm, SE
Of Light and Shadow, Arendt House, Luxembourg, LU
- 2018 Memorandum of Loss, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
- 2017 Surfaces and Scenes Beyond, Konsthall, Luleå, SE
- 2016 Shade into Shade, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
- 2015 Surfaces and Scenes Beyond, Galleri Flach, Stockholm, SE
- 2013 Museum Meditations, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
- 2012 Telling Time, Maerzgalerie, Leipzig (together with Sebastian Schrader)
Sixteen Steps to Paradise, Galleri Flach, Stockholm, SE
- 2011 Shadows and Reflections, Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
Sixteen Steps to Paradise, Kunstallianz1, Berlin, DE
Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 EMMA Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, FI
Icy Prospects, Palais des Beaux Arts, Lille, France, FR
Gallery Orton, Helsinki, FI
- 2009 Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
Paris Photo, Galerie Anhava, Paris, FR
Perspektivet Museum, Tromsø, NO
- 2008 Galleri Flach+Thulin, Stockholm, SE
Icy Prospects, Photology Gallery, Milan, IT
- 2007 Scala Mata Gallery, Venice, IT
Arctische Archiv, Villa Oppenheim, Berlin, DE
Galerie Blickensdorff, Berlin, DE
- 2006 Étandues glaciales, Institut Finlandais, Paris, FR
Icy Prospects, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
- 2004 Galerie Blickensdorff, Berlin, DE
Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi, FI
Gallery Flach, Stockholm, SE
- 2002 Photogallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
Gallery Christian Dam, Oslo, NO
Blue Sky Gallery/Oregon Center for Photographic Art, Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2001 Museet for fotokunst/Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, DK
- 2000 Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
Siida-Sámi Museum, Inari, FI
- 1999 Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi, BE
- 1998 Impressions Gallery, York, UK
Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford, UK
- 1996 Galerie Minima Peliti, Roma, IT
Gallery G, Helsinki, FI
- 1995 Galerie le Lieu, Lorient, FR

- Galerie Braggiotti, Amsterdam, NL
 Fotogalleriet, Oslo, NO
 Galerie Photo du Theatre de l' Agora, Evry, FR
 Glynn Vivian Art Gallery and Museum, Swansea; Aberystwyth Arts Centre,
 Wales, UK; Picture House Gallery, Leicester, UK
 1994 Fotogallery, Cardiff, UK
 Konstens Hus, Luleå, SE
 Institut Finlandais, Paris, FR
 1993 Galerie Suzel Berna, Paris, FR
 Centre de Développement Culturel, Tarbes, FR
 Galleri Index, Stockholm, SE
 1992 Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
 1991 Galerie Krivy, Nice, FR

Group exhibitions (selected)

- 2025 Beyond The Frame. Rethinking Photography, National Art & History Museum, LU
 2025 Shadows Leave Traces. International Exhibition on the Memory and Imagination
 of the Northern Landscape, Lithuanian National Museum of Art (LNMA),
 Vilnius, LT
 2025 Beyond The Frame. Rethinking Photography, National Art & History Museum, LU
 2024 Untamed 90s, The Finnish Museum of Photography, FI
 The Beauty of Moments, Emil Aaltonen Museum, Tampere, FI
 2023 Energy: Sparks from the Collection, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
 Refractive Landscapes, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
 2022 Mythos Wald, Das Flüstern der Blätter, Kunsthalle Emden, DE
 Spaces of Uncertainty, Taidehalli, Helsinki, FI
 Eye on Nature, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
 2021 New Perspectives through Photography – 25 Years of the Helsinki School,
 Taidehalli, Helsinki, FI
 Nordic Light, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
 2020 A Fresh Breeze from the North, Kunsthalle St Annen, Lübeck, DE
 2019 Moonlight, Hasselblad Center, Gothenburg, SE
 Prima Vista, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi, FI
 2018 Lumières Nordiques, Abbaye de Jumièges, FR
 Land_Scope-Photographic Works from Roni Horn to Thomas Ruff, Münchner
 Stadtmuseum, Munich, DE
 On Disappearance and Appearance— The Ephemeral in Photography, Alfred
 Ehrhardt Stiftung, Berlin, DE
 2017 London Art Fair, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
 The Arctic Spirit, National Museum of Finland, Helsinki, FI
 2016 PULSE, Purdy Hicks Gallery, Miami Beach, Florida, USA
 CHART Art Fair, Gallery Taik Persons, Copenhagen, DK
 ARCO, Gallery Taik Persons, Madrid, ES
 Fiktive Wirklichkeiten, Stadtmuseum, Langenfeld, DE
 2015 Art15, Maerzgalerie, London, UK
 8 Exposures – New Views on Tapio Wirkkala, Ateneum, Helsinki, FI
 Face to Face, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, FI
 Faces Now – European Portrait Photography since 1990, BOZAR – Palais des
 Beaux-Arts, Brussels, BE
 2014 Jorma Puranen - Higashikawa Photography Award Exhibition, Higashikawa
 Bunka Gallery, Higashikawa, JPN
 Barockt, Kulturhuset in Stockholm, SE
 2013 Seduced by Art; Photography Past and Present, CaixaForum Barcelona; Caixa

