

JANI RUSCICA

Born 1978 in Savonlinna, Finland
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EDUCATION

2006	de Ateliers, Amsterdam
2003–2007	Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki (MFA Fine Art)
1999–2002	Chelsea College of Art and Design, London (BA Fine Art)
1998–1999	Camberwell College of Arts, London (Diploma in Foundation Studies)

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS

2023	<i>Begin.Again</i> , commissioned by HAM Helsinki Art Museum for the Helsinki Upper Secondary School of Language in Myllypuro Helsinki
2018	<i>Hope is the thing with feathers</i> , commissioned by HAM Helsinki Art Museum for the Helsinki Central Library Oodi
2018	<i>Flatlands</i> , commissioned by the Lönnström Art Museum, performed at various locations
2012	<i>Screen Test for a Living Sculpture</i> with Sini Pelkki, commissioned by MoMA PS1 and Creative Time, New York for MTV Global

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	<i>Authoritati</i> <i>Portrait of a Poet</i> , Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki
2023	<i>Not-knot</i> , Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2022	<i>No Dot on the I</i> , Kunsthalle Helsinki, curat. Piia Oksanen
2021	<i>Tarwe en walnoot</i> , 1646 experimental art space, The Hague
2019	<i>Human Flesh</i> , Galerie Anhava, Helsinki <i>Screen Test for a Living Sculpture</i> with Sini Pelkki, Visual Overture, Helsinki Music Centre <i>Human Flesh</i> , Poppositions, Brussels
2018	<i>Fold in and Fall Flat</i> , CAG Galleries, University of Connecticut, curat. Barry Rosenberg
2017	<i>M for Mauve</i> , Otto Zoo, Milan
2016	<i>Conversation in Pieces</i> , KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
2014	<i>Screen Test</i> , Otto Zoo Gallery, Milan <i>Travelogue</i> , Suburban PS, Rotterdam
2013	<i>Space Release#16 – Scene Shifts, in six movements</i> , CIRCA Projects, Newcastle <i>Conversation in Pieces, (Pt. 1)'</i> , Galerie Anhava, Helsinki <i>Lighthouse</i> , Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku
2012	<i>Scene Shifts</i> , Hilary Crisp, London
2011	<i>Scene Shifts</i> , Gallery Forum Box, Helsinki
2010	<i>Parallel Acts</i> , Otto Zoo Gallery, Milan <i>Travelogue</i> , Camden Arts Centre, London <i>Parallel Acts</i> , Turku Art Museum, Turku <i>Parallel Acts</i> , Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki
2009	<i>Evolutions</i> , Reinier van Ewijk Projects, Amsterdam
2008	<i>Evolutions</i> , Helsinki City Art Museum, Kluuvi Art Gallery

- Tapis, coussins et video – Jani Ruscica*, 36th International La Rochelle Film Festival, La Rochelle, France
- Short Profile – Jani Ruscica*, 37th International Rotterdam Film Festival, Rotterdam
- 2007 *Beatbox alternate take*, Studio, Kunsthalle Helsinki
- Five Variations on a Theme*, Gallery Huuto, Helsinki
- 2006 *Contrapuntal*, VAE10, Visual Arts Gallery of the Cultural Center of Ricardo Palma University, Lima, Perú
- 2005 *Swan Song*, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma
- 2004 *Medley*, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts Gallery, Helsinki

