

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

- 2024 *To My Alchemical Garden, Welcome*, Ama Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
- 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 [*Être-là. Being There. Le Clézio Gallery*](#), Paris (FR)
- 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-Mechanismmm*](#), 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)

FINNISH PAINTERS

- 2021 *We are not sure if the show will still be open tomorrow*, Jochen Hempel Gallery, Leipzig (DE)
- 2019 [*Ocean Dwellers*](#), The Nordic Embassies in Berlin (DE)
- 2019 *Polisemia*, Galeria del Colombo Americano de Medellín (CO)
- 2018 *Polisemia*, El Parqueadero - Miguel Urrutia Art Museum (CO)
- 2017 *Corridor III: Valdemar Daa*, Viborg Kunsthall (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

- Finnish Art Society (FI)
- Finnish Literature Society (FI)
- HUS Art Collection (FI)
- Italian Ministry of Education (IT)
- Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation (FI)
- Lissone Museum of Contemporary Art (IT)
- Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma (FI)
- Paulo Foundation (FI)
- Saastamoinen Foundation (FI)
- Vantaa Art Museum Artsi (FI)
- Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art (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)

Selected Lectures and Teaching Assignments

- 2024 Lecture: *Hi, My Name Is Elsa Salonen*, Braunschweig University of Arts (DE)
- 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 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)