

CV / MAARIT SUOMI-VÄÄNÄNEN

Maarit Suomi-Väänänen (Media Artist BA) works within fine art and cinema as individual artist. In her pieces dealing with social, political and bodily issues, she applies the media of moving image, installation, and photographs. She also works as director of photography, producer and lecturer, and holds a number of positions of trust in the field of the arts. She has shown in exhibitions and screenings at home and abroad. Maarit Suomi-Väänänen (b. 1966) lives in Helsinki, Finland.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2003-05 Media Artist, BA / Complementary studies
Tampere Polytechnic School of Art and Media
- 1992-95 Further Qualification in Audiovisual Communication /
Turku School of Art and Communication
- 1995 Graphic Design / Adult Education / Satakunta Polytechnic School of Fine Art and Media
- 1996 Producing / University of Tampere, The Institute for Extension Studies
- 1985 Matriculation examination; Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate

VISUAL ART

moving images

- A BIT SCARY REALLY, experimental film, docu-comedy
13th Alter-Native Short Film Festival /
Fortress Gallery VideoNight, Targu Mures, Romania November 2005
AV - arkki 2006 – Media Art Festival, Helsinki, Finland 2.2006
- SWAN SONG, experimental film, video installation, www.pixoff.net
CartesFlux, CARTES Centre for Art and Technology, Espoo, Finland 12.2005, 3.2006
Filmklubb Video Lick, Gothenburg, Sweden 3.2005
VIEW -Festival for Finnish Media Art 2.2005
Foxdays –Film and Video Festival, cinema Andorra Helsinki, Finland 11.2004
Gallerii Deco, Tallinn, Estonia, 7.-20.9.2004
Gallery Leena Kuumola's Videoclub –event 9.6.2004
premier at MuuGallery 17.5.2004, Helsinki, Finland
- CHANGING: MASUZYO, 30min Documentary from community theatre
National Broadcasting Company YLE TV 1, 1996, (co-Operational Work)
- CHANGING: TASINTHA, 30min documentary from Zambia
National Broadcasting Company YLE TV 1, 1996, (co-Operational Work)
- S/V ESTELLE, 20min documentary, (co-Operational Work)
Tampere Film Festival, national competition, 1993
Diplom of Honour, Nordic Council of Ministers, 1993
- STONES, 15min experimental dance film
MuuMediaFestival, Helsinki, Finland
Fox Days, Festival organised by The Finnish Film Contact 1994
- THE STORY OF IRON, 10min video on s/v Estelle, 1997

still images, installations

- ANONYMOUS (triptych) exhibition, black-and-white Photos printed on fabric
Firenze Biennale Internazionale dell'Arte Contemporanea, Italy December 2005
www.florencebiennale.org
- ANONYMOUS (diptych) exhibition, black-and-white Photos printed on fabric
Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Rear Window, Helsinki November 2004

- SOMEBODY-ANYBODY-NOBODY, installation, Site-Specific Art Project (co-Operational Work)
Tartu Estonia, 10.1999
- ZOOM, installation (co-Operational Work)
Borey Art Gallery, St. Petersburg Russia 2.1999
Photocenter Peri, Turku, Finland, 6-7.1999
- NORTHERN KNOTS, photos, lights and slides
on Board of s/v Estelle, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- BANGLADESH BY WAY OF HAND black-and-white Photography Exhibition
Helsinki, Tampere, Turku, Oulu, Finland

GRANTS etc:

- 2005 Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture AVEK / Project Grants for Media Art
Arts Council of Finland, Public Display Grant to Visual Arts
Women's Cultural Foundation
The Green Women's Association
- 2004 Arts Council of Finland, Project Grant for Media Art
Visual Artist Copyright Society, Project Grant for Visual Art
Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture AVEK / Project Grants for Media Art
Script Writing Workshop ITU, project for video art production
- 2003 Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture AVEK / 2 x Project Grants for Media Art
Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture AVEK / Educational Grant for Media Art Studies
Arts Council of Finland, Travel Grant
- 1999 Arts Council of Finland, Project Grant for Visual Art
Visual Artist Copyright Society, Project Grant for Visual Art
Arts Council of Finland, 2 x Travel Grants
Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, Grant for International Exhibition
- 1998 Grant of Folk Education Union
- 1997 Turku City Cultural Grant for Photography
Onni Toivonen Fund
- 1996 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Grant for Project-Specific Work Group
- 1991 Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Department of Development co-Operation, Subsidy for Promotion

