

PERTTI KEKARAINEN / CV

Born 1965 in Oulu, Finland. Died 2021 in Helsinki.

Education

- 1989 De Vrije Academie van Beeldenden Kunsten, Den Haag
1989 Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
84–85 University of Art and Design Helsinki (now Aalto University –
School of Arts, Design and Architecture)

Solo exhibitions

- 2019 Gallery Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
2015 Galerie Robert Drees, Hannover (with Michael Laube), Germany
2015 Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
2014 Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin, Germany
2013 Villa DeBank, Enschede, Netherlands
2012 Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
2012 Kunstfoyer Concordia Versicherung, Hannover
2011 Johyun Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Galerie Robert Drees, Hannover, Germany
2009 Villa Oppenheim, Berlin 29.08–01.11, Germany
"Photography 1990–2009", Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
2008 One Piece Contemporary, Rome, Italy
12ème Quinzaine Photographique Nantaise, Galerie Confluence,
Nantes, France
Galerie Robert Drees, Hannover, Germany
Galleri Andersson Sandström, Umeå, Sweden
Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
2006 "TILA", Photology, Milan, Italy
"TILA", Bildmuseet, Umeå, Sweden
2005 Galerie "pf", Poznan, Poland
Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
2003 Inart Gallery, Osaka, Japan
2002 Oulu Art Museum, with Janne Räisänen, Finland
Photology, Milan, Italy
Statens konstråd, Stockholm, Sweden
2001 Voges & Deisen, Frankfurt (M), Germany
2000 Galleri Stefan Andersson, Umeå, Sweden
1999 Gävle Konstcentrum, Sweden
Galleri Andreas Brändström, Stockholm, Sweden
Kontti, Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Akershus Kunstnersenter, Lilleström, Norway
Galleria Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
1997 Galerie Artek, Helsinki, Finland
1996 Stichting de Bank, Enschede, Holland
1995 Galerie Artek, Helsinki, Finland
1994 Galleri Andreas Brändström, Stockholm
1993 Galleria d'Arte, Helsinki, Finland
1991 Oulu Art Museum, Finland
1990 Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 POSITIONS Berlin Art Fair, Berlin, DE
Lichtblicke, Zeitgenössische Fotografie, KunstHaus Potsdam e.V., Potsdam, DE
- 2016 Artissima, Gallery Taik Persons, Torino, ITA
From Heino With Love, HAM Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
- 2015 "Zwei-mal-raum", Michael Laube and Pertti Kekarainen, Galerie Robert Drees, Hannover, Germany
Galleria Valo, Arktikum, Rovaniemi (yhdessä Matti Nurmisen kanssa)
- 2014 Festen, Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
- 2013 Now and Then, European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- 2011 "Kind of nice", Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 Highlighted, Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, Holland
- 2010 More Than Life! Lars Göran Johnsson In the series Collector's Eye, Pori Art Museum, Finland
The Helsinki School at Daegu Photo Biennale Korea
- 2009 Surface Tension, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
Som en tjuv i natten, Pro Artibus, Ekenäs, Finland
On Top of the Iceberg, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2008 Due North - Photography Exhibition, Burren College of Arts, Ballyvaughan, Ireland
- 2007 Boogie Woogie, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Finland
Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway
Galerie Robert Drees, Hannover, Germany
Here Then, TR1, Tampere, Finland
- 07-09 Carnegie Art Award, Kiasma, Helsinki; Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Høvikodden; Den Frie Udstilling, Copenhagen; Kópavogur Art Museum, Geroarsafn; The Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm; Royal College of Art, London; Göteborgs Konstmuseum, Göteborg; Centre international d'art contemporain, Château de Carros
- 2006 Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
"Breaking the Ice", Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany
- 2005 Prague Biennial, Prague, Czech Republic
Personligt, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden; Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
Photology, Milan, Italy
- 2004 Mäntän kuvataideviikot, Mänttä, Finland
30 by TaiK, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
Brandts Klaedefabrik, Odense, Denmark
Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Roellin/Duerr Galerie, St Gallen, Switzerland
Galerie Salvador Diaz, Madrid, Spain
- 2003 Blue Horizon Wacoal Art Center, Spiral Gallery, Tokyo
Finnish Contemporary Photography, Germany; Neue Berliner Kunstverein; Mannheimer Kunstverein; Städtische Galerie Waldgraiburg; Stadtgalerie Kiel; Brandenburgische Kunstsammlung Cottbus, Germany
Kunstverein Arnsberg, Germany
- 2002 Pyynikinlinna, Tampere, Finland
Photography and Video, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
Unique 2002, Fiskars, Finland
Correlations, Fotogalerie Wien
Fotoforum West, Innsbruck

