

SANDRA KANTANEN / CV

Born 1974 in Helsinki, Finland. Lives and works in Hangö, Finland.

Education

- 2003 University of Art and Design Helsinki (now Aalto University - School of Arts, Design and Architecture), MA – program of Photography
- 2001 Central Academy of Fine art, Beijing, China
- 1995 Västra Nylands folkhögskola, Fine art
- 1994 Västra Nylands folkhögskola, Photography

Solo exhibitions

- 2019 More Landscapes, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London UK,
Smokeworks, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Pohjoinen Valokuvakeskus, Oulu, FI
Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti FI
- 2015 Purdy Hicks Gallery, London UK
- 2014 Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- 2013 Stockholms sjukhem, commissioned artwork, Stockholm, SE
- 2012 Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- 2010 Pobeda Gallery, Moscow, RUS
- 2009 Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki, FI
- 2008 Shadow Images, Gallery TAIK, Berlin, DE
- 2005 Seydler AG Bank Frankfurt, Frankfurt, DE
- 2005 Landscape and variations, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
- 2005 Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, NO
- 2005 Seydler AG Bank Frankfurt, DE
- 2003 Black Landscape, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI

Selected group exhibitions

- 2022 ALB Museum Opening Exhibition, ALB Museum, Tammissaari, Finland
Summer Exhibition, Taidekeskus Purnu, Orivesi, Finland
By the Morning, the Butterfly Was Gone, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
Eye on Nature, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
NatureMAX, Giant Gallery, Bournemouth, UK
- 2021 New Perspectives Through Photography – 25 Years of the Helsinki School,
Taidehalli Helsinki, FI
Nordic Light – 7 Artists from the Helsinki School, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London,
UK
Taming Nature, Valerius Gallery, Luxembourg, LU
Lux/Pictura, VB-valokuvakeskus, Kuopio, Finland
- 2020 Rebooting Nature, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
Keeper of the Hearth, Houston Center for Photography, Houston, US
The Helsinki School – The Nature of Being, Persons Projects, Berlin, DE
LUSTRE, Bryce Wolkowitz Gallery, New York, US
- 2019 It came from the North, World Trade Center, Jakarta Indonesia
- 2018 “On Disappearance and Appearance”, Alfred Erhardt Stiftung, Berlin, DE
“New Territory”, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado, USA
- 2017 “Yhtä juhlaa!” Rovaniemi Artmuseum Korundi, FI
“Herbarium - Fotografi&botanik” FOTOGRAFISK CENTER, Copenhagen, DK
“Anna&Sandra” LOKAL Gallery, Helsinki FI
“Five Finnish photographers” Purdy Hicks Gallery, UK

- 2016 "Papilio", Isabelle Lesmeister Gallery, Regensburg, DE
"Maihinnousu", Hangon Casino, Hanko, FI
"Viidakko tulvii", Keravan Artmuseum Sinkka, FI
- 2015 "Moi Helsinki" culture event, Beijing CN
Pulse Miami, Purdy Hicks gallery, US
Kawaba Photograpy Festival, Kawaba Village, JP
- 2014 Fondazione Fotografia Modena "Fotografia dal nord europa" IT
Le 19, Centre régional d'art contemporain, Montbéliard FR
Gumbostrand Art&Design Center, Söderkulla FI
LOKAL Gallery, Helsinki FI
Convergences: Selected Photographs from the Permanent Collection J. Paul Getty Museum, Getty Center LA, USA
- 2013 X-ist Gallery, Istanbul Turkey
Museum Bad Arolsen "Blütenzauber - Fotografien und Installationen internationaler Künstler", DE
EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art " Vesiputoussateenkaari ja muita tapahtumia luonnossa" FI
Sensibility, Korjaamo Galleria, Helsinki, FI
Summer Exhibition , Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 "7.Aalto- Taiteen Wihuri", Helsinki Art Hall, FI
Female View – Part 2, Fotoraum, Vienna, AT
- 2011 FLOWERS / TIME, DEATH AND BEAUTY FO.KU.S Foto Kunst Stadtforum
Innsbruck, AT
BFAMI auction Phillips de Pury, London, UK
KIAF/11 Korea International Art Fair, KR
Christophe Guye Galerie, Zurich CH
Purdy Hicks Gallery, London UK
Pyhäniemi Manor, Hollola, FI
Nature Forte Korundi openingexhibition, Rovaniemi Art museum, FI
- 2010 Highlighted, Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, NL
Ikkuna portfolio, Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, FI
The Armory Show, Bryce Wolkowitz Gallery, New York, US
AIPAD Photography Show, Bryce Wolkowitz gallery, New York, US
Echoes of Light, Photographic Centre Valokuvakeskus Nykyaika, Tampere, FI
- 2009 Internal and External Landscapes, Shiseido Gallery, Tokyo, JP
- 2008 Simple Life, Fiskars, FI
Incertitudes de la vision, Brussels, BE
100% Finlandais, Bordeaux City gallery, FR
Aomori contemporary art center, Artist in residence, JP
Views on Finnish photography, Nordic Art Works, London, UK
Det blommar!, Galleri Elverket/Pro Artibus, Eknäs, FI
- 2007 Art Fair Finland, Union of artist photographers
TAJU – Idän taju, Hyvinkää Artmuseum, Hyvinkää, FI
Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
Stenersen museum, Oslo, NO
London Artfair, Nordic Art Works, London, UK
- 2006 Flower as picture, Gallerie Anhava, Helsinki, FI
Paris Photo, Gallery TAIK, Paris, FR
Naturally! Mogadishni Gallery, Copenhagen, DK
Joutsenen jäljillä, Lasipalatsi Gallery/ LUME center, Helsinki, FI
Artek house, Housefair, Espoo, FI
The Helsinki School, Brussels, BE
The Helsinki School, Borås konsthall, Borås, SE