cinematography, selected / tv-broadcasting / festival / museum distribution

- NO FEAR (dir: Sami Laitinen), 30min documentary, YLE TV1 2005
- ERNA IN ZAMBIA (dir: A. Steinthorsdottir), 30min documentary, TV RUV, Island 2002
- TOF (dir, choreography: Ismo-Pekka Heikinheimo), 30min dance film
YLE (Finnish Broadcasting Company) Digital Channel Teema 2002
- BANKING HOURS (dir: Harri Larjosto), video installation 2002
Finnish Museum of Photography
Tampere Film Festivals, Tampere, Finland
Clermont-Ferrand, Videofomes, France
National Centre of Photography of the Russian Federation, St. Petersburg, Russia
Université Laval Quebec, Canada
Compexe Meduse, Quebec, Canada
- CURATING SCENE (dir: Harri Larjosto), video installation 2002
Finnish Museum of Photography
View, Festival of Finnish Media Art, Helsinki, Finland
Nordens Hus, Reykjavik, Iceland
- PAULI HANHINIEMI: PERSO ELÄMÄLLE and other rock videos, 1997-2000
- ODIN'S WOMES (dir: Fakri Salimi) 30min documentary, TV 1, Sweden, 1999
- PERKELE (devil) - IMAGES OF FINLAND, 4x35min documentary serial, TV 4, Finland
- MONOLOGIES (dir: Kimmo Koskela, Kimmo Sarje), video installation, 1999
Openings of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Kiasma, Finland
- STAY A FLOAT (dir: Akke Eklund), 55min documentary, YLE TV 1 1998, Sverige's TV 2000

- THE SURVIVORS (dir: A. Nordberg), 55min documentary, YLE TV 1, 1998
- WHO WAS FELIX KERSTEN (dir: Arto Koskinen), YLE TV 2 documentary project, 1998
- CARTOON SISTERS (dir: S. Salminen) 45 documentary, Tampere Film Festival, 1995
Tampere Film Festival, Tampere, Finland
Iisalmi Camera Biennale, Iisalmi, Finland
Fox Days, Festival organised by The Finnish Film Contact
Helsinki Comics Festival, Finland
Lesbian and Guy Film Festival Vinokino, Turku, Finland
- STUNT-TO THE LIMIT (dir: P. Leskinen) 30min documentary, YLE TV 1, 1994
- PRO PATRIA 1994 (installation for Copenhagen's Museum of Contemporary Art, Denmark)

producing

- TRIBE (dir: Saaren-Seppälä) Short Film 2003
26th International Festival de Films de Femmes, competition, Creteil, France
Videoforces, Videotheque, Clermont-Ferrand, France
Cosmic Zoom, Copenhagen, Denmark
- AV-ARKKI (Distribution Centre for Finnish Media Art) 2000 – 2002
Developing VIEW – festival, Distribution etc
- ROACH VOICE (Experimental Stage Performance) 1998 – 2001
Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
The Finnish Institute in Paris, France
Theaterspektakel, Zürich, Switzerland
The Cairo International Experimental Theatre Festival, Cairo, Egypt
- ROACH VOICE: YELLOW, Short Film (dir: Kanerva Cedeström), 2001

production manager

- MYYRMÄKI-NONSTOP (dir: Harri Larjosto), video installation. Director's assistant.
Art Museum of Vantaa, Finland, Netmage Festival, Bologna, Italia
9th Boreales de Normandie, France
- WATERSTORIES (dir: Harri Larjosto), 52min (16mm), 1998
Production manager, film camera assistant, graphic designer
YLE TV 1, Institute for Studies in the Arts, Arizona, Tempe, USA
COFA –galleria, New York, USA , Stuttgarter Filmwinter, Germany
Maisoon Europeenne de la Photographie/Videotheque Paris, France
Centre d'Art Santa Monica, Barcelona, Spain
International Cinema and Environment Festival, Zakynthos, Greece
World Wide Water ja IDFA Forum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- WORLD REVENGE (dir: Rea Pihlasviita, Kimmo Koskela) 28min fiction, 16mm, 1998
Production manager, film camera assistant, graphic designer, YLE TV 1
- KOSKELA ART&MEDIA HOUSE, production manager, cinematographer 1997-99

TEACHING, TUTORING, LECTURING

- 2005 The Coalition of Finnish Women's Association – Women in Media -seminary
Lahti Art Institute
Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Faculty of Culture
Laurea-Polytechnic, Vantaa, Faculty of Culture and Media
- 2002 Turku Polytechnic
- 2001 YLE Turku
- 2000 North Karelia College, Outokumpu
- 1995-99 Turku Art Academy

CONFIDENTIAL POSTS

- Member of The State Art Collection 2005-2007, Media Art Representative, www.taiteenkeskustoimikunta.fi
- Member of The Oscar Jury Finland 2005, Representative of Cinematographing
- Member of Jussi Award Finland 2005, pre selection, Representative of Cinematographing
- MUU (the other) The Finnish Interdisciplinary Artist Association, www.muu.fi
 - Member since 1998-
 - Board Member 2003 - 2005
 - Second Vice President 2004
 - Member of Member Selection Committee 2004 - 2005
 - Representative Assembly, the Artists' Association of Finland 2003-
- SET, The Union of Finnish Film and Video Employees www.teme.fi/set/
 - Member since 1995-
 - Deputy Board Member 2003
 - Board Member 2005-2007
- AV-arkki, Distribution Centre of Finnish Media Art, www.av-arkki.fi
 - Member 2004-
 - Deputy Board Member 2004
- Photocenter Peri, Turku, Member of Exhibition Committee, 1996