

ELINA MERENMIES

Born 1967 in Espoo

Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland

STUDIES

- 1999 Master of Fine Arts, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
1988-92 Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Painting department, Helsinki
1991-92 Academy of Fine Arts (Academie Vytvarnich Umeni), Monumental Painting, Prague
1988-89 Institut de Saint-Luc, Painting department, Brussels
1987 University of Helsinki, Drawing department

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Spirit of Life*, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2014 *All the Trees Are Mine*, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2012 *Secret Joy*, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki
2010 The Regional Museum Kristianstad, Center for Contemporary Art, Kristianstad
Nordiska Akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn
2009 Gallerie Anhava, Helsinki
2008 Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen
2005 Uppsala Konstmuseum, Uppsala
2004 Dahl Gallery of Contemporary Art, Luzern
The Finnish Institute, Paris
2003 Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2002 Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2001 Kluuvin Galleria, Helsinki
1999 Kaapelin Galleria, Helsinki
1996 Espace Tristan Bernard, Paris
1994 Harjun Galleria, Helsinki
1990 Academy of Fine Arts of Helsinki

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Papiret*, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen
From Heino With Love, HAM, Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki
2015 *Women's Weapons: Lipstick and Tears?*, Sara Hilden Art Museum, Tampere
Elements, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
2014 *Le Mur*, La Maison Rouge, Paris
Touch/Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection Exhibition, EMMA, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
2013-14 *New Acquisitions*, The Gothenburg Museum of Art, Gothenburg
2013 *Drawing in the Flesh*, Vantaa Art Museum, Vantaa
The Collector's Gaze, Pori Art Museum, Pori
2011 Logens Konsthall, Kisa
Kind of Nice, Galerie Anhava 20 years, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
Nordic Darkness, Kristinehamns konstmuseum, Kristinehamn
2010 *Tarinoiden lumo*, Lönnströmin taidemuseo, Rauma
Punainen Saastamoisen säätien taidekokoelmassa, EMMA Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
Nordisk Konsttriennial, Eskilstuna Konstmuseum, Eskilstuna
Järjestetty juttu, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
2009 Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, GBB 1999-, Copenhagen
Annorlunda Verkligheter, *Elina Merenmies*, *Nina Roos*, *Mari Sunna*, *Anna Tuori*, The Royal Swedish Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm
2008 *Mänttä Art Festival*, Mänttä
Splatsh, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki
Finnish Art Now, *Ars Fennica Nominees 2007*, Scandinavia House, New York
2007 *Images of Man Today*, Arken Museum for Moderne Kunst, Ishøj
Drawing Class, Kunsthalle, Helsinki

