

## **ARI SAARTO / CV**

Born 1961 in Kotka, Finland. Lives and works in Helsinki.

### **Education**

- 1994 MA in photography, University of Art and Design, (Now Aalto University - School of Arts, Design and Architecture), Helsinki
- 1988 MA in art education, University of Art and Design, Helsinki

### **Solo exhibitions**

- 2015 Circles, Yumiko Chiba Associates, Tokyo, Japan
- 2008 Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings (with Riitta Päiväläinen), the Kerava Art Museum, Finland
- 2008 Sites and Departures, Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 Wanderings and Imaginary Meetings (with Riitta Päiväläinen), Muzeum Narodowe w Szczecinie/the National Museum in Szczecin, Poland
- 2005 IN SITU Early Gallery, Osaka Japan
- 2005 Vestige/Topography of Fear (with Riitta Päiväläinen) Spaziodellavolta, Studio Archifax, Genoa, Italy
- 2004 IN SITU Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Topography of Fear Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
- 2002 Topography of Fear UNN Squires Gallery Newcastle, United Kingdom
- 2002 Topography of Murder Photographic Centre Peri Turku, Finland
- 2005 Vestige/Topography of Fear (with Riitta Päiväläinen) gallery Romfeia, International Meetings of Photography, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- 2001 Topography of Fear Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
- 2001 Topography of Murder Nordic Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
- 1996 Kryptomnesia gallery Workshop, Helsinki, Finland
- 1993 Seen Through Senses the Kluuvi Gallery (Helsinki City Art Museum), Finland
- 1992 Concert Hall Gallery Kotka, Finland
- 1992 Point of Pain gallery Hippolyte Helsinki, Finland

### **Selected group exhibitions**

- 2015 In other worlds. Kunst aus Finnland, Stadtgalerie Bietigheim-Bissing, Germany
- 2014 In other worlds. Kunst aus Finnland. Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
- 2013 Ingredients (curated) Riga Art Space, Riga, Latvia
- 2012 Feel It! – Photographs of Emotion and States of Mind (curated), Oulu Art Museum
- 2011 Landscape Experienced (curated), Jyväskylä Art Museum
- 2010 Close to Nature – Zeitgenössische Finnische Kunst (curated), Neuer Kunstverein Aschaffenburg Germany
- 2010 Images from the North Countries (curated), Espace François-Mitterand, Guingamp, France
- 2010 Tales from the Forest (curated, group), Virserums Konsthall, Virserum, Sweden
- 2010 Pain (curated, group), the Kerava Art Museum, Finland
- 2009 Great Expectations – Contemporary photography looks at today's Bitter Years, (curated) Casino Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- 2009 Artworks from the Collections of the Kuntsi Art Museum and Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art (curated), Kuntsi Art Museum, Finland
- 2008 The Art of Humanity (curated), XII Mänttä Festival Weeks, Finland
- 2007 Contemporary Finnish Art from the Wihuri Foundation Collections (curated), Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland
- 2006 Finlandia (with Jouko Lehtola, Joakim Eskildsen, curated), Frans Hals Museum/De Hallen, Haarlem, Netherlands