- Forum Madrid, ES
Paisajes del Norte, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogota, Colombia, COL
Farbe-Form-Fotografie-Fläche, DZ Bank Kunstsammlung, Frankfurt Am Main, DE
2012 Seduced by Art; Photography Past and Present, National Gallery, London, UK
- The New Alchemists: Contemporary Photographers Transcending the Print,
London, UK
Art Fair 2012, London, UK
Polar Positions, Sami Artist Center, Karasjok, NO
Mindscales, Central for Contemporary Art, Brussels, BE
I am not interested in Reality, Galerie Wagner + Partner, Berlin, DE
2011 Within/Beyond the Frontier, The Byzantine & Christian Museum, Athens, GR
Jubiläum, Kunsthalle Emden, Germany, DE
The Magic of Lapland, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
Landscape Experiences, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Jyväskylä, FI
2010 Ars Fennica, Kiasma Museum, Helsinki, FI
Daegu Photo Festival, KR
A World Within The World, Anteprema, Mostra d'Arte Contemporanea, Milan, IT
Carnegie Art Award, Listasafn Islands, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, IS
The 2010 Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm, SE
2009 Carnegie Art Award, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK
Revisiting Landscape & Still Life, Bafa Foto, Geneva, CH
Taide kantaa, Järvenpää Art Museum, FI
Homework, Lahti Art Museum, FI
Being A Part, Sami Artist Center, Karasjok, NO
2008 La photographie finlandaise, Musée Nicéphore Niépce, Chalon-sur-Saône, FR
Continuum, Retretti Art Center, Punkaharju, FI
Fabricating Images from History, Chinablue Gallery, Beijing, CN
Trip to the Country, Kumu Art Museum, Tallinn, EE
2007 Getroffen, Otto Dix und die Kunst des Porträts, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, DE
Boundary Crossings, Akseli-Gallen Kallela Museum, Espoo, FI
Portraiture, Harewood House, Leeds, UK
Into the Landscape, Preus Museum-Norwegian Museum of Photography,
Hjorten, NO
Our Land! Photographs from Finland, Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
Silver & Oil, Hoopers Gallery, London, UK
The Helsinki School of Photography, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
Stenersen Museum, Oslo, NO
2006 Breaking the Ice, Kunstmuseum Bonn, DE
Zone Attive s.r.l. Fotografia, Festival Internazionale di Roma, IT
Finlandia e l'identità del Nord, Hendrik Christian Andersen Museum, Roma, IT
Un tableau peut en cacher un autre, MNHA Musée National d'histoire et
d'art, Luxembourg, LU
Ghosts in the Machine, SF Camerawork, San Francisco, USA
2006 Helsinki School, Borås Artmuseum, Borås, SE
Dialogue-The Helsinki School, Langhans Galerie, Prague, CZ
The Helsinki School-Finnish Photography from 21th century, Hôtel de Ville de
Bruxelles, Brussels, BE
To Look or to See-in search of meanings in photography, Finnish Museum of
Photography, Helsinki, FI
2005 Helsinki School - A New Approach, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin; Photology,
Milano, IT
Boundary Crossings, Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA

