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HANNU KARJALAINEN



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Born 1978 - Haapavesi, Finland

BIO

Finnish-born, Berlin-based artist Hannu Karjalainen develops his video practice from a grounding in photography and his training in the Helsinki School. Karjalainen uses the medium of the moving image to refer back upon photography, painting, and the material qualities of color and sound. Colour is an elusive subject matter. It is intangible and abstract as much as it is coded, branded and harnessed for different purposes. Hannu Karjalainen is particularly interested in how meaning is attributed to a colour and space, and how this mechanism can be exploited by re-contextualization, using these supposed meanings as a critical tool to investigate the world around us. Karjalainen again mobilizes the traditionally still image. Generating movement through the play of color and light, Karjalainen looks at the moving image through the lense of the still.

EDUCATION

- 2005 Master of Art, University of Industrial Arts Helsinki, Department of Photography
- 2001 Bachelor of Art, University of Industrial Arts Helsinki, Department of Photography
- 1997-98 Muurla School of Photography

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, Finland (upcoming)
- 2013 Alvar Aalto Museum, Jyväskylä, Finland (upcoming)
- 2012 Gallery Sinne, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 Fotogalleriet, Oslo, Norway
- 2011 Studio at Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 Gallery Rotwand, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2010 Phoenix Square, Leicester, UK
- 2009 Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2009 Finnish Contemporary, StatoilHydro Art Programme, Rogaland Theatre, Stavanger, Norway
- 2009 Young Artist of the Year 2009 Finland, Gallery Taik, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 Young Artist of the Year 2009, Tampere Art Museum, Finland
- 2008 Rotwand Gallery, Zürich, Switzerland (with Lovisa Ringborg)
- 2008 Galerie Adler / Subzone 1 & 2, Frankfurt, Germany (with Susanna Majuri)
- 2008 Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 Turku Art Museum, Turku, Finland
- 2007 Loop Art Fair, Gallery Taik, Barcelona
- 2007 HIAP project studio, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 Spike Island, Bristol, UK
- 2006 Centre Européen d'Actions Artistiques Contemporaines, Strasbourg, France
- 2006 Kunsthalle Lophem, Bruges, Belgium
- 2006 Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
- 2005 Avanto Media Art Festival, Muu gallery, Helsinki
- 2004 Kluuvi gallery, Helsinki City Art Museum
- 2004 Gallery Huuto, Helsinki



SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 Inner Journeys, Maison Particulière, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 Nordic Outbreak, Scandinavia House and various public spaces, New York, USA
- 2013 Missing Link, Momentum Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 The Young Artists of the Year 1985-2012, Gallery Gumbostrand, Sipoo, Finland
- 2013 New Wave Helsinki, Scandinavia House, New York, USA
- 2012 Art Fair Suomi, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 Kunstverein Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany
- 2012 Helsinki Abstract, Gallery Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
- 2012 Photo LA, Young Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Mostre. Change!, Galleria Astuni, Bologna, Italy
- 2011 KIAF, Gallery Taik, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011 Art Platform LA, Video Lounge Curated by Paul Young, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Touching Dreams, The National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011 Onko totta? Tampere Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 2011 Water, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
- 2011 A Broken Fall, Galleria Astuni, Bologna, Italy
- 2011 Momentum Berlin, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
- 2010 Sammlung Hoffmann, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 Paris Photo 2010, Gallery Taik, Paris, France
- 2010 Artissima, Gallery Taik, Turin, Italy
- 2010 The private museum. The passion for contemporary art in the collections in Bergamo, GAMeC, Bergamo, Italy
- 2010 Daegu Photo Biennale, Daegu, South Korea
- 2010 Issued / Rendez-view, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2010 Sydney Momentum, Sydney, Australia
- 2010 Helsinki IO, Rogaland Art Museum, Starvanger, Norway
- 2010 Antigrav, Parrotta Contemporary Art, Stuttgart
- 2010 Armory Show, New York USA
- 2010 Bryce Wolkowitz Gallery, New York, USA
- 2010 Helsinki School, Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 Export/Import, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
- 2009 Paris Photo, Gallery Taik, Paris, France
- 2009 Finlandia 200, Finnish Portraits, Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland
- 2009 Artissima, Gallery Taik, Turin, Italy
- 2009 Photography Matters, StatoilHydro, Oslo, Norway
- 2009 Helsinki School, New Art Photography From Finland, Loft, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 2009 Two Collections, Ernrooth/Koivurinta, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum, Turku, Finland
- 2009 Tracking Traces, Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2009 Videobox, Borås Art Museum, Borås, Sweden
- 2008 Helsinki School, Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris, France
- 2008 Paris Photo, Gallery Taik, Paris
- 2008 Art Forum Berlin, Gallery Taik, Berlin
- 2008 Galerie Ateliers L'H du Siège, Valenciennes, France
- 2008 Who Are You - Faceless Tableaux Vivants, Galerie Adler New York, New York, USA
- 2008 Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland
- 2008 The Helsinki School - Rose Boréal - Photographies de l'école d'Helsinki, Ecole des Beaux-Arts Paris, Paris, France
- 2008 Helsinki By Night / Helsinki School, Helsinki Week in Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 Loop of the Month, Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 Image And After, Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland



