

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

KAARINA KAIKKONEN

1952 Born in 1952 in Iisalmi, Finland
Lives and works in Helsinki

EDUCATION

1983 Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Unfolding Hope*, Z20 Sara Zanin Gallery, Rome, Italy
Growing the Sun, Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Finland
Carte Blanche à Kaarina Kaikkonen, Musée Hébert, Musée Archéologique and Musée Dauphinois, Grenoble, France
- 2024 *The Tiers Shed Because of You*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Dancing Together, Butterfield Public Art Series, Art House, St. Mary, Jersey, UK
- 2023 *Reaching Light*, Brescia Capital of Culture, Chiesa di Borgo Trento, Brescia, Italy
Waves of Life, Brescia Capital of Culture, Via Tasso, Bergamo, Italy
Flying Waters, Riverrun Festival, The Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.
- 2022 *Kaarina Kaikkonen-Tied together*, M77 Galleria, Milano, Italy
Tied together, site specific installation, Rotonda della Besana, Milano, Italy
We Need Some Hope, Kunsthalle Charlottenborg façade, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2020 *I No Longer Hear You Singing*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Hanaholmen Swedish Finnish Cultural Centre, Espoo, Finland
- 2019 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, Kuhmo Festival, Finland
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Z20 galleria Sara Zanin, Rome
We Are Still the Same, SALT Art Center, Oslo, Norway
- 2018 *From the Bottom of My Heart*, Uppsala Art Museum, Sweden
You Remain in Me, Kunsten Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark
- 2017 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, Uppsala Art Museum, Uppsala, Sweden
Growing the Sun, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Les boréales, Le Musée des Beaux-Arts de Caen, Caen, France
- 2015 *Layers*, Hyvinkää Art Museum, Hyvinkää, Finland
- 2014 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
Touching the Sky, Centro Arte Contemporanea Pecci, Prato, Italy
Whereabouts, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Touching the Sky, CentroCentro, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, K11 Art Space, Shanghai, China
Time Passing By, Brighton Festival, Clock Tower, Brighton, UK