- Variations on the Picturesque, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, Ontario, CA
 Vaikea yhtälö, Rauma Art Museum, FI
 Personligt, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, SE
- 2004 Momentum-Nordic Festival of Contemporary Art, Moss, NO
 On Loan, Hasselblad Center, Gothenburg, SE
 30 by Taik, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
 River Deep Mountain High, National Touring Exhibitions, NO
 Carnegie Art Award, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK; Kopavogur Art Museum, IS; Kunstnernes Hus, Oslo; Victoria Miro Warehouse, London, UK; Helsinki Kunsthall, FI
- 2003 New Realities, Fotomuseum, Reykjavik, IS
 New Realities, Hasselblad Center, Gothenburg, SE
 Dominated by Water, Vantaa City Art Museum, Vantaa, FI
 Verarbeitete Fotografie, Galerie Blickensdorff, Berlin, DE
 Fünf Positionen finnischer Fotografie, Kunstvererin Schwerte, Schwerte, DE
 Zeitgenössische Fotokunst aus Finnland, Neue Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin, DE; Mannheimer Kunstverein, Mannheim, DE; Städtische Galerie Waldkraiburg, DE; Stadtgalerie Kiel, DE; Brandenburgische Kunstsammlungen, Cottbus, DE; Centrum Kultury ZAMEK, Poznan, PL; Salo Art Museum, Salo, FI
 Carnegie Art Award, Royal Art Academy, Stockholm, SE
 Designing the Quietness, Ozone Living Design Center, Tokyo; Copper Smithy, Fiskars, FI
- 2002 Nouvelle photographie finlandaise, Café-Crème/Photographie Contemporaine, LU
 Mare Balticum, Nationalmuseum, Copenhagen, DK
 The Politics of Place, Bildmuseet, Umeå, Sweden; Edsvik Konst. Kultur, SE
 Sollentuna, Sweden; Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
 Kuvitelmiä/Fantasies, Sara Hilden Art Museum, Tampere, FI
 Correlations, Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna, Austria; Fotoforum West, Innsbruck, AT
 Faces and Figures, Haggerty Museum of Art, Milwaukee, USA
 Pohjoiseen ja etelään, Purnu Art Center, Orivesi, FI
- 2001 Strange Reality, Galerie Blickensdorff, Berlin, DE
 Landshapes-Records of Action, Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, USA
 Faces and Figures, Scandinavian House, New York, USA
 Nordic Art 2001, Röda Sten, Gothenburg, SE
 Fotographia Metafisica, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny, IE
 Lost Homelands, Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery, Montreal;
 Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops, CA
 Finsk Foto, Galleri Christian Dam, Oslo; Copenhagen, DK
 The Fatherland and the Mother Tongue, Oulu Art Museum, FI
- 2000 Breathless! Photography and Time, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
 Une Histoire Finlandaise, La Galerie Photo, Montpellier, FR
- 2000 Three Beginning Roads in Finnish Contemporary Photography, Kari Kenetti Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- 1999 Landshapes, Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, USA;
 The von Leibig Art Center, Naples, Florida, USA
 Lost Homelands, Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown, Canada;
 McKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Canada
 Évocation, Marche Bonsecours, Mois de la Photo à Montreal, CA
 Auf der Suche nach der Verlorenen Zeit, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin, DE
 Nordiskt Foto, Skövde Konsthall, Skövde, SE
 Mikä on todellista, 3rd triennial of Photography, Kunsthalle, Helsinki, FI
- 1998 Cartografs i aventurers, Cultural Centre of the Fundació "la Caixa", Barcelona; Lleida; Vic, ES

