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**BIO**

Kaisu Koivisto works across installations, photography, sculptures and video. The thematic focus of her artistic practice is rooted in the notions of place, history and landscape, and in the different ways in which environments are represented, commodified, and stereotyped.

The relationship between natural phenomena and technologies is an ongoing subject of exploration for Koivisto. She investigates the intersections of nature and culture and the modes in which mankind harnesses and exploits – or attempts to control – natural phenomena. How do we look at animals and nature? How is the impact of technologies visible in the environment?

Koivisto's interests are deeply rooted in the North, its landscapes and political dimensions. Her interest in history has led her to explore abandoned Cold War era military areas in Eastern Europe. In her ongoing project *New Nuuk* Koivisto explores the rapid urbanization and changes in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland.

Kaisu Koivisto (b.1962) is based in Helsinki, Finland. She has an MFA from the University of Art and Design Helsinki. Her work have been shown for instance in the following institutions: Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki; Reina Sofia Museum, Madrid; PS 1, New York; Kumu Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia; Museo Hendrik Christian Andersen, Rome; Tokyo Metropolitan Museum, Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki; Pori Art Museum, Pori; Mark Rothko Art Centre, Daugavpils, Latvia, the Venice Biennial.

**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2023	<i>Golden Ball.</i> Turku Cathedral, Turku
2023	<i>Passages.</i> Galleria Halmetoja, Helsinki
2021	<i>Unknown.</i> Galleria Himmelblau, Tampere, Finland
2019	<i>Topophilia.</i> Yukon Arts Centre Art Gallery, Whitehorse, Canada
	<i>Afrikanda - On Machines and Devices</i> Kunsthalle Turku, Turku, Finland
2018	<i>Landscape on a Rice Grain.</i> Forum Box, Helsinki
2017	<i>Coal Fairy Tale.</i> Galleria Orton, Helsinki
2015	<i>Elsewhere.</i> Galleria AMA, Helsinki
2013	<i>Techno Nature.</i> Schuebbe Projects, Düsseldorf
2012	<i>Loud Silence.</i> Aboa Vetus& Ars Nova Museum,Turku, Finland
	<i>Index.</i> Galleri Konstepidemin, Gothenburg, Sweden
2011	<i>In a Different Light.</i> Forum Box, Helsinki
2009	Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki
2007	<i>Interiors.</i> Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Helsinki
2005	<i>Global Nomad.</i> Galleria Ama, Turku
	<i>Cows in New York City:Reintroducing the Species.</i> E.Jaske Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2004	<i>Parallel Systems.</i> Galleria Heino, Helsinki
2002	<i>The Great Meat Book.</i> Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki

	<i>Earthbound.</i> Galleria AMA, Turku
2001	<i>Cows in New York City: Reintroducing the Species.</i> Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
	<i>Wild.</i> Hafnarborg Art Center, Hafnarfjördur, Iceland. Galleri Enkehuset, Stockholm
2000	<i>Cows in New York City: Reintroducing the Species.</i> Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Staten Island, New York; and Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
1999	<i>Inseparabile.</i> Galleria Arco di Rab, Rome
	<i>Revier.</i> Schuebbe Projects, Düsseldorf

