

Rita Jokiranta | Curriculum vitae

Visual artist, works with video, photography, installation, light and sound.
Lives and works in Mariehamn in the Åland Islands, Finland, and in Stockholm, Sweden.

selected solo shows:

- 2011 Every Image Is a Beginning, Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
2010 After Vertigo – Tracing Real, Luleå Art Hall, Luleå, Sweden
2009 Traces in Mind, Gallery Kakelhallen, Mariehamn, Åland
2008 Power of Seeing, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
Playing with Thoughts, Hippolyte Studio, Helsinki, Finland
UnReal | UnDreamt, Galleri Thomassen, Gothenburg, Sweden
Trials in Repeating, Italienska Palatset, Växjö, Sweden
2007 UnRealities, Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
Uncertain Circumstances, Hordaland Kunstsenter, Bergen, Norway
2006 Colouring Thoughts, Gallery Kakelhallen, Mariehamn, Åland
Filling the Silence, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
2005 Litorina Baltic Art Award Exhibition, Norrtälje Art Hall, Norrtälje, Sweden
Shadows of Time, Nordisk ministerråds galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
Water Sketches, City Library of Mariehamn, Åland
2003 Temporary Diaries, Gallery Kakelhallen, Mariehamn, Åland
Invisible Rooms, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
Temporary Diaries, Draiocht, Dublin, Ireland
2001 Transitions, Gallery Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland
2000 Invisible Rooms, Gallery Kakelhallen, Mariehamn, Åland
Absences II, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, Finland
1999 Absences, Mala galeria, Warsaw, Poland
1998 Absences, Mariehamngalleriet, Mariehamn, Åland
untitled (blue velvet), City Library of Mariehamn, Åland
Seascape stories, De Zyp Cultural Centre, Ganshoren, Belgium
Seascapes, summernights, Galleri Herrgårdsvillan, Furusund, Sweden
Seascape stories, Finnish Cultural Centre/Antwerpse Waterwerk, 7. Zomer
van de fotografie, Antwerp, Belgium
Seascape stories, Galerij Van Kranendonk, Den Haag, the Netherlands
1997 Seascapes, Photography Centre Peri, Turku, Finland
1996 untitled (about perceiving), Gallery Workshop, Helsinki, Finland
1995 Nordic light, nordic darkness, Nordic Institute in Åland, Kakelrummet,
Mariehamn, Åland
Common Memories, Photography Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland
Common Dreams, Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland
1994 Terra ingognita, mare oblivion, Gallery Zebra, Karis, Finland
Seascapes and other stories, Gallery Bagarstugan, Mariehamn, Åland
1993 In Search of Atlantis, Library exhibition hall, Hangö, Finland
1992 Fragment 2, Postens galleri, Eckerö, Åland
1991 Fragment, Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland
1989 Långt innan jag gick..., Gallery Fåktargubben, Mariehamn, Åland

selected group exhibitions:

- 2012 Nykyajan rauniolla, TR1, Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland
Next Stop Mallorca, Mallorca, Spain
2011 Muu video, Muu Studio, Helsinki, Finland
Water & Waste, ARS 11 Satellite: Åland Art Museum, Mariehamn, Åland
Inauguration exhibition Kompleks, Lørenskog Hus, Lørenskog, Norway
Moving Image from Finland, Suomesta Galleria, Berlin, Germany
2010 El Arte del Mar, Museu Comarcal de l'Urgell, Tàrraga, Spain
Video exhibition, Pythagoras Museum/Norrtälje Art Hall, Norrtälje, Sweden
REPetition, Suomesta Galleria, Berlin, Germany
PREface – stories through the lens, Suomesta Galleria, Berlin, Germany
Cosmos, Art Centre Silkeborg Bad, Silkeborg, Denmark
Echoes of Light, TR1, Photographic Centre Nyky aika, Tampere, Finland
2009 L'Art del Mer, Fundació Forvm, Tarragona, Spain
Out of Context, FixC, General Public, Berlin, Germany
BunkerFest, Kulturbunker, Frankfurt, Germany
2008 Heijastus – Spegling, Tikanoja Art Museum & Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art,
Vaasa, Finland
2007 10.ax, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
10.ax, Åland Art Museum, Mariehamn, Åland

- 2006 Tess Gallery, Madrid, Spain
2005 Reflected Moment, Åland Art Museum, Mariehamn, Åland
2004 Reflected Image, Södertälje Art Hall, Sweden
PT04, Janusbygningen, Vestjylland Art Museum, Tistrup, Denmark
Hibernations, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland (collections)
2003 Den Gyldne, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
2002 XXV, Mala galeria, Warsaw, Poland
2001 Den Gyldne, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
2000 Denkend aan Holland, LekArt 2000, Culemborg, the Netherlands
Zeegezichten, Prins Hendrik Stichting, Egmond aan Zee, the Netherlands
1999 ArtFarm 99, Kastelholms kungsgård, Åland
1998 A Ponte Move!, PAND - Finnish Artists, Mocambique
Stockholm Art Fair, Galerij Van Kranendonk, Stockholm, Sweden
Vispgrädd, regional exhibition of southwestern Finland, the Åland Islands
and County Roslagen of Sweden, venues in Rauma Art Museum, Åland Art
Museum, Norrtälje Art Hall
1996 Ung i Norden (Young in the North), Rådhuset, Copenhagen, Denmark
(several venues 1996-1998 in Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Iceland,
Belgium, Greenland) - Nordic language and information centre
1995 Ädelförärfanden, Galleri Zebra, Karis, Finland
PostFem, Postimuseo, Helsinki, Finland
Attityd – contemporary art, Post and Customs House, Eckerö, Åland
1994 Nordfotoart, Nordic contemporary photography, Ujazdowski Contemporary
Art Center, Warsaw, Poland
1993 Photographers from Åland, Galleri Zebra, Karis, Finland
Six photographers of Åland, Åland Art Museum, Mariehamn, Åland
1992 Fotofinlandia exhibition, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
Europe without Framework, Galleri Image, Århus, Denmark
1991 56 grader Nord, Galleri Image, Århus, Denmark
1989 Kvinnliga fotografer i Norden, Copenhagen, Denmark
1988 Kvinnliga fotografer i Norden Nordiskt Forum, Oslo, Norway
1984 26, women photographers in Finland, Helsinki, Joensuu, Hämeenlinna, Turku,
Amsterdam 1984-88

