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Education

2026- Master of Fine Arts, Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki

2020-2024 Painter, Free Art School

2012-2017 Bachelor of Social Services, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences

2008-2011 Upper Secondary school graduate, Helsinki Upper Secondary School of Languages

Work

2025- Curator, Kotka Art 26 Biennial, Kotka Artists' Association

2023 Art instructor, employer: City of Helsinki

2022- Art instructor, employer: Vantaan kehitysvammaisten tuki ry

2017- Special instructor, employer: City of Helsinki

2017-2021 Instructor duties at the City of Helsinki's housing services for people with disabilities

Positions of trust

2022-2024 Student Council Chair, Free Art School

2021-2022 Tutor, Free Art School

Selected solo exhibitions

2026 Coming: Fresco sculptures, Helsinki Winter Garden / Spring 2026

2025 Punoksia, Galleria Huuto, Helsinki

2024–2025 Wishing Well, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki

2023 Letters to My Brother, Everything is Art Gallery & Atelier, Herceg Novi, Montenegro

2023 Sypressien mailla, Galleria Vaaga, Helsinki

2021 Pieni näyttely olemisesta, Helsinki

Selected group exhibitions

2026 (Coming) Nuoret 2026 / Taidehalli, Helsinki / 30.5.-26.7.2026

2026 (Coming) Norteando / Vaeltaa: Finnish Art and Trans-Meridional Dialogue / Paraguay, Colombia, Peru, Spain, Germany / 2026–2027

2025 What it means to be human, Antonia Hamberg's home exhibition, Helsinki

2024 Vapaa '24 graduation exhibition, Helsinki

2024 Valo, Galleria Toinen Silmä, Helsinki

2023-2024 RUNO Biannual IV - Abstraction (with Karoliina Hellberg, Inka Bell, Heidi Lampenius, Miikka Vaskola, Julia Strand), Porvoo

2022 Ikuisen kesän pop-up galleria, Espoo

2022 Garden, (Aalto University x Free Art School), Glasshouse Helsinki Gallery, Helsinki

2021 Kosminen Salonki, Kosminen Galleria, Helsinki

Grants and scholarships

2025 Taike, visual arts exhibition grant

2024 Finnish Art Association, grant for young artists

2024 Paolo Foundation, working grant

2024 Anita Snellman Foundation scholarship upon graduation

2023 Frame, grant for exhibition abroad

Works in collections

HUS art collection, Finnish Art Society (art raffle), Pentti Säre Art Foundation, Private collections

Residencies and study trips

2025 Research residency, Villa Lante, Finnish Institute in Rome

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2023 Study trip, Free Art School, Berlin

2022 Artist residency, Finnish Studio Foundation, Grassina

Memberships

Painters' Union (candidate member)

Finnish Art Association

Free Art School Support Association

Other artistic activities

2025 Kiasma Support Foundation's Venice Biennale fundraising event

2025 Interview (Gloria magazine, 6/2025)

2024 Illustrations & cover image (Liberio magazine)

2024/2023 Various commissions from private individuals and companies, e.g. Flow Festival

2022 Cover image for Pauli Lampun's doctoral dissertation "Doctoral Dissertation "

Effects of staff training on end-of-life care in long-term care facilities"