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EDUCATION

1994-99 Master of Arts, University of Art and Design in Helsinki (nowadays Aalto University), Finland
1988-92 Lahti Institute of Fine Arts, Finland
1986-88 Liminka Art College, Finland
1985-86 University of Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Flora, Fauna*, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, Canada
Birds in the Earth, Turku Art Museum; Pimiö, Finland
2016 *Silence - jaskes eatnamat*, Sámi Center for Contemporary Art, Karasjok, Norway
2014 *Silence - jaskes eatnamat*, Gallery Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
Silence - jaskes eatnamat, Bildmuseet, Umeå, Sweden
2012 *Seavdnjat - Darkness*, Northern Photographic Center, Oulu, Finland
Seavdnjat - Darkness, Gallery Zebra, Karjaa, Finland
Seavdnjat – Darkness, Villan Voimala, Hyvinkää, Finland
2011 *Seavdnjat – Darkness*, Sámi Museum Siida, Inari, Finland
Seavdnjat – Darkness, Sami Center for Contemporary Art, Karasjok, Norway
2010 *Seavdnjat - Darkness*, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
2008 *Modern Nomads*, Castillo de Santa Catalina, Cádiz, Spain
2006 *Paradise Lost*, Konstens Hus, Luleå, Sweden
2005 *Paradise Lost*, Sami Center for Contemporary Art, Karasjok, Norway
2003 *Modern Nomads*, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
Modern Nomads, Northern Photographic Center, Oulu, Finland
2000 *Kadja-Nilla*, Utsjoki, Finland
1999 *Kadja-Nilla*, The Centre for Creative Photography, Jyväskylä, Finland
1998 *Kadja-Nilla*, Art Gallery Telakka, Tampere, Finland
1997 *Kadja-Nilla*, Häme-Gallery, Lahti, Finland
Helsinki-Florence-Utsjoki, Photographic Gallery Peri, Turku, Finland
1995 *Helsinki-Florence-Utsjoki*, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
1994 *Photographs and Paintings*, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
The Generations, Photographic Gallery Luukku, Joensuu, Finland
1992 *The Happy Ones*, Helsinki Railway Station, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

2019 *Coexistence*, Contemporary Art Museum Kiasma, Helsinki
2018 *Inherited Ideals*, (with Soinio and Pälviranta), Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki
Viidon Sieiddit, Sámi Museum Siida, Inari
Echoes from the North, Kakslauttanen Art Gallery, Sodankylä
2017 *Rascal*, Vantaa Art Museum Artsi
Gestures Towards the Self, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku
Bridge - Greetings from Two Republics, Virka Gallery, Helsinki
2016 *Silence Space – Intensified Integrities*, The Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo

- 2014 *Helsinki Photography Biennial*, Gallery L3, Helsinki
Performance Voyage 4, MUU Gallery, Helsinki
Sámi Contemporary, Rovaniemi Art Museum
What's Up North / Week 37, Northern Photographic Center, Oulu
- 2013 *Silence Project*, Gallery Augusta, Helsinki
- 2011 *The Magic of Lapland*, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki
- 2009 *Katugalleriat V*, Art in the power transformer cabins, streets of Helsinki
- 2007 *Pictures from The Island*, Stoa Gallery, Helsinki
- 2006 *Same, same but different*, Pietarsaari Art Museum
- 2005 *Mänttä Art Festival*, Mänttä
- 2004 *A Land Shared*, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku
- 2003 *A Land Shared*, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Helsinki
A Land Shared, Sámi Museum Siida, Inari
- 2000 *Think 2000*, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki
Nordic Photographic Triennial, Oulu Art Museum, Finland
- 1999 *Berenices's Hair*, Rovaniemi Art Museum
Berenices's Hair, Gallery Otso, Espoo
- 1998 *Conjurers*, Sámi Museum Siida, Inari
- 1997 *Dislocations*, *International Photographic Triennale*, Rovaniemi Art Museum
In Differences / the MAP event, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki
- 1996 *Momentum*, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki
- 1995 *Mänttä Art Festival*, Mänttä
Young Artists Exhibition, Helsinki Art Hall
- 1994 *Fotofinlandia '94*, Cable Factory, Helsinki
In These Ragged Border Regions, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma
- 1993 *Lappish Modern Art Exhibition*, Helsinki City Hall
- 1992 *Young Artist Exhibition*, Helsinki Art Hall
Ars Arctica, Rovaniemi
Regional Exhibition of the County of Lappland, Kemi Art Museum
Graduation Exhibition, Lahti Art Museum
- 1990 *Lahti Society of Fine Arts Yearly Exhibition*, Lahti Art Museum
- 1989 *FISKARS*, Porvoo
Ars Arctica, Rovaniemi
Regional Exhibition of the County of Lappland, Rovaniemi Art Museum
- 1988 *The 25th Anniversary Exhibition of the Oulu Art*, Oulu Art Museum