- Continental Drift, Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
 Le Violon d'Ingres/Play it again, Royal Concert Hall, Amsterdam, NL
 Finnish Art Triennial, Kunsthalle, Helsinki, FI
 Under/Exposed, Stockholm Underground, SE
 Shadows, Finnish National Gallery, Helsinki, FI
 1997 'Le musée photographique', 19èmes Estivales Photographiques du Trégor,
 Imagerie, Lannion, FR
 Du bois des arbres des artistes, Musée des Beaux Arts, Chambéry, FR
 Installation, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI
 Dislocations, Rovaniemi Art Museum, FI
 Forest, Kuopio Art Museum, FI
 1996 Myth and Landscape, European Cultural Centre, Delphi, GR
 Heimat, Kunsthaus Kaufbeuren, Kaufbeuren, DE
 Document, Tampere, FI
 1995 Art, Resistance and the English Garden, Galerie Nikki Diana Marquardt, Paris,
 FR; Galerija Gabrijel, Sarajevo, BA
 Vents du Nord, Cellier de Talant, Talant, FR
 Disrupted Borders, London Regional Art and Historical Museum, London,
 Ontario, CA
 1994 Europe Rediscovered, Turbine Hall/M/S Kronborg, Copenhagen, DK
 Jorden, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE
 Fotodiffusione, Promotrice delle Belle Arti, Torino, IT
 Balticum Biennale, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma, FI
 Tulkinta-Interpretation, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI
 Disrupted Borders, Photographers' Gallery, London, UK; Ikon Gallery,
 Birmingham, UK; Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, Ottawa, CA

Academic teaching

- 1996–98 Professor, University of Art & Design, Helsinki, FI
 1978–96 University of Art & Design, Helsinki, FI

Publications

- 2009 Icy Prospects, Hatje Cantz Verlag, Stuttgart, DE
 1999 Imaginary Homecoming, Pohjoinen Publications, Oulu, FI
 1989 Alpha & Omega, Opus, Helsinki, FI
 1986 Maarf Leu'dd-Photographs of the Skolt Lapps, Opus, Helsinki, FI

Selected Bibliography

- 2010 Jan-Erik Lundström, "Jorma Puranen, Reflection, Refraction, Redemption,
 EIKON International Magazine for Photography and Media Art, Wien, AU
 2010 Jari-Pekka Vanhala, "Echoing Images", Next Level Edition 20, London, UK
 2009 Rosanna Checchi, "Jorma Puranen", Zoom Photographic Art, Nov-Dec, Milan, IT
 2008 Denis Brudna, "Jorma Puranen-Where compasses all go mad", Photonews,
 Zeitung für Photographie, Nr 2 / 2008, Hamburg, DE
 Selva Barni, "Jorma Puranen", Rodeo Magazine Nr. 43, Milan, IT
 2007 Mark Peschke, "Jorma Puranen- Icy Prospects", Fotoforum, Fotografie &
 Präsentation, 3/2007, Münster, DE
 2006 David Spalding, "Ghosts in the Machine", Camerawork: A Journal of
 Photographic Arts, Volume 33, No. 1, Spring/Summer, San Fransisco, USA
 2005 Nikos Papastergiadis, "Flags in the Landscape", in Spatial Aesthetics-Art,
 Place and the Everyday, Rivers Oram Press, London, Sydney, Chicago, USA
 Taneli Eskola, "Boundary Crossings-Temporal Dialogues in Finnish Landscape
 Photography", Musta Taide, Helsinki, FI

