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STUDIES

2015- Doctoral student, artistic research, Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki
2007-2010 MA in performance arts and theory, The Theatre Academy, Helsinki
2005-2007 Art Teacher Pedagogical qualification, Lahti Polytechnic, Institute of Design, Lahti
2000-2003 Crossing Borders in Performing Arts, BA, Turku Arts Academy
2002 exchange student, Visual Performance, Dartington College of Arts, Totnes, UK

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

I, a Bat 2019-2020 Meadow, contemporary art exhibition, Fiskars, Finland (curator Taru Elfving)
Nautelankoski museum, New Performance Turku Festival, Turku, Finland
Nautelankoski museum, Bats in Arts and Science -event, Lieto, Finland

There is No Planet B 2020 MUU Gala, Muu contemporary art gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Performance Crossing festival, Prague, Czech

Space Here We Come 2019 Interval 10 site-specific festival, Oberhausen, Germany
Performensk festival, Minsk, Belarus
New Performance Turku Festival, Turku, Finland

Small Disasters, Great Damages 2018 Morni Hills Performance Art Biennale, Govern Museum, Chandigarh, India

Naapurihmasto 2017- 2018 Naapurihmasto (Neighbor Rhizomes) work group together with Heini Aho and Eero Yli-Vakkuri.
Commissioned community and site-specific work during the construction of Kone Foundation's new manor house in Lauttasaari. Performances, community events and discussions.

Portrait of Nees-Skalstrup 2016-2017 3 residency periods and site-specific performance together with sound artist Jean-Léon Pallandre, Meetings, ET4U Contemporary Visual Arts Projects, Mid and West Jutland, Denmark

One Year Demonstration 2017-2018 one year performance in social media (Instagram ja Facebook)
Performance (workshop), Antitheses event, Camino Events, Research Pavilion, Venice, Italy
2019 installation and performance as part of When Is Now? exhibition, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku, Finland

Equality 2017 Kolkata International Performance Art Festival, Kolkata, India
Mentoring and performance, Perfo! Beginners' Night event, Telakka, Tampere

Alphabets of Performance Art 2015-2017 Playtime, Yorkshire Dance, Leeds, Great Britain 2017
Hangö Teaterträffen, Hanko 2017
Hurraa! A festival for children and young people, Mad House, Annantalo and Vuotalo, Helsinki 2017
Fine Arts Academy, University of Arts Helsinki 2017
Live Art for Kids festival, Ålborg, Denmark 2016
MOPE Festival, Vaasa, 2016
RAVY Biennale, Yaounde, Cameroon, Africa, 2016
They Come from Far Away, Te Uru Waitakere Contemporary Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand 2016
FESTIVAALI!, Theaterdiscouter, Berlin, Germany 2015
Month of Performance Art, Meinblau Gallery, Berlin, Germany 2015
Breathing Live Art event, TEHDAS Theatre, Turku 2015

Performance art series Ten 2016-2018 Four performance (*Carpet Is a Space Between People*) together with Päivi Julin, Janna Pehkonen, Anne Pietarinen, Marjo Pipinen, Juhani Räisänen ja Tuulikki Veijola, Kone Foundation Lauttasaari Manor, Helsinki, Finland 2018
Three performance (*Oasis of November*) together with Hanna Mattila, Elina Lahdenperä, Iina Löppönen ja Laura Halonen Linnankatu on taidekatu event, Flower shop Pasadena, Turku, Finland 2017
Two performance together with Valentina Castillo, Camila Saavedra, Gonzalo Vitale and Silvana Soto "Connection > Eurasia, Santiago, Chile
One performance (*Garden group*) together with Sanna, Kuura and Asla Vainionpää, Tero Kemppainen, Roope Pellinen, Hilla Kela ja Niko Vuori, MUU MAA Art Bus, Mynämäki, Finland 2016

