

# Elsa Salonen

Born 1984, Turku, Finland

Lives and works between Berlin and Finland

## Education

2007 - 2008 Exchange Student, Berlin Weissensee (DE)

2004 - 2008 Fine Arts Academy of Bologna, BA (IT)

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 [Solve et coagula](#), Jochen Hempel Gallery, Leipzig (DE)
- 2021 *Distilling the Essence of the Seas*, Ama Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
- 2021 *Buni Buana (Hidden World)*, WAMx, Turku City Art Museum (FI)
- 2019 *Stories Told by Stones*, Schwartzsche Villa, Berlin (DE)
- 2017 *Studies of the Eternal Cycle*, Ama Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
- 2016 [Guided by the Stars of the Southern Hemisphere](#), Acud Macht Neu, Berlin (DE)
- 2015 *La natura (mai) morta*, Adiacenze, Bologna (IT)
- 2013 *Alkuaineissa rukouksen kaltaista kajoa*, Ama Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
- 2012 *I Walk in the Forest as in a Temple II*, Galerie Suvi Lehtinen, Berlin (DE)
- 2012 *I Walk in the Forest as in a Temple I*, Grimmuseum, Berlin (DE)
- 2011 *Falling Levitation (Duo)*, Kartüche Gallery, Berlin (DE)
- 2010 *Muuttolinnun kaksi auraa*, Ama Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
- 2008 *When My Loved Ones Were an Hour Ahead*, Ama Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
- 2007 *Her Illness Changed Her Way (to Comprehend)*, Neon Campobase, Bologna (IT)

## Duo and Trio Exhibitions

- 2022 [Bodies of Water](#), Kunstpavillon Innsbruck (Trio), (AT)
- 2018 *New Materialism*, Fata Morgana, Berlin (DE)
- 2011 *Falling Levitation*, Kartüche Gallery, Berlin (DE)

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Visiting Artists 2024: Ich finde dich in allen diesen Dingen*, Finnland-Institut, Berlin (DE)
- 2024 *The Senses of Plants*, Villa Merkel, Galerie der Stadt Esslingen, Esslingen am Neckar (DE)
- 2023 [The 45th Tendenser Biennial: Abundance](#), Galleri F 15, Moss (NO)
- 2022 [Minimalism-Maximalism-Mechanissmmm](#), Kunsthal Aarhus (DK)
- 2022 *Når vi har smøget livets lænker af*, Sydnhavnstation, Copenhagen (DK)
- 2022 [nature morte - still alive](#), Stadtgalerie Kiel (DE)
- 2022 [Landscapes of Belonging](#), KINDL Centre for Contemporary Art, Berlin (DE)
- 2022 [Minimalism-Maximalism-Mechanismmm Part 4](#), Art Sonje Center, Seoul (KR)
- 2021 [Wachsende Formen - Naturprozesse in der aktuellen Kunst](#), Heidenheim Art Museum (DE)
- 2021 *The Brief History of a New Perspective in Painting*, Lissone Museum of Contemporary Art, Milan (IT)
- 2021 *We are not sure if the show will still be open tomorrow*, Jochen Hempel Gallery, Leipzig (DE)

# FINNISH PAINTERS

- 2019 [Ocean Dwellers](#), The Nordic Embassies in Berlin (DE)  
2019 *Polisemia*, Galeria del Colombo Americano de Medellín (CO)  
2018 *Polisemia*, El Parquadero - Miguel Urrutia Art Museum (CO)  
2017 *Corridor III: Valdemar Daa*, Viborg Kunsthal (DK)  
2017 [Corridor II: Pachamama](#), Insitu, Berlin (DE)  
2016 [It's all natural](#), Nassauischer Kunstverein, Wiesbaden (DE)  
2016 *Pilgrimage*, The Finnish Institute, Berlin (DE)  
2014 *Bilder zwischen den Zeilen, part I*, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin (DE)

## Permanent Public Artworks

- 2023 *Kylän vanhin*, In the Quiet Room of Meilahti Bridge Hospital, Helsinki (FI)

## Works in Collections

- Art Association of Finland (FI)  
Finnish Literature Society (FI)  
HUS Art Collection (FI)  
Italian Ministry of Education (IT)  
Lissone Museum of Contemporary Art, Milan (IT)  
Paulo Foundation (FI)  
Saastamoinen Foundation (FI)  
Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku (FI)

## Awards

- 2006 Premio Nazionale delle Arti, The First Premium of Communication (IT)

## Residencies

- 2018 Puerto Contemporáneo / El Kruce, Cartagena (CO)  
2016 Lugar a Dudas, Cali (CO)  
2014 Sewon Art Space, Yogyakarta (ID)  
2013 Künstlerhaus Schloß Wiepersdorf (DE)  
2007 Student Residence, Nosadella.due, Bologna (IT)

## Lectures and Teaching Assignments

- 2020 Lecture: *Historias contadas por las piedras y otros relatos*, H-Residency, Calama (CL)  
2020 Lecture: *Veden väelle – For the Water Sprites*, in collaboration with folklore scholar Kaarina Koski, Aboagora, Turku (FI)  
2020 Lecture: *Afloat Assembly* (DE)  
2020 Lecture: *Creative Ecosystem; Soul, Art, Animism and Sisterhood*, Studio Emmi, London (UK)  
2020 Workshop: *Natural Colours: Focus Sea*, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel (DE)  
2019 Lecture: *How to Enlarge Your Bubble?*, University of Fine Arts Poznan (PL)