

OLA KOLEHMAINEN

Born 1964 in Helsinki, Finland

Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

EDUCATION

1993-99 Master of Arts in Photography, University of Art and Design Helsinki

1988-92 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism

MEMBERSHIP

1996- Union of Artist Photographers, Helsinki

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Back to Square Black, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
- 2019 Sacred Places, Mirko Mayer gallery, Cologne, Germany
COELN, Cathedral of Light, Rheinishes Bildarchiv as Guest in Kaune
Contemporary, St. Joseph Chapel, Cologne
- 2018 Sacred Spaces, BGE Contemporary Art Projects, Stavanger, Norway
Galerie der Moderne, Munich, Germany
- 2017 Sacred Spaces, Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki
Spanish Works Galería Senda, Barcelona, Spain
It Never Entered My Mind, Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
Sinan Project, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul
- 2015 Ola Kolehmainen, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
Sense of Volume, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014 Reason & Intuition: Alvar Aalto and Ola Kolehmainen in Soane, Pitzhanger
Manor House & Gallery, London
Geometric Light, by Sauerbruch Hutton, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin
- 2012 Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
Enlightenment, Alvar Aalto Museum, Kyvaskyla, Finland
- 2011 Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Gallery TAIK, Lindenstrasse, Berlin, Germany
Gallery TAIK, Bergstrasse, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 17th Biennale of Sydney, Australia
A Building is not a Building, KUNTSI, Museum of Modern Art, Wasa, Finland
Deutsche Werkstätten, Dresden, Germany
Alvar Aalto, Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009 A Building is not a Building, KIASMA, Helsinki, Finland
The National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen, Denmark
New Art Gallery Walsall, England, UK
Colour Urban Structures, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Vanguardia, Bilbao, Spain
Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
- 2008 Purdy Hicks Gallery, London , UK
Galerie Koal, Berlin, Germany
Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2007 Mirrors and Windows, Sint-Lukasgalerij, Brussels, Belium
Ola Kolehmainen and Pertti Kekarainen, Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
- 2006 Espace des deux arbres, Artothèque de Caen, Caen, France
Fraction, Abstraction, Recreation, Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid, Spain
Arquitectura en dos dimensiones, SEA, Castillo de Santa Bárbara, Alicante, Spain
- 2005 Space is Unknown, Galerie dominique fiat, Paris, France

- Minimalism is My Great Love, artfinder Galerie, Hamburg, Germany
 Search for Mastery, Galerie Neii Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg
 2004 Search for Mastery, Museum Waldhof, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Bielefeld
 Construction II, Galerie sphn, Berlin, Germany
 2003 Construction, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
 2001 The Yellow Staircase, site-specific public work commissioned by Helsinki Festivals,
 Finland
 2000 Golden Hall, i8 galleri, Reykjavik, Iceland
 1999 Pyramid, gallery installation, Zinc Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
 1998 Portaikko-Trappan, gallery installation, Galleria Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
 1997 Temple, gallery installation, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
 1996 Exitus, Rantagalleria, Oulu, Finland
 Exitus, Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland
 Gallery installation, Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Inspiration, Stockholm’s National Museum; Ateneum, Helsinki
 2018 Unboxing Photographs. Arbeiten im Fotoarchiv, Kunstbibliothek, Staatliche
 Museen zu Berlin, Berlin
 2017 Lichtblicke, Kunsthaus Potsdam, Germany
 Summer exhibition Art Goes Logomo, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland
 Dreamaholic, Weserburg, Museum für moderne Kunst, Bremen, G
 2016 Freundschaftsspiel Istanbul, Freiburg Museum Fur Neue Kunst, Germany
 2014 Reason & Institution – Alvar Aalto & Ola Kolehmainen in Soane, PM Gallery and
 House, London
 Topological Constellation Art and Architecture I, DNA Galerie, Berlin
 Within/Beyond Borders, European Investment Bank & Banco de Portugal, Lisbon
 Encounters with Aalto, Jacksons Design, Berlin
 Spuren der Moderne, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg
 2013 Inside Outside Architecture, Nasjonalmuseet for Kunst, Oslo
 Now and Then, European Central Bank, Frankfurt
 If Walls Could Speak, Huize Frankendael, Amsterdam
 Stadt in Sicht – Werke aus der Sammlung Deutsche Bank, Museum Ostwall,
 Dortmund
 Metropolis: Reflections on the Modern City, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery,
 Birmingham
 2012 Segment 1A, Borusan Collection, Istanbul, Turkey
 Helsinki Abstract, Curated by Olaf O. Becker and co-curated by Timothy Persons.
 Galerie Ruzischka, Salzburg, Austria
 Alles nur Fassade? Architektur als Abstraktion. Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Dusseldorf,
 Germany
 2011 Verotung. Die Frage nach dem Raum in der zeitgenossischen Kunst. Kunstmuseum
 Wolfsburg, Germany
 Helsinki School, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
 Helsinki School, Group Show, Curated by Timothy Persons, Cristophe Guye Galerie,
 Zurich, Switzerland
 Façade: Through a Glass Darkly, National Glass Centre, University of Scotland, UK
 2010 Export—Import, Taidehalli Helsinki, Finland
 A Building is not a Building, KUNSTI, Museum of Modern Art, Wasa, Finland
 2009 Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs—Neue Fotografie aus Finnland, Kunstmuseum
 Wolfsburg, Germany