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

- 2020 *Bakom hörnet vindens jojck (Around the Corner, the Wind's Joik)*, Sven Harrys Konstmuseum, Stockholm, Sweden
Ingunn Utsi og Marja Helander, Pikene på Broen, Kirkenes, Norway
Among All These Tundras, MSVU Art Gallery, Halifax, Canada
Among All These Tundras, Campbell River Art Gallery, Canada
- 2019 *Àbadakone / Continuous Fire*, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
An der Nordkante, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
- Earth – Body / Museo de Geología (Museum of the Institute of Geology), Mexico City, Mexico***
- Among All These Tundras*, Esker Foundation Contemporary Art Gallery, Calgary
Among All These Tundras, Onsite Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 *Among All These Tundras*, Leonard & Bina Ellen Art Gallery, Montreal, Canada
- 2017 *Nordic Matters*, Hayward Gallery at Southbank Centre, London, UK
Subsistence, Galleri NordNorge, Harstad, Norway
View From Up Here, Northern Norway Art Museum, Tromsø, Norway

- 2016 *Silence Space – Intensified Integrities*, Finnish Institute in Stockholm, Sweden
Neige, Centre Culturel Jean-Cocteau, Les Lilas, France
- 2015 *Gestos hacia uno mismo*, TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Santa Cruz, Tenerife, Spain
Barents Spektakel, Kirkenes, Norway
Sámi Contemporary, Felleshus, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *Northern Souls*, Space Station Sixty-Five, London, UK
Silent Space, Galleri F 15, Moss, Norway
Silent Space, Meinblau Atelierhaus, Berlin, Germany
Gaavhtan, Møre and Romsdal Art Center, Molde, Norway
Sámi Contemporary, Museum of Norrbotten, Luleå, Sweden
Sámi Contemporary, Sami Center for Contemporary Art, Karasjok, Norway
Sámi Stories, Scandinavia House, New York
- 2013 *Sakahán: International Indigenous Art*, National Gallery of Canada, Ontario
Paysajes del Norte, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogota, Colombia
- 2012 *Topophobia*, Danielle Arnaud Contemporary Art, London, UK
Gierdu, The Nordic House, Reykjavik, Iceland
Eyes on Photography, Glanz & Gloria Concept Store, Wien, Austria
- 2011 *Close Encounters*, Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art, Winnipeg, Canada
- 2010 *Being a Part*, Ájtte Museum, Jokkmokk, Sweden
- 2009 *Being a Part*, Sami Center for Contemporary Art, Karasjok, Norway
- 2008 *Disturbance*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, South Africa
- 2007 *The 7th African Photography Biennial*, Bamako, Mali
Forbindelser, Murmansk Region Art Museum, Russia
- 2006 *Rethinking Nordic Colonialism*, Greenland National Museum and Archives, Nuuk, Greenland
Sami and Inuit Art, The Art Gallery of Hamilton, Canada
- 2005 *Den Gyldne*, Charlottenborg Exhibition Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark
ČSV - Sámi Visualiserat, Galleri F 15, Moss, Norway
Nordisk Landscape, Dronninglund Arts Centre, Denmark
A Time for Renewal, United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland
Barents Art Triennial, Kirkenes, Norway
- 2004 *Same, Same But Different*, Bildmuseet, Umeå, Sweden
- 2003 *New Realities*, Hasselblad Center, Göteborg, Sweden
New Realities, The Finnish Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2002 *In Nature – Barent's Triennial*, North Norwegian Art Center, The Lofoten Islands
- 2001 *Berenice's Hair*, RMIT-Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2000 *Sámi Images*, William Wilkins Gallery Annex, Sydney, Australia
- 1999 *Davvin*, The Nordic House, Reykjavik, Iceland
In Via, Zollverein, Essen, Germany
- 1998 The Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, UK
- 1996 *Four Young Finnish Photographers*, Institut Finlandais, Paris, France
- 1994 *De utsatta*, Hasselblad Center, Göteborg, Sweden
- 1993 *Mesiak Fotografie*, Bratislava, Slovakia

SCREENINGS, SCREENING EVENTS AND FILM FESTIVALS

- 2020 Short film *Suodji – Shelter*
 Love & Anarchy Film Festival, Helsinki
 Norwegian Short Film Festival, Grimstadt
 imagineNATIVE Film+Media Arts Festival, Toronto, Canada