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND FESTIVALS

2023	Lux Helsinki Light Festival, Helsinki. Videoinstallation <i>Turquoise</i> with Anna Nykyri <i>The Unknown Baltic Sea.</i> Levyhalli, Suomenlinna, Helsinki
2022	<i>3rd Biennial Arte Dolomiti.</i> Forte di Monte Ricco. Pieve di Cadore, BL, Italy Lux Helsinki Light Festival, Helsinki. Videoinstallation <i>Sula / Defrost</i> with Anna Nykyri <i>Changes on Northern Shores.</i> Andenesin light house, Andenes, Norway
2021	19TH Media Art Biennale WRO, Wrocław, Poland Helsinki Central Library Oodi lobby, Helsinki <i>Patterns.</i> Plan D gallery, Düsseldorf <i>LX.</i> Galleria Rankka, Helsinki <i>Concreate Urban Art Festival.</i> Keran Hallit, Espoo
2020	<i>Synthesis.</i> Media Art at Oodi library, Helsinki <i>Die Digitale Festival,</i> Düsseldorf
2019	<i>Location/Dislocation. Between remembering and forgetting.</i> Mark Rothko Art Centre, Daugavpils, Latvia and Art Station Dubulti, Jūrmala, Latvia <i>Human Presence.</i> North Atlantic Lighthouse. Hanstholm, Denmark <i>Growth and Loss – Hair in Contemporary Art.</i> Oulu Art Museum, Oulu <i>The Human Era.</i> Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä
2018	<i>2.Biennale Arte Dolomiti.</i> Cibiana di Cadore, Italia <i>Capriccio.</i> Galleria Axel Obiger, Berliini
2017	<i>Der Lieben Mutter [folkskonst] // Volkskunst.</i> Galleria Axel Obiger, Berliini <i>Viterbo - Tracing the Middle Ages.</i> Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Turku; The Finnish Institute in Rome <i>Die Kuh muss aufs Eis, damit sie tanzt.</i> Galerie Samuelis Baumgarte, Bielefeld <i>A Clear Day.</i> Nääs Slott, Floda, Sweden
2016	<i>Menagerie,</i> Galerie Toolbox, Berlin <i>Objekti.</i> Environmental art in Espoo Center, Espoo, Finland <i>Ultramarin / Bortom Havet.</i> Gocart Gallery, Visby, Sweden
2015	<i>Moving Image Montage.</i> Zeppelin, Melbourne, Australia. LANDSCAPE - METROPOLIS, G11 Galerie Power Station, Berlin LARU15 Human Era – Nordic Environmental Art Exhibition Lauttasaari, Helsinki
2014	<i>Parallax - Geographical Resonances.</i> Arte Alameda, Mexico City <i>Duesseldorf Photo Weekend,</i> Düsseldorf Environmental Art in Fall, Søndre land, Norway
2013	<i>Intersezioni / Intersections Kaisu Koivisto / Claudia Peill.</i> Museo Andersen, Rome <i>OpenART.</i> Örebro Art Museum, Sweden
2012	<i>Camouflage. Visual Art and Design in Disguise.</i> Kiasma , Helsinki <i>Reality Bites. Document in Contemporary Art.</i> Kiasma , Helsinki <i>Helsinki Photography Biennal 2012.</i> Finlandsinstitutet, Stockholm
2011	<i>An Exchange with Sol Lewitt.</i> Mass MoCa, North Adams, MA, USA
2009	<i>Richtung Norden.</i> Maerz Künstlervereinigung, Linz, Austria <i>Talent 2009. Between Dream and Reality.</i> Designmuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands

2006	<i>SHIFTscale. Extended Field of Contemporary Sculpture.</i> KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia <i>Horsepower.</i> Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki
2005	<i>Poles Apart, Poles Together.</i> Parallel Project for the 51.Venice Biennial, Venice
2003	<i>Gokann.</i> IV Triennal of Finnish Art, Kyoto Art Center, Japan
2001	<i>Skin Forms Map.</i> Museo Laboratorio, Rome, Italy. Galleria Uusikuva, Kotka, Finland <i>Art-Cattle-History.</i> Van Reekum Museum, Apeldoorn, Hollanti <i>Surfaces and Whirlpools.</i> Borås Art Museum, Borås, Sweden 6th KCAA - Seoul International Art Festival, Seoul, Korea
2000	<i>No es sólo lo que ves: Pervirtiendo el minimalismo.</i> Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid
	<i>WAM suosittelee.</i> Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku
1999	<i>Animal. Anima. Animus.</i> PS 1, New York 1999; Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland; Museum of Modern Art, Arnhem, 1998; Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada
1997	<i>World Award Winners Gallery.</i> Intergrafia 1997. Cracow, Poland

**STUDIES** University of Art and Design Helsinki, MFA  
Helsinki University, studies in art history and aesthetics

**AWARDS** Europol Art Competition. Europol, The Hague, The Netherlands, 2011  
Young Artist of the Year 1996  
Nordic Drawing Triennial 1995  
City of Pori: Culture Award 1992, 1996  
Culture Award of Satakunnan Kansa 1991

## WORK IN COLLECTIONS

Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku  
Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki  
Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki  
Turku Art Museum  
Heino Art Foundation, Helsinki  
HAM Helsinki Art Museum  
Statens Konstråd, Sweden  
South Carelia Art Museum, Lappeenranta  
Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma  
Mark Rothko Art Centre, Daugavpils, Latvia  
Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skärhamn, Sweden  
City of Skellefteå, Sweden  
Oulu Art Museum  
Tampere Art Museum  
Paulo Foundation  
Wihuri Foundation  
Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku  
Pori Art Museum, Pori  
Saastamoinen Foundation  
Kumu, Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn, Estonia  
University of Helsinki  
HUS Helsinki University Hospital

## **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

2022 and 2013 The Arctic Circle expedition residency, Svalbard, Norway  
2022 and 2017 Narva Artist Residence, Narva, Estonia  
2020 Höherweg Studios, Düsseldorf  
2017 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo  
2017 Narva Artist Residence, Narva, Estonia  
2016 Circolo Scandinavo, Rome  
2014 HIAP, Suomenlinna, Helsinki  
2014 Taike Residency, Berlin  
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2012 Circolo Scandinavo, Rome  
2010 Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Rome  
2000 Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Staten Island, New York  
1999 Circolo Scandinavo, Rome  
1997 Höherweg Studios, Düsseldorf  
1995 Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Rome  
1993, 1999 Finnish Cultural Institute in New York residency, New York  
1991 Konstepidemin, Gothenburg, Sweden