

CV / ILONA NIEMI

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EDUCATION

- 2004-2007 Master of Arts, SIUC, Carbondale, Illinois, USA
1997-2001 Bachelor of Arts (with Honours), Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen, UK
1994-2000 MA (English Language and Literature) Åbo Akademi University, Turku

SELECTED SOLO SHOWS

- 2026 *Personae Aboenses*, AVAN – Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Turku, FIN
2025 *Cat and Pigeon Party*, Gumbostrand Konst & Form, Söderkulla, FIN
2025 *Boudoir Bestiary*, Auran Galleria, Turku, FIN
2024 *Remains*, Laikun Galleria, Tampere, FIN
2023 *Cry later*, Teijon Masuuni, Teijo, FIN
2022 *Summer Visitors*, Nuutajärvi Glass Village, FIN
2021 *Barbaric Splendour*, Aura Gallery, Turku, FIN
2020 *Personae mythologicae*, public art, WeeGee & Espoo Modern Art Museum EMMA, Espoo, FIN
2018 *Femininity*, Joensuu Art Museum (with Kerttu Horila), Joensuu, FIN
2017 *Bat Brows and Trout Pouts*, Muu Gallery, Helsinki
2016 *Domestic Dreams, Baby!* B Gallery, Turku, FIN
2015 *Cocktails and Stew Party*, Dryer Gallery at Loimaa Art Museum, Loimaa, FIN
2014 *WasteLand*, Salo Art Museum, Salo, FIN
2013 *Poison*, The Smart Gallery, Aberdeen, UK
2012 *Eye Candy*, Bar 9, Helsinki
2011 *Peek-a-boo*, Salo Art Museum's Tower, Salo, FIN
2011 *Fun in the Sun*, The Foyer, Aberdeen, UK
2010 *Cuts*, Gallery Å, Turku, FIN
2009 *Once upon a Time*, Gallery Maaret Finnberg, Turku, FIN
2007 *Let's Play Happy!* Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, USA
2007 *Album*, Vergette Gallery, Carbondale, USA
2007 *Playroom*, Turku Art School Gallery, Turku, FIN
2006 *Hospital of Happiness*, New Art Center, New York, USA
2006 *Isolation Tank*, A Room with a View Gallery, Drake Hotel, Chicago, USA
2003 *Pearl Necklace*, Raatihuone Gallery, Turku, FIN
2002 *All Shook up*, The Foyer, Aberdeen, UK

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

- 2023 *Finnish Focus*, Bærum Kunsthall, Oslo, NOR
2022 *Wiurila Summer*, juried summer show, Wiurila Manor, Salo
2021 *Andiamo! Forty Years of the John Kinross Scholarship*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
2021 *Kadunmiehen päiväkirja*, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma, FIN
2020 *RSA John Kinross Scholars*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
2020 *Art Salon*, Kunsthalle Turku, Turku, FIN
2019 *Guests of the Anniversary Year*, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku, FIN
2017 *Art Fair Suomi*, Helsinki (also in 2019)
2017 *Art Sale of the Finnish Painters' Union*, also in 2018, 2019, 2020, Cable Factory, Helsinki
2014 *New MUU*, Cable Factory, Helsinki
2013 *Play Park*, Rubislaw Terrace Gardens, Aberdeen, UK
2012 *Micromentalists*, Howl Gallery, Fort Myers, Florid, USA
2009 *Plastic Crystal*, Ars Aarras, Kanneltalo, Helsinki
2009 *Futile Matters*, Turku Art Museum (curated by Mia Haltia), Turku, FIN
2008 *Christmas at Home*, Galleria Titanik Gallery, Turku, FIN
2008 *Red Dot*, Salo Art Museum, Salo, FIN
2007 *New York, New York 2007*, McCormack Gallery, New York
2007 *Art Process Trapani*, Trapani, Italy
2007 *Micromentalists*, Gallery Fifty50 and Butcher Shop/Dogmatic, Chicago

- 2007 *Le papier (part) deux*, Gescheidle Gallery, Chicago
- 2007 *Drawing Game D.I.C.K.*, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Indiana
- 2007 *In Their Own Words*, End Gallery, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK
- 2007 *Art Papers Auction*, Mason Murer Fine Art, Atlanta, USA
- 2006 *Contemporary Portraits Exhibit*, Mad Art Gallery, St. Louis, USA
- 2005 *Holiday Show*, Mark Palmer Gallery, Paducah, Kentucky, USA
- 2004 *Scopeoholic*, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, USA
- 2004 *Fighting back*, MotoAzabu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004 The Gaslight Gallery, Mougins Village, France
- 2004 21m2 Visningsrum, Stavanger, Norway
- 2002 *ArtRatikka*, Helsinki
- 2002 *BP Portrait exhibition*, The National Portrait Gallery, London
- 2001 *New Generation Show*, Compass Gallery, Glasgow
- 2001 *Degree show at Gray's School of Art*, Aberdeen, UK
- 2001 *The Royal Scottish Academy Students' Exhibition*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
- 2000 *Aberdeen Artist's Exhibition*, also in 2001, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, UK
- 2000 *British Airways Exhibition*, Aberdeen Airport, Aberdeen, UK
- 2000 *Marking Time*, Aberdeen University, Aberdeen, UK

WORK IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Espoo Museum of Modern Art EMMA / Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Turku / Salo, Joensuu, Rauma and Loimaa Art Museums / Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh / University Museum, Southern Illinois University Carbondale / The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2023 Travel grant, Frame Contemporart Art Finland
- 2022 Working grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland (also 2020, 2016, 2014)
- 2019 Ministry of Education and Culture, exhibition grant for Aboa Vetus, Turku
- 2018 Ministry of Education and Culture, exhibition grant for Joensuu Art Museum
- 2011 SSO Artist of the Year, Salo Art Museum & SSO, Finland
- 2010 Working grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2009 Artist of the Year, Turku Artists' Association
- 2007 Saatchi online Top Ten, jury Ana Finel Honigman, 22.-30 January 2007
- 2006 Best of Show, South of France Competition, myartspace.com
- 2004 Master's Fellowship, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- 2002 Working grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2001 RSA Painting Prize, Maclaine & Watters Medal, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
- 2001 Visual Award, Scottish International Education Trust, Edinburgh
- 2001 John Kinross Scholarship, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
- 1998 Ede and Ravenscroft Award, Aberdeen

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *The Poser: 38 Portraits Reimagined*, (ed. Maya Stein, prologue by Danielle Krysa), Toad Hall Editions
- 2018 *Sukupuolen merkitys ja merkityksettömyys*, (*The significance and insignificance of gender*), Pessi Rautio, Taide 4/2018
- 2014 *WasteLand*, exhibition publication, Salo Art Museum, Salo
- 2013 *Five Minutes with Ilona Niemi*, Flux Video, Glasgow
- 2013 *Made by*, The Finnish Institute, London
- 2011 *500 Portraits*, art book, National Portrait Gallery, London
- 2007 *In Their Own Words*, exhibition publication, Sheffield
- 2007 *The Micromentalists*, Lori Waxman, Artforum
- 2003 Guest book, Turku TV, Turku
- 2002 *BP Portrait Award*, exhibition publication, National Portrait Gallery, London

MEMBERSHIPS

MUU Association / Finnish Painters Union (actual member) / Turku Artists' Association (exhibition board 2006-2007, board 2004-2005) / Salo Artists' Association / Kuvasto / Micromentalists, Chicago / GAPP, Carbondale