- 2007 Can Felipa, Barcelona, Spain
- 2007 Bath Film Festival, Bath (installation at St. Michael's Church) , UK
- 2007 Leeds International Film Festival (installation), Leeds UK
- 2007 Into the Woods Tonight, Parrotta Contemporary Art, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2007 Paris Photo, Gallery Taik, Paris
- 2007 Art Forum Berlin, Gallery Taik, Berlin
- 2007 Helsinki School, Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 Turku Biennial, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum, Turku, Finland
- 2007 Photo Finland, Helsinki School, Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway
- 2007 Transgressions, 112th Annual Exhibition of the Artist Association of Finland, South Karelian Art Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2007 Salon Nouveau, Engholm Engelhorn Galerie, Vienna
- 2006 International Festival of Video Art Valencia, La Sala Naranja, Valencia, Spain
- 2006 Nordic Cut, The Helsinki School, Art Pavilion, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2006 Art Forum Berlin, Gallery Taik
- 2006 Vad är fotografi? - The Helsinki School, Borås Art Museum, Sweden
- 2006 Cloud Castle Lake, Short stories, segments of narrative, and suspended encounters, Club Shepway, Folkestone, UK
- 2006 Slideshow, Trinity House, Leicester, UK
- 2005 Art Fair Suomi, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Helsinki Photography Festival, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Masters of Art 2005, The Graduation Show, University of Industrial Arts, Helsinki
- 2005 The 110th Annual Exhibition of the Artist Association of Finland, Helsinki Kunsthalle
- 2003 Inside Outliners, Kunsthalle Lophem, Bruges, Belgium
- 2003 The 108th Annual Exhibition of the Artist Association of Finland; The Young Artists 2003, Helsinki
- 2001 The Stockholm International Art Fair, Gallery Taik

SELECTED VIDEO SCREENINGS / PERFORMANCES

Video Screenings:

- 2011 Ace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2009 Arctic Hysteria Onscreen, Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art, Budapest, Hungary
- 2008 Arctic Hysteria Onscreen, PS1/MoMA, New York, USA
- 2008 Selection of Finnish Video Works, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2008 Laurintz Konsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2007 A Night of Finnish Frenzy, A little Blah Blah, Saigon, Vietnam
- 2007 View O7, Festival for Finnish Media Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2006 Party in celebration of Frieze Art Fair, Embassy of Denmark, London
- 2006 Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden
- 2006 Loop Festival Barcelona, Spain
- 2006 Breaking the Ice, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany
- 2006 Forum Box, AV-Arkki Tour, Finland
- 2006 Tampere 36th International Film Festival, Finland
- 2006 View O6, Festival for Finnish Media Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Plan 9 Gallery, Bristol UK
- 2005 Backlight O5, 7th International Photographic Triennial, Tampere, Finland
- 2004 Gallery Huuto Video screening, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 Video 2004, Bergen Kunsthalle, Norway

Performances:

- 2013 Art Contact, with Egle Oddo, Timo Tuhkanen and Isabel Pathirane, Gallery Augusta, Helsinki, Finland
- 2013 PALI-ULI (Blue Mountain) with Timo Tuhkanen, David Muoz and Myles Byrne, Musica Nova -festival, Helsinki
- 2012 You Have Challenged Infinity, Gallery Sinne, Helsinki, Finland



GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2009 Finnish Young Artist of the Year, National Award 2009
- 2007 The main prize of Turku Biennial 2007, Turku Finland (selected by Timo Valjakka)
- 2007 Residence: Schloss Bleckede, Bleckede, Germany
- 2006 Residence: Centre Européen d'Actions Artistiques Contemporaines, Strasbourg, France
- 2005 Residence: Bristol, UK, Moving Image Residency, Co-organized by Picture This, Spike Island and Watershed

CATALOGUES AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 Modern Art for Sale - Die bedeutendsten Kunstmessen der Welt, Feymedia, Germany
- 2009 Helsinki School Volume 3, Hatje Cantz, Germany
- 2009 Finnish Contemporary - Hannu Karjalainen, StatoilHydro Art Programme, Norway
- 2009 Tracking Traces, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art
- 2009 Hannu Karjalainen Artist of the Year 2009, Tampere Art Museum
- 2008 Image and After, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art
- 2007 Into the Woods Tonight, Parrotta Contemporary Art, Stuttgart
- 2007 Loop Art Fair, Barcelona
- 2007 Hannu Karjalainen: Portraits (Spike Island, Bristol UK),
- 2006 AV-Arkkii 2006 Catalogue



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Nanjing Grand Theatre

Format: Digital Video (720p) with sound

Year: 2012

Duration: 5min, 10 sec

Edition: 1 of 5 + AP

€7000 (Incl. VAT)



ARTIST STATEMENT

Nanjing Grand Theatre (2012) explores the memory inherited in an architectonic site.

The Nanjing Grand Theatre, a western classical style building designed by Chinese architects originally housed western cinema in the 1930s Shanghai. During the Cultural Revolution the building was dedicated to Beijing Opera and temporarily called Revolution Concert Hall. Now renamed Shanghai Concert Hall, the building is a prime location for classical music concerts.

The massive construction plans in the Shanghai city centre called for the demolition of the building several times, as it was both in the way of a highway and a metro line. Finally a different solution was found: in early 2000s the building was moved from its original location by lifting the whole 5650 ton building up 3.38 meters and dragging the building to a new location some 70 meters southeast.

The video work is shot on the original site of the concert hall, where an elevated highway now passes through the city. Passing lights and shadows take human forms as we hear snippets from the soundtrack of the very first film screened in Nanjing Grand Theatre, *Broadway* (1929). The film adaptation of the musical is now deemed lost in its original form, with only an edited version made from separate silent and talkie versions existing.

Video courtesy of Gallery TAIK, Berlin, Germany / Helsinki, Finland