GALERIE FORSBLOM

- The Blue Route*, Fabrica, Brighton, UK
Traces, Museum of Memory and Human Rights, Santiago, Chile
Dialogues, The Chilean National Museum for Fine Arts, Santiago, Chile
Are We Still Afloat?, The Kennedy Center, Washington D.C, USA
2012 *Towards Tomorrow*, MAXXI Museo Nazionale Belle Arti, Rome, Italy
Are We Still Going On?, Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy
2011 *As a Tree I Can Feel the Wind*, Special project, Art Miami, USA
Life Paths, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
I Would Have Wanted to Blossom Out, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
2010 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, Nurmijärvi Library, Nurmijärvi, Finland
2009 *From Generation to Generation*, Fondazione Pastificio Cerere, Rome, Italy
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Oulu Art Museum, Finland
Changes of Directions, Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Finland
2008 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, Örebro Konsthall, Sweden
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Korjaamo Culture Factory, Helsinki
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Forsblom Projects, Helsinki, Finland
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Konsthallen Trollhättan, Sweden
Kaarina Kaikkonen, l'Espal, Le Mans, France
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Norrtälje Konsthall, Sweden
2007 *Inner Borders*, The State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia
Kaarina Kaikkonen, l'Institut finlandais, Paris, France
And It Was Empty, University Wyoming Art Museum, Laramie, USA
2006 *Across the Deep*, Bass Museum of Art, Miami, USA
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
Reaching Far, Rochester Cathedral, UK
The Presence of Absence, Remy Toledo Gallery, New York, USA
2005 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Finland
2003 *Beyond Reach*, Fabrica, Brighton, UK
2002 *Wohin*, Rastatt Schloss, Germany
2001 *And the Wind Blows Over You*, Helsinki Kunsthalle Studio, Finland
2000 *Way*, Helsinki Cathedral, Finland
Kaarina Kaikkonen, Mikkeli Art Museum, Finland
And the Wind Blows Over You, Kuopio Art Museum, Finland
1999 *The Sea Was Empty*, Maison de l'Art Actuel des Chartreux, Brussels
1998 *Towards*, Galleri III, Oslo, Norway
Did I Reach a Harbour?, Gallery Artina, Helsinki, Finland
1995 *Hope*, Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland
Shadow Sun, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
1994 *Room*, Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Finland
And the Wind Blows Over You, Joensuu Art Museum, Finland
1993 *We, Who We Cannot Find*, Kivipankki, Jämsä, Finland
1992 *And the Wind Blows Over You*, Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki
1991 *Kaarina Kaikkonen*, Heinola Art Museum, Finland
Advantage, Savonlinna Art Museum, Finland
1990 *Mouths Open*, Finnish Gallery for Paper Art, Kuusankoski, Finland
1989 *Forgotten Promise*, Lieksa Park, Finland
1988 *A Concession Already Made*, Amer Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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- 2025 *This Body Made of Stardust*, Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy
True Colors, MAXXI Museo Nazionale delle Arti del XXI Secolo, L'Aquila, Italy
Arte Povera - A New Chapter, EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
Group Show, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
- 2024 *Natura/Utopia. L'arte tra ecologia, riuso e futuro*, Palazzo Baldeschi, Perugia, Italy
Contrappunti, z2o Sara Zanin, Rome, Italy
Kunsten, Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Denmark
- 2023 *Galerie Forsblom's 45th-Anniversary Exhibition*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Baltic Horizons, State Gallery of Art, Sopot, Poland
- 2022 *Kunsten Retro*, KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Denmark
Threads of Memory, Numeroventi, Firenze, Italy
- 2021 *UNITY/PEACE/FORWARD*, The John F. Kennedy Center, Washington DC, USA
- 2020 *Landscape*, KUNSTEN Museum for Modern Art, Denmark
Changwon Sculpture Biennale, South Korea
Finlayson Art Area, Tampere, Finland
Traces, Museo Civico Medievale, Bologna, Italy
Explorations, Turku Art Museum, Finland
- 2019 *Im kleinen Format*, Galerie Scheffel, Bad Homburg, Germany
Ready to go! Munich City Museum, Germany
When is now? Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku, Finland
Finnish Aalto, Busan Art Museum, South Korea
Blickachsen 12, Frankfurt/Bad Homburg, Germany
- 2018 *Nordic Views*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Die Zweite Haut, Museum Schloss Moyland, Bedburg-Hau, Germany
- 2017 *Nature Morte*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki,
ITSENÄISYYS, Uppsala Art Museum, Uppsala, Sweden
Donne di Colore, Torre dei Lambardi di Magione, Perugia, Italy
Suloisessa Suomessamme, Iisalmi Birch Alley, Finland
Dreamaholic, Museum for Contemporary Art, Weserburg, Germany
Extension.fi, Victoria Gallery, Samara, Russia
Extension.fi, Triumph Gallery, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 *Sublimina*, Museo delle Mura, Rome, Italy
Second Skin, Museum Sinclair-Haus, Bad-Homburg, Germany
Sculpture Quadrennial, Riga, Latvia
SKILLS, Oulu Art Museum, Finland
- 2015 *In Other Worlds*, Städtische Galerie, Bietgheim-Bissingen, Stuttgart, Germany
SKILLS, Konsthallen Luleå, Sweden
Touch, EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Finland
Face to Face, the Museum of contemporary art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Industriale Immaginario, Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy
Finlayson Art Area, Tampere, Finland
SHOEting STARS, Sie Stadtgalerie Klagenfurt, Germany
Occupie Space! Finnish Sculpture Now, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
FINLAND, Galleri21, Malmö, Sweden
Under the Rainbow, Kerava Art Museum, Finland
- 2014 *SKILLS*, Nord Norsk Kunstnersenter, Svolvær, Lofoten, Norway