BGE | CONTEMPORARY
ART
PROJECTS

- 2008 Mois de la Photo, Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris, France
En Privat 1, Esbaluard, museu d'art modern i contemporani de palma, Palma de Majorca, Spain
Artistas y Fotógrafos—Imágenes para una colección, Museo de Madrid Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid, Spain
- 2007 Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare, Fotografia Italiana, Milano, Italy
Drei Farben—Weiss, Thema: Equality, XIV. Rohkunstbau, Schloss Gross Leuthen, Spreewald, Germany
Boogie Woogie—Art and Jazz, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
Stadtfinden—Moderne: A virtual tour through Interbau 1957 (International Architecture Exhibition), Berlin, Germany
Helsinki School, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
The Helsinki School of Photography, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK
Photo Finnish: The Helsinki School, Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway
- 2006 Intersection—Between Past and Future, Pori Art Museum, Finland
Ideal Cities—Invisible Cities, Zamosc, Poland and Potsdam, Germany
1 2 3 4, the Architecture of Sauerbruch Hutton, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany
Minimal Quotation, Artfinder Galerie, Hamburg, Germany
The Helsinki School, Hôtel de Ville de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium
Dialogue Helsinki School, Langhans Galerie Praha, Prague, Czeck Republic
Helsinki School, Borås Konst Museum, Borås, Sweden
Nordic Cut, Helsinki School, Art Pavilion, Zagreb, Croatia
Opterracuna: Anton Henning, Ole Kolehmainen, Sven Kroner, Anj Smith, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, US
- 2005 Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía, Fundacion Aena, Madrid, Spain
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid, Spain
Made in Berlin, Art Forum Berlin, Germany
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The Helsinki School, Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
30 by TaiK, The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Le Bâti et le Vivant (The Built and the Living), Chapelle du Rham, Luxembourg
Brussels—Helsinki, La Maison d'Art Actuel des Chartreux, Brussels
Helsinki—Brussels, Valkoinen Sali, Helsinki, Finland
New Pictures—Brotherus, Kella, Kolehmainen, Lajunen, Parantainen, Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Northern Spell, Finnish Embassy, Washington D.C., US
Toronto University Art Center, Toronto, Canada
Kuvitelmiä/Fantasies, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 2001 Magnetic North, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, UK
Finnish Photography, Gallery Christian Dam, Copenhagen, Denmark
Gallery Christian Dam, Oslo, Norway
- 2000 100 Show: 90 Designers—10 Artists, Helsinki, Finland
- 1999 Tila—Espaces, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
Spaces, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 1998 Blue You, Into Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Me, Myself and I, Bensow House, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Photography Finlandia Award, Helsinki, Finland

European Photography Award, Bad Homburg, Germany

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The National Museum of Photography Collection, Denmark
Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg Collection, Germany
Carl Gustav Ehrnrooth Collection, Finland
Artek Collection, Helsinki
The City of Madrid Collection, Spain
European Central Bank Collection
Société Générale Collection, Paris, France
Colección Pilar Citoler, Madrid
Deutsche Bank, Germany, Great Britain
DZ Bank, Germany
Fundación Centro Ordóñez-Falcón de Fotografía, Spain
Peter W. Klein Collection, Germany
Malmö Art Museum, Sweden
Roland Berger Collection, Munich, Germany
European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
Heino Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi, Finland
Espoo Art Museum, Finland
Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
Saastamoinen Foundation, Espoo, Finland
SOK Collection, Helsinki, Finland
City of Muurame, Finland
UPM-Kymmene Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
Kouri Collection, New York, NY, USA
Lars Swanljung Collection, Helsinki, Finland
State Art Council, Stockholm, Sweden
State of Finland

PRIVATE AND COMPANY COLLECTIONS

Andorra
Brazil
Canada
Denmark
France
Finland
Germany
Great Britain
Italy,
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
Sweden
Switzerland
Spain
USA