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026–27 *A Dream in Four Colours*, Kiasma Museum of Modern Art, Helsinki
- 2025 *Ars Fennica Prize exhibition*, HAM Helsinki Art Museum
- Transformations*, Malva, Lahti Museum of Visual Arts, Lahti
- Breaking the Joints*, Sapieha Palace, CAC, Vilnius
- 2024–25 *Feels Like Home*, Kiasma Museum of Modern Art, Helsinki
- 2023 *Very Small Feelings*, Kiran Nadar Museum, New Delhi, India, curat. Akansha Rastogi, Diana Campbell Betancourt
- Bonna – 6th Dhaka Art Summit*, Bangladesh, curat. Diana Campbell Betancourt, Akansha Rastogi
- Shared Space*, HAM, Helsinki Art Museum, curat. Kristiina Ljokkoi, Aleksandra Kiskonen
- 2021 *Selected works from Galerie Anhava artists*, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
- Together, noting*, MMOMA, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, curat. Margarita Oseypan
- Impressions – works from the Wihuri collection*, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
- 2020 *Bodied*, AGWA, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, curat. Rachel Ciesla
- Frail Liberation*, Södertälje Konsthall, Sweden, curat. Joanna Sandell
- Touch – Works from the Saastamoinen collection*, EMMA Museum, Espoo, Finland
- 2019 *The Studio for Arousing Tools: Assembly V*, Drop City, Antwerp
- The Exercise Park*, as part of Jacquelin Davis's The Lottery project, curat. Sakari Tervo
- Upside Down: works from the collection of the Saastamoinen Foundation*, Kuopio Art Museum
- 2018 *Everything was Forever Until It Was No More*, 1st Riga Biennial, curat. Katerina Gregos
- If You Care to See Me You Should Think About It*, Otto Zoo, Milan
- 2017 *The Studio for Arousing Tools*, M HKA, Antwerp, curat. Drop City
- Body Image*, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, FI, curat. Piia Oksanen
- Triple Point of Matter*, Fondation Fiminco, Paris, curat. Matthieu Lelièvre
- 2016 *Passengers*, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, curat. Christine Nippe
- Discovery Award 2016*, MAC - Museu d'Art de Cerdanyola, Catalonia, Spain
- 2015 *Family Guys*, Otto Zoo Gallery, Milan
- 2014 *Shifting Identities*, MACRO Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Roma, curat. Ludovico Pratesi
- A View from the Other Side*, Moonshin Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea, curat. Seihee Shon & Jinhee Na
- Festival of Positive Misunderstanding*, Gallery Augusta, curat. Diego Bruno & Mikko Kuorinki
- 2013 *I See You*, Kunsthalle Detroit, Museum of Contemporary Art, curat. Tate Osten
- Shadows of a Doubt*, Tallin Art Hall, curat. Niekolaas Johannes Lekkerkerk
- Cumulus Olympia*, Kunsthall Grenland, Porsgrunn, Norway, curat. Tom Hovinbøle & Laura Köönikkä

- Truth, Beauty, Freedom and Money - Art After Social Media Era*, K11 Art Space, Shanghai, curat. Li Zhenhua & Marita Muukkonen
- Found in Translation*, Chapter M, at Natalie's Place' Art Brussels, curat. Emmanuel Lambion
- After the arc – an island: Findings by Team B*, Botkyrka Konsthall, Tumba, Sweden, curat. Joanna Sandell
- After the arc – an island: Findings by Team B*, The Finnish Institute Gallery, Stockholm, curat. Joanna Sandell
- 2012 *Re-Timed Pokerface*, BePart Platform Voor Actuele Kunst, Waregem, curat. Sofie Van Loo
- Sounding Selves*, Dalhousie University Art Gallery, Halifax, curat. Heather Anderson
- Travelogue*, Louis Vuitton Store, Rome
- Me, you, we and the others*, Museo Civico di Reggio, 7th European Photography Festival, Reggio, curat. Julia Draganovic & Claudia Loeffelholz
- William Lamson, Jules Marquis, Jani Ruscica*, West, Den Haag, curat. Marie-José Sondeijker
- Ventotto*, Otto Zoo Gallery, Milan
- No Exit – Helsinki Photography Biennial 2012*, Helsinki City Art Museum, curat. Jari Harju, Ari Kakkinen, Harri Pälviranta, Kari Soinio, Hanna Weselius
- 2011 *Aboard the Heart of Gold*, Museo Universitario di Palazzo Poggi, Bologna Art First, Italy
- Believe It or Not - New Works from the Collection*, Helsinki Art Museum Meilahti
- Found in Translation - Chapter L*, Casino Luxembourg, Forum d'art Contemporain, Luxembourg
- The Limits*, Kitchener and Waterloo Art Gallery, Kitchener, CAN, curat. Crystal Mowry
- Nordic Art Today: Conceptual Debts, Broken Dreams and New Horizons*, Loft Project Etagi, St Petersburg
- START/PLAY*, Museo Pecci, Milan
- Architecture in Words Only*, Hilary Crisp, London
- 2010 *International 10: S.Q.U.A.T. Liverpool*, 6th Liverpool Biennial
- Highlights from the KunstFilmBiennale*, KUNST-WERKE BERLIN, Institute for Contemporary Art
- The New Black 'n' White*, Temple Bar Gallery & Studios, Dublin
- The Allegory of the Cave*, Art Container, Tallinn
- Arrivals and Departures*, Fondo Mole Vanvitelliana, Ancona, IT
- Cosmogonia*, Museo Cappelini, Bologna, IT
- 2009 *Life Forms*, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm
- Favoured Nations*, 5th Momentum Biennial, Moss
- Coping with Contingency: Seven Methods*, Art Moscow, Moscow
- Variations on the finiteness of human vision*, Riga Art Space, Riga
- Ecology of Emotion*, The 14th Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä
- Tracking traces... 10th Exhibition of Works from the Collection*, KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
- Urban Research*, PICTURA, Dordrecht, Netherlands
- Continuous present*, galleri Studio 44, Stockholm
- 2008 *Tangential Documentaries*, KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
- Wenn Wissenschaft zur Kunst wird*, Synart Gallery, Frankfurt, Germany
- Five Variations on the Finiteness of Human Vision*, Cultural Center Belgrad, Artget Gallery
- Continuum*, Art Centre Retretti, Punkaharju
- Like a Man*, Agenzia04, Bologna
- Maan Asema/La Position de la Terre*, CRAC Alsace, Centre Rhenan d'Art Contemporain, Altkirch

