

SIRKKA LAAKKONEN

Painter, visual artist, born in Hamina, Finland; lives and works in Espoo, Finland

ART STUDIES

- 2003 FREE ART SCHOOL, Painting analysis, Helsinki
1994-96 Academic Drawing and Painting School, Portrait painting, Helsinki
1989-91 School of Sacred Arts, Zhang Shou Cheng Studio, Chinese Brush painting, New York, USA
1986-88 Cham Tau Soon Studio, Life Art Society, Chinese Brush painting, Singapore
1985-86 Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Still Life painting, Singapore
1978-79 Kenya Art's Society, Dora Betts Studio, Portrait painting, Nairobi, Kenya

SOLO EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

- 2015 Gallery Taikka, Järvenpää
2014 EKT Net Gallery, Artist of the Month / August-September
2014 Pop-up Gallery, Restaurant Tempo, Tapiola Stockmann, Espoo
2014 Gallery Rööperin Taidesalonki, Helsinki
2012 Gallery Laterna Magica, Helsinki
2010 Taidelainaamo Laina, Iso Omena, The Painter of the Month, Espoo
2010 Gallery Kapriisi, Tampere
2010 Munkkiniemi Church Foyer, Helsinki
2009 Gallery, Gundby, Kemiö
2009 JOS – Gallery, Espoo
2008 Hovinkartano Art Center, Hauho
2008 Gallery Hamina Public Library, Hamina
2008 Gallery Laterna Magica, Helsinki
2007 Gallery Kapriisi, Kuopio
2007 Gallery Laterna Magica
2004 Gallery Jorvi Hospital Lobby, Espoo
2003 Gallery Oma Huone, Helsinki
2002 Gallery Public Library, Helsinki
2001 The Finnish Red Cross Gallery, Helsinki
2000 The Finnish Environment Building Lobby Gallery, Helsinki

SOLO EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

- 2012 La Perla Galeria de Arte, Fuengirola, Spain
2012 The Bricklane Gallery – The Annexe, London, England
2009 Fortezza Medicea Girifalco, Donnarte, Cortona, Italy

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

- 2015 Rööperin Taidesalonki, Jouluksi kotiin VI, Helsinki
2015 Gallery Rantakasarmi, Vitas85 Summerexhibition, Suomenlinna, Helsinki
2015 Gallery Aarni, Yhteisen tuntuinen, EKT, Tapiola, Espoo
2015 Espoon Kulttuurikeskus, Taide syntyy katsojassa, Tapiola, Espoo
2014 Järvenpää Art Museum, Vitas85, Järvenpää
2012 Heinola Art Museum, Heijastuksia, Heinola
2011 Mikkeli Art Museum, Matkalla, Mikkeli
2010 Sanomatalo Mediatori, Minun Helsinkini, Helsinki
2009 Järnättisali, sankARiT, Järvenpää
2008 The Swan of Finland, Sea and the Harbour, Turku
2008 Gallery Nefret, Turku
2008 Mikola Art Museum, Vaasa
2008 Gallery Laterna Magica, Artists of the Year, Helsinki
2006 Sanomatalon Mediatori, Minun Helsinkini, Helsinki
2005 Kaapelitehdas, Valssaamo, Espoo Art Annual Exhibition, Helsinki
2003 Kaapelitehdas Puristamo, Espoo Art Annual Exhibition, Helsinki
2002 Kässäntalo, Nyland Arts Organizations Annual Exhibition, Lohja
2001 Espoo Culture Center, Espoo Art Annual Exhibition, Espoo
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JOINED EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

2015	Gallery Aarni, Tutun tuntuinen, Tapiola, Espoo
2014	Gallery Aarni, Uusi kesä, Tapiola, Espoo
2014	AVA Gallery, Toinen todellisuus, Helsinki
2013	Gallery Rööperin Taidesalonki, Jouluksi kotiin 5, Helsinki,
2013	Gallery Aarni, Kronos – Kairos, Espoo
2013	Gallery Fogga, Unelmista totta II, Helsinki
2013	Gallery Laterna Magica, Autumn 2012 in Laterna Magica, Helsinki
2012	Gallery Aarni, Vielä mitä, Espoo
2012	Akvart Gallery, Suven suhinaa, Helsinki
2011	Tammisaari Public Library Gallery, Suven suhinaa, Tammisaari
2010	AVA Gallery, Watercolours, Helsinki
2010	Gallery Ferin, Naiseudesta, Helsinki
2010	Lainamakasiini, Kaksi maalaria, Perniö
2010,08,07,06,05	Tammisaari Public Library Gallery, Suven suhinaa, Tammisaari
2009	Espoo Culture Center, Espoo Visual Artists'40 – Anniversary Celebration, Espoo
2008	Kaapelitehtaan Käytävä Gallery, Matkalla Kiinaan, Helsinki
2007	Aarni Gallery, Espoo Visual Artists' Summerexhibition, Espoo
2006	Peippola School, Art Summer in Peippola, Elimäki
2005	Olkkala Manor, Elävää elämää, Vihti

