

SANNA KANNISTO / CV

Born in Hämeenlinna, Finland in 1974. Lives and works in Helsinki.

Education

- 2002 MA, University of Art and Design Helsinki (now Aalto University - School of Arts, Design and Architecture), Unit of Photography.
1997 Turku school of Art and Communication, Dept. of Photography

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2022 Research on Wonder, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, FR
Sense of Wonder, Maison Louis Carré, Bazoches-sur-Guyonne, FR
2020 Sense of Wonder, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
2019 Observing Eye, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, FI
Finnish Aalto, Busan Museum of Art, KR
Fieldwork, Centro de la Imagen, Lima, PE
2018 Wanderer, Observer and Conveyor, Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin, DE
A Song System, Metronom Gallery, Modena, IT
2017 White Space, Nonostante Marras, part of PhotoVogue Festival, Milan, IT
2015 Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki, FI
Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, FR
2013 Far, Fabbrica Arte Rimini, Galleria d'arte moderna e contemporanea, Rimini, IT
2012 Fieldwork, Le Château d'Eau, Toulouse, FR
Close Observer, Metronom Gallery, Bologna, IT
Close Observer, Gallery Taik, Berlin, DE
2011 Fieldwork, Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, SKMU, Kristiansand, NO
Fieldwork, Aperture Gallery, New York, US
Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary, Helsinki, FI
2010 Close Observer, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, FR
2008 Domaine de Kerguéhennec, Contemporary Art Centre, Bignan, FR
Le centre photographique d'Ile-de-France CPIF, together with Ilkka Halso, FR
Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, FR
Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Frankfurt am Main, DE
Korjaamo Culture Factory, Gallery 1 & 2, Helsinki, FI
2007 Galerie Georg Kargl, Vienna, AT
2006 Jackson Fine Art, Atlanta, US
Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, FR
Yours Gallery, Warsaw, PL
Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Berlin, DE
2006 Gallery F-Station, Photomonth in Krakow, PL (catalogue)

Selected group exhibitions

- 2023 À Tire D'aile Figures de l'oiseau, Château de Flamanville, Flamanville Cotentin, France
BALANCE, The Art Center Purnu, Orivesi, Finland
Enchanteurs, Galerie la Ferronnerie, Paris, France 2022 Snowflakes and Other Surprises, Landskrona Foto, SE
Touch. The Collection Exhibition of Saastamoinen Foundation, EMMA, Espoo, FI
By the Morning, the Butterfly Was Gone, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Due North!, Festival La Gacilly-Baden Photo, Baden, AT
Whose Nature?, Mikkeli Art Museum, FI
Snowflakes and Other Surprises, Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen, DK
2021 Model Animal, Kunsthhaus Göttingen, DE
New Perspectives Through Photography – 25 Years of The Helsinki School, Taidehalli Helsinki, FI
Due North!, La Gacilly Photo Festival 2021, La Gacilly, FR
Whose Nature?, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Jyväskylä, FI