- 2005 Copenhagen Art Fair, Gallerie Brandstrup, DK
Art Fair Helsinki, Union of artist photographers annual exhibition, Helsinki, FI
Stockholm Art Fair, Galerie Anhava, SE
Art Fair Berlin, Galerie Anhava, Berlin, DE
Helsinki School, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, SE
- 2004 Galerie Roellin/Duerr, St Gallen, CH
CAFA gallery, Beijing, CN
"30 by TaiK", Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, FI
Artforum Berlin, gallerie Anhava, Berlin, DE
The Helsinki School, Brandts Klaedefabrik, Odense, DK
Fotofinlandia exhibition at Finnish Museum of Photography/Oulu City Art Museum, FI
- 2003 HANKI -03 Union of artist photographers annual exhibition, FI
Artissima, Galerie Anhava, Torino, IT
Landscape Now, City Art Museum, Mikkeli, FI
Art Forum Berlin, Galerie Anhava, Berlin, DE
Stockholm Art fair, Galerie Anhava, Stockholm, SE
- 2002 Art Forum Berlin, Gallery TAIK, Berlin, DE
Kultur-Räume Norden: An der Schwelle des Unbekannten, Kulturabteilung Bayer, Leverkusen, DE
Masters of art, Museum of photography, Helsinki, FI
Artissima Torino, Galerie Anhava, Torino, IT
- 2001 CAFA department of photography, Beijing, JP
Bordets Lust och Lov, Millesgården, Stockholm, SE
Gallerie Brandstrup, Oslo, NO
Stockholm Art Fair, Gallery TAIK, Stockholm, SE
- 2000 Having a ball, video installation, Profounders gallery, Helsinki, FI (SIC), CuLTUREN, Västerås, SE
Takaikkuna, photo.doc, KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, FI
- 1999 Bengtskär – projekti, City gallery of Hankoo, FI
Yksityisnäyttely, Gallery Naisten Huone, Helsinki, FI
- 1998 Rantaviiva – projekti, Gallery ATSKI, Helsinki, FI
- 1997 Näkymätön kaupunki – Invisible city, Gallery ATSKI, Helsinki, FI
- 1996 Gallery FOKUS, Karjaa, FI
- 1995 Photogallery ZEBRA, Karjaa, FI
Sekvens, Kirjakaapeli, Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki, FI

Awards

- 2007 H&W Grönqvist Foundation award
2005 Maire Gullichsen 80-year Jubilee Fund award
2004 Fotofinlandia finalist grant
2003 KESKO grant for young artist

Grants

- 2014 Konstsamfundet
2014 Finnish Cultural Foundation
2012 Arts Council of Finland / working grant
2010 Arts Council of Finland / publication grant
2008 Aomori Contemporary Art center, Japan, artist in residence grant
2007 Oskar Öflund Foundation
Alfred Kordelin Foundation
2006 Swedish Art council
Arts Council of Finland

- 2005 FRAME Finnish fund for art exchange
Swedish art council / working grant
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- 2002 Swedish art council
FRAME foundation for Finnish art exchange
University of Art & Design scholarship
- 2000 Sleipnir NIFCA
- 1999 Scholarship of Ministry of education

Memberships

- 2013-2015 National Council for Photographic Art committee
2010-2012 Union of artist photographers in Finland board

Publications (selected):

