

CURRICULUM VITAE - Tuomas Laitinen

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Studies:

2004 – 2008 Master of Fine Arts Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Department of Media Art (1999–2004 Painting department)

1999 Production school Mediakylpylä, Photography

1997–1999 University of Art and Design, Open university, Photography

1994–1997 Pop & Jazz conservatory, main instrument: drums, Helsinki

Coming up 2010-2011

2010 Helsinki Art Hall studio, solo show, 19.8.-3.10.

2010 Art+Shanghai-gallery, Shanghai, China, Curator Diana Freundl.

2010 "Point of no return", w/Jaakko Mattila, Oulu, Finland

2011 Group show, Jyväskylä Art Museum

2011 Mildura Palimpsest, Group show, Mildura, Australia, curator Kristian Haggblom

Past exhibitions:

Solo shows

2010 "Typhoon Stage", Gallery Huoltamo, Tampere

2009 "Vanishing point", Korjaamo Gallery

2009 "Turmoil", Helsinki City Art Museum, Kluuvi Gallery

2008 Phs-agency, Helsinki

2008 Satama Artspace, Helsinki

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

2007 "Soledad", An exhibition by invitation of Paulo foundation

2005 Lowe Gallery, Helsinki

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

Group shows:

2010 Place/Space, Paloheimo power plant, Riihimäki, Finland

2010 Hämeenlinna Art Museum

2010 Gallery Rajatila, Tampere, Finland

2010 URBAN STORIES, the NUT space, Shanghai, China,
Curated by Aura Seikkula & Marita Muukkonen

2009-2010 "Tracking Traces... Kiasma, museum of contemporary art, main collection show.

2009 EKKO festival for electronic music & arts, Bergen, Norway

2009 "Variations on transcending the finiteness of human vision",
Riga Art Space, Riika, Latvia

2009 Honkahovi summer show, Mänttä, Finland

2008 Works from Päivi ja Paavo Lipponen's trust, Kaiku Gallery, Helsinki

2008 "Tomorrow always belongs to us", Gothenburg art hall, Sweden

2008 *Gallery Hippolyten summer show*

2008 "Night on Earth – Berlin-Shanghai-Helsinki"
Berlin: Showroom gallery, Zero Gallery
Shanghai: MOCA – Museum of Contemporary Art
Helsinki: Gallery Myymälä2, Suvilahti, Helsinki

2007 *No+ch festival*, Beijing, China

2007 "Evil eye – works from the collections", Kiasma, Museum of contemporary art

2006 "Songs of freedom and love - contemporary art from the north",
Platform Garanti contemporary art center, Istanbul, Turkey

2006 "Songs of freedom and love - contemporary art from the north",
Izmir, Turkey

2005 *Media & Politics*, Helsinki

2004 *Graduation show, The Academy of Fine Arts 04*. Helsinki Art Hall

2004 *Gallery Koch und Kessler*, Berlin, curated by Stephan Jungin

2003 *Värinä*. Gallery 5, Oulu, Finland

2003 *Riihimäki Experiment 03*. Gallery Allinna, Riihimäki, Finland

2002 *Heräämö*-installation, public sculpture, Esplanad park, Helsinki

2002 *Värinä*, Gallery Allinna, Riihimäki, Finland

2002 *Riihimäki experiment 02*. Heräämö installation, Riihimäki, Finland

2002 *Evil North*. Kuvataideakatemia Berliinissä

2002 *Party in every room*, works from the collections, Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland

2002 *Club Lux*, Klubin Visualisointi, Heräämö and Attac, VR:n makasiinit

2001 "It's a question of cold blood" Kasarmikatu gallery, Helsinki, Finland

2000 *Heräämö* public installation, VR warehouses, Helsinki

1999 *Heräämö* performance, Diana park, Helsinki

1998 *Heräämö*-installation, Erottaja parking hall, Helsinki

As a curator:

2009 Art section of EKKO festival for electronic music & arts, Bergen, Norway

2008 "Night on Earth – Berlin-Shanghai-Helsinki"

2005 "Speak up"-workshop exhibition

2005 "Music and Visual Culture" gallery Myymälä2, Helsinki

Projects:

2006 Assistant, Ars06 workshops Blind Date & Collaborations on site, Kiasma, Museum of contemporary art
2004-2006 Project assistant, The Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
2003 *From landscape to internet towards cityscape Glasgow-Helsinki-Göteborg* workshop
Project producer and teacher, The Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
2003 Assistant. *Superflex-workshop*, The Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
2003 Speak up! Belgrad, Serbia
2002 *Valve*. Collaboration with NGO Attac Finland

Teaching:

2004-2006 Lecturer at The Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki,
"Music and visual culture"
2004 Speak up! The Academy of Fine Arts in Zagreb, Croatia

Music:

Releases:

2007 Them Shepherds: Rattlesnake ep, 12" vinyl, Label: Body to Body, Stockholm, Sweden
2006 Them Shepherds EP, cd, Label: Uuh la laa records, Helsinki

Gigs:

Them Shepherds, about 20 gigs in 2007. In Finland, China, Sweden, Norway, Turkey & Russia
Moby Dictator: About 30 gigs in 2008-2010
In Finland, China, Latvia, Estonia, Germany, Sweden & Norway

Non-commercial work as graphic designer:

2006 Picture book about climate change, Greenpeace
2005 Lens Politica- visual look for a movie festival

Professional memberships:

Helsinki artist association
2003-2007 Myymälä2 gallery, in the board

Publications:

Books:

- 2009 "Variations on transcending the finiteness of human vision", Riga Art space
- 2009 Kiasma collection show catalogue
- 2008 Made in Kuvataideakatemia, Päivi ja Paavo Lipponen's trust
- 2008 A Good Idea, "Tomorrow always belong to us", Göteborg art hall
- 2008 Night on Earth. Shanghai, exhibition catalogue
- 2007 "Soledad" & Other Works", solo show catalogue

Reviews

- 2010 "After any catastrophy", Aamulehti, April
- 2009 Snapshot of Tuomas Laitinen, profile story, KASINO A4 magazine
- 2009 Anu Uimonen, from the exhibition "Vanishing Point", HS (the main newspaper in Finland) 3.9.2009
- 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
- 2007 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:

- 2010 Avek, production grant for a video work
- 2010 Arts council of Finland, travel grant
- 2009 Kordelin foundation
- 2009 Arts council of Finland, travel grant
- 2009 Frame fund
- 2009 Finnish cultural fund
- 2009 Arts council of Finland, project grant
- 2008 Young artist grant
- 2007 Paulo Foundation exhibition grant

Works in collections:

- Finnish national gallery / Kiasma Museum of contemporary art
- Helsinki art museum
- Päivi ja Paavo Lipponen's trust
- Private collections: Helsinki, Istanbul, Lahti, Los Angeles