

# 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 *Liminal Space/Rajatila, Galleria Arthur, Helsinki, FI*  
2022 *My very silent trip, Galleria 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

- 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

- 2027 *ep.contemporary,gallery with Liudmila Siewerski, Berlin, DE*  
2026 *LoCoMoTiVe, Veturitallit, Helsinki*  
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

2026. Suomen Kulttuurirahasto - työskentelyapuraha 6 kk  
 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

- S5, Keva, Veturitallit, Helsinki  
 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 / Taidemaalariliitto  
 Helsinki's Society of Artists / Helsingin Taiteilijaseura  
 Finnish Art Society / Suomen Taideyhdistys