

C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027	Ratamo Gallery, The Centre for Creative Photography, Jyväskylä, Finland (Upcoming)
2027	Galleria Halmetoja, Helsinki, Finland. (Upcoming)
2026	Akolan Kuivuri, Ii, Finland (collab with composer Lasse Rasinkangas)
2026	Sugimura Jun Museum of Art, Shiogama, Japan.
2024-2025	Västerbottens Museum, Sweden
2024	PhotoEspaña, Madrid, Spain
2022	Kuusamo Nature Photo Festival, Finland
2020	Hippolyte Korjaamo, Helsinki, Finland
2020	Photo Gallery Ibis, Vaasa, Finland
2019	Gallery Lille Kabelvåg, Lofoten International Photo Festival, Norway
2019	KulttuuriKauppila Art Centre, Ii, Finland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026	Foto Tallinn, Estonia (Upcoming)
2026	Uoma, Galleria MABD, Oulu
2025	65+1 Artworks from Ii. Ii Church, Finland
2025	Photojournalism 2024, Finnfoto Gallery, Redi, Helsinki.
2024	Photojournalism 2023, Sanomatalo, Helsinki.
2022	Far North Photo Festival, Yellowknife, Canada
2020	Encounters in the Hallway, Ii, Finland
2019	Nordic Life, Fotografiska, Stockholm
2018	Photojournalism 2017, Virka-gallery, Helsinki.

PUBLICATIONS

2023	Pyynti (Pimeys, Finland, 2023) ISBN 978-952-94-7623-7
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WORKS IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2019	Nordic Life (Max Ström 2019) ISBN: 978-917-12-6461-9
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GRANTS

2026	EU-Japan Fest Japan Committee, mobility grant
2026	Patricia Seppälä Foundation, project grant
2025	JOKES fund for photojournalists, project grant
2025	Art Council of Finland (Taike), working grant (1 year)
2025	Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant (1 year)
2025	Oulun Valistustalorahasto, project grant.
2024	Art Council of Finland (Taike), working grant (4 months)
2024	JOKES fund for photojournalists, working grant
2024	Valto Pernu Foundation, project grant
2023	Patricia Seppälä Foundation, project grant
2022	Art Council of Finland (Taike), working grant (6 months)
2022	Patricia Seppälä Foundation, project grant
2021	Valto Pernu Foundation, project grant
2020	Art Council of Finland (Taike), project grant
2020	Patricia Seppälä Foundation, working grant
2019	Finnfoto, The Central Association of Finnish Photographic Organizations, project grant.

2019	JOKES fund for photojournalists, working grant
2018	Patricia Seppälä Foundation, project grant
2018	Valto Pernu Foundation, study grant
2017	JOKES fund for photojournalists, study grant
2016	Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant (6 months)
2015	Valto Pernu Foundation, working grant
2011	Valto Pernu Foundation, project grant

AWARDS

2025	The most beautiful book of the year 2024 main prize. The Finnish Book Art Committee.
2025	Theme of the year 1 st prize. Finnish Press Photos 2024
2025	Photojournalist Of The Year, 1 st honorable mention, Finnish Press Photos 2024
2024	Patricia Seppälä Foundation, Special Photojournalism Award, 12000 €
2024	Person of the year, Municipality of Ii, Finland.
2024	1 st prize in photoessay category - Finnish Press Photos
2020	Photojournalist Of The Year, Finnish Press Photos
2020	1 st prize in portrait category - Finnish Press Photos
2019	Athens Photo Festival (shortlisted)
2019	Environmental Award, Municipality of Ii.
2005	Best Story of the Year, Channel Four News, Finland

FESTIVALS

2024	Review Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.
2024	PhotoEspaña, Madrid, Spain
2022	Far North Photo Festival, Yellowknife, Canada
2022	Kuusamo Nature Photo Festival
2019	Lofoten International Photo Festival, Norway

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2024	Anderson Center, Red Wing, Minnesota, USA
2024	ISLA, Robledo de Chavela, Madrid, Spain
2022	New York Mills Cultural Center Artist Retreat, New York Mills, Minnesota, USA.

JURIED PORTFOLIO REVIEWS

2025	New York Times Portfolio Review, New York City, USA
2024	Review Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
2018	Transeurope Portfolio Review, Helsinki, Finland.

ARTIST TALKS

2024	Lake City Area Arts, Lake City, Minnesota, USA
2023	F5,6 -klubi, K1 The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland.
2022	Kuusamo Nature Photo Festival
2021	100th anniversary celebration of Journalistic Association of Northern Finland.
2019	Lofoten International Photo Festival, Norway
2019	World Press Photo Exhibition opening, Sanomatalo, Helsinki

HONORARY POSTS

2016-2025	Board member, The Finnish Association of Photojournalists
2013-present	Board member, KulttuuriKauppila Art Centre
2018--present	Board member, Northern Photographic Centre

MEMBERSHIPS

Photographic Artists Association, Finland
 Artists Association of Finland
 The Finnish Association of Photojournalists

WORK

2002-present	Freelance photographer and videographer for several national and international medias, ranging from newspapers, magazines, television channels and other clients including: Financial Times, Time (France), BBC, Helsingin Sanomat, YLE.
2024	Curator, Art Ii Biennale, Ii, Finland.
2019-2020	Part-time lecturer, photography & photojournalism, Oulu University of Applied Sciences OAMK

2011-2019 Artistic director, Valto Pernu Photo Marathon

EDUCATION

2010-2012 Bachelor of media and communication. Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences
1996-2000 Bachelor of arts, Tornio college of Art and Media

WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

2019-2024 Katseen Konsultit, Mentoring workshop.
2019 Elina Brotherus workshop, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2018 Editing and Sequencing, Jean-Marie Casbarian, International Center Of Photography, NYC, USA
2016-2018 Doc United photography workshop, Hannamari Shakya, Finland
2015 11-collective photography workshop, Inari, Finland

IN MEDIA

Jormalainen, Anu: "Tarkasti punnitussa valokuvasaaliissa näkyy ajan paino", Lapin Kansa 23.7.2024
Ursin, Elina: "Iiläinen Antti J. Leinonen kuvasi Perämeren kalastajia 9 vuotta", Kaleva 25.3.2024
Nousiainen, Anu: "Valokuvia pyytäjistä", Helsingin Sanomat / Kuukausiliite, 2.9.2023
Henderson, Tucker: "Finnish photographer makes a home in NYM", New York Mills Dispatch, 20.12.2022
Dahl, Rita: "Tuhkasta Kulttuurikeskukseksi", Taide-lehti 5-6/2021, s10-11
Helaakoski, Anne: "Elämän Kuvaaja", Kaleva, 10.4.2021
Erho, Nina: "Parhaat kuvat syntyvät, kun ei olla vain keikalla ja käväisemässä", Journalisti 15.4.2021
Koppelo, Heli: "He eivät osaa olla pois mereltä", Yhteishyvä 11.4.2019 s. 28-32
Heinonen, Paavo: Last Man Fishing - Antti J. Leinosen valokuvia Kaltio 4/2019,s43-46
Ursin, Elina: "Tähtäimessä Perämeren kalastajat", Kaleva, 1.7.2019, K2 s.30-31+kansi
Ursin, Elina: "Kuvaaja Kalassa", Lapin Kansa 2.7.2019, s.4-5+kansi
Pöntinen, Petri: "Kylmän Konttorin Miehet", Suomen Kuvalehti 53/2015, s. 38-45

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Private collectors

OTHER

2013-present Studio artist at KulttuuriKauppila Art Centre, Ii, Finland