- 2006 MENS. The Story of a Wound (curated), the Centre for Religious Art and Culture and Municipal Museum for Contemporary Art (S.M.A.K. in Ghent), Leuven, Belgium
- 2006 Vad är Fotografi? The Helsinki School (curated), Borås Art Museum, Sweden
- 2006 The Helsinki School, Finnish Photography from the 21st Century (curated), Hotel de Ville de Bruxelles, Grand-Place, Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2006 Nordic Cut – The Helsinki School of Photography (curated), Art Pavillion, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2005 Fractures of Life (curated) Kiasma, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Metropolis (curated) Mare Articum at the National Museum, Szczecin, Poland
- 2005 the Helsinki School (curated) Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
- 2005 Personligt, fotografier från the Helsinki School (curated) Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2005 The Taik Gallery Sollentuna Art Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 30byTaiK (curated) Museum of Finnish Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 Gokann The Fourth Triennale of Contemporary Finnish Art (curated) the Kunsthalle of Helsinki (the Helsinki Art Hall), Finland
- 2004 Conversation with Nature (curated) Aomori Contemporary Art Center, Japan
- 2004 Views, the Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
- 2004 Images Against War, Photokina, Cologne, Germany
- 2003 Gokann The Fourth Triennale of Contemporary Finnish Art (curated) Kyoto Art Center, Seika University Gallery, Voice Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
- 2003 Blue Horizon (with Pertti Kekarainen, Jan Kaila, curated) Spiral Gallery, Wacoal Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 Exposure 2003 (curated) Hereford Art Gallery, United Kingdom
- 2003 Images Against War Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany
- 2003 Images Against War, L'Usine Galerie, Brussels, Belgium
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (curated) Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2002 Korrelaatioita (curated) FotoForum West, Innsbruck, Austria
- 1997 The Drum and the Camera (curated), Gallén-Kalela Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 1997 Mother's Heart an installation, the 7th Biennale of Audiovisual Design (curated), Lahti, Finland
- 1996 Momentum - The 90's of the Finnish Photography (curated), Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 1995 The Script the Second Biennale of Finnish Photography, (curated), the Kunsthalle of Helsinki (the Helsinki Art Hall), Finland
- 1994 Male Anxiety (curated), Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin, Germany
- 1993 The Night of Photography a curated group exhibition in the Park of Vuorimiehenkatu during the Night of Arts, Helsinki Festival, Finland
- 1993 Young Photographers a group exhibition in Helsinki City Theatre, Finland
- 1993 There and Back a group exhibition with five painters, gallery Allinna, Riihimäki, Finland
- 1992 The Young Roosters (curated), Sveaborg Fortress, Helsinki Photography Festival, Finland
- 1991 Planket Festival, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1989 Focus (curated), Museum of Photography, Helsinki (touring exhibition in Latvia, Estonia and Finland)
- 1989 The Young (curated), The Old Student house of the Helsinki University, Helsinki Photography Festival, Finland

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### Academic experience

- 2000- Visiting Lecturer of Photography and workshops at the University of Art And Design, Helsinki (Aalto University, Finland), Helsinki University of Technology

(Aalto University, Finland), Lahti Institute of Design (Finland), Turku Academy of Arts (Finland) and Estonian Academy of Arts (Tallinn, Estonia)  
1996–2000 Principal Lecturer of Photography at the Lahti Institute of Design, Finland

**Selected bibliography, presentations and broadcasts:**

- 2014 Switchboard (portfolio and an interview, Germany)  
2011 IkonoMenasa (video: <http://ikono.tv>)  
2010 Close to Nature – Zeitgenössische Finnische Kunst (catalogue, Germany)  
2010 Pain, the Kerava Art Museum (catalogue, Finland)  
2009 Great Expectations – Contemporary photography looks at today's Bitter Years, (catalogue, Luxembourg)  
2009 HotShoe 1/2009 (UK, review)  
2008 IN SITU (book, Finland)  
2008 The Art of Humanity, XII Mänttä Festival Weeks (catalogue, Finland)  
2008 Motiv #14 (portfolio, Sweden)  
2007 europalia.europalis 27+27+27 (Belgium, movie/installation/interview)  
2007 Human Rights Report 3/2007 (portfolio, Finnish League for Human Rights)  
2007 Motiv Magazine #11 (portfolio, Sweden)  
2007 Crime Scene: Helsinki (catalogue, Finland)  
2006 MENS (catalogue, Belgium)  
2006 Finlandia (catalogue, Netherlands)  
2006 Origins of Violence national broadcasting channel Teema, January  
2005 Metropolis (catalogue, Poland)  
2005 The Helsinki School - Photography by TaiK (catalogue, Finland)  
2004 HotShoe magazine December 2004–January 2005 (UK, interview)  
2004 Taide (Art) magazine December 2004 (Finland, review)  
2004 What Contemporary Photography Represents Today – an interview with Marjaana Kella, national broadcasting channel Teema, October 29th  
2004 ARK magazine 4/2004 (Finland, portfolio)  
2004 Helsingin Sanomat Sept. 30th (Finland, review)  
2004 Conversation with Nature Aomori Contemporary Art Center (Japan, catalogue)  
2003 Exposure (UK, catalogue)  
2003 Gokann (Japan – Finland, catalogue)  
2003 Blue Horizon (Japan, catalogue)  
2003 Musta taide (Art Noir) magazine 1/2003 (Finland)  
2003 Jatulintarha CD-ROM (an international joint project, UK/Finland)  
2002 Ari Saarto (with Pelle Kronestedt – catalogue, gallery Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany)  
2002 European Photography #71 magazine (Germany, portfolio)  
2002 Korrelaatioita (Austria, catalogue)  
2002 International Meetings of Photography (Bulgaria, catalogue)  
2002 The Rovaniemi Art Museum and Wihuri Foundation collections 1997-2002 (Finland, catalogue)  
2002 ARK magazine 1/2002 (Finland, portfolio)  
2001 Collisions and Dissonances 6. Internationale Fototage Herten 2001 (Germany, catalogue)  
2001 Helsingin Sanomat Nov. 15th (Finland, review)  
2001 Mi magazine 2/2001 (Finland)  
2000 Eidos – Writings About Finnish Photography in the 90 's Institute of Design, Lahti (Finland, editor, essay)  
2000 Mi magazine 1/2000 (Finland)  
1997 Musta taide (Art Noir) -magazine 2/1997 (Finland)  
1996 Musta taide (Art Noir) -magazine 3/1996 (Finland)  
1995 Käsikirjoitus - the Script (Helsinki Photography triennale, catalogue)  
1993 Valokuva (Photography) -magazine 8/1993 (Finland)