GALERIE FORSBLOM

- Le vol en provenance d'Helsinki*, CRAC, Montbeliard, France
Arts plastiques, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, France
Parallelwelten, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
Nature and More, Rostock Kunsthalle, Germany
SHOEtting Stars, Kunsthau Wien, Museum Hundertwasser, Wien, Austria
IX Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland
RE-art, MEKEN, Smedjebacken, Sweden
V Bienal de Arte Contemporáneo de la Fundació ONCE, CentroCentro, Madrid, Spain
Prato Contemporanea, Centro per l'Arte Contemporanea Luigi Pecci, Prato, Italy
Resonance(s), Maison Particuliere, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 *The Queen of Night, Auf Schritt und Tritt - Schuhwerk in Kunst und Design*, Museum Villa Rot, Ulm, Germany
Forget Me Not, Out of Fashion, KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Denmark
Liberty, ICASTICA, 1. Biennale International d'Arte di Arezzo, Italy
Misuse: Creating Alternatives, The Cass Bank Gallery, London, UK
Forget Me Not, Out of Fashion, GI Holtegaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
Where Is My Home? USE-United States of Europe, City Hall, Cork, Ireland; Récollects, Paris, France
- 2012 *A Connection, USE-United States of Europe*, Pharos Arts Foundation, Nicosia, Cyprus
Existence, Memory – International Contemporary Sculpture, PAN-Palazzo delle Arti, Naples, Italy
The Queen of the Night, What a Party! Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
Where Is My Home? USE-United States of Europe, International Airport, Vilnius, Lithuania; Railway Station, Helsinki, Finland
Ekolandia, Lahti Art Museum, Finland
- 2011 *Memory – New international Sculpture*, Rosenfeld Porcini, London
Hiding Memories, Humanscape, Spazio Museale di Palazzo Torielli, Ameno, Italy
The Gate, Il Caos-Conflicts, Collateral Event Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Is There a Better Future?, Critical Mass, St Petersburg, Russia
Connection, USE-United States of Europe, FabrySTREFA, Lodz, Poland
- 2010 *The Queen of the Night, Etre Ainsi, Le Manoir*, Martigny, Switzerland
Hanging on to Each Other, The 6th Liverpool Biennale, Liverpool, UK
Hiding Memories, No Longer Empty, Governors Island, New York, USA
Growing Connections, Vancouver Biennale, Vancouver, Canada
The Queen of the Night, Baltic Biennale II, St. Petersburg, Russia
God Dag, Borås International Sculpture Festival 2010, Borås, Sweden
Forget Me Not, Kajaani Art Museum, Finland
Den Gyldne, Vestjylland Art Museum, Tistrup, Denmark
The Sea Was Empty, Memory Traces, Ludwig Museum Koblenz, Germany
My Outline, Cosmos, Silkeborgbad Art Center, Denmark
The Queen of the Night, Etre Ainsi, Espace culturel Boris Vian, Les Ulis, France
- 2009 *Networking, Here and Now*, Art First Bologna, Bologna, Italy
We Are All in The Same Boat, Eskilstuna Art Museum, Sweden
Des Profondeur, Confections, Biennale du lin, Quebec, Canada
- 2008 *The Arch That We Are, My Space*, The Palazzo Delle Arti Napoli, Naples, Italy
And It Was Empty, Cairo 11th Biennale, Cairo