- 2020 Exploring Nature, Skovhuset Kunst & Natur, Værløse, K
The Helsinki School – The Nature of Being, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Illusionary Observation, Museum of Photography Braunschweig, Braunschweig, DE
A Fresh Breeze from The North, Kunsthalle St. Annen, Lübeck, DE
- 2018 Considering Finland, Kunstverein Ludwigshafen and Port25 Raum für
Gegenwartskunst, Mannheim, DE
Endangered Species: Artists on the Frontline on Biodiversity, Whatcom Museum,
Bellingham, WA, US
NATURE AS A PLAYGROUND, The Museum of Photography Seoul, KR
- 2017 The Von Wright Brothers, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
Systema Naturae, Kunsthall Stavanger, Stavanger, NO
Herbarium, Fotografiskcenter Copenhagen, DK
Kuusi, Lachenmann Art, Konstanz, DE
Human/Nature, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, FI
You want Truth or Beauty, Kunsthalle Nexus, Saalfelden, DE
Le Jardin potager, Musée de l'image, Epinal, FR
Antologia, Metronom gallery, Modena, IT
Lehmä pitää viedä jälle, jotta se tanssii, Samuelis Baumgarte and the Ratskeller,
Bielefeld, DE
- 2016 Paradise Lost, Kunsthalle and Museum Villa Rot, Burgrieden-Rot, DE
Unseen Art Fair, Amsterdam, NL
Photomed, Hôtel des Arts, Centre d'art contemporain, Toulon, FR
Kolga Tbilisi Photo 2016, Museum Of Modern Art Tbilisi/ MOMA Tbilisi, GE
Paradise Lost, Kunsthalle and Museum Villa Rot, Burgrieden-Rot, DE
Les Explorateurs, Parc de Clères, Clères, FR
- 2015 Fotografia Contemporanea dall'Europa nord-occidentale, Fondazione Fotografia
Modena, IT (catalogue)
- 2014 Collective Collection, volet 2, BBB centre d'art, Toulouse, FR
Summer Selections - De Buck Gallery, New York, US
What 's Life Anyway?, Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø, NO
Asombrosas afinidades, PHE2014, Fundación Antonio Saura, Cuenza, ES
Nordic Light International Festival of Photography, Kristiansund, NO
Photography into Art. The Hannula & Hinkka Collection, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova,
Turku, FI
Le bestiaire des photographes, Centre culturel Henri-Desbals, Toulouse, FR
- 2013 ARTE Vidéo Night 5/ screening, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR
Drôles d'oiseaux, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, FR
Vermessene Dinge/ Measured things, Eres Stiftung, Munich, DE
Reality Bites, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI
Spécimens, Domaine de Chamarande, Chamarande, FR
The Near and the Distant - Photography and Space, Künstlerhaus Dortmund, DE
- 2012 State of the Art - New Contemporary Photography, NRW-Forum, Düsseldorf, DE
Festival of Photography, Knokke-Heist, BE
Hunters and Hunted, Insects in contemporary art, Museum Villa Rot, Burgrieden -
Rot, DE (catalogue)
Sammen/Together, Trondheim Kunstmuseum, NO
Äärimmäisyksien yhteinen tekijä, WAM, Turku, FI (catalogue)
Finders Keepers, Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, FI (catalogue)
- 2011 A Female View. Part 2-aus der Helsinki School, Foto Raum, Wien, AT
Für Hund und Katz ist auch noch Platz, Art Foyer DZ Bank, Frankfurt am Main, DE
Beautiful Vagabonds, Yancey Richarson Gallery, US
- 2010 Strange Travelers, Tanya Bonakdar gallery, curated by Mark Dion, New York, US
elles@centrepompidou, women artists in the collections of the Centre Pompidou,
Paris, FR (catalogue)
Wald, Städtische Galerie Waldkraiburg, Waldkraiburg, DE (catalogue)
Repeat All, Centro Cultural Chacao, Caracas, VE
Speed, Ulrich Museum of Art, Kansas, US

- 2009 The Tree, Fuglsang Art Museum, Island of Lolland, DK
 Variations on Transcending the Finiteness of Human Vision, Riga Art Space, LV
 FotoRio –Short List/The Dream Machine, Niterói Museum of contemporary art,
 Rio de Janeiro, BR
 Repeat All, MIS - Museu da Imagem e do Som, São Paulo, BR (catalogue)
 Arctic hysteria Onscreen, Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art, Budapest, HU
 PhotoEspaña, Descubrimientos PHE Madrid, ES
 Får ej övertäckas, Eskilstuna Art Museum, SE (catalogue)
 Nature en Kit, MUDAC Musée de design et d'arts appliqués contemporains,
 Lausanne, CH
- 2008 Other florae, Galeria Nara Roesler, São Paulo, BR
 Video short list : Machines à rêver/ Dream machine, Passage de Retz, Paris, FR
 REAL, Städel Museum, Frankfurt am Main, DE (catalogue)
 Observing beast, time, evolution, Kunstverein Hildesheim, DE (catalogue)
 Arctic hysteria Onscreen, Museum of Modern Art Moma, New York, US
 Cinéma et videos d'artistes, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, FR
 Five variations on the finiteness of human vision, Artget Gallery,
 Cultural Centre of Belgrade, RS
 Tapis, coussins et videos, 36th La Rochelle International Film Festival, La
 Rochelle, FR
- 2007 Research and Invention, Fotomuseum Winterthur, CH (catalogue)
 Bird Watching in Harlem, De Vishal exposition space, Haarlem, NL
 Garden Eden –The Garden in Art since 1900, Kunsthalle Emden, DE (catalogue)
 Self-timer, National Museum of Contemporary Art (MNAC), Bucharest, RO
 Age of the Animal, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, FI (catalogue)
 Grey matters - photography is thinking, Finnish Museum of Photography,
 Helsinki, FI (catalogue)
 Repeat All, Centro Cultural Matucana 100, Santiago de Chile, CL
 Photo Finnish - The Helsinki School, Stenersen Art Museum, NO
 Repeat All, La Casa de la Cultura, Buenos Aires, AR
- 2006 Self-timer, Nikolaj Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK
 Art, Life & Confusion, the Belgrade Biennial, RS (catalogue)
 Streams of Story, Glasgow Festival of Contemporary Visual Art, Tramway Gallery,
 Glasgow, UK
 The Faraway Nearby, White Box, New York, US
 Focus Finland, KBB Barcelona, ES
 Self-timer/ Selbstausröser, Kunsthalle Fridericianum, Kassel, DE (catalogue)
 Presence, Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku, FI
 Vad är fotografi? The Helsinki School, Borås Art Museum, SE