- 2016 "New work/Photolondon", Work Magazine
- 2015 Merja Salo "Jokapaikan valokuva" Suomalaisen valokuvan digitalisoituminen, Musta Taide, FI
Fotografia contemporanea dall'Europa nord-occidentale, Skira, IT
- 2014 Marjaana Kella "Käännöksiä- Maisema kasvot ja esittäminen valokuvassa"
Doctoral dissertations Aalto-yliopisto Musta Taide, FI
The Helsinki School From the past to the future, Hatje Cantz Verlag
IMA Vol.10 "Photography meets painting" Winter, JP
- 2013 "Omsikt-konsten på Stockholms Sjukhem", Alistair Hicks -Själens landskap
AM Publications
niin&näin philosophical quarterly issue 3/2013
Fourthdoor review, issue 9/2013 "Sandra Kantanen – The Finnish photographer turning nature into a new kind of blur."
- 2012 Rondo Classic, Ikkuna itään 2.1.2012
"Katso maisemaa", helmet Olivia-lehti, tammikuu
Kotivinkki 1/2012 Avoimet ovet
- 2011 Pixel, FST5, 21.12.2011
Groove FM Beijing Bop 19.12.2011
Radio 86 "Sandra Kantanen maalaa kameralla kiinalaisia sielunmaisemia"
"Suvi Veijola 19.12.2011
"Maalauksen ja valokuvan välissä" Anu Uimonen, HS 17.12.2011
"Kantanen tar fotografiet på utflykt", Synnöve Rabb, HBL 10.12.2011
"Dimmiga och drömlika vyer", Helen Korpak HBL 10.12.2011
Radio Vega, Kulturtimmen, 5.12.2011
"Täydellistä maisemaa etsimässä" Umami nettijulkaisu, 1.12.2011
"Kuvankaunista", Gloria, joulukuu
Sandra Kantanen "Landscapes", Hatje Cantz Verlag
Fantom photographic quarterly, portfolio issue 07 2011, Italy
Fantom photographic quarterly, cover issue 06 2011, Italy
"A Female View", The Helsinki school vol.4 Hatje Cantz Verlag
Documentary film, "På okända vatten" FST5 2011, 58min
The New Yorker, photo booth by Elisabeth Biondi, 25.2. 2011
- 2010 Russian Photo Magazine, "Intrigued by russian orthodoxy" 30.11. 2010
Rain TV Russia, tv interview, 23.10.2010
Ilona Hietanen "Luovuus asuu kivikaupungissa" HS 14.7.2010
"Suomalaisia Nykyaiteilijoita lähikuvassa" WSOY
- 2010 Matthias Harder "Flower Power", Dumont Buchverlag
The Moscow Times "Landscapes by Sandra Kantanen at Pobeda Gallery"

- 2009 Takeo Desk Diary 2010, Takeo publishing house, Japan
 Dan Sundell, "Vårblom i bergen" HBL culture 26.10.2009
 The Japan Times "A cool show at Shiseido" 17.7.2009
 "Internal and External Landscapes" Shisedo Gallery publications
 Mikiko Kikuta, "Interview with Sandra Kantanen", Invisible man magazine
 nr.1 2009 Japan
- 2008 "Tangent" Aomori Contemporary Art Center, Artist in residence
 catalogue 2008.
 "3.Europäisher Monat der Fotografie Berlin", Klaus Wowereit
 "100% Finlandais" TV interview, Sandra Kantanen, HC berg, Kim Simonsson,
 Saara Ekström. FST YLE Ratatosk
- 2007 The Helsinki School, " New Photography by Taik" Hatje Cantz verlag
 Timo Valjakka, "Itäiset vaikutteet panevat miettimään"
 Helsingin Sanomat 20.6.2007
- 2005 Sandra Kantanen, "Maisema ja muunnelmia" , Galerie Anhava
 The Helsinki School, "Photography by Taik" , Hatje Cantz verlag
 "Fotokonst på export" TV documentary about Sandra Kantanen and
 Miklos Gaal, Dir. Mikaela Weurlander FST YLE Culture
 Timo Valjakka, "Kiinalaisia nokturneja ja liikehtiviä pulloja",
 Helsingin Sanomat 10.5.2005
 Dan Sundell, "En kinesisk utflykt", Hufvudstadsbladet 8.5.2005
 Anu Nousiainen, "Ikiikaista ja silti ihan uutta", Helsingin Sanomat 1.5.2005
 Pirkko Vekkelä, "Toukokuun taiteilija – Sandra Kantasen kiinalainen juttu",
 Gloria nr.5/2005
- 2003 Minna Törmä, "Maalaus ja valokuva – ontologisia pohdintoja" TAIDE nr.5/2003
- 2001 Petra Axlund, "Gessle satsar på konst", Everyday/Nyheter 9.3.2001

Works in collections

J.Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, US
 Stockholms sjukhem, SE
 KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, FI
 Pro Artibus Foundation, FI
 Helsinki City Art Museum, FI
 Tampere Art Museum, FI
 Olorvisual Collection, Barcelona, ES
 EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art ,Saastamoinen Foundation FI
 SOK collections, Helsinki, FI
 Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi, FI
 State Art collection, FI
 Parliament of Finland, FI
 Seydler AG Bank, Frankfurt, DE
 Four Seasons Hotel, St.Petersburg, RU
 Per Gessle collection, Halmstad SE
 Bo Bjerggaard gallerie, Copenhagen, DK
 Pentti Kouri collection, New York, US
 Oulu City hospital, FI
 Tres Hombres Art, SE
 Private collections in Finland, Sweden, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Norway, USA, Kuwait,
 France, Great Britain, China, and Japan