

## **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**

2024 *Galleria Arthur, Helsinki, FI*

2022 *My very silent trip, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki, FI*

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**

2024 *Yö Fest vol.4, Helsinki, FI*

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, EE Helsinki's Society of Artists' Summer Exhibition, Gallery Rantakasarmi, FI*

2010 *SkjL 2010 Annual exhibition, 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, EE*

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 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, 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*