

ESSI KUOKKANEN

Born 1991 Pieksämäki, Finland
Lives and works in Helsinki

STUDIES

2020 Master of Fine Arts, The University of the Arts Helsinki, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts
2017 Bachelor of Fine Arts, The University of the Arts Helsinki, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki (UPCOMING)
2024 La Felce, Cologne
2023 *Underbelly*, Turku Art Museum
2022 *Shapeshifter Dreaming*, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2020 *Blooming Snakes*, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2019 Galleria Live, Helsinki
2018 *Lump in a Throat and Dusty Eyes*, Exhibition Laboratory Project Room, Helsinki

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Möhkönvirta nykytaidenäyttely*, Möhkön Ruukki, Ilomantsi
2023 *Handle With Care*, Turku Art Museum
2022 *Ars22 – Living Encounters*, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
2021 *Impressions – From Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Collection*, Rovaniemi
Selected works from Galeria Anhava artists, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
2020– *Touch, the Collection Exhibition of Saastamoinen Foundation*, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo
2018 *Emerging 2018*, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki
Kuvan Kevät, MFA Degree Show, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki
2017 *Närmare borta*, The Royal College of Fine Arts, Stockholm
2016 *BFA exhibition*, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki
Masters Salon 2016, Anciens Etablissements Vanderborght, Bryssel
Masters Salon 2016, Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerpen
Tapailin sopivaa ilmaisu, Musiikkitalo, Helsinki Art Academy exhibition, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki
2015 *What is surface?*, Exhibition Laboratory Project Room, Helsinki
2014 *International Plein Air Painting*, Kuldiga Artists' residence, Kuldiga
2013 *Who's in?*, Galleria Fafa, Helsinki

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Finnish Art Society
Collection of Finnish State Art Commission
HusLab
Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma
Saastamoinen Foundation
Turku Art Museum Collection
Wihuri Collection – Rovaniemi Art Museum
Private collections

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2019 *the Ducat Prize*, Finnish Art Society
Ducat Prize, founded in 1858, is the oldest art award in Finland. It is presented by the Finnish Art Society annually to a young Finnish artist under 35 in recognition of special merit.
- 2024 the Finnish Cultural Foundation
2023 Arts Promotion Centre Finland
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2020 Anita Snellman Foundation
2020 the Finnish Cultural Foundation
2020 the Paulo Foundation
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2018 Helsinki Saskia ry