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- Good day*, Borås International Sculpture Festival, Sweden
Ur havets mörka djup, Örebro OpenART 2008, Örebro Konsthall, Sweden
The Queen of the Night, Pewna Finlandia, BWA Contemporary Art Gallery, Wroclaw, Poland
The Queen of the Night, Pewna Finlandia, Oronsko Sculpture Center, Poland
Ashes to Ashes, Hoviart, Anttola, Finland
- 2007 *Morning*, Barely Legal, Chelsea Galleria, Miami, Florida
The Queen of the Night, Pewna Finlandia, BWA Contemporary Art Gallery, Katowice, Poland
Box, Gallery Alkovi, Helsinki, Finland
OH MY GOD, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Oslo, Norway
Was I Able to Fly? Age of the Animal, Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2006 *20/20*, Chelsea Galleria, Miami, Florida, USA
Like a Bridge Over Troubled Water, Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial, Niigata, Japan
From the Depths, Biennale Balticum, Rauma Art Museum, Finland
My Outline, Influenced Identity, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, Miami, Florida, USA
Påskeudstillingen i Tistrup, Vestjylland Art Museum, Tistrup, Denmark
Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland
- 2005 *Fogelfrei*, Stadt Paradies, Darmstadt, Germany
My Outline, Omniart, Miami, Florida, USA
Upwards, Une certaine Finland, atelier340muzeum, Brussels, Belgium
The Queen of the Night, Den Gyldne, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2004 *And It was Empty*, Omniart, Miami, Florida, USA
A Path, Umedalen Skulptur Umeå, Sweden
In the Darkness, Den Haag Sculptuur, The Hague, The Netherlands
Den Gyldne, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
Postcards from Cuba, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo, Norway
Safe Crossing, Sound and Fury, Iisalmi Art Hall, Finland
- 2003 *Departure*, 8th Havana Biennial, Cuba
Towards Light, Loud and Proud, Anttolanhovi, Mikkeli, Finland
Did I Reach the Harbour, Night Train, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 *Passage, In & Out*, Kuopio Art Museum, Finland
- 2001 *In Via*, Flemish Ministry, Brussels, Belgium
Aspiration, Metamorphoses in Sculpture, Turku Art Museum, Finland
And the Wind Blows Over You, The Spirit of the Forest, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
New Paper Art, Crafts Council, London, UK
Art in Savo - Savo in Art, Lapinlahti Art Museum, Finland
And It Was Empty, MIELI-kuva Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland
I Still Miss You, Première, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris, France
Paper+Finland=Art, Galerie Montcalme, Hull, MA, USA, Harbourfront Center, Toronto, Canada; Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN, USA
- 2000 *And It Was Empty, Övergångar*, Malmö konstmuseum, Sweden; Kunsthalle, Rostock, Germany
Qui a planté ces grands arbres?, Galerie La Ferronnerie, Paris; Espace Huit November, Paris, France
And It Was Empty, Transformations, Natural History Museum in Helsinki
Paper+Finland=Art, The Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada; Triangle Gallery, Calgary, Canada; Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA, USA

GALERIE FORSBLOM

- 1999 *Paper Worlds*, Musee de Pully, Lausanne, Switzerland; Galerie im Werkstatt Laden, Winterthur, Switzerland; Aine Art Museum in Tornio, Finland
Paper+Finland=Art, Mingei International Museum, San Diego, USA
Alkumeri, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
Shadow, Sky Is the Limit, Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Finland
Three Women, Lapinlahti Art Museum, Finland
La Nature du Papier Salle des Cordeliers, Annonay, France
- 1998 Espace Valles, Grenoble, France
Funf Bildhauerinnen aus Finnland, Kulturbahnhof Eller, Germany
Paper+Finland=Art, American Craft Museum, New York, USA; The Chicago Athenaeum at Schaumburg, Chicago, USA
Paper Worlds, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma, Finland; Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland
- 1997 *Ireland and Europe*, Iveagh Gardens, Dublin, Ireland
Echo, Tallinna Art Hall, Estonia
Glass and Light, Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Finland
My Outline, Fiber, Fiskars Art Center, Finland
- 1995 *Journey Home, Fair Wind*, Hanko foreshore, Finland
Shadow Sun, River, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
Art Works Work Spaces, Hyvinkää Art Museum, Finland
- 1994 *Born on the Moss*, Secret Garden, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland
Layers, Points of View, Retretti Art Center, Punkaharju, Finland
- 1993 *Journey, Nature of Paper*, The Center of Polish Sculpture, Oronsoko, Poland
Finnish Contemporary Art, Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland
Paper on Paper, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Finland
- 1992 *USA-Finland, Contrasts and Connections*, touring exhibition, USA
12 Spaces, Kerava Art Museum, Finland
- 1991 *Set for the Sea*, Gallery Titanic, Turku, Finland
- 1990 *A Stolen Kiss*, Kotka Fire Station, Finland