- Elina Merenmies, Tommy Støckel, Astrid Svangren, Tomoko Takahashi, Ulrika Minami Wärmling*, Galleri Charlotte Lund, Stockholm
Ars Fennica Nominees 2007, Finnish Embassy, Washington DC
Painting & Space & Society, Birgis S. Birgirsson, Gardar Eide Einarsson, Jens Fänge, Jukka Korkeila, Elina Merenmies and Fie Norsker, Göteborgs Kunstahalle, Gothenburg
Wound, Finnish Figurative Art, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo; Rauma Art Museum, Rauma
Silent Violence, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu
- 2006 *Ars Fennica Nominees*, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
Artist and The Spectator, Sara Hildén Museum of Art, Tampere
Book Blast, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma
Squelette de l'esprit, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen
Contemporary Finnish Painting, Galerie Christian Roellin, St. Galen
The Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, EMMA, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
- 2005 *Wille Mäkelä & Visitors, Painted into air*, Mediatheque, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
Vexi Salmi's Collection, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Hämeenlinna
Nina Roos, Anu Tuominen, Marianna Uutinen, Pamela Brandt, Elina Merenmies, Kabusa Konsthall, Köpingsbro
Collaborations, Galleri Charlotte Lund, Stockholm
MUU18v, Muu Ry, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Helsinki
- 2004-2005 *Arkens Samling*, Arken, Museum for Moderne Kunst, Ishøj
- 2004 *Aqua Forte, Elva kvinnliga konstnärer ur samlingen*, Nordiska Akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn
Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
Rauma Balticum Biennale, Rauma
- 2003 *Peinture fraiche, la jeune creation finlandaise*, Le Triage, Nanterre
ARTissima 2003, Galerie Anhava, Turin
About Girls' Lives, Amos Anderson Museum of Art, Helsinki
Le Dernier Cri, Track 16 Gallery, Los Angeles
Le Dernier Cri, Dix Ans, Galerie de l'Ecole des Beaux Arts, Marseille
Summer, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava
Night Train, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
- 2002 *NIFCA, STOP For A Moment, Painting As Presence*, Arken, Museum for Moderne Kunst, Ishøj
NIFCA, STOP For A Moment, Painting As Presence Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku
NIFCA, STOP For A Moment, Painting As Narrative, Proje 4 L-Istanbul Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul
- 2001 *Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut*, La Siesta du Sud, Marseille
Art Goes To Kapakka Festival, Kosmos, Helsinki
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Horse hospital, London
DRAW 5!, Puristamo, Cablefactory, Helsinki
Festival d'Art et de Litterature Nordique, Caen
- 2000 *Le Dernier Cri, 6ème Festival d'Art Singulier*, Roquevaire
Mäntän tuliais, Studio Mezzo, Helsinki
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Stripcore, Ljubljana
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Haus Schwartzenberg, Neurotitian, Berlin
The 5th Festival of Fine Arts in Mänttä, Mänttä
Group exhibition with Matti Hagelberg and Reijo Kärkkäinen at the Regard Moderne, Paris
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Extrapool, Nijmegen
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Brussels
DRAW 4!, Gallery of the Cablefactory, Helsinki
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Galerie Triangle, Bordeaux
- 1999 *Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut*, Confort Moderne, Poitiers
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Heinsberg Cultural Festival, Heinsberg

- Brutal Comics in Sick-screenland*, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Kaapeli Gallery, Helsinki
Le Dernier Cri, Hopital Brut, Fumetto, Lucerne Comics Festival, Lucerne
1998 *Le Dernier Cri*, Espace Herault and Regard Moderne, Paris
1997 *Le Dernier Cri*, Les Index, Rouen
Le Dernier Cri, Le Grand Deballage, La Manufacture Art Center, Paris
Le Dernier Cri, Mauvais Oeil, La Friche- Cultural Center, Marseille
Le Dernier Cri, La Laiterie, Strasbourg
1996 *Le Dernier Cri*, Espace Tristan Bernard, Paris
1992 *Made in Space*, Gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2008 *Hell Bound*, New Gothic Art, Francesca Gavin, Laurence King Publishing Limited, London
Elina Merenmies, New Works, Erik Steffensen : Elina Merenmies, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen
Elina Merenmies, Selected Works 2004-2007, Daniel Milan, Smittekilde Press, Copenhagen
- 2007 *Kulturo*, tidsskrift for moderne kultur n. 25/07: Ondskab, Copenhagen
- 2006 *Ars Fennica 2007*, Elina Brotherus, Markus Kåhre, Elina Merenmies, Anna Tuori. Juha-Heikki Tihinen: Three Views of Elina Merenmies' Art, Ars Fennica, Henna and Pentti Niemistö Art Foundation, Helsinki
De Brakke Hond 92, Erik Steffensen: You've got mail, De Brakke Hond, Mechelen
- 2005 *Elina Merenmies, Alone*, Juha-Heikki Tihinen, Vexi Salmi, Anders Jansson, Uppsala Konstuseum, Uppsala
Tidskriften Fabrik 2-3.05, Gothenburg
Muu 18, Riikka Ala-Harja, Minna Heikinaho, Henni Oksman, Toppela, Kari Yli-Annala, Art Print Oy, Helsinki
- 2004 *Arken Bulletin vol.2*, Tomas Ivan Träskman : Elina Merenmies, Arken Museum For Moderne Kunst, Ishøj
Elina Merenmies, Le Jardin de Jürgen, Les Religions Sauvages, *Le Dernier Cri*, Marseille
Elina Merenmies, Juha Heikki Tihinen, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
Talking To Me, Rauma Biennale Balticum, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma
Vasta maalattu / Peinture fraiche, la jeune creation finlandaise, Mika Hannula, Merja Laukia, Cecile Marie, Ambassade de Finlande, Institut finlandais, Deja-CIFC, Paris
- 2003 *night train*, Surrealist Routes to Kiasmas Collections, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Like, Helsinki
Tyttöjen elämästä / Ur Flickors liv, Kaj Martin, Amos Anderson Museum of Art, Salpausselän Kirjapaino Oy
Elina Merenmies: HOPE, *Le Dernier Cri*, Marseille
- 2002 *STOP for a moment painting as presence*, Vammalan Kirjapaino Oy, Finland
STOP for a moment painting as narrative, Vammalan Kirjapaino Oy, Finland
- 2001 *Hopital Brut 5/6*, *Le Dernier Cri*, Marseille
Vagina Mushroom, *Le Dernier Cri*, Marseille
cd: Musique de danse et de transe pour robots electromenagers, Paris
- 2000 *Elina Merenmies: ILMANPAIN*, *Le Dernier Cri*, Marseille
Hopital Brut 04, *Le Dernier Cri*, Marseille
- 1999 *The Finnish Art Magazine NR 6*, Kustannus Oy TAIDE, Helsinki
1997 *Hopital Brut 03*, *Le Dernier Cri*, Marseille