- 27th Pontevedra Biennial, Talking about Space, Time and Stories, Spain
"The Built and the Living", Cafe Creme, Luxemburg
- 2001 Milano Europa 2000, "Fine Secolo, I semi del Futuro
Finnish Photography, Galleri Christian Dam, Oslo and Copenhagen
- 2000 Kvit akse, Bergens Kunstforening, Norway
Kvit akse, Bomulsfabrikken, Arendal, Norway
- 1999 Galleri Box, with Jan Kaila, Gothenburg, Sweden
Retretti, Punkaharju, Finland
"Can you hear me?", Ars Baltica, touring exhibition in the Baltic Countries
Tila-Espace, Maison Europeenne de la Photographie, Paris
- 98-99 Mikä on todellista, 3rd Triennial of Photography, Kunsthalle Helsinki;
Mikkeli Art Museum
- 1997 Galleria Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Palazzo Balbi-Valieri, Venetian Subconscious, Kimmo Friman, Marjatta Airas
and Pertti Kekarainen, Venice, Italy
- 1995 Study of the Head, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
Galleri La Mente e L'Immagine, Rome, Italy
- 1994 Smart Show, Galleri Andreas Brändström, Stockholm, Sweden
Focus on Finnish Art 1880-1980 - Air, Water, Fire 1984-1985
Azabu Museum of Arts & Crafts, Tokyo, Japan
Takaoka Art Museum, Japan
Nagano Prefectural Shinano Art Museum, Japan
Fukuyama Museum of Art, Japan
Daimaru Osaka, Shihsaibashi Exhibition Hall, Japan
Participated in group exhibitions since 1985

Public works

City of Helsinki
Parliament of Finland, Helsinki
Oulu Finnish High School, Oulu
Media Centre Lume/University of Art and Design UIAH, Helsinki
Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm

Memberships

Association of Finnish Sculptors
Union of Artist Photographers
Forum Box, Helsinki

Works in Collection

Aksa, Germany
Banco Espirito Santo, Portugal
Collection Swanljung, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland
Deutsche Bank, London UK
Carl Gustaf Ehrnrooth Collection
European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki
County Council of Västerbotten, Sweden
Hasselblad Collection, Sweden
Helsinki Art Museum
Ilmarinen
Kouri Collection
Malmö Art Museum, Sweden
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
Oulu Art Museum
Paulo Foundation, Helsinki
Saastamoinen Foundation
Societe Generale, France
Sparkasse Osnabrück, Germany
Statens Konstråd, Sweden
StatoilHydro, Norway
Stichting de Bank, Enschede, Holland
Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art
Terra-Gruppen, Norway
Umeå Municipality, Sweden
Wihuri Foundation/Rovaniemi Art Museum

Selected publications

All Helsinki School books
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Collection, 2002-2008, text by Timo Valjakka
Fantasies, Finnish Photography Museum, 2002, text by Asko Mäkelä
Pertti Kekarainen, "Density", Centrum Kultury ZAMEK, Poznan, Poland, 2005, text by
Marta Smolinska-Byczuk
Focus on Finnish Art- Air, Water Earth, 1994, The Azabu Museum of Arts and Crafts-
touring exhibition in Japan, text by Markku Valkonen
Blue Horizon, Contemporary Finnish Photography in Tokio, 2003, text by Jan Kaila
White Axis, Bergens Kunstforening, Bomulsfabriken I Arendal, 2000, texts by Ingvill
Henmo and Hilde Skjeggestad
Pertti Kekarainen, "Site 1", KIASMA 1999, text by Maria Hirvi and Anette Arlander
To be continued..., Helsinki Photography Festival 2005, text by Mika Elo
What is real?, Third Finnish Photography Triennial, 1998, text by Elina Heikka
Can you hear me?, 2nd Ars Baltica Triennial of Photographic Art, 1999-2000, text by
Markku Valkonen and many others
Pertti Kekarainen, " Density/TILA-series, Photology, Milan, texts by Dr. Christoph
Schreier and Jan-Erik Lundström, 2006
Next Level, Helsinki Issue, 2010, text by Sari Karttunen
Highlighted, Contemporary Finnish Photography, Pieter and Marieke Sanders Collection,
2010, text by Maarten Bertheux
XXVII Bienal De Arte De Pontevedra, 2002, text by Maria De Corral and Markku
Valkonen