Selected publications

- 2020 Observing Eye, Hatje Cantz, Berlin
- 2014 22 Ways, On Artistic Thinking in Finnish Contemporary Art, Parvus, Helsinki
 The Helsinki School, From the Past to the Future, Vol 5, Hatje Cantz, Berlin
- 2012 State of The Art Photography, Feymedia and NRW-Forum Duesseldorf
- 2011 Fieldwork, monograph, Aperture Foundation, New York
 The Helsinki School, Vol. 4, A Female View, Hatje Cantz, Berlin
- 2009 Foam Magazine #19, 2009, Foam Fotografiemuseum Amsterdam
 Northwawe, Overview of video art in the Nordic Countries, Guerini, Milan
- 2008 Photo Art: The New World of Photography, Thames and Hudson
 Photo Art: Photography in the 21st Century, Aperture
 REAL, From the collecton of DZ-Bank, Städel Museum and Hatje Cantz
 Frankfurt am Main
- 2007 Research and Invention, catalogue, Fotomuseum Winterthur,
 Photo Art: Fotografie im 21. Jahrhundert, DuMont Literatur und Kunst Verlag
 Garden Eden, DuMont Literatur und Kunst Verlag, Germany
 The Helsinki School, Hatje Cantz, Berlin

- 2005 Selbstaurlöser –catalogue, Kunsthalle Fridericianum
Framework, The Finnish art review, issue 4/ Dec.2005
Helsinki Photography Festival 2005, catalogue, Gallery Hippolyte
The Helsinki School, Hatje Cantz, Berlin
- 2004 Private Collection, catalogue, Sanna Kannisto and Galerie La Ferronnerie, Helsinki

Selected grants and awards

- 2017 Finnish Art Society, William Thuring Prize
- 2016 Arts Council of Finland, 5-year working grant
- 2015 State Prize for Photographic Art
Nomination for the Finnish Fine Arts' Academy Prize
Arts Council of Finland, Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2012 Finnish Cultural Foundation Prize
- 2010 Arts Council of Finland, Frame
- 2009 Arts Council of Finland
- 2007 Arts Council of Finland, Ministry of Education, Oskar Öflund Foundation, FRAME,
Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation
- 2006 Fine Arts Society of Finland, FRAME
- 2005 Alfred Kordelin Foundation, Arts Council of Finland, Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2004 City of Paris, FRAME
- 2003 Hasselblad Foundation, Ministry of Education, Finnish Cultural Foundation

Works in collections

Centre Pompidou - Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris, FR
Fotomuseum Winterthur, CH
MEP, Maison européenne de la photographie, FR
Le Fonds national d'art contemporain (FNAC), The State Art Collection, FR
Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, FRAC Haute-Normandie, FR
Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, FRAC Bretagne, FR
DZ-Bank Art Collection, DE
Kiasma - Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI
Finnish Museum of Photography, FI
Helsinki City Art Museum, FI
State Art Collection, FI
Vihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi Art Museum, FI
Salo Art Museum, FI
SKMU Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, NO
Le Château d'Eau, Toulouse, FR
Domaine Départemental de Chamarande, Chamarande, FR
Artothèque, Bibliothèque d'Auxerre, FR
Société Yves Rocher, FR
Private collections in Finland, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, USA, Austria and
Switzerland