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- The Museum of Contemporary Art, Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
The Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
The Saastamoinen Foundation, Finland

The Museum of Amos Anderson, Helsinki, Finland
Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
The Gothenburg Museum of Art, Gothenburg, Sweden
Nordiska Akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn, Sweden
Uppsala Konstmuseum, Sweden
Leena and Kari Niemistö Collection, Finland
La Maison Rouge, Paris, France
Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland
Apoteksbolagets Konstföreningen, Sweden
Sveriges Allmänna Konstförening, Sweden
Finnish Art Association
The Collection of Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation
Private collections

MEMBERSHIPS

Finnish painters' association
Finnish Artists Association MUU
Le Dernier Cri

OTHER ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

2004-2005 Virtual installations at the University of Technology, Otaniemi, Espoo, with Wille Mäkelä, researcher. The installations are painted with free hand into the air in a virtual environment with software being developed during the research project. To look at the installation one needs a real-time camera location in a special observation corner formed by stereoscopic walls.

1991 Tour of Czechoslovakia with the band Swinging C

1990-91 Participation in the making of Radio Block at the Radio Aligre in Paris, an experimental electro-acoustic radio-program based on voices, noises and music.

GRANTS

2012 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2010 Stina Krooks stiftelse
2009 William Thuring prize
2009 5-year grant of the State of Finland
2006 Walter Grönqvists Stiftelse
2005 3-year grant of the State of Finland
2004 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2004 1-year grant of the State of Finland
2003 Oskar Öfflund Foundation
2002 1-year grant of Finnish Cultural Foundation
2001 VISEK-foundation
2001 Nordic Institute for Contemporary Arts
2001 Helsinki City Cultural and Library Foundation
2000 Finnish Art Association
2000 Kuvataiteen näyttökorausapuraha
2000 Central Commission for Art
1997 Alfred Kordelin Foundation
1996 Art Foundation of Uusimaa
1994 Paulo Foundation
1993 Finnish Cultural Foundation
1991 Academy of Fine Arts

TEACHING AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

2000– Part-time teacher in the Painting Department at the Academy of Fine Arts
2005–07 In charge of master's students at the Painting Department at the Academy of Fine Arts
2006 Visiting part-time lecturer at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Schools in Copenhagen

2008
2009–

Substitute lecturer in painting at the Academy of Fine Arts
Henna and Pertti Niemistö Ars Fennica Art Foundation