FINNISH ARTISTS JOINED EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

2012,11	LA PERLA Galeria de Arte, Fuengirola, Spain
2009	Plaza de Trinidad, Segovia, Spain
2000	Wan Fung Gallery, Beijing, China
1989	School of Sacred Arts, Zhang Shou Cheng and students, New York, NYC, U.S.A.
1988	French Culture Center, Four Finns Spring Fling, Singapore

INTERNATIONAL GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND BIENNALES

2016	Wengarn Castle, My blue – my yellow, Sigtuna, Sweden
2015	Centro Armacao dos Burioz, International Art Festival in Buziod, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2015	1. Biennale d'Arte Internazionale de Barcellona, Museu Europeu delle Arti (MEAM), Barcelona, Spain
2015	ArtisTTableOnline.com, Still Life Competition, The ArtisTTable Celebrating Art from Around the World
2014,15	Museo Historico National, Galeria Scenarium, Bela Biennal, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
2014	City Exhibition Hall, Aquabiennale20014, The VIth Exhibition of Watercolours, Petrozavodsk, Russia
2014	Studio Vogue Gallery, LIMITLESS EXPRESSIONS 2014, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
2014	L'Agostiniana Gallery, LEONARDO MEETS CANOVA, Rome, Italy
2014	Hotel Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi - Dubai Showroom, United Arab Emirates
2014	Visions Fine Art Gallery, Gostinyy Dvor, 3 Finnish and 4 Russian Artists, Moskow, Russia
2013	Central House of Artista, Light of Harmony, Moscow, Russia
2013	La Galleria Pall Mall, Lights in The Winter, London, England
2013	Molberg Gallery, The Art Bridge of Watercolour, VIIth International Biennale, St. Petersburg, Russia
2013	Art Meet Gallery, International Exhibition, Milano, Italy
2013	Galleria360, Internation - Art, Florence, Italy
2012	Auditorium al Duomo, Cutting Edge, Florence, Italy
2012	Castello Estense, Ferrara, Italy
2011	Fortezza Basso, Florence Biennale, Florence, Italy
2011	Big Morskaya 38, VIth International Watercolour Biennale, St. Petersburg, Russia
2009	Bellagio, Watercolour Festival, Bellagio, Italy
1986-88	Life Art Society, Singapore Annual Exhibitions

ART FAIRS

2015	Lugano Fund Forum, Lugano, Italy
2015	Spazio Progetto, c/o East End Studios, Artexpo2015 Milan, Milan, Italy
2015	Architectural Digest Design Show, Piers 92&94 55 th Street, New York, NYC, U.S.A.
2014	Beijing Exhibition Center, the 17 th Beijing Art Expo, Beijing China
2013	Chelsea Town Hall, Parallax Art Fair, London, U.K.
2013	Promenade des Anglais, ART Of the Prom, Nice, France
2013	Pier 92, artexpo NEW YORK, New York, NYC; U.S.A.
2014–2004	Kaapelitehdas, Finnish Painters' Union Art Shopping, Helsinki, Finland
2012,11,10	Carrousel du Louvre, Salon Art Shopping, Paris, France
2011	Tampere Art Fair, Tampere, Finland
2007,05	Kaapelitehdas Valssaamo, Vältämme07, Vältämme05, Helsinki

MEMBERSHIPS

2016-2004	Artist's Association of Finland
2014-2004	Finnish Painters' Union
2016-2004	The Association of Espoo Visual Artists
2016-2014	Viipurin Taiteilijaseura
2016-2005	The Finnish Watercolour Society
2016-2004	Kuvasto ry
2016-1985	Life Art Society, Singapore

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

2014-2013	The Association of Espoo Visual Artists, Exhibition Committee
2013-2008	The Finnish Watercolour Society; ECWS Liaison Officer
2012-2008	The Finnish Watercolour Society, Board of Directors, Vice Chairperson
2011	The Coordinator of the European Confederation of Watercolour Societies Turku 2011 symposium
2008-2001	Nylands Art Organizations, Board Member, 2008-2002 Secretary
2004-2001	Espoo Art ry, Chairperson, 1998-1992 Board Member, Secretary

DIPLOMAS

2014	THE BEST 2014 Modern and Contemporary ARTISTS; For the stylistic value
2013	The Art Of Watercolour VIIth International Biennale, St. Petersburg, Russia
2012	Pace, The Briclane Gallery, - the Annexe, London, England

PUBLICATIONS

2016	Espoo Art ry, 40 Years Celebration Publication
2014	INTERNATIONALE KUNST HEUTE 2014, Martina Kolle, Ingrid Gardill
2014	THE BEST 2014 Modern and Contemporary ARTISTS, Salvatore Russo and Francesco Saverio Russo
2014	EFFETTO ARTE, diretto da Paolo Levi
2011	FLORENCE BIENNALE, INTERNAZIONALE D'ARTE CONTEMPORANEA
1984	Pirkko-Liisa Nevaste, Sirkka Laakkonen: Kuvia Tansaniasta

GRANTS

Espoo City: 2013, 2011, 2009

ARTWORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Union Bank of Finland, (Singapore Ltd), Singapore; Jorvi Hospital Art Collections, Espoo; Olkkala Manor Art Collections, Vihti; Ford Finland Ltd; Private Collections in England, Finland, France, Israel, Spain, U.S.A.