

# RIIKKA AHLFORS

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

2011- 2015 *Master of Fine Arts, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, FI*

2003-2007 *Bachelor of Fine Arts, York University, Ontario, CA*

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Unbearable Lightness, ArtTag Gallery, Helsinki, FI*  
2017 *RE - Birth, Galleria Katariina Studio, Helsinki, FI*  
2016 *Snatched, Taidesalonki, Helsinki, FI*  
2012 *Paintings, Elora Center for the Arts, Elora, Ontario, CA*  
*Art in Space-Space in Art, Malmitalo Gallery, Helsinki, FI*  
2009 *Shinkansenissa, Gallery Ulaani, Helsinki, FI*  
2006 *Disenthralled Dissonance, The Gale Gallery, York University, Ontario, CA*  
2004 *Escapes, Curiosity House-Canadian Gallery, Creemore, Ontario, CA*  
2002 *Pick Up Sticks, The Fraser Gallery, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, CA*  
*Tango in the Closet, Khyber, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA*

## JURIED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *BELA Biennial, Helsinki*  
2019 *Fresh Paint in Lappeenranta - Finnish Painters' Union's 90<sup>th</sup> year  
Celebration exhibition*  
2018 *XXIII Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, FI*  
2017 *Kvintetti, Helsinki's Society of Artist, Malmitalo, FI*  
2015 *PINTAA SYVEMMÄLLE, SKjL, Seinäjoki, FI*  
2013 *Cabinet of Curiosities, Kaiku Galleria, Helsinki and Pro Arte, St. Petersburg*  
*All of a sudden, Kuva/Tila, Helsinki, FI*  
2012 *Summer exhibition 2012 of Helsinki's Society of Artist, Gallery Rantakasarmi,  
Helsinki, FI*  
2011 *ARTEGROUND The Exhibition for Finnish Art (16.7-7.8.2011), Viljandi, Estonia*  
*Helsinki's Society of Artists' Summer Exhibition, Gallery Rantakasarmi,  
Helsinki, FI*  
2010 *SKjL 2010 Annual exhibition, Järvenpään taidemuseo / The Art Museum of  
Järvenpää, FI*  
2007 *Shirley Dilworth Jaychuk painting competition, Elora Centre for the Arts,  
Elora, Ontario, CA*  
*Opus, Whipper Snapper-gallery, Toronto, Ontario, CA*

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Yö-Fest, Yö Gallery, Helsinki*  
2020 *Vorspiel, Berlin*  
2019 *@48h Neukölln, Berlin*  
2018 *KÖKART Festival, Kökar, FI*  
*Arteground-veterans, Huhdasjärvi, FI*  
2017 *ARTEGROUND BALTIC 2017: Nature of Culture/Culture of Nature,  
Viljandi, Estonia*  
2016 *Christmas show, Galleria Katariina, Helsinki, FI*

- 2015 *ARTag Gallery, Helsinki, FI*
- 2014 *Art Week Helsinki, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FI*  
*ARTag Gallery, Helsinki, FI*  
*Pälde 13, Helsinki Festival, Helsinki, FI*
- 2013 *Taidemyyntimö, Helsinki Music Center, Helsinki, FI*  
*Summer exhibition 2013 of Helsinki's Society of Artist VALO, Gallery of Stoa*  
*Kuvan Kevät, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, FI*
- 2012 *Express 13, Fluid Gallery, Helsinki, FI*  
*Painting & moving image, Kaiku Gallery, Helsinki, FI*  
*Birds of the feather Flock together, Galleria FAFA, Helsinki, FI*
- 2011 *ArtHelsinki-contemporary art exhibition 2011 / Galleria Ulaani, FI*
- 2008 *Juuret/Roots, Library Gallery, Viitasaari, FI*
- 2007 *Heinäaho's Summer Gallery, Mäntylänkylä, Viitasaari, FI*  
*Paintings/Drawings, Gale Gallery, Zacks Gallery, York University, Ontario, CA*
- 2006 *Open House, Tableau Vivant in an elevator, York University, Ontario, CA*  
*Pause, Video/performance- installation, York University, Ontario, CA*
- 2003 *Heinäaho's Summer Gallery, Mäntylänkylä, Viitasaari*
- 2002 *The Red Show, Khyber, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA*  
*50-50, Khyber, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA*
- 2001 *Christmas Show, Khyber, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA*  
*Alfa Chalk Show, Argyle Fine Art, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA*  
*Heinäaho's Summer Gallery, Mäntylänkylä, Viitasaari*
- 2000 *Art X 10, Cambridge Library, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA*  
*Art in Bloom, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA*
- 1996 *Night Shift, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS, CA*

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & COMPETITIONS

- 2020 *FRAME - traveling grant*
- 2018 *Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse*  
*Finnish Cultural Foundation*
- 2016 *Grönqvistska stiftelsen*  
*Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse*  
*Arts Promotion Centre Finland - project grant*
- 2015 *Arts Promotion Centre Finland - public display grant*
- 2011 *FRAME - traveling grant*
- 2010 *Alfred Kordelinin yleinen kulttuuri- ja sivistysrahasto*
- 2007 *Mural competition, York University*  
*Dean's Award, York University*
- 2006 *Ken Carpenter Award, York University*
- 2005 *Jack Bush Scholarship, York University*
- 2004 *York University Bursary, York University*

## PUBLIC WORK and COLLECTIONS

*Impasse Real, Finnish National Gallery*  
*Culmination 1 & 2 in the collection of Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, 2013, Helsinki, FI*  
*Mural, 2007, Dance department, York University, Ontario, Canada*  
*Works in several private collections*

## MEMBERSHIPS

*Finnish Painters' Union / Taidemaalariilitto*  
*Helsinki's Society of Artists / Helsingin Taiteilijaseura*  
*Finnish Art Society / Suomen Taideyhdistys*