

## **CURRICULUM VITAE - Tuomas Aleksander Laitinen**

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### **Studies:**

2004 – 2008

Master of Fine Arts

The Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, Department of Time & Space  
(1999–2004 Painting department)

1999

Production School Mediakylpylä, Photography

1997–1999

Open university, University of Art & Design, Photography

1994–1997

Pop & Jazz Conservatory, Helsinki

Main Instrument: Percussion

### **Coming up 2011-2012**

Mildura Palimpsest Biennale, fall 2011, Mildura, Australia, curator Kristian Haggblom

RAID projects, 2012, Residency in Los Angeles

### **Past exhibitions**

#### **Solo and Duo shows**

2011 "Museum of Oblivion", Art+Shanghai gallery, Shanghai, China. w/ Tatu Tuominen

2010 "Rising", Helsinki Kunsthalle studio, curated by Suvi Saloniemi

"Typhoon stage", Gallery Huoltamo, Tampere, Finland

"Point of no return", cellar gallery, Oulu, Finland. w/Jaakko Mattila

2009 "Vanishing Point", duo show with Jukka Korpihete, Korjaamo gallery, Helsinki. Curated by Aura Seikkula

"Turmoil", Solo show, Helsinki City Art Museum, Kluuvi gallery

2008 Advertisement agency Phs, Helsinki

Satama Artspace, Helsinki

2007 "Soledad vol. 2", Gallery Nuovo, Lahti

"Soledad", An exhibition by invitation of the Paulo Foundation

2005 Lowe Gallery, Helsinki

2003 Heräämö "Bon Voyage". Myymälä 2 gallery, Helsinki

#### **Screenings:**

2011 "Rising" Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo, Japan

#### **Group exhibitions:**

2011 Jyväskylä Art Museum, Curated by Tellervo and Oliver Kochta-Kalleinen

2010 "Place/Space", Voimala, Riihimäki, curator, Edwina Goldstone

Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Curated by Tellervo and Oliver Kochta-Kalleinen

"Mediapyhät", Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland

URBAN STORIES, the NUT space, Shanghai, China. Part of Finnish Expo culture program.

Curators Aura Seikkula and Marita Muukkonen.

2009 "Tracking Traces", Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, collection display, 27.03.2009 - 14.02.2010

- “Variations on Transcending the Finiteness of Human Vision”  
 Riga Art Space, Riga, Latvia, curated by Marita Muukkonen  
 Honkahovi summer exhibition, Mänttä, Finland  
 “New Pleasure - Contemporary art from Norway and Finland”, part of EKKO - Bergen electronic music  
 and art festival. curators: Silje Heggren and Tuomas Laitinen, Visningsrommet USF, Bergen, Norway
- 2008 Group exhibition of works from the collection of Päivi ja Paavo Lipponen’s  
 trust, Kaiku Gallery, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts  
 “Tomorrow always belongs to us”, Gothenburg art hall, Sweden. Curated by Mika Hannula  
 Gallery Hippolyte Summer exhibition, Curated by Heta Kuchka  
 “Night on Earth – Berlin-Shanghai-Helsinki”  
 Group show, as a curator and an artist  
     \**Berlin (april): Showroom gallery, Zero Gallery*  
     \**Shanghai (May): MOCA – Museum of Contemporary Art*  
     \**Helsinki (September): gallery Myymälä2; Suvilahti, Tiivistämö*
- 2007 No+ch festival, Beijing, China  
 “Evil eye – Works from the collection”, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
- 2006 Songs of freedom and love - contemporary art from the north,  
 Platform Garanti contemporary art center, Istanbul, Turkey  
 Songs of freedom and love - contemporary art from the north,  
 Izmir, Turkey
- 2005 Media & Politics, performance, Finnish Parliament
- 2004 Graduation Show , Academy of Fine Arts O4. Art Hall, Helsinki  
 Galleria Koch und Kessler, Berlin, Curated by Stephan Jung
- 2003 Värinä. Riihimäki artist association, Gallery 5, Oulu, Finland  
 Riihimäki Experiment 03
- 2002 Heräämö-installation, Esplanad Park, Helsinki.  
 Värinä, Gallery Allinna, Riihimäki  
 Riihimäki experiment 02. Heräämö installation.  
 Evil North. The Academy of Fine Arts in Berlin  
 A Party in Every Room, Helsinki City Art Museum,  
 Works from the Collection  
 Club Lux, Heräämö and Attac, VR warehouses, Helsinki
- 2001 Free. VR Warehouses, Helsinki  
 “It’s a question of cold blood” w/ John Mäkinen. Gallery of the  
 Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
- 2000 "Sutien tutina". The gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts  
 Heräämö installation, Helsinki
- 1999 Heräämö performance, Diana park, Helsinki
- 1998 Heräämö-installation, Erottaja Parking hall, Helsinki
- 1997 Forces of light- festival, Helsinki

