

GALERIE FORSBLOM

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1964 Born in Helsinki
Lives and works in Berlin

EDUCATION

1999 Master of Arts in Photography, University of Art and Design Helsinki
1988–1992 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *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, Rheinishes Bildarchiv as Guest in Kaune Contemporary, St. Joseph Chapel, Cologne, Germany

2018 *Sacred Spaces*, BGE Contemporary Art Projects, Stavanger, Norway
Galerie der Moderne, Munich, Germany

2017 *Sacred Spaces*, Helsinki Art Museum HAM, Finland
Sketches of Spain, Studio Session, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
Sinan Project, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul
It Never Entered My Mind, Gallery Brandstrup, Oslo
Sketches of Spain, Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain

2015 Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
Sense of volume, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki

2014 *Geometric Light - including color installation by Sauerbruch-Hutton Architects*, Haus am Waldsee Museum, Berlin
Reason and Intuition, Museum Pitzhanger Manor House and Gallery, London

2012 *The First Kyiv International Biennale of Contemporary Art*, Arsenale 2012, Kiev
Traditions, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
Galeri Brandstrup, Oslo
Enlightenment, Alvar Aalto Museum, Jyväskylä, Finland
Segment A, Boursan Collection, Istanbul

2011 Gallery TaiK, Bergstrasse, Berlin
Gallery TaiK, Lindenstrasse, Berlin
Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki

2010 17th Biennale of 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*, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma,

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- Helsinki
The National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen
New Art Gallery Walsall, UK
Colour Urban Structures, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Vanguardia, Bilbao, Spain
Galerie Brandstrup, Oslo
- 2008
Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
Galerie Koal, Berlin
Galerie Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2007
Mirrors and Windows, Sint-Lukas galerij, Brussels
Ola Kolehmainen and Pertti Kekarainen, Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo
- 2006
Espace des deux arbres, Artothèque de Caen, France
Fraction, Abstraction, Recreation, Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid
Arquitectura en dos dimensiones, SEA, Castillo de Santa Bárbara, Alicante, Spain
- 2005
Space is Unknown, Galerie dominique fiat, Paris
Search for Mastery, Galerie Neii Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg
- 2004
Search for Mastery, Museum Waldhof, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Germany
Construction II, Galerie sphn, Berlin
- 2003
Construction, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
- 2001
The Yellow Staircase, site-specific public work commissioned by Helsinki Festivals
- 2000
Golden Hall, i8 galleri, Reykjavik
- 1999
Pyramid, gallery installation, Zinc Gallery, Stockholm
- 1998
Portaikko-Trappan, gallery installation, Gallery Kari Kenetti, Helsinki
- 1997
Temple, gallery installation, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki
- 1996
Exitus, Rantagalleria, Oulu, Finland
Exitus, Laterna Magica, Helsinki
Gallery installation, Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023
Galerie Forsblom's 45th-anniversary exhibition, Helsinki
- 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
- 2017
Lichtblicke, Kunsthaus Potsdam, Germany
Summer exhibition Art Goes Logomo, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland
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
SCRIPT, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul
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
Art from Elsewhere - International Contemporary Art from UK Galleries
Towner, Eastbourne, UK
Lines of Passage, Municipality of Mytilene Art Gallery, Halim Bay

G A L E R I E F O R S B L O M

- 2015 Mansion Lesvos, Greece
Summer Exhibition. Gallery Artists, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
Freude schöner Götter Funken, Galerie Abtart, Stuttgart, Germany
The Alvar Aalto Library of Vyborg, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin
Lichtbild und Datenbild. Spuren Konkreter Fotografie, Museum im Kulturspeicher Würzburg, Germany
Desire - A Selection from the Borusan Contemporary Art Collection, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul
I plunge into black holes and emerge intact, Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin
- 2014 *Verzweigt. Bäume in der zeitgenössischen Kunst*, Altana, Germany
Kulturstiftung, Sinclair-Haus, Bad Homburg, Germany
Swedish Grace, Jacksons Design, Berlin
Le vol en provence d'Helsinki, Le19 Centre Régional d'Art Contemporain, Montelébiard, France
Art From Elsewhere, Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow, UK
Summer Group Show, Gallery Bryce Wolkowitz, New York, USA
Topological Constellation Art and Architecture I, DNA Galerie, Berlin
Within/Beyond Borders, European Investment Bank & Banco de Portugal, Lisbon
Splendid Views – Works From the Miettinen Collection, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin
Encounters with Aalto, Jacksons Design, Berlin
Spuren der Moderne, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
Reason & Intuition: Alvar Aalto & Ola Kolehmainen in Soane, Pitzhanger Manor House & Gallery, London
Summer Group Show 2014, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
Common Ground: Earth, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul
mirror, mirror..., Galerie Stefan Röpke, Cologne, Germany
- 2013 *Inside Outside Architecture*, Nasjonalmuseet for Kunst, Oslo
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, UK
- 2012 *Alles nur Fassade? Architektur als Abstraktion*, Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf, Germany
Helsinki Abstract, Galerie Ruzischka, Salzburg, Austria
- 2011 *Summer 2011*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
New photographs, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
Facade: Through a Glass Darkly, National Glass Centre, University of Sunderland, UK
Verortung. Die Frage nach dem Raum in der zeitgenössischen Kunst, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2010 *Export – Import*, Kunsthalle Helsinki
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
En Privat 1, Esbaluard, 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

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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
Stadtfinden — Moderne: A virtual tour through Interbau 1957 (International Architecture Exhibition), Berlin
Helsinki School, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki
The Helsinki School of Photography, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
Photo Finnish: The Helsinki School, Stenersen Museum, Oslo
- 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, Artforum Galerie, Hamburg, Germany
The Helsinki School, Hôtel de Ville de Bruxelles, Brussels
Dialogue Helsinki School, Langhans Galerie Praha, Prague
Helsinki School, Borås Konst Museum, Borås, Sweden
Nordic Cut, Helsinki School, Art Pavilion, Zagreb
Opterracuna: Anton Henning, Ole Kolehmainen, Sven Kroner, Anj Smith, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, USA
- 2005 *Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía*, Fundacion Aena, Madrid
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Kulturhuset, Stockholm
- 2004 Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid
Made in Berlin, Art Forum Berlin
Roellinlduerr 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, Helsinki
- 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
Helsinki—Brussels, Valkoinen Sali, Helsinki
New Pictures—Brotherus, Kella, Kolehmainen, Lajunen, Parantainen, Helsinki City Art Museum
Northern Spell, Finnish Embassy, Washington D.C.
Toronto University Art Center, Toronto, Canada
Kuvitelmiä/Fantasies, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 2001 *Magnetic North*, The New Art Gallery Walsall, UK
Finnish Photography, Gallery Christian Dam, Copenhagen
- 2000 *100 Show: 90 Designers—10 Artists*, Helsinki
- 1999 *Tila—Espaces*, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris
Spaces, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki
- 1998 *Blue You*, Into Gallery, Helsinki
- 1996 *Me, Myself and I*, Bensow House, Helsinki
Photography Finlandia Award, Helsinki
European Photography Award, Bad Hamburg, Germany

AWARDS

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

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COLLECTIONS

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