

VIRPI VELIN

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EDUCATION

2017 - 2021 PhD student, Cardiff University, School of Modern Languages, UK
2016 - 2018 Basic and subject studies in Art history (60 ECTS), University of Helsinki, FI
2007 - 2010 Master of Arts in Photography, Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, FI
2009 - 2010 Master's thesis studies, École Nationale Supérieure de la photographie, Arles, FR
2004 - 2007 Bachelor of Arts in Photography, University of Art and Design Helsinki, School of Photography, FI

MEMBERSHIPS

The Union of Artist Photographers, FI
Public art committee, Artists' Association of Finland, FI
Catalysti ry, FI
ICOM International Council of Museums, FR

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023 HIT Helsinki working grant for KERROSTUMIA, in collaboration with Anna Olkinuora
2021 Third Space working grant for Echoes.In.Space, in collaboration with Anna Olkinuora, Majella Clarke and Mercedes Balarezo
2021 Svenska kulturfonden, with Anna Olkinuora & Helsinki Art Ensemble
2021 City of Helsinki, with Anna Olkinuora & Helsinki Art Ensemble
2020 Kone foundation grant via Catalysti, with workgroup Roberto Fusco and Nadja Pärssinen
2020 TaiKe grant via Catalysti, with workgroup Roberto Fusco and Nadja Pärssinen
2019 Kone foundation grant via Catalysti, with workgroup Roberto Fusco and Nadja Pärssinen
2013 Premio Combat Prize, Finalist, Italy
2013 City of Espoo, Artist grant
2012 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2011 Aalto University School of Art and Design Research Institute project grant for Stories from the Baltic Sea - Course and Exhibition
2010 British Council Finland project grant for Stories from the Baltic Sea - project
2009 University of Art and Design Helsinki Travel Grant for Arles, France
2007 University of Art and Design Helsinki Travel Grant for Berlin, Germany
2007 Patricia Seppälä Foundation Grant for Photography exhibition
2006 University of Art and Design Helsinki, Travel Grant for Dublin, Ireland

PERFORMANCE ART COLLABORATIONS

2023 KERROSTUMIA, photography and video for Anna Olkinuora's performance, HIT Helsinki, FI
(in planning) METAMORPHIC CATHARSIS, movement and photography installation with Nadja Pärssinen and working group, Helsinki FI
(in planning) Site Keepers, performance and video installation, in collaboration with Anna Olkinuora and David Flood, Helsinki, FI
2022 Echoes.In.Space, performance art study, in collaboration with Anna Olkinuora, Majella Clarke and Adele Xiang, Forum Box, Helsinki, FI (postponed)
2021 Echoes.In.Space, performance art study, in collaboration with Anna Olkinuora, Majella Clarke and Mercedes Balarezo, Third Space, Helsinki, FI
2021 Echoes Embodied, architectural site-specific performance, chor. Anna Olkinuora, Helsinki FI
2021 Echoes of Touch, photography for a performance study, chor. Anna Olkinuora, Mad House Helsinki, FI
2020 Mirror mirror sees them all, movement and photography installation with Nadja Pärssinen and Roberto Fusco, Catalysti / Vapaan Taiteen Tila, FI
2019 ARMoured metal installation in Uto Uto's Body Experience(d), Myymälä2, Helsinki, FI
2019 ARMoured metal installation in Uto Uto's Body Interrupted, Cultural Center Caisa, FI

2018 Mirror mirror sees them all, movement and photography installation with Nadja Pärssinen and Roberto Fusco, Catalysti / Cultural Center Caisa, FI
2017 Initial Point(s) dance performance in SOLITUDE exhibition space in collaboration with Nadja Pärssinen, FI
2015 Radio, video- and liveinstallation, Eskusplosion, Suvilahti, Helsinki, FI
2015 Radio, video- and liveinstallation, LéSPACE, Helsinki, FI
2015 Radio, video- and liveinstallation, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI
2015 TILAT, Movement, sound- and videoinstallation in collaboration with Silvia Verges, Kanneltalo Gallery, FI

