

OLA KOLEHMAINEN

Born 1964 | Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

EDUCATION

- 1999 Master of Arts in Photography, University of Art and Design Helsinki
(now Aalto University – School of Arts, Design and Architecture)
- 1988–92 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 The Art of Looking and Seeing | Miettinen Collection, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany
MVSEVM ET VNIVERSVM, BGE Contemporary Art Projects, Stavanger, Norway
- 2021 MVSEUM | Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
- 2020 Back to Square Black | Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
- 2019 Sacred Places, Mirko Mayer gallery, Cologne, Germany
COELN | Cathedral of Light, Rheinisches Bildarchiv as Guest in Kaune
Contemporary, St. Joseph Chapel, Cologne
- 2018 Sacred Spaces | BGE Contemporary Art Projects, Stavanger, Norway
Galerie der Moderne, Munich, Germany
- 2017 Sacred Spaces | Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Sketches of Spain | Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
Sketches of Spain, Studio Session | Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
It Never Entered My Mind | Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
Sinan Project | Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2015 Purdy Hicks Gallery | London, United Kingdom
Sense of volume | Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014 Geometric Light - including color installation by Sauerbruch-Hutton Architects | Haus am Waldsee Museum,
Berlin, Germany
Reason and Intuition | Museum Pitzhanger Manor House and Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2012 The First Kyiv International Biennale of Contemporary Art | Arsenaal 2012, Kiev, Ukraine
Galerie Forsblom | Helsinki, Finland
Galeri Brandstrup | Oslo, Norway
Enlightenment | Alvar Aalto Museum, Jyväskylä, Finland
Segment A | Boursan Collection | Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 Gallery TaiK | Bergstrasse, Berlin, Germany
Gallery TaiK | Lindenstrasse, Berlin, Germany
Galerie Forsblom | Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 17th Biennale of Sydney | Sydney, Australia
A Building is not a Building | KUNTSI, Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland
Deutsche Werkstätten | Dresden, Germany
Alvar Aalto | Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009 A Building is not a Building | KIASMA, Helsinki, Finland
The National Museum of Photography | Copenhagen, Denmark
New Art Gallery Walsall | Walsall, United Kingdom
Colour Urban Structures | Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Vanguardia | Bilbao, Spain
Galerie Brandstrup | Oslo, Norway
- 2008 Purdy Hicks Gallery | London, United Kingdom
Galerie Koal | Berlin, Germany
Galerie Senda | Barcelona, Spain
- 2007 Mirrors and Windows | Sint-Lukas galerij, Brussels, Belgium
Ola Kolehmainen and Pertti Kekarainen | Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
- 2006 Espace des deux arbres | Artothèque de Caen, Caen, France

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- Fraction | Abstraction, Recreation, Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid, Spain
 Arquitectura en dos dimensiones | SEA, Castillo de Santa Bárbara, Alicante, Spain
 2005 Space is Unknown | Galerie dominique fiat, Paris, France
 Search for Mastery | Galerie Neii Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg
 2004 Search for Mastery | Museum Waldhof, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany
 Construction II | Galerie sphn, Berlin, Germany
 2003 Construction | Galerie Anava, Helsinki, Finland
 2001 The Yellow Staircase | site-specific public work commissioned by Helsinki Festivals, Helsinki, Finland
 2000 Golden Hall | i8 galleri, Reykjavik, Iceland
 1999 Pyramid | gallery installation, Zinc Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
 1998 Portaikko-Trappan | gallery installation, Gallery Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
 1997 Temple | gallery installation, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
 1996 Exitus | Rantagalleria, Oulu, Finland
 Exitus | Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland
 Gallery installation | Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Earth - Air | MAKASIINI CONTEMPORARY, Turku, Finland
 2024 Untitled Art Miami Beach with MAKASIINI CONTEMPORARY | Miami FL, USA
 Konkretismi. Geometrische Wirklichkeiten | Miettinen Collection, Sammlung Peters-Messer, Viersen, Germany
 Shelter From The Storm | MAKASIINI CONTEMPORARY, Turku, Finland
 Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
 2023 Galerie Forsblom's 45th-anniversary exhibition | Helsinki, Finland
 2020 Inspiration | Stockholm's National Museum; Ateneum, Helsinki
 Les Mots et les Choses | Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
 2018 Unboxing Photographs | Arbeiten im Fotoarchiv, Kunstbibliothek, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany
 2017 Art Goes Logomo | Logomo, Turku, Finland
 Lichtblicke - Zeitgenössische Kunst aus Finland | Kunstverein KunstHaus Potsdam, Germany
 2014 Swedish Grace | Jacksons Design, Berlin, Germany
 Le vol en provence d'Helsinki | Le19 Centre Régional d'Art Contemporain, Montelébriard, France
 Art from Elsewhere | Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow, United Kingdom
 Summer Group Show | Gallery Bryce Wolkowitz, New York NY, USA
 Topological Constellation Art and Architecture I | DNA Galerie, Berlin, Germany
 Within / Beyond Borders | European Investment Bank & Banco de Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal
 Encounters with Aalto | Jacksons Design, Berlin, Germany
 Spuren der Moderne | Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany
 2013 Inside Outside Architecture | Nasjonalmuseet for Kunst, Oslo, Norway
 Now and Then - the first five countries of the ECB's exhibition series | European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany
 If Walls Could Speak | Huize Frankendael, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
 Stadt in Sicht - Werke aus der Sammlung Deutsche Bank | Museum Ostwall im Dortmunder U, Dortmund, Germany
 Metropolis: Reflections on the modern city | Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Waterhall, Birmingham, United Kingdom
 2012 Alles nur Fassade? Architektur als Abstraktion | Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf, Germany
 Helsinki Abstract | Galerie Ruzischka, Salzburg, Austria
 2011 Summer 2011 | Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
 New photographs | Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
 Facade: Through a Glass Darkly | National Glass Centre, University of Sunderland, United Kingdom
 Verortung | Die Frage nach dem Raum in der zeitgenössischen Kunst | Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
 2010 Export - Import | Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
 Daegu Photo Biennale 2010 | The Helsinki School, Daegu, South Korea
 2009 Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs - Neue Fotografie aus Finnland | Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
 2008 Mois de la Photo | Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris, France
 En Privat 1 | Esbuard, museu d'art modern i contemporani de palma, Palma de Majorca, Spain
 Artistas y Fotógrafos - Imágenes para una colección | Museo de Madrid Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid, Spain