- 2003 Liz Wells, "Icy Prospects", in Cultures & Settlements, eds. Miles, M & Kirkham, Intellect, Bristol, UK
Ferdinand Protzman, "Landscape, Photographs of Time and Space, National Geographic Books, Washington, USA
- 2001 Henning Wettendorf, "Jorma Puranen", Katalog, Journal of Photography & Video, Vol 14, Odense, DK
Elizabeth Edwards, "Jorma Puranen-Imaginary Homecoming-A Study in Re-engagement", in Raw Histories-Photographs, Anthropology and Museums, Berg, Oxford/New York, USA
- 2000 Aperture 158; Photography and Time-winter, New York, USA
- 1998 Marta Gili, "Cartografs i aventurers: narradors d'històries", Fundacio "la Caixa", Barcelona, ES
Ruth Charity, "Curiosus Naturae Spectator/Jorma Puranen", Portfolio 27, Edinburgh
Nikos Papastergiadias, "Curiosus Naturae Spectator, Continental Drift, Europe. Approaching the Millennium, Prestel, München/New York, USA
David Brittain, "Lie of the Land", Creative Camera, April/May, London, UK
- 1997 La Recherche Photographique 20 - L' Ailleurs, printemps, Paris, FR
- 1996 Sylvain Maresca, "Essai de comparaison entre les approches photographique et ethnographique" in La Photographie - Un miroir des sciences sociales, L' Harmattan, Paris/Montréal.
John Stathatos, "Myth and Landscape", exhibition catalogue
Boris v. Brauchitsch, "Das Schweigen im Walde", exhibition catalogue, Ernst Wasmuth Verlag, Tübingen, Germany, DE
Min-Jung Yang, "Jorma Puranen", The Monthly Photographic Art Magazine, Seoul, KR, 10/1996.
- 1995 Jean-Christian Fleury, "Curtis, Puranen, Lévi-Strauss/Photographie et ethnologie", Photographies Magazine, Avril, Paris, FR
Elizabeth Edwards, 'Imaginary Homecoming / The work of Jorma Puranen', Social Identities/Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture, Vol.2.
- 1994 Robert Pujade, "La Photographie Comme Science Fabuleuse/ A Propos des Images de Jorma Puranen", Exhibition catalogue.
- 1993 Jean-Christian Fleury, "Jorma Puranen", Photographies Magazine, December, Paris, FR
Sunil Gupta, "Disrupted Borders", Rivers Oram Press, London, UK
Mika Ripatti, "The Stations of the Gaze/ Crossroads of Absolution", Index/ Contemporary Scandinavian Images, Stockholm, 1/1993.
Jan-Erik Lundström, "Returning to Saami Country: The Photographic Art of Jorma Puranen", Scandinavian Review, Winter.

Prizes

- 2010 National Prize for Finnish Photography
2005 Pro Finlandia award
1992 PhotoFinlandia Prize
1988 National Prize for Finnish Photography

Works in Collections

Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, FR
Hasselblad Foundation, Gothenburg, SE
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi, BE
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE

Persons
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Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, DE
Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, DK
Norsk museum for Fotografi-Preus fotomuseum, NO
Bibliothèque nationale, Paris, FR
Kamloops Art Gallery, Kamloops, CA
The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI
Helsinki City Art Museum, FI
EMMA-Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, FI
Henna and Pertti Niemistö Foundation, FI
Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, FI
Oulu Art Museum, FI
Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, FI
State of FI
Swedish Arts Council, SE
Etnografisk Museum, Oslo, NO
Vantaa City Art Collection, FI
Espoo City Art Collection, FI
Wihuri collection/The Art Museum of Rovaniemi, FI
Saastamoinen Foundation, FI
Collection Olorvisual, Barcelona, ES
Fundacio Sourige, ES
Artothèque, Grenoble, FR
Deutsche Bank Collection London, UK
DZ Bank Collection, DE
European Investment Bank Institute, LU
Sammlung Alison & Peter W. Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, DE
Kunsthalle Emden, DE
Sparkasse Osnabrück, DE
Centre de Développement Culturel, Tarbes, FR
Viktor Barsokevitsch Photography Center, Kuopio, FI
Luleå Municipality Art Collection, SE
Rauma Art Museum, FI
Galerie le Lieu, Lorient, FR
Galerie de Theatre de L' Agora, Evry, FR
Collection de Dorint Hôtel, Brussels, BE
Bibliothèque H. Vincenot, Talant, FR
Imagerie, Lannion, FR
Samiske Samlinger, Karasjok, NO