

## **CV**

### **Vesa Ranta**

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Date of Birth 20.7.1973

### **Education**

1997–2001 Turku Art Academy, photographer

1995–1996 Jaakkima College, studies in video and photography

1994–1995 Voionmaa Institute, Finland, studies in video and photography

### **Solo exhibitions**

2018 Reunalla, Creat Space, Helsinki, FINLAND

2018 Reunalla Gallery Ibis, Vaasa, FINLAND

2018 Reunalla, Gallery Myötätuuli, Raahel, FINLAND

2017 Reunalla, Valvegalleria, Oulu, FINLAND

2013 "Tutkimusmatka uuteen Ouluun", Valvegalleria, Oulu, FINLAND

2008 "Olla minä – Being Me", Taidepanimo, Lahti, FINLAND

2007 Gallery Ibis, Vaasa, FINLAND

2007 "Under the Ground- A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, FINLAND

2007 "Olla minä – Being Me", VB centre, Kuopio, FINLAND

2007 "Olla minä – Being Me", Vuotalo Gallery, Helsinki, FINLAND

2007 "Olla minä – Being Me", Hippolyte Gallery, Helsinki, FINLAND 2006 "Olla minä – Being Me", Northern photographic centre Oulu, FINLAND

2006 "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Culture house Rekord, Niznij Novgorod, RUSSIA

2006 "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky, Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, FINLAND

2003 "Elämä raiteilla, Gallery Peri, Turku, FINLAND

2003 "Elämä raiteilla", Gallery Valo, Univ.of Lapland/Northern Photographic Centre, Rovaniemi, FINLAND

2003 "Rantagalleria stipendiats", Rantagalleria/Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, FINLAND

2002 "Elämä raiteilla", Kummigalleria/Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, FINLAND

### **Group exhibitions**

2019 Vesa Ranta ja Teija Soini, AHJO, Espoon kulttuurikeskus, FINLAND

2019 An der Nordkante, Kiel Art Museum, GERMANY

2012 Toinen Luontomme, Oulu Art Museum. 2012 Lapin taika, Rovaniemi Art museum Korundi

2012 Lapin taika, Ateneum, Finnish national gallery

2009 Todellisuuden taju, group exhibition, Hyvinkää art museum.

2008 Group exhibition "GD4ART", Bologna ITALIA

2008 Liaf08 Svolvaer, Norway

2008 Mäntän Kuvataideviikot, Mänttä, FINLAND

2008 Group exhibition "Border lives", Stadgalerie Kiel, GERMANY.

2008 Group exhibition "Border lives", Aachen Art Museum, GERMANY.

2008 DARK, Korjaamo gallery, Helsinki, FINLAND

2007 "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre and Arts Council of Oulu Province, Landesgalerie Eisenstadt, Eisenstadt, AUSTRIA

2007 "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre and Arts Council of Oulu Province, "St. Peter an der Sperr "Wiener Neustadt, AUSTRIA.

2007 Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre and Arts Council of Oulu Province, Voralberger Landesmuseum Bregenz, AUSTRIA

2006 What's Up North, World of Worms DVD, Northern Photographic Centre / Rantagalleria, Oulu, FINLAND

2006 Backlight - Suomi 05, Photographic centre Nyky aika TR 1, Tampere

2006 "Under the Ground - A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre/ Arts Council of Oulu Province, Fellehuset, Berlin, GERMANY

2006 The Faraway NeGroup earby, WORLD OF WORMS DVD, Whitebox Gallery, New York, USA

2005 "Under the Ground - A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre/ Arts Council of Oulu Province, Tromso Kunstforening, NORWAY

2005 "Under the Ground - A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities, Northern Photographic Centre/ Arts Council of Oulu Province, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, FINLAND

2005 "Under the Ground - A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities Project, Northern Photographic Centre, Arts Council of Oulu Province, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, FINLAND

2005 "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Cities Project, Northern Photographic Centre, Arts Council of Oulu Province, Aine Art Museum, Tornio, FINLAND

2003 "Pysäkki", regional art exhibition, Kajaani Art Museum, Kajaani, FINLAND

2002 "Pysäkki", regional art exhibition, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu, FINLAND

2001 "Tarkemmin ajatellen", Hämeenlinna Cultural Centre, Hämeenlinna, FINLAND

## **Projects**

2022– Hoidokit

2018– Jäljet documentary

2017–2018 Huvituksen kartanon tytöt book project

2014–2016 Lottovoittajien pöydässä book project

2014–2016 Reunalla project

2012– Tutkimusmatka uuteen Ouluun, Production grant from the City of Oulu

2003– "Olla minä – Being Me"

2003–2005 Northern Cities –project, "Under the Ground – A Blaze in the Northern Sky", Northern Photographic Centre and Arts Council of Oulu Province, FINLAND

## **Grants**

2022 SÍM The Association of Icelandic Visual Artists travel grant

2022 Taike, 6 months Covid-19 grant

2018–2020 Taike, tree-year grant for artistic work

2017 Taike, one-year grant for artistic work

2012 Oulu365(Production grant from the City of Oulu)

2008 Finnish cultural foundation, one-year grant for artistic work

2008 Art council of Finland, Production grant

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2004 Niilo Helander foundation, residence in Berlin, Germany  
2004 Arts Council of Oulu, one-year grant for artistic work  
2004 Nifca, Sleipnir travel grant/ Northern Cities production meetings  
2003 Nifca, Sleipnir travel grant/Northern Cities workshops  
2003 Arts Council of Oulu, production grant

### **Work experience**

2001– Entrepreneur, freelance photographer  
2002– Director, Studio Valokeila  
2001– Freelance photographer in Helsingin Sanomat  
2001 Assistant of photographer Esko Männikkö  
2000 Photographic courses at Liminka Art School and Northern Photographic Centre

### **Published Books**

Huvituksen kartanon tytöt (Like 2022)  
Agony Walk: On the Road with Sentenced (Western Siberia Media House Oy 2019)  
Reunalla: Tarinoita Suomen tyhjeneviltä sivukyliltä (Like 2017)  
Lottovoittajien pöydässä: Tarinoita köyhyysrajan takaa (Like 2017)

### **Prizes**

2018 Botnia Book Prize Winner  
2017 Tieto Finlandia Book Prize Nominee  
2017 Suuri Journalistipalkinto Nominee

### **Memberships**

2004– Union of photographic artists  
2003– Oulu Artists Association  
2001– Northern photographic centre, president 2005–2007

### **Works in Collections**

Aine Art Museum, Tornio  
Northern Photographic Centre  
Private collections  
Oulu Art Museum  
City of Oulu

### **Music career**

2021 – The Abbey  
2019 - Kuumeet  
2010–2016 The Man-Eating Tree  
1989–2005 Sentenced