### **As a Curator:**

- 2009 “New Pleasure - Contemporary art from Norway and Finland”, part of EKKO - Bergen electronic music  
 and art festival. curators: Silje Heggren and Tuomas Laitinen, Visningsrommet USF, Bergen, Norway
- 2008 “Night on Earth – Berlin-Shanghai-Helsinki”
- 2005 Speak up-exhibition Myymälä2-gallery  
 “Music and Visual Culture” group exhibition, Myymälä2
- 2003 “From landscape to internet towards cityscape” project

### **Residencies:**

2011 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo, Japan

### **Music:**

Releases:

2007 Them Shepherds: Rattlesnake ep, 12', label: Body to Body, Stockholm

2006 Them Shepherds EP, cd, label: Uuh la laa records, Helsinki

### **Concerts:**

Them Shepherds: about 20 gigs during 2007. In Finland; Tavastia, Kuudes Linja. Abroad: China, Sweden, Norway Turkey & Russia.

Moby Dictator: 08-2011 about 30 gigs. In Finland: Tavastia, Redrum, Festival for New Music. Abroad: Beijing, Shanghai, Berlin, Gothenburg, Bergen

### **Graphic design:**

2006 A picture book about climate change, Greenpeace

2005 Lens Politica-festival, flyers, magazine & web design

2004 Graduation show, The Academy of Fine Arts 04

Catalogue, flyers, invitations & radio ad.

### **Projects:**

2006 Assistant, Ars06- workshops Blind Date & Collaborations on Site, Kiasma

2004-2006 Project Assistant, The Academy of Fine Arts

2004 Speak up!- workshop, Zagreb, Croatia

2003 From landscape to internet towards cityscape

Glasgow-Helsinki-Göteborg workhop

The Academy of Fine Arts

Assistant. Superflex-workshop, The Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki

Speak up! Belgrad, Serbia

### **Teaching:**

2004-2006 Teacher: The Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki

Course: "Music and visual culture", Concept and lecturer

### **Memberships:**

Helsinki artist association

Heräämö-artist group, founding member 1997

### **Publications:**

2011 "Museum of Oblivion", Exhibition catalogue, Shanghai, China

Jyväskylä Art Museum exhibition catalogue

2009 Catalogue for "Tracking Traces...", collection display,

Kiasma Museum of contemporary art, Helsinki

"Variations on transcending the finiteness of human vision", Riga Art space

2008 Catalogue for the exhibition "Tomorrow always belongs to us", Gothenburg art hall, Sweden

Night on Earth, exhibition catalogue, Shanghai

2007 "Tuomas Laitinen - Soledad" & Other Works", edited by curator Mia Hannula

Reviews:

2011 City weekend, Shanghai

2010 "After any catastrophy", Aamulehti, Tampere, April 2010

2009 Snapshot of Tuomas Laitinen, profile story, KASINO A4 magazine

- Anu Uimonen, from the exhibition "Vanishing Point",  
HS (the main newspaper in Finland) 3.9.2009  
Jukka Yli-Lassila: "Tic-tac-toe with neons" HS. 17.3.2009  
2008 Tina Andersson "Finsk popkonst från Framtiden", Göteborgs Posten, 13.6  
2007 Anne Siilahti "Tricks with light" South Finland newspaper. 7.10  
Jaana Parikka "Review", South Finland newspaper. 23.10.  
2007 Timo Valjakka "Review" Helsingin Sanomat. 6.7.  
2005 Jukka Yli-Lassila "Cool urban poetry" Helsingin Sanomat, 12.5.

**Grants:**

- 2011 The Arts Council of Finland, one year working grant  
2011 The Arts Council of Finland, residency grant  
2010 The Arts Council of Finland, travel grant  
Frame-fund. grant for Shanghai exhibition  
2009 Kordelinin foundation, working grant  
The Arts Council of Finland, travel grant  
2009 Frame fund  
Finnish cultural fund  
2009 Arts council of Finland, project grant  
2008 Young artist grant  
2007 Paulo foundation exhibition grant

**Works in collections:**

- Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki  
Helsinki Art Museum  
Päivi ja Paavo Lipponen's Trust  
Private collections: Helsinki, Istanbul, Lahti and Los Angeles