AWARDS

- 2022 The Pro Finlandia Medal
- 2020 I prize for Matti Nykänen memorial competition
- 2019 National Prize for Percent Art
- 2013 Knight, First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland
The Golden Chimera, 1 Biennale International d'Arte di Arezzo
- 2009 Honourable Mention in Cairo 11th Biennale, Egypt
- 2008 Honourable Prize, Cairo 11th Biennale, Cairo
- 2004 The Public Prize, Den Haag Sculptuur 2004, Holland
- 2001 The Prize of Environmental Art, Finland
State Art Award
- 1998 II prize in the art competition in Espoo, Finland
- 1996 II prize in the art competition in Hyvinkää, Finland
- 1989 State Art Award, Finland
- 1985 Prize in Nurnberg Drawing Triennale, Germany
- 1982 I prize in the art competition for Finnish Club, Helsinki
- 1979 Iisalmi City Art Prize, Finland

PUBLIC WORKS

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

2026	<i>Onnenlintu</i> , Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Finland
2022	<i>Høyhen</i> , Olympic Champion Matti Nykänen memorial, Jyväskylä, Finland
2021	<i>Flow of Energy</i> , School in Matinkylä, Espoo, Finland
2018	<i>We Are Still the Same</i> , SALT, Oslo, Norway <i>Lifetime Learning</i> , Tesoma, Tampere, Finland
2017	<i>Vasten auringon siltaa</i> , Mikkeli, Finland <i>Blowing in the Wind</i> , Stiftung Nantesbuch, Germany
2016	<i>I Am Part of This Song</i> , Tampere House, Finland <i>Falling Light € Blooming Spirit</i> , Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
2015	<i>We Share a Dream</i> , Buffalo Niagara International Airport, Commissioned by the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Public Art Initiative, 2015, USA <i>Valssi elämälle</i> , Didrichsen Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland <i>The Upsurging Spirit</i> , Tampere, Finland
2012	<i>Spread Your Wings!</i> , School of Käpylä, Helsinki, Finland <i>A Dream</i> , Domodossolo, Italy
2011	<i>A New Tomorrow</i> , Hyvinkää City Hall, Finland
2009	<i>Proceed</i> , Hanasaari Cultural Center, Espoo Finland <i>Towards Deeper Waters</i> , Mikkeli University, Finland
2006	<i>Children of Light</i> , Savon Voima Oy, Kuopio, Finland
2005	<i>And the Wind Blows Over You</i> , Ylöjärvi City Hall, Finland <i>On the Wing</i> , Heinola School, Finland
2004	<i>Towards Sun</i> , <i>Towards Moon</i> , Viikki School, Helsinki, Finland <i>Song of Songs</i> , Lapinlahti School, Finland
2000	<i>Hope</i> , Espoo Congregation House, Finland
1993	<i>Wall</i> , Kivipankki Museum, Jämsä, Finland
1989–93	<i>Ohne Fahrkarte</i> , Central Library in Rikhardinkatu, Helsinki, Finland
1989	<i>The Word as the Sward</i> , University of Joensuu, Finland
1988	<i>Travelled Journey</i> , Hartola Museum, Finland

COLLECTIONS

Aine Art Museum, Finland
Altana Kulturstiftung, Bad Homburg, Germany
Borås Art Museum, Sweden
Centre for Contemporary Art Luigi Pecci, Italy
City of Iisalmi, Finland
City of Pieksämäki, Finland
Collection Swanljung, Finland
EMMA Museum of Modern Art, Finland
HAM Helsinki Art Museum
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Finland
Joensuu Art Museum, Finland
Kiasma Museum for Contemporary Art, Helsinki
KUNSTEN, Museum of Modern Art Aalborg, Denmark
Kuopio Art Museum, Finland
Lapinlahti Art Museum, Finland
Malmö Konstmuseum, Sweden
Maramotti Collezione, Reggio Emilia, Italy
MAXXI Museo Nazionale Belle Arti, Rome
Mikkeli Art Museum, Finland

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Oulu Art Museum, Finland
Saastamoinen Foundation, Finland
Sara Hilden Museum of Art, Finland
State of Finland
Tiftö Foundation
Umedalen Skulpturpark, Umeå, Sweden
Uppsala Art Museum
Wyoming University Art Museum, USA
Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Finland