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017 SOLITUDE, Gallery Rantakasarmi, Helsinki, FI (Photography)
2015 Feeding time, Gallery Pysäkki 3022, Helsinki, FI (Painting)
2014 Paths and Spaces, Centre d'Art i Natura, Farrera, ES (Painting)
2013 In the beginning we were one, Akkuna & Tovi exhibition space, Helsinki, FI (Photography)
2012 A Conversation with Three Pink Roses & Visions of Mary, Kiseleff house, Helsinki, FI
2012 Relique, Lasipalatsi exhibition space, Helsinki, FI (Photography)
2010 Relique, Media Center Lume Gallery, Aalto University School of Art and Design, FI (Photography)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 VTL 30: Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
2017 Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI
2016 MobileNordic, Galleri Svalbard, Longyearbyen, NO
2016 MobileNordic, Gallery Ratamo, Jyväskylä, FI
2016 Illusion, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
2015 Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI
2015 Knowledge, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
2015 Project-25 Hybrid Visual Culture, Gallery g23, Bangkok, TH
2014 VTL, Vallila artist houses, FI
2014 New Summer, Gallery Aarni, Espoo, FI
2014 Rangsit Photo Festival, Patana Gallery, Bangkok, TH
2014 P(AF) 9, Chelsea Town hall, London, UK
2013 Feed the Planet, ArtMeet Gallery, Milan, IT
2013 Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI
2013 Premio Combat, Museo Civico Giovanni Fattori, Livorno, Italy, IT
2013 Kronos - Kairos, Gallery Aarni, Espoo, FI
2013 Hybrid Identities, Old Ambulance Debot Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
2013 Valon houkutus – Attraction of Light, Lahti Art Museum, Lahti, FI
2012 Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI
2012 Fitax500, MUU Galleria, Helsinki, FI
2012 Arts Exposed, World Design Capital Pavilion, Helsinki, FI
2011 Paris Photo, Grand Palais, Paris, FR
2011 Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI
2011 Stories from the Baltic Sea, Harakka Island, Lennätin&Kasematti IV, Helsinki, FI
2011 Puun Taju - Sense of Wood, Villan Voimala, Hyvinkää, FI
2010 New York Photo Festival – HumanKind, A juried invitational photo exhibition, Powerhouse Arena, New York, US
2008 Stadi Harbours, group exhibition in collaboration with Port of Helsinki, Laituri –gallery space, FI
2008 Love Letters to Dinosaurs, Peterborough Arts Umbrella gallery space, Ontario, CA
2007 Art Copenhagen, Forum Copenhagen, DK
2007 Art Forum Berlin, Messe Berlin, DE
2007 The Helsinki School – New Photography by TAIK, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Cable Factory, FI
2007 Discussions, Rostock, DE

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS AND PUBLIC SPACES

Art collection of the Finnish National Gallery
Art collection of ARTELES Artist Residency, Haukijärvi, Finland
Helsinki City Transport Art Collection
Senate Properties
Private Collections in Finland, France, UK, US, Canada and Netherlands

WORKS IN PUBLICATIONS

2014 Jaanika Peerna's artbook Storms and Silences
2013 Premio Combat Prize Catalogue, Sillabe
2013 Albert Kahn Museum catalogue
2013 ARTELES Artist residency catalogue
2013 The Finnish Museum publication
2013 Valon houkutus exhibition publication, Lahti Art Museum
2011 Hole in the Universe -exhibition publication, Kerava Art Museum
2007 Common ground -book, The Lönnstrom Art Museum
2007 Art Copenhagen publication
2007 Art Forum Berlin publication

ARTIST TALKS

2020 Vapaan taiteen tila, Helsinki
2013 Pori Art Museum, Satellite Platform
2013 EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art

TEACHING

2011-2015 Creative and documentary photography, HEO Media and Helsinki Adult Education Centre

RESIDENCIES

2014 Centre d'Art i Natura artist residency, Farrera, Spain
2013 ARTELES Residency for Finnish Creatives, Hämeenkyrö, Haukijärvi, Finland
2007 - 2008 Ontario, Canada
2006 Wicklow mountains, Ireland