

Kaisu Koivisto

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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's (MFA; b.1962) 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.

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

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SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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| 2024 | <i>Passages</i> . NART, Narva, Estonia
<i>From This World</i> . HAKI Galerii, Tartu, Estonia |
| 2023 | <i>Golden Ball</i> . Turku Cathedral, Turku
<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 *Techno Nature*. Schuebbe Projects, Düsseldorf
- 2012 *Loud Silence*. Aboa Vetus& Ars Nova Museum, Turku, Finland
Index. Galleri Konstpidemin, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2011 *In a Different Light*. Forum Box, Helsinki
- 2009 Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki
- 2007 *Interiors*. Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Helsinki
- 2005 *Global Nomad*. Galleria Ama, Turku
Cows in New York City: Reintroducing the Species. E.Jaske Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2004 *Parallel Systems*. Galleria Heino, Helsinki
- 2002 *The Great Meat Book*. Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki
Earthbound. Galleria AMA, Turku
- 2001 *Cows in New York City: Reintroducing the Species*. Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
Wild. Hafnarborg Art Center, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland. Galleri Enkehuset, Stockholm
- 2000 *Cows in New York City: Reintroducing the Species*. Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Staten Island, New York; and Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
- 1999 *Inseparabile*. Galleria Arco di Rab, Rome
Revier. Schuebbe Projects, Düsseldorf

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND FESTIVALS

- 2024 *Hoitotila*. Pesula Galleria, Sipoo, with Timo Heino
Experiments in Concretism. EMMA, Espoo
Handle with Care. Turun Art Museum
I feel, for now. Amos Rex, Helsinki
- 2023 *The Unknown Baltic Sea*. Video installation *Turquoise* with Anna Nykyri. Levyhalli, Suomenlinna.
U.N.A United Nations of Artists. La Serpara Sculpture Garden, Civitella D'Agliano, Italia
- 2023, 2022 Lux Helsinki Light Festival, Helsinki
- 2022 *3rd Biennial Arte Dolomiti*. Forte di Monte Ricco. Pieve di Cadore, BL, Italia
Sula / Defrost. Forum Boxin julkisivu. LUX Helsinki -festivaali, Helsinki
Changes on Northern Shores. Andenes lighthouse, Andenes, Norway
Changes on Northern Shores – Observing through Art and Science. Arktikum center in Rovaniemi,
- 2021 19TH Media Art Biennale WRO, Wroclaw, Poland
Helsinki Central Library Oodi lobby, Helsinki
Patterns. Plan D gallery, Düsseldorf
LX. Galleria Rankka, Helsinki
Concreate Urban Art Festival. Keran Hallit, Espoo
- 2020 *Synthesis*. Media Art at Oodi library, Helsinki
Die Digitale Festival, Düsseldorf
- 2019 *Location/Dislocation. Between remembering and forgetting*. Mark Rothko Art Centre, Daugavpils, Latvia
and Art Station Dubulti, Jūrmala, Latvia
Human Presence. North Atlantic Lighthouse. Hanstholm, Denmark
Growth and Loss – Hair in Contemporary Art. Oulu Art Museum, Oulu
The Human Era. Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä
- 2018 *2. Biennale Arte Dolomiti*. Cibiana di Cadore, Italia
Capriccio. Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland
- 2017 *Der Lieben Mutter [folkönst] // Volkskunst*. Galleria Axel Obiger, Berliini
Viterbo - Tracing the Middle Ages. Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Turku; The Finnish Institute in Rome
Die Kuh muss aufs Eis, damit sie tanzt. Galerie Samuelis Baumgarte, Bielefeld
A Clear Day. Nääs Slott, Floda, Sweden

- 2016 *Menagerie*, Galerie Toolbox, Berlin
Objekti. Environmental art in Espoo Center, Espoo, Finland
Ultramarin / Bortom Havet. Gocart Gallery, Visby, Sweden
- 2015 *Moving Image Montage*. Zeppelin, Melbourne, Australia.
 LANDSCAPE - METROPOLIS, G11 Galerie Power Station, Berlin
 LARU15 Human Era – Nordic Environmental Art Exhibition Lauttasaari, Helsinki
- 2014 *Parallax - Geographical Resonances*. Arte Alameda, Mexico City
Duesseldorf Photo Weekend, Düsseldorf
 Environmental Art in Fall, Søndre land, Norway
- 2013 *Intersezioni / Intersections Kaisu Koivisto / Claudia Peill*. Museo Andersen, Rome
OpenART. Örebro Art Museum, Sweden
- 2012 *Camouflage. Visual Art and Design in Disguise*. Kiasma, Helsinki
Reality Bites. Document in Contemporary Art. Kiasma, Helsinki
Helsinki Photography Biennial 2012. Finlandsinstitutet, Stockholm
- 2011 *An Exchange with Sol Lewitt*. Mass MoCa, North Adams, MA, USA
- 2009 *Richtung Norden*. Maerz Künstlervereinigung, Linz, Austria
Talent 2009. Between Dream and Reality. Designmuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- 2006 *SHIFTscale. Extended Field of Contemporary Sculpture*. KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
Horsepower. Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki
- 2005 *Poles Apart, Poles Together*. Parallel Project for the 51. Venice Biennial, Venice
- 2003 *Gokann*. IV Triennial of Finnish Art, Kyoto Art Center, Japan
- 2001 *Skin Forms Map*. Museo Laboratorio, Rome, Italy. Galleria Uusikuva, Kotka, Finland
Art-Cattle-History. Van Reekum Museum, Apeldoorn, Holland
Surfaces and Whirlpools. Borås Art Museum, Borås, Sweden
 6th KCAA - Seoul International Art Festival, Seoul, Korea
- 2000 *No es sólo lo que ves: Pervirtiendo el minimalismo*. Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid
WAM suosittelee. Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku
- 1999 *Animal. Anima. Animus*. PS 1, New York 1999; Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland; Museum of Modern Art, Arnhem, 1998; Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada
- 1997 *World Award Winners Gallery*. 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
Lönström 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

2024 The Arctic Circle expedition residency, Svalbard, Norway
2024 The Finnish Institute in Rome
2022 Narva Artist Residence, Narva, Estonia
2022 The Arctic Circle expedition residency, Svalbard, Norway
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
2013 The Arctic Circle expedition residency, Svalbard, Norway
2013 Taike Residency, Berlin
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
1994 Circolo Scandinavo, Rome
1993, 1999 Finnish Cultural Institute in New York residency, New York
1991 Konstpedemin. Gothenburg, Sweden