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## CURRICULUM VITAE



### Art Studies

University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland; Department of Art Photography, 1989–97  
Universidad de Bellas Artes, Barcelona, Spain, 1993–94  
University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland; Department of Cinematic Arts, 1992–93  
Liminka Art School, specialising in glass, Liminka, Finland, 1988–89

### Courses

Stucco, Kuopio and Tadelakt/Nurmijärvi, Finland 2006  
Mosaic course, Valamo Folk High School, Siilinjärvi, Finland 2003  
Icon painting course, Kuopio Orthodox Church, Finland, 2000–01  
An in-depth understanding of sound, Open University, Helsinki / Viittakivi, Finland, 1998–99

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Mental Alchemy – Everyday Alchemy*, Art Museum Poikilo, Kouvola, Finland
- 2014 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, Voipaala Art Center, Valkeakoski, Finland
- 2014 *Mental Alchemy – Matrix Layer*, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland
- 2014 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter and Matrix Layer*, Salo Art Museum, Salo, Finland
- 2013 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, Joensuu Art Museum, Joensuu, Finland
- 2013 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, Museo Harkko, Raisio, Finland
- 2013 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland
- 2012 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, Finnish Institute in Stockholm, Sweden
- 2011 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Jyväskylä, Finland
- 2011 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, VB Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland
- 2009 *Everyday Alchemy*, [www.katse.org](http://www.katse.org), artists of the month
- 2009 *Everyday Alchemy*, Kajaani Art Museum, Kajaani, Finland
- 2007 *Everyday Alchemy*, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 *Sleeping Beauty*, Photographic Centre of Turku, Galleria Peri, Turku, Finland
- 2005 *Sleeping Beauty*, Art Hall of Vaasa, Galleria Ibis, Vaasa, Finland
- 2005 *Sleeping Beauty*, The Orthodox Church of Museum of Finland, Kuopio, Finland
- 2004 *Sleeping Beauty*, Mikkeli Photographic Centre, Mikkeli, Finland
- 2004 *Crystal City*, Hafnarborg, the Hafnarfjörður Institut of Culture and Fine Art, Iceland
- 2004 *Philosopher's Stone*, Lapinlahti Art Museum, Lapinlahti, Finland
- 2002 *Everyday Alchemist*, Varkaus Art Museum, Varkaus, Finland

- 2002 *Everyday Alchemy*, Viktor Barsokevitsch Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland  
 1998 *Dream's Gift XL*, Viktor Barsokevitsch Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland  
 1998 *Dream's Gift*, Café Engel ja Café Camera, Helsinki, Finland  
 1997 *Dream's Gift*, Galleria Atski, Helsinki, Finland  
 1995 *Time is Gold*, Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland  
 1995 *Time is Gold*, Periferia, Turku, Finland  
 1995 *Time is Gold*, Viktor Barsokevitsch Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland

## Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *Gold and Silver* - exhibition on public art, Palad Showroom, Kuopio  
 2022 *Illusion*, Tampere Art Museum  
 2021 *M\_itä?* Biennale of Contemporary Art, Mikkeli Art Museum, Finland  
 2017 *Transit/Välitila*, Väsby Art Hall, Upplands Väsby, Sweden  
 2015 *Checkpoint Leonardo*, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, Finland  
 2014 Pop-up exhibition of *Percent for art*, Putka, Savonlinna, Finland  
 2013 *Mikkelin Taidekontti 2013*, Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Branch Office of Mikkeli  
 2012 *ARSMARS*, Piippuhalli, Savonlinna, Finland  
 2012 *Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi* (curated), event of the World Design Capital, Cleandesign Center, Lahti  
 2011 *Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi* (curated), Valo and Katve Galleries, Rovaniemi, Finland  
 2011 *Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi* (curated), Jetty Barracks Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
 2011 *Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi* (curated), Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland  
 2010 *Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi* (curated), Bag Factory, Johannesburg, South-Africa  
 2010 *Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi* (curated), rtSpace Durban, South Africa  
 2010 *Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi* (curated), Ava gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
 2010 *Nord Art 2010* (curated), Carlshütte, Büdelsdorf, Germany  
 2010 *Pohjoissavolaista taidetta pohjoissavolaisiin koteihin*, Housing Fair 2010, Kuopio  
 2010 *For the love of Monostorapáti*, Hungarian Cultural and Scientific Centre, Helsinki  
 2009 *For the love of Monostorapáti*, Old Kuopio Museum, Kuopio  
 2009 *For the love of Monostorapáti*, Culture festival of Monostorapáti, Hungary  
 2009 *Avara horisontti*, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, Finland  
 2008 *Reflection*, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland  
 2008 *NYT08 Contemporary Art Festival of Naantali and Raisio*, Raisio Museum, Finland  
 2008 *360° Muistissamme*, Arts Council of North Savo, Kuopio, Finland  
 2008 *Phenomena*, Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland  
 2008 *Flowers*, Kuopio Art Museum, Finland  
 2005 *Backlight 05*, International Photographic Triennial, Vapriikki, Tampere, Finland  
 2005 *LII(ke)ETTÄ*, VB Photographic Centre, Arts Council of North Savo, Kuopio, Finland  
 2005 *Finnish glass is alive 5*, The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland  
 2004 *Rotinat*, Arts Council of North Savo, Art Hall Art Anna, Iisalmi, Finland  
 2004 *Hule*, Salo Art Museum, Salo, Finland  
 2003 *Iisalmi Camera Biennale 2003*, Art Hall Art Anna, Iisalmi, Finland  
 2003 *Family – from Photo Albums to Contemporary Art*, VB Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland  
 2003 *Grin, Humour in Finnish Art Photography*, Galleria Harmonia, Jyväskylä, Finland  
 2003 *Grin, Humour in Finnish Art Photography*, Mikkeli Photographic Centre, Finland  
 2003 *Grin, Humour in Finnish Art Photography*, Hämeenlinna Cultural Centre, Finland  
 2002 *Private Matters*, The Nordic Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland  
 2002 *Family, from 1800 Onwards*, The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland  
 2002 *Jiné Finsko Art Weeks*, Gallerie Jaroslava Fragnera, Prague, Czech Republic  
 2002 *The Other Road*, LandscapeGallery 2000–2001, Travelling exhibition on Route 5, Finland  
 2001 *The Other Road*, LandscapeGallery 2000–2001, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland  
 2001 *Joint exhibition of The Artist Association Ars Libera*, Poleeni, Pieksämäki, Finland  
 1998 *Summer Salon and Bird of Paradise*, Galleria BE'19, Helsinki, Finland  
 1995 *Post fem Post Museum*, Helsinki, Finland  
 1992 *Family*, Rented apartment gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
 1991 *Ireland*, Savoy Theatre, Helsinki, Finland

## Public art

- 2026 *Roots*, Kemi\*  
 2026 *Empty Hug*, Kirkkonummi-Kyrklätts Parish, Kirkkonummi\*

\* co-operation with architect Heikki Lamusuo

- 2026 *Myhkyrinhovi Guardian*, Kuopio\*
- 2026 *Aino's Embrace*, Aalto University, Espoo\*
- 2025 *L.I.N.G. (Life is not Gray)*, Sokos Hotel Puijonsarvi, Kuopio\*
- 2024 *Tiukanlinna Parliament*, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
- 2023 *Bronze Flow 3*, Municipality of Lapinlahti, on Route 5, Lapinlahti, Finland\*
- 2023 *BLACK SWAN - DANCE ME TOO - TITAN - FINAL PRACTICE*, 4-part artwork, Sokos Hotel Puijonsarvi, Kuopio\*
- 2023 *Strawberry Fields*, two-part artwork, Mansikkaniemi school, Iisalmi\*
- 2023 *Alli, Juhani and Sven Tuuva*, 7-part artwork, Mansikkaniemi school, Iisalmi\*
- 2022 *You Are a Miracle*, Kuopio Cathedral, Kuopio\*
- 2022 *Bud*, Lauttasaari church, Helsinki\*
- 2021 *Naisvuori Parliament*, Mikkeli
- 2021 *Riihisaari fossils*, Riihisaari Museum, Savonlinna\*
- 2021 *The Beginning of Everything*, Kontiolahti Parish Center, Kontiolahti\*
- 2020 *Faith, Hope, Love, Eternity*, Tikkurila Church, Vantaa\*
- 2018 *NÄKY*, 3D videomapping artwork, Joensuu Art Museum Onni, Joensuu\*
- 2018 *Väre*, The South Karelia Social and Health Care District, façade artwork of the K-hospital, Lappeenranta\*
- 2016 *Oikeus, kohtuus, tasa-arvo*, The Court of Appeal and Administrative Court of Eastern Finland, Kuopio\*
- 2015 *Evolution*, Kuopio University Hospital, façade of the Building 2, Kuopio\*
- 2015 *Barso's models*, Kauppakatu 41, Kuopio\*
- 2015 *Jatulintarha*, Isokylä community centre, Kokkola, Kokkola\*
- 2008 *The Stars*, SES, Finnish Film Foundation, Helsinki, Finland\*
- 2006 *The Grove of Alava*, Alava Hospital, Iisalmen Veljeskoti Ltd. Kuopio, Finland
- 2006 *Höyhtyä Crosses*, Health Center of Höyhtyä, Oulu, Finland\*
- 2006 *Elixir of life*, Alava Hospital, Café Leilan Pannu ja Pata. Kuopio, Finland\*
- 2006 *Gravestone: Poemstone*, to the family of Jouni Tossavainen, poet, Tervo, Finland\*\*\*
- 2005 *Minna's Coin*, Apartment Oy Minnankantti of Kuopio, Finland\*
- 2004 *Bronze Flow 2*, Film Centre of Kajaani, Finland\*
- 2004 *The Centre of the World*, Satuvakka Day-care Centre, Vuokatti, Finland\*
- 2002 *World Column*, Rauhalahdi Day-care Centre, Kuopio, Finland\*
- 2001 *Bronze Flow*, Municipality of Lapinlahti, on Route 5, Lapinlahti, Finland\*