- 2018-2019 Short film *Eatnanvuloš lottit – Birds in the Earth*:
e.g. Sundance Film Festival 2019; Seattle International Film Festival; DocuFest; Tampere Film Festival; Aesthetica Film Festival; Leeds International Film Festival; ImagineNATIVE Film Festival; Midnight Sun Film Festival; Love & Anarchy Film Festival, Skábmagovat; Loikka Dance Film Festival; Tromsø International Film Festival; Norwegian Short Film Festival; Dance on Camera Film Festival, etc.
- 2017 Video work *Dolastallat*, Nordic Film and Video, Hayward Gallery at Southbank Centre, London, UK
Video work *Dolastallat*, Skábmagovat - Indigenous Peoples' Film Festival, Inari, Finland
- 2016 Video work *Trambo*, Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur/The Short Film Festival of Switzerland
Video work *Dolastallat*, The imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, Toronto, Canada
Video work *Dolastallat*, artArctica-festival, Helsinki, Finland
Several videoworks, Skábma-festival, Kjøllefjord, Norway
- 2015 Video work *Trambo*, The imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, Toronto, Canada
- 2014 Video work *Trambo*, Skámagovat- Indigenous Peoples' Film Festival, Inari, Finland
Video work *Trambo ; Performance Voyage IV*, Muu ry; videoscreenings e.g. in New York; Knockdown Center, Leipzig (Kunstkraftwerk), Athens (Art-Athina 2014 Art Fair), Rio De Janeiro (TAL art space)

AWARDS

- 2020 Short film *Suodji – Shelter*: The Award for Innovation in Storytelling at imagineNATIVE Film+Media Arts Festival in Toronto
- 2019 Finland Prize (Suomi-palkinto) by The Ministry of Education and Culture
- 2018 Artist's Prize by The Artists' Association of Finland (Suomen Taiteilijaseuran kuvataiteilijapalkinto)
- 2018 - Short film *Eatnanvuloš lottit – Birds in the Earth*: Risto Jarva Prize and The Main Prize in the under 30 minute category in the National Competition at Tampere Film Festival 2018
- Short film *Eatnanvuloš lottit – Birds in the Earth*: Kent Monkman award for best experimental at imagineNATIVE Film+Media Arts Festival in Toronto
- Short film *Eatnanvuloš lottit – Birds in the Earth*: Honorary Award at Norwegian Short Film Festival
- Short film *Eatnanvuloš lottit – Birds in the Earth*: Special mention in Screendance Competition at Leeds International Film Festival
- Short film *Eatnanvuloš lottit – Birds in the Earth*: The best short fiction film at Northern Character Film & TV Festival, Murmansk
- 2016 Video work *Dolastallat* : Kent Monkman award for best experimental at imagineNATIVE Film+Media Arts Festival in Toronto
- 1994 *Fotofinlandia '94* -finalist

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Davvi*, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland (solo exhibition)
Freezing Point, Villa Merkel, Esslingen, Germany (group exhibition)
- 2022 Commissioned art work to renewed Sámi museum Siida, Inari, Finland
- 2022 - 2025 *Arctic Highways - Unbounded indigenous peoples*, touring exhibition in several institutions in the USA, Canada, Europe and the Nordic countries (group exhibition)

CURATORIAL WORKS

- 2020 *Albma olbmot – Real People*, Sámi Museum Siida, Finland
- 2019 *Mänttä Art Festival*, Finland
- 2016 *AIB Art II Biennial*, Finland

COLLECTIONS

- Contemporary Art Museum Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
De Samiske Samlinger (The Sámi Museum in Karasjok), Norway

Nordiska Museet (The Nordic Museum), Stockholm, Sweden
Nordnorsk Kunstmuseum (Northern Norway Art Museum), Tromsø, Norway
Public Art Norway (KORO), Norway
The State of Finland: The State Art Deposit Collection
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada
Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
Sámi Museum Siida, Inari, Finland
Finnish Art Society, Finland
Wihuri Foundation, Finland
The City of Espoo, Finland
The City of Rovaniemi, Finland
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland
Oulu Polytechnic, Finland
Private collections

PUBLIC WORKS

2012 *So everything flourishes*, The Sámi Cultural Centre Sajos, Inari, Finland

MEMBERSHIP

Sámi Dáiddačehpiid Searvi (Sami Artists' Union)

The Association of Photographic Artists (a member organisation of The Artists Association of Finland)
AV-arkki; The Centre for Finnish Media Art