

# OLA KOLEHMAINEN

Born 1964 | Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

## EDUCATION

- 1999 Master of Arts in Photography, University of Art and Design Helsinki  
1988-92 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 The Art of Looking and Seeing vol. 2 | MAKASIINI CONTEMPORARY, Helsinki, Finland
- 2024 The Art of Looking and Seeing, Theater of Memory, Art and Science Collaboration with Dr. Susanna Pettersson | Salon Dahlmann,, Berlin, Germany  
To the Conviction / Kulturhaus Obere Stufe | Steim am Rhein, Switzerland  
Ola Kolehmainen with Sculptor Raimo Utriainen | Finlayson Factory, Tampere, Finland  
Galerie Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
- 2023 Vniversum et Mvsevm | Gallery BGE, Stavanger, Norway
- 2021 MVSEUM | Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
- 2020 MVSEVM works | Mirko Mayer Gallery, Cologne, Germany  
Back to Square Black | Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
- 2019 Sacred Places, Mirko Mayer gallery, Cologne, Germany  
Coeln. Cathedral of Light | Site specific installation in St. Joseph Chapel, Cologne, Germany
- 2018 Sacred Spaces | BGE Contemporary Art Projects, Stavanger, Norway  
Galerie der Moderne, Munich, Germany  
Sacred Spaces | Galerie Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 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 | Arsenele 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  
 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 Anhava, 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 Looking towards the Earth | Kunsthalle, Helsinki, Finland  
 Unfolding | MAKASIINI CONTEMPORARY, Helsinki, Finland  
 Earth - Air | MAKASIINI CONTEMPORARY, Turku, Finland  
 Exit Paradise | The Miettinen Collection, Germany  
 Where are we now | Philara collection, Düsseldorf, Germany  
 In anderen Händen | Philara collection at Miettinen Collection, Berlin, Germany
- 2024 Experiments in Concretism | EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland  
 Air | Paimio Sanitarium (Former Tuberculosis Hospital, Architects Aino and Alvar Aalto, 1933), Paimio, Finland  
 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  
 Tracing Absence | Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 Inspiration. Iconic Images. International Group show | National Museet Stockholm, Sweden.  
 (Member of the concept Team with Dr. Susanna Pettersson NM Gen Dir. Curator James Putnam.)  
 Inspiration. Iconic Images | International Group show, National Museet, Stockholm,  
 Ateneum National Gallery Helsinki, Finland  
 Zärtlichkeit - Tenderness - Über das Zusammenleben / About Common Living  
 ROHKUNSTBAU XXV, International Group show | Lieberose, Germany
- 2019 Heilige und verfluchte Orte (Sacred and cursed places) | Guardini Foundation, Berlin, Germany  
 Touch | EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
- 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  
 Dreamaholic | Weserburg, Museum für moderne Kunst, Bremen, Germany
- 2016 90 Jahre Rheinisches Bildarchiv: "Fotografien für Köln und die Welt " | Rheinisches Bildarchiv, Cologne, Germany  
 Berlin Raum Radar. New architecture photography | Neue West, Berlin, Germany  
 SCRIPT | Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey  
 Freundschaftsspiel Istanbul, Freiburg - Museum für neue Kunst, Freiburg, Germany  
 Art from Elsewhere - International Contemporary Art from UK Galleries | Bristol Museum & Art Gallery, Bristol, UK  
 Deck Voyage, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey  
 Art from Elsewhere | International Contemporary Art from UK Galleries, Towner, Eastbourne, UK

- 2015 Lines of Passage | Municipality of Mytilene Art Gallery, Halim Bay Mansion, Lesvos, Greece  
 Summer Exhibition. Gallery Artists | Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK  
 Freude schöner Götter Funken | Galerie Abtart, Stuttgart, Germany  
 The Alvar Aalto Library of Vyborg | Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany  
 Lichtbild und Datenbild | Spuren Konkreter Fotografie, Museum  
 Im Kulturspeicher Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany  
 Desire - A Selection from the Borusan Contemporary Art Collection | Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey  
 I plunge into black holes and emerge intact | Gallery Taik, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 Swedish Grace | Jacksons Design, Berlin, Germany  
 Le vol en provence d'Helsinki | Le19 Centre Régional d'Art Contemporain, Montelébard, 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  
 Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare | Fotografia Italiana, Milan, Italy
- 2007 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  
 roellin|duerr galerie | St. Gallen, Switzerland  
 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  
 Kuvitelmia/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  
 Me, Myself and I | Bensow House, Helsinki, Finland  
 1996 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

#### RESIDENCIES

- 2024 Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz - Max-Planck-Institut  
 2013-2014 Goethe Institute, Istanbul, Turkey  
 2004 Berlin, Germany  
 2001 Brussels, Belgium

#### COLLECTIONS

- Anita and Poju Zabłudowicz Collection | UK  
 Artek Collection | Helsinki, Finland  
 Ari Lahti Collection | Helsinki, Finland  
 Ari Tolppanen Collection | Helsinki Finland  
 Ayşe Umur Collection | Turkey  
 Borusan Collection | Istanbul, Turkey  
 Carl Gustav Ehrnrooth Collection | Finland  
 The Carnegie Collection | USA  
 Christen Sveaas Art Foundation | Norway  
 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  
 Espoo Art Museum | Finland  
 European Central Bank Collection | Frankfurt, Germany  
 European Investment Bank | Luxembourg  
 Finnish Museum of Photography | Helsinki, Finland  
 The Finnish National Gallery | Helsinki, Finland  
 Florian Peter-Messers Collection | Germany  
 Frank Sperling Collection | Germany  
 Fundación Centro Ordóñez-Falcón de Fotografía | Spain  
 Gary and Sarah Wolkowitz Collection | NY, USA  
 Glen Bjoernholt Collection | Norway  
 Heino Collection | Helsinki, Finland

Helsinki City Art Museum | Finland  
Izak and Freda Uziyel | London, UK  
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation | Rovaniemi, Finland  
Jerry I. Speyer Collection | New York, NY, USA  
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 Museum of Contemporary Art | Madrid, Spain  
The National Museum of Art | Oslo, Norway  
The National Museum of Photography Collection | Denmark  
Niemistö Collection | Hämeenlinna, Finland  
The Finnish National Gallery, Ateneum Museum | Finland  
Nokia Collection | Helsinki, Finland  
Palmroth Collection | Helsinki Finland  
Paul Jacksons Collection | Sweden  
Peter C. Ruppert Collection | Würzburg, Germany  
Peter W. Klein Collection | Germany  
Petri ja Merja Tuomi-Nikula Collection | Finland  
Pirlet Collection | Cologne, Germany  
Rafaela Seppälä Collection | Helsinki, Finland  
Rheinisches Bild Archiv | Cologne, Germany  
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