- 2007 *Festart08' TR1*, Tampere Art Museum, Tampere
Nine International Artists, Location 1, New York
In Search of the Miraculous, 5th Triennial of Finnish Art, Kunsthalle Helsinki
Offspring, De Ateliers, Amsterdam
City Borderlands, Nordens Hus, Reykjavik
City Borderlands, Kaliningrad Art Museum, Kaliningrad
- 2006 *Omasta takaa*, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio
Suspended E-motions, Vartai Gallery, Vilnius
City Borderlands, Fredriks Bastion, Copenhagen
The Metaphysics of Youth, Ex Cofa, Fuori Uso, Pescara
Young Artists 2006, Kunsthalle Helsinki
- 2005 *Small Heaven*, Young Artists Biennale, Kunsthalle Helsinki
Polyfonia, Jetty Barracks Gallery, Helsinki
Art Goes Kapakka, Via, Helsinki
Graduate exhibition, Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
Swan Song, Holden Gallery, Manchester
- 2003 *Young Artists 2003*, Kunsthalle Helsinki

SELECTED SCREENINGS

- 2012 International Tiger Awards for Short Film 41st International Film Festival Rotterdam
- 2011 21st Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival - Curta Cinema 2011
 Film Travel 40th International Film Festival Rotterdam, curat. Peter van Hoof
RESPONSE:ABILITY, Transmediale 11, Berlin
 IHME 2011 Contemporary Art Festival, Helsinki
 7th 25 FPS International Experimental Film and Video Festival, Zagreb
 16th Ourense International Film Festival, Ourense
Unravelling a bit of the Universe, Saw Gallery, Ottawa
- 2010 Screening IV / Film as the Stage, KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
 4th Cairo Video and Experimental Film Festival, Cairo
 7th Filmfest Eberswalde, Germany
Nordic Delight, Institut Suedois, Paris
 Rencontres Audiovisuelles, Lille
 15th Ourense Film Festival, Ourense, Spain
 18th International Curtas Vila do Conde, Portugal
Package Deals, Scandinavia House, New York
Package Deals, Film Forum, Seattle
 41st International Tampere Short Film Festival, Tampere
 Kinos10 Shortfilm Festival, Lahti
Future Shorts, Gloria Biograf, Copenhagen
- 2009 *If you ever have the blues*, TATE Modern, London
 Kunstfilm Biennale, Museum Ludwig, Cologne
 Falstaff International Film festival, Stratford Upon-Avon
 Darklight Film Festival, Dublin
 5th 25 FPS Festival, Zagreb
 Exis, Experimental Film and Video Festival, Seoul