1992 Valokuva (Photography) -magazine 4/1992 (Finland)  
1992 Suomen Kuvalehti magazine 24/1992 (Finland)  
1992 Stylus magazine 2/92 (Finland)  
1989 Bildtidningen magazine 5/1989 (Sweden)

### **Grants and awards**

2015 FRAME  
2015 Arts Promotion Centre Finland  
2014 Oskar Öflund Foundation  
2014-2018 five-year Artist Grant, the Arts Promotion Centre Finland  
2013 the Arts Council of Uusimaa  
2013 Art Grant, City of Helsinki  
2012 one-year Artist Grant, Arts Council of Finland  
2011 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists  
2011 Visek  
2010 Finnish Cultural Foundation  
2008 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland (quality support for publications)  
2008 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland  
2007 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland  
2007 Visek  
2006 Avek  
2006 Academy of Fine Arts, Finland  
2006-2010 five-year Artist Grant, Arts Council of Finland  
2005 Kordelin Foundation  
2005 Oskar Öflund Foundation  
2003-2005 three-year Artist Grant, Arts Council of Finland  
2004 Arts Council of Finland  
2004 Niilo Helander Foundation  
2004 Frame Fund  
2003 Oskar Öflund Foundation  
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2002 full one-year working grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation  
2002 Arts Council of Finland  
2001 Arts Council of Finland  
2001 the Frame Fund  
2001 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists  
2001 National Council for Photographic Art, Finland  
2001 Finnish Cultural Foundation  
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2000 British Council  
2000 honorable mention, "Best graphic Design of the Year", Grafia Foundation  
(project with students, Lahti Institute of Design)  
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(project with students, Lahti Institute of Design)  
1999 Alfred Kordelin Foundation  
1999 Finnfoto Foundation  
1999 Icelandic-Finnish Cultural Foundation  
1998 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists  
1998 Arts Council of Finland  
1995 Nordic Minister Council  
1995 Finnish-Danish Cultural Foundation

1995 Uusimaa Provincial Art Committee  
1994 Arts Council of Finland  
1994 Arts Council of Finland  
1992 University of Art and Design Helsinki  
1992 Oskar Öflund Foundation  
1991 Finnfoto Foundation  
1990 certificate of honor from the Committee of Finnish Book Art  
1990 British Council

#### **Memberships**

2012-2013 Vice chairman of the Artists' Association of Finland  
2011-2013 Chairman of the board of the Union of Artist Photographers, Finland  
2007-2013 Board member of the Union of Artist Photographers, Finland  
Board member of the Museum of Photography, Helsinki

#### **Artist Residencies**

2004 Aomori, ACAC Aomori Contemporary Art Centre, Japan  
2002 Kökar, Finland  
2001 Newcastle, England (Jatulintarha-project)

#### **Works in collections**

Kiasma the Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki  
The State of Finland  
The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki  
The Wihuri Foundation (Rovaniemi Art Museum)  
The town of Kotka  
Private collections in Finland, Japan and USA