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- 2007 Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare | Fotografia Italiana, Milan, Italy
 Drei Farben – Weiss, Thema: Equality | XIV. Rohkunstbau, Schloss Gross Leuthen, Spreewald, Germany
 Boogie Woogie – Art and Jazz | Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
 Stadtfi nden – Moderne: A virtual tour through Interbau 1957 (International Architecture Exhibition) | Berlin, Germany
 Helsinki School | Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
 The Helsinki School of Photography | Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, United Kingdom
 Photo Finnish: The Helsinki School | Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway
- 2006 Intersection—Between Past and Future | Pori Art Museum, Finland
 Ideal Cities—Invisible Cities | Zamo, Poland
 1 2 3 4 | the Architecture of Sauerbruch Hutton, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany
 Minimal Quotation | Artfi nder Galerie, Hamburg, Germany
 The Helsinki School, Hôtel de Ville de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium
 Dialogue Helsinki School | Langhans Galerie Praha, Prague, Czech Republic
 Helsinki School | Borås Konst Museum, Borås, Sweden
 Nordic Cut | Helsinki School, Art Pavilion, Zagreb, Croatia
 Opterracuna: Anton Henning | Ola Kolehmainen, Sven Kroner, Anj Smith, Robert Miller Gallery, New York NY, USA
- 2005 Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía | Fundacion Aena, Madrid, Spain
 The Helsinki School—A New Approach | Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
 The Helsinki School—A New Approach | Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 Galería Salvador Díaz | Madrid, Spain
 Made in Berlin | Art Forum Berlin, Germany
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 The Helsinki School | Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
 30 by TaiK | The Helsinki School – A New Approach, Finnish Museum of Photography,
- 2002 Le Bâti et le Vivant (The Built and the Living) | Chapelle du Rham, Luxembourg
 Brussels—Helsinki | La Maison d’Art Actuel des Chartreux, Brussels, Belgium
 Helsinki—Brussels | Valkoinen Sali, Helsinki, Finland
 New Pictures—Brotherus | Kella, Kolehmainen, Lajunen, Parantainen, Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 Northern Spell | Finnish Embassy, Washington D.C. WA, USA
 Toronto University Art Center | Toronto, Canada
 Kuvitelmiä/Fantasies | Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 2001 Magnetic North | The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, United Kingdom
 Finnish Photography | Gallery Christian Dam, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2000 100 Show: 90 Designers–10 Artists | Helsinki, Finland
- 1999 Tila-Espaces | Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
 Spaces | Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 1998 Blue You | Into Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Me, Myself and I | Bensow House, Helsinki, Finland
 Photography Finlandia Award | Helsinki, Finland
 European Photography Award | Bad Hamburg, Germany

AWARDS | GRANTS

- 2014 Awarded RIBA Honorary Fellowship 2015 at the Royal Institute of British Architects

COLLECTIONS

- Artek Collection | Helsinki, Finland
 Ari Lahti Collection | Helsinki, Finland
 Ayşe Umur Collection | Turkey
 Borusan Collection | Istanbul, Turkey
 Carl Gustav Ehrnrooth Collection | Finland
 The City of Madrid Collection | Spain
 The City of Muurame | Finland
 Colección Pilar Citoler | Madrid, Spain
 Deutsche Bank | Germany, UK
 DZ Bank | Germany
 Elgiz Collection | Istanbul, Turkey

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Espoo Art Museum | Finland
European Central Bank Collection | Frankfurt, Germany
European Investment Bank | Luxembourg
Finnish Museum of Photography | Helsinki, Finland
Frank Sperling Collection | Germany
Fundación Centro Ordóñez-Falcón de Fotografía | Spain
Gary and Sarah Wolkowitz Collection | NY, USA
Heino Collection | Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki City Art Museum | Finland
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation | Rovaniemi, Finland
Jerry I. Speyer Collection | New York, NY, USA
Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art | Helsinki, Finland
Kouri Collection | New York NY, USA
Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg Collection | Germany
Lars Swanljung Collection | Helsinki, Finland
Lindell Collection | Helsinki, Finland
Malmö Art Museum | Sweden
Miettinen Collection | Helsinki, Finland and Berlin, Germany
The National Museum of Art | Oslo, Norway
The National Museum of Photography Collection | Denmark
Nokia Collection | Helsinki, Finland
Peter C. Ruppert Collection | Würzburg, Germany
Peter W. Klein Collection | Germany
Rafaela Seppälä Collection | Helsinki, Finland
Roland Berger Collection | Munich, Germany
Saastamoinen Foundation | Espoo, Finland
SOK Collection | Helsinki, Finland
Société Générale Collection | Paris, France
State Art Council | Stockholm, Sweden
State of Finland
Statoil Art Collection | Stavanger, Norway
UPM-Kymmene Collection | Helsinki, Finland
Vexi Salmi Collection | Helsinki, Finland