\*\*\* co-operation with architect Heikki Lamusuo and poet Jouni Tossavainen

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## Videos

- 2014 - Watch the latest videos on [YouTube](#)
- 2014 *Mental Alchemy – Matrix Layer*, music document
- 2011 *Mental Alchemy – Harry Potter Layer*, music document
- 2007 *A Real Princess*, music document
- 2007 *The Grove of Alava*, music document\*
- 2007 *The Höyhtyä Crosses*, music document\*
- 2007 *Minná s Coin*, music document\*
- 2005 *Bubbles*, a video installation
- 2004 *Bronze Flow 2*, music document\*
- 2004 *The Centre of the World*, music document\*
- 2004 *Crystal City*, a video installation
- 2002 *Once Again*, a video installation
- 1993 *Happiness*, a narrative documentary about the Herttoniemi Children's Reception Centre
- 1993 *Night Watchman*, Alpo Aaltokoski's dance performance together with Ninna Kuismanen
- 1992 *Play Architecture*, a narrative documentary on architecture\*

## Festivals

- 2012 ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival, Blue Wedding to the Lake, Kuopio, Finland
- 2012 The Medical Science Event of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland
- 2010 Shanghai Expo 2010, Finland Pavilion, responsible for multimedia presentations, managing costumes, The Artist Guide project, Shanghai, China
- 2010 Optica Festival, Texu Gallery of Oviedo (Asturias, Spain), international video festival
- 2009 Optica Review 09, Festival MEM, Bilbao, international video festival, Spain

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\*\* movement / voice by Juha  
Valkeapää

- 2009 Optica Review 09 Buenos Aires, international video festival, Argentina
- 2009 Optica festival Bilbao, international video festival, Spain
- 2009 Optica festival Gijon, international video festival, Spain
- 2009 Optica festival Madrid, international video festival, Spain
- 2009 Optica festival Huerte, international video festival, Spain
- 2009 Optica festival Paris, international video festival, France
- 2009 Optica festival Córdoba, international video festival, Spain
- 2009 Optica festival Buenos Aires, international video festival, Argentina
- 2009 Optica festival La Paz, international video festival, Bolivia
- 2009 Photomania 09, international photo festival, Kaliningrad, Russia
- 2008 Canariasmediafest 08, international video festival, Las Palmas, Spain
- 2008 DAZ, Architecture festival, Berlin, Germany\*
- 2008 FUTURES, Architecture festival, Hämeenlinna, Finland\*
- 2008 Festival of Outokumpu, Finland
- 2007 VerstaasV-festival, Jyväskylä, Finland\*\*
- 2007 Ruutia ! – Children’s Dance Festival, Helsinki, Finland\*\*
- 2007 The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland\*
- 2006 Weekends extra, Av-productions from North-Savo, Kuopio, Finland\*
- 2005 Vilimit, Film Festival of Kuopio, document, Kuopio, Finland\*
- 2005 Habitare, UPM, Helsinki, Finland\*
- 2005 Children’s Theatre Festival, Oulu, Finland\*\*
- 2004 Children’s Theatre Festival, Reykjavik, Iceland\*\*
- 2003 Hippalot 03: Children’s and Young People’s Art Festival, Hämeenlinna, Finland\*\*
- 2002 Children’s Winter Festival, VB Photographic Centre, Kuopio, Finland
- 2002 Presessio- henna tattooing, Varkaus Art Museum, Varkaus, Finland