- Magma, Mostra di Cinema Breve, Acireale
 Shift-Time festival, Shrewsbury
Arctic Hysteria on Screen, Ludwig Museum, Budapest
 VIDEOEX festival, Zürich
Together, Alone, The Power Plant, Toronto
 55th International Oberhausen Short Film Festival
 Courtisane Short Film and Media Art Festival, Ghent
 2008 *Video Lounge*, 28th Sao Paulo Biennial
Amerika, Werkleitz – Zentrum fuer Medienkunst, Centre for Media Art, Halle
 Kasseler Dokumentarfilm- & videofest, Kassel
Arctic Hysteria on screen, MoMA, New York
Prospectif Cinema, Centre Pompidou, Paris, curat. Cristina Agostinelli
Unclassifiable Darling Foundry Visual Arts Center, Montreal
New Nordic Voices, Nordisk Panorama, Malmö
The Pathologies of the tourist experience, Pist /// Interdisciplinary Project Space, Istanbul
 8th International Bunker Film festival Ventimiglia
Unclassifiable, Ovegaden Institute for Contemporary Art, Copenhagen
 23rd International Short Film Festival, Hamburg
Lezioni di Paesaggio, Colonia Montana di Renesso, Savignone, Italy
Cinema et Video d'Artistes, Maison Europeenne de la Photographie, Paris
 Courtisane Short Film and Media Art Festival, Ghent
 EMAF – European Media Art festival, Osnabück
Stream of Electrons, Institute Finlandes, Paris
Nigh on Earth, Vorspiel Gallery, Berlin
 Kinos 08, Lahti
City Life, International Tampere Shortfilm festival, Tampere, FI & Oberhausen International Shortfilm Festival
Urban Research 2, Directors Lounge, Berlin
 Trunk – The Nordic Art Video Festival, Färgfabriken, Stockholm; Sundsvall Kulturmagasín;
 Kramfors Cinema, Kramfors
 2007 *Trunk – The Nordic Art Video Festival*, Östersund
Kettupäivät, Film Festival, Andorra, Helsinki
FILMlandia, Laydown Gallery, Madrid
From the fringes of Finland, Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
Kingdom Come, Images Festival, Workman Theatre, Toronto
Urban research, Directors Lounge, Berlinale, Berlin
View 07, Andorra, Helsinki
 International Tampere Short Film Festival, Plevna
 2006 International Uppsala Short Film Festival
Swinging Siniging North, Paris Photo
 Frieze Art Fair, London
 YLE TV1, Finnish National Television
Breaking the Ice, Kunstmuseum, Bonn
 LOOP Festival, Barcelona
 International Tampere Short Film Festival, Tampere
View 06, Korjaamo, Helsinki

2005	<i>Kettupäivät</i> , Andorra, Helsinki <i>Filmstuben 2</i> , Berlin
2004	Art Centre Pushkinskaya 10, St. Petersburg

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2025	Nomination for the Ars Fennica Award
2018	William Thuring Main Prize, The Finnish Art Society
2017	Nomination for the Finnish Art Academy Award
2012	Fremtids Blikket, Best Innovative Film, KinoKino Short Film Festival, Sandnes
2010	The AVEK Award, Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture Finland AVEK, Helsinki
2009	Main Prize, KunstFilm Biennale, Cologne Best Experimental Film, Magma Mostra di Cinema breve, Acireale
2006	Shortlist, The Cartier Award, Frieze Art Fair, London

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS (SELECTION)

Centre Pompidou, Musée national d'art moderne, Paris
 KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
 Saastamoinen collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art
 Wihuri Collection, Rovaniemi Art Museum
 State Art Collection, Finland
 HAM Helsinki Art Museum
 Kuopio Art Museum
 The Finnish-Institute in London
 Finnish Art Association