<i>Performance 2009-2017</i>	Performance Art Saturday RISK, Mad House, Helsinki 2017 Scenes Obliques, Belledonne, France 2013 Samtalkokkenet, Copenhagen, Denmark 2012 Fluxations exhibition, Turku 2012 Perfo event, Telakka, Tampere 2009
<i>Wardrobe Revelations 2016</i>	NoMad House Festival, Theaterdiscounter, Berlin, Germany
<i>The Darkest Hits 2016</i>	performing in a work by coreographer Maija Mustonen, JoJo Oulu Dance Center, Oulu
<i>Psst, On and Material Descions 2016</i>	performances together with Mark Harvey (NZ) Live Art for Kids festival, Ålborg, Denmark They Come From Far Away festival, Auckland, New Zealand
<i>Dark Energy Kitchen 2015</i>	together with cosmologist Kaisa Henttunen, produced by Floating Platforms project Mad House, Helsinki Aboagora Symposium, Turku
<i>Kahviland 2010-2015</i>	performance art laboratorium together with Kristina Junttila (NOR/FIN) performance installation and events, XIX Mänttä At Festival (XIX Mäntän Kuvataideviikot), Mänttä 2015 Tromso Kunstforening, Tromso, Norway 2013 Rovaniemi Art Museum 2011 Pikene på Broen in Kirkenes, Norway 2011 Luleå Art Hall, Luleå 2011 Aine Art Museum, Tornio 2010
<i>Bad Really Really Bad 2012-2014</i>	in collaboration with Heini Aho (visuals) and Maria Pahlman (sound) Performance and exhibition, New Maternalisms, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo MAC, Santiago, Chile 2014 Kutomo, Turku 2012 Asemankylä Bonjour, Mynämäki 2012 Perf! Festival, Pori 2012 Extensions Extra, Month of Performance Art, Grimmuseum, Berlin 2012 Helsinki Art Hall, Helsinki 2012
<i>Redefining the Meaning 2013-2015</i>	Parsons The New School of Design, New York, USA 2015 The Craft of Use conference, Centre for Sustainable Design, London College of Fashion, London 2014 Aalto University, Helsinki 2013 P.S. postskriptum Exhibition, Kivimakasiini, Mynämäki 2013
<i>Coincidences 2013-2014</i>	In collaboration with sound artist Jean-Leon Pallandre (FRA) The Festival Eclectic Campagne(s), Le Favril, France 2014 Juko Factory, Mynämäki 2013 L'Arpenteur festival, Les Adrets, France 2013 Bivouac, L'Arpenteur festival, Les Adrets, France 2013
<i>Walk This Way 2013</i>	Art Nomade festival, Chicoutimi, Canada Le Lieu, Quebec, Canada L'Arpenteur festival, Les Adrets, France La Chambre d'eau, Le Favril, France Fluxee club, Tehdas Theatre, Turku Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum, Turku
<i>This is How We Dance Tango 2012</i>	collaboration with Tomasz Szrama (POL/FIN), Co-lab editions, Freies Museum, Berlin
<i>Departure 2011-2013</i>	La Chambre d'eau, Le Favril, France 2013 Ars Nova Museum of Contemporary Arts, Turku 2011 group exhibition Nomadic Settlers –Settled Nomads, Kunstraum Kreuzberg, Bethanien, Berlin 2011
<i>Airplane! rewind 2008-2009</i>	Constructed Realities group exhibition, Frise gallery, Hamburg 2009 Naisen tila –exhibition, Kemi Art Museum, Kemi 2009 Performer Stammtisch –live art event, Berlin, Germany 2008
<i>Alter ego 2009</i>	four weeks durational performance in the web www.elenaalak.com (artistic dissertation in the MA program in Live art and Performance Studies at the Theatre Academy Helsinki)

CURATING / ORGANIZING

2012-2021	<i>New Performance Turku Festival</i> , founder and artistic director, annual international festival of performance and Live Art, Turku, Finland
2015-2017	Member of the curatorial team of <i>Mad House</i> Production House for Performance in Helsinki
2015	<i>Floating Platforms</i> -encounters between performance art and science, team member of planning, organizing and curating the project, Turku, Finland

2013	Curating <i>Here and Now. Performance Art in Finland</i> exhibition together with Silja Lehtonen, Ars Nova Contemporary Arts Museum, Turku
2012	Curating the annual exhibition of Turku Arts Association together with Heini Aho, Köysirata gallery, Turku
2012	Member of the jury, Performance Voyage II collection of performance art videos, published by MUU ry
2010-2013	Curating the <i>Fluxee Contemporary Art Clubs</i> 4 times a year together with Aapo Korkeaoja, TEHDAS Theatre, Turku
2012-2014	Curating and organizing annual <i>Performanssi on the Road</i> –events, Varsinais-Suomi, Finland
2008	<i>What is Live Art in Finnish? Liveartwork DVD</i> curator and producer of DVD publication together with Suvi Parrilla and Christopher Hewitt

SELECTED GRANTS

2021	Arts Promotion Centre Finland, group grant for Institute of Coping With Destruction
2020	AVEK, media arts grant
	FRAME, travel grant to Prague, Czech
2019	FRAME, travel grant Minsk, Belarus
2018	Arts Promotion Centre Finland, travel grant to India
2016	travel grant to Santiago, Chile, University of Arts Helsinki, Fine Arts Academy
	travel grant to Santiago, Chile, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
	Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 3 year work grant for 2017-2019
	AVEK, media arts grant
2015	1 year work grant (year 2016), the Arts Promotion Centre Finland
	Public display grant, the Arts Promotion Centre Finland
	½ year work grant, the Arts Promotion Centre South West Finland
	Arts Promotion Center, travel grant to New York (work group)
2014	Suomen Taideyhdistys, young artists' grant
	Instituto Iberoamericano de Finlandia, travel grant to Santiago, Chile
	Arts Promotion Center, Kahviland-project
2013	FRAME, travel grants to London, Great Britain; Quebec, Canada and Tromsø, Norway
2012	Finnish Cultural Foundation of South West Finland, project grant
2011	FRAME, travel grant to Berlin, Germany
	National Council for Theatre, Kahviland project
2010	FRAME, Kahviland publication
	AVEK, media art production grant, group grant
2009	Nordic Culture Fund, Kahviland project
	Art Council of Finland, travel grant to Hamburg, Germany
	WISEK, project grant
	Samuel Huber Art Foundation, project grant
	AVEK, media art production grant
	FRAME, group travel grant to Stockholm, Sweden
	Kulturkontakt Nord, mobility funding to Stockholm, Sweden
	Art Council of Finland, media art, group grant
2008	FRAME, travel grant to Berlin, Germany
	Finnish Cultural Foundation, artistic practice
	Arts Council of Finland, publication grant
2007	FRAME, travel grant to London, Great Britain
	FRAME, "What's Live Art in Finnish?" liveartwork DVD
2006	FRAME, travel grants to Amsterdam, Netherlands; Toronto, Canada and Madrid, Spain
	Sleipnir travel grant, NIFCA
	Arts Council of Finland, Glue project
	Finnish Cultural Foundation, group grant
	Arts Council of Finland, group grant
	Finnish Cultural Foundation, project grant
	Art Council of Finland, travel grant