## Works in Collections

Kuopio University Hospital, Iisalmen Veljeskoti Ltd, Kuopio Art Museum, the City of Kuopio, the City of Kajaani, the City of Oulu, the Municipality of Lapinlahti, the Municipality of Sotkamo, the Finnish Art Society, The Artists’ Association of Finland, Finnish Film Foundation and private Finnish collections

## Related Employment

- 2009– Partanen & Lamusuo Ltd, Art Director
- 2009–10 Member of the exhibition team, Expo Shanghai 2010, China
- 2007 Video installation, Kuopio Museum 100 years, Kuopio, Finland
- 2005 The Curator of Exhibition of Levänen, The City of Kuopio Cultural Office, Finland
- 2003 The Curator of Exhibition 03, Suonenjoen Taideseura ry. Suonenjoki, Finland
- 2003 Tourism and culture articles; Kaleva, Karjalainen, Savon Sanomat
- 2002 YLE, Radio Savo, culture broadcasts, Mexico
- 2001– Book covers illustration for the publisher Kustannus Pohjoinen, WSOY
- 1999–01 Lecturer of photography (Pohjois-Savon Polytechnic, Kuopio Academy of Design)
- 1991–98 Teacher of photography, the Annantalo Children’s and Young People’s Art Centre
- 1995 Formverk Furniture Brochure, pictures and layout
- 1990–92 Freelancer; for various Finnish newspapers and magazines

## Architectural projects

Jaana Partanen is Art Director of Partanen & Lamusuo Ltd. Previously she worked in different projects as Artistic consultant for example for the Sillman architect office. In addition to the Kaari Hospital, project PEKO1 and main entrance lobby area projects of the Kuopio University Hospital, Mrs. Partanen has participated in projects of the following public buildings, among others: the Orthodox Church Museum, Kuopio, BioRex, Porvoo, and BioRex Sello, Espoo, and the Punkaharju day-care centre. Mrs. Partanen acted as the main designer in charge of the planning of the Finnish exhibition at the Shanghai world exhibition.

## Work Abroad

- 2026 Villa Karo, Benin (Artists’ Residency)

2008	Spain (The Artists' Association of Finland atelier)
2008, -07, -95	Spain (photography)
2006	Hungary (photography)
2005	Sweden (photography),
2004	Island (photography)
2002	Mexico (The Artists' Association of Finland atelier) and Tunisia (photography)
1998	Italy (photography)
1993	Spain (studies at the Universidad de Bellas Artes, Barcelona)

## Positions of Responsibility

2014-	Kuopio Region Chamber of Commerce, the member of the board of the growth enterprise
2006-09	Ingman Collage of Crafts and Design, board for vocational skills
2006-07	Katse Internet magazine, member of editorial board
2004-05	VB Photographic Centre, The Curator of Exhibitions, the member of the board
2000-01	The Artist Association (Ars Libera), the member of the board

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Heikki Lamusuo

## Memberships

The Artist Association (Ars Libera), Union of Artist Photographers, Arteground

## Achievements In Competitions

2009	1st prize; The Best exhibition design, Shanghai Expo 2010 World Exhibition, The competition for the exhibition design of the Finnish Pavilion*
2008	1st prize, Invitation competition for the renovation of the Kuopio University Hospital lobby and sampling spaces, Northern Savo District Hospital Board*
2001	The Environmental Art Competition at the MaisemaGalleria Project, Lapinlahti, Finland*

## Grants/Awards

awards:

2022	Kuopio Scholarship*
2021	National Percent Culture Award, finalist*
2019	Museum of the Year, Satakunta museum / Signs of Life*
2019	Museum Communication Act of the Year -finalist / NÄKY-artwork*
2019	The Woman of Savo 2019
2018	Savolainen suoraviiva Design recognition*
2010	Honorary Prize of the Mayor of the City of Kuopio*
2010	Minna Canth prize (visual arts)*
2007	Artist of the Year, Arts Council of North Savo*

work grants:

2012	Cultural Foundation of North Savo (½ year)
2010	Finnish Cultural Foundation (½ year)
2009, -08	Arts Council of North Savo (½ year)
2009, -05	Arts Council of Finland, stipend
2006	Arts Council of Finland, photographic art (1 year)
2005	Finnish Cultural Foundation of North Savo (1 year)
2004	Arts Council of North Savo (3 months)
2003	Finnish Cultural Foundation of North Savo (3 months)
2002	Arts Council of North Savo (1 year)
2001	Arts Council of North Savo (6 months)
1998	Finnish Cultural Foundation (1 year)

specific grants:

2020	Arts Council of North Savo
2014	Arts Council of North Savo
2013, -10, -08	National Council for Photographic Art, Finland
2012, -11, -10	Arts Council of North Savo
2011	FRAME – Finnish Fund for Art Exchange

2010	Kone Foundation
2009, -07, -06,	The City of Kuopio Cultural Office
2008, -07, -04	Arts Council of Finland
2007	National Council for Visual Arts, Finland
2006	The Kordelin Foundation
2006	Avek
2006, -02	Arts Council of Finland, children's culture
2005	Cultural Foundation of Finland-Sweden
2005, -03,-02,	National Council for Photographic Art, Finland
2005,-04, -03,	The City of Kuopio Cultural Office
2004	Cultural Foundation of Island-Finland
2002, -01, -00	The City of Kuopio Cultural Office
2001	The Christian Foundation for Science and Art
2006, -00, -97	National Council for Photographic Art, Finland
1997	The City of Helsinki's Office of Cultural Affairs

## Publications

Partanen & Lamusuo: *Evolution - public art throughout the decades*, 2022

Prosenttiperiaatteen kärikirja Taiteilijalle, Suomen Taiteilijaseura ja Arkkitehtuurin tiedotuskeskus, Helsinki, 2015

Partanen Jaana: *Unen lahja*, Partanen & Lamusuo Ltd, Kuopio, 2014

Tiina Pusa: *Harmaa taide, Taiteen ja vanhuuden merkityssuhteista*, Aalto University publication series, Doctoral Dissertation 89/2012

Katja Juhola: *Mummoni talossa, thesis*, Arts Academy at Turku University of Applied Sciences, Turku 2010

*Book of Faces*, Dots from Shanghai Expo to World design capital, Helsinki 2012

*Kic kunst in der carlshütte*, Germany 2010

*Waters-Vesiä-Amanzi, exhibition catalogue, Cape Town, South Africa 2010*

*Avara horisontti, kohtauspaikkana Limingan taidekoulu*, publications of Oulu Museum of Art 53, Oulu 2009

*Photomania Baltic Biennial of photography*, Russia, 2009

Oulun taidemuseo, *Prosenttitaiteen vuoksi*, publications of Oulu Museum of Art 54, Oulu 2009

*Canariasmediafest08*, Espanja, 2008

Riitta Raatikainen: *Muistissamme 360°*, Arts Council of North Savo, Jyväskylä 2008

Kuopion kaupunki: *Kuopion Apoli*, Kuopio, 2008

ArsLibera: *Kukka*, Kuopio 2008

Riitta Raatikainen: *Jaana Partanen, Everyday Alchemy*, Maahenki Oy, Helsinki, Finland, 2007

Arts Council of North Savo: *Prosenttiperiaate, taide osana rakentamista*, Kuopio, 2007

Tarja Nurmi: *Bauen für Kinder, Stuttgart*, Germany 2006

*Ark: The Finnish Architectural Review 1/2006*, The Finnish Association of Architects, Helsinki, Finland 2006

*Backlight 05*, 7th International Photographic Triennial in Tampere, 2005

*Finnish Glass Lives 5*, The Finnish Glass Museums, Riihimäki, Suomi 2005

Olli Lähdesmäki: *Liik(ke)että, Pohjois-Savon valokuvan aluenäyttely 2005*, Kuopio, 2005

Jan-Erik Andersson: *Rotinat, Pohjois-Savon aluenäyttely 2004*, Iisalmi 2004

Riitta Raatikainen: *LandscapeGallery/Environmental Art Project 2000-2001*, Salpausselkä, Finland 2001