screenings and screening events:

- 2012 Next Stop Mallorca, Mallorca, Spain
Supermarket Art Fair, Muu Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
Vera Film Festival, Mariehamn, Åland
2011 Undergrund, Galleri Sinne, Helsinki, Finland
Vera Film Festival, Mariehamn, Åland
2010 FixC, Alternative Party, Helsinki, Finland
FixC+, Cartes Flux, Espoo, Finland
FixC+, Port Bou, Spain
Fixation, Miden Festival, Kalamata, Greece
Näsänen, Sassi, Jokiranta, Galleria Suomesta, Berlin, Germany
Fixation, Crosstalk video art festival, D-udvar gallery, Budapest, Hungary
FixC+, Norrtälje Konsthall, Sweden
FixC, Supermarket, Stockholm, Sweden
2009 Galleri Sinne, Helsinki, Finland
Out of Context, FixC, General Public, Berlin, Germany
BunkerFest, Kulturbunker, Frankfurt, Germany
2006 Vera filmfestival, Mariehamn, Åland

performances:

- 2006 Balkbaletten with Maria Duncker, Vera filmfestival, Mariehamn, Åland

curating:

curating of the summershow in Photography Gallery Hippolyte, 2005
project leader for Reflected Image/Reflected Moment, 2004-05

residencies:

mid-career residence, HIAP, Helsinki, Finland, 2011
artist-in-residence, Suomesta Galleria, Berlin, Germany, 2010
artist-in-residence, Finnish Cultural Institute in New York, New York, 2009
artist-in-residence, Finnish Cultural Institute in New York, New York, 2006
Artists' Work Programme, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland, 2002
artist-in-residence, the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Ireland, 1998

works in collections:

Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
The State Art Collection in Finland
Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland
Wihuri Foundation/Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
Pro Artibus Foundation, Finland
Åland Art Museum, Finland
Municipality of Mariehamn, Åland, Finland
Municipality of Norrtälje, Sweden
Amos Anderson Art Museum, Finland
private collections in Finland, Sweden and the USA

public commissions:

stage curtain, Lørenskog Hus, Norway, 2011
stage curtain, Ålandica Kultur&Kongress, Mariehamn, Åland Islands, 2009
stage curtain, Sandels school, Helsinki, 2007
outdoor light installation, City Library of Mariehamn, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
light installation, City Library of Mariehamn, Åland, 2005

publications:

catalogue Selected Works 2000-2005, 2005
book Seascape stories, 1997
illustrations, stamps and documentary exhibitions
published in several books and magazines

selected grants and awards

2012 Svenska kulturfonden (catalogue)
2011 Ålands kulturdelegation (exhibition)
Svenska kulturfonden (work)
AVEK (production)
2010 Ålands kulturdelegation (exhibition)
Frame (exhibition transport)
Kulturfonden Sverige-Finland (exhibition)
2010 Svenska kulturfonden (exhibition)
2009 AVEK (production)
Svenska kulturfonden (exhibition)
2007 Svenska kulturfonden (exhibition)
2007-10 National Council for Photographic Art (work)
2006 Svenska kulturfonden (exhibition)
2005 Litorina Baltic Art Award, Norrtälje
Svenska kulturfonden (work)
Public display grant for visual artists
2004 National Council for Photographic Art (work)
2003 Ålands kulturdelegation (work)
Kulturstiftelsen Finland-Danmark (exhibition)
2002 Frame (exhibition transport)
2001 Ålands kulturdelegation (exhibition)
Svenska kulturfonden (exhibition)
2000 Public display grant for visual artists
Konstsamfundet (exhibition)
1999 Svenska kulturfonden (work)

memberships:

Photographic Artists' Association in Finland/Artists' Association in Finland
Muu ry/Artists' Association in Finland

Rita Jokiranta is a visual artist who works with video, photography, installations, light and sound. Her art often explores the dynamic between image, event and interpretation. The viewer's interpretation has always been an essential aspect of her work, whether the medium she uses is photography or video. Even though she tries to avoid stories in her work, there is always a certain narrative in it. Yet we all tell it in our own way and she challenges us to reflect and find new interpretations.

In the videos, otherness and unexpected circumstances are reflected against earlier experiences, and they become merged. Reality and dreams (or nightmares) begin to blend. The unrest of the external world creeps into the video sequences, anxiously colouring what we see with other meanings. Memory transforms the interpretation of what we have seen and experienced, uncertainties may become truths. Ordinary things and familiar details are juxtaposed with other things, such as media images, and emotions and facts can perhaps no longer be distinguished from each other.

Jokiranta lives and works currently in Mariehamn, Åland Islands, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden. Since 1989 she has had several solo and group shows in Finland, Scandinavia and widely elsewhere in Europe. She has also done public art works and her art works are included in several collections.

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