PUBLISHED LITERATURE

- 2009 Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs / Helsinki School - Neue Fotografie aus Finnland, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg & Hatje Cantz
Photography matters: Helsinki School. Statoil Hydro art programme, Oslo
David Elliott, Alistar Hicks, Arja Miller, Taru Tappola. Ola Kolehmainen: A Building is not a Building, Hatje Cantz Verlag
Export-Import, Exhibition Catalogue, Helsingin Taidehalli
Rönkkö, Jaakko. "Talon kuva, jonka aihe on muualla". Savon Sanomat (Helsinki), March 3, 2009.
- 2008 Fassi, Luigi. Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare, exh. cat., Fotografia Italiana, Milano
Ideal Cities—Invisible Cities, Zamosc, Poland and Potsdam, Germany
Salva, Christina Ros. En Privat 1, exh. cat., Esbaluard, museu d'art modern I contemporani de palma, Palma de Majorca
- 2007 Fuchs, Martina and Gisbourne, Mark. Ola Kolehmainen: Abstraction, Fraction, Recreation, Hatje Cantz Verlag
Gisbourne, Mark. Drei Farben—Weiss, Thema: Equality, XIV. Rohkunstbau, exh. cat. Spreewald, Germany
Pasanen, Kimmo. Boogie Woogie - Kuvataide ja Jazz, Helsingin Taidehalli
- 2005 Molina Pilar Cimarra. Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía, exh. cat, Fundacion Aena, Madrid
- 2004 Honnef, Klaus and Protzman, Ferdinand. Ola Kolehmainen: Search for Mastery, Bielefeld: Kunstverein Bielefeld
- 2002 Le Bâti et le Vivant (The Built and the Living), exh. cat., Semaines Européennes de l'Image and Editions Café-crème. Luxembourg
Mäkelä, Asko. Kuvitelmiä/Fantasies, exh. cat. Sara Hildén Art Museum and Finnish Museum of Photography. Tampere and Helsinki,
- 2001 Faure Walker, Caryn. Magnetic North - Current Installation Photography in Finland
- 1998 Me, Myself and I, exh. cat. University of Art and Design. Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Lintonen, Kati. Ola Kolehmainen, exh. cat. European Photography 17, no. 60/2 (1996).
- 1994 Qinterro. OPUS 26, gravure portfolio

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- 2009 "Arkitektur ur nya vinklar kan ses i Kiasma". Vasabladet (Vasa), February 27, 2009.
"Arkkitehtuuria uudesta vinkkelistä". Pohjolan Sanomat (Kemi), February 26, 2009.
"Arkkitehtuuria uudesta vinkkelistä". Etelä-Saimaa (Lappeenranta), February 26, 2009.
"Arkkitehtuurin muodot". Geo (Helsinki), No 2009/3 (14/ Vuosi)
Arrel, Bernd. "Valokuva Akvarellina". Glorian Antiikki (Helsinki), No 2009/ 3 (10/ Vuosi).
Hellsten, Johanna. "Rakennus on kukkanen, sateinen heijastus ja värin leikki". Rakennuslehti, No 2009/8 (40/ Vuosi).
"Kansainvälinen tyyli—Kaksi strategiaa". Taide (Helsinki), No 2009/2.
Kuumola, Leena. "Polerad värld pa gränsen till kitsch". Hufvudstadsbladet (Helsinki), March 7, 2009.
"Ola Kolehmainen—valokuvissa harkittu ja sattuma kohtaavat". AU Arkkitehtiutiset — Arkitektnytt (Helsinki), No 2009/3 (12 / Vuosi)

- Sundell, Dan. "En urban fotopoet fran Berlin är i stan". Hufvudstadsbladet (Helsinki), February 26, 2009.
- Uimonen, Anu. "Rakennus ei ole rakennus vaan kuva". Helsingin Sanomat (Helsinki), February 26, 2009.
- 2008 Werthern, Wilhelm. "Ola Kolehmainen", *Le Monde Diplomatique*, Mai 2009.
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- Nielsen, Sabine. "Ola Kolehmainen—Portfolio". *Filter—For Fotografi #2*, Sommer 2008.
- 2007 Hicks, Alistair. "Loving the Grid: Ola Kolehmainen's Minimalist Photographs." *db artmag*, no.38 (online edition, October–November 2006) and no.1 (printed edition, forthcoming 2007).
- Luyckx, Filip. "Mirrors and Windows." *Tijdschrift Sint-Lukasgalerij Brussels*, no. 2 (2007).
- 2006 Helsinki School Vol 2, *New Photography by TaiK*, Hatje Cantz, 2007
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- Multiple locations in Zamosc, Poland and Potsdam, Germany. Berlin, 2006.
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- "Portfolio: Ola Kolehmainen", *Photographie* (April 2006).
- 2005 Güntner, Mathias. 3. Triennale der Photographie, Hamburg 2005: Minimalism is My Great Love.
- Holzherr, Andrea, et al. *The Helsinki School: Photography by TaiK*. Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz, 2005.
- Jäämeri, Hannele. "Jetsetti tulee ostoksille." *Suomen Kuvalehti*, June 10, 2005.
- Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía. Madrid: Fundación Aena, 2005.
- Ulander, Maria. *Kulturtidningen Kulturhuset Stockholm* 4 (2005).
- 2004 Valjakka, Timo. "Straight in Front." *Ptah*. 2005, no. 2.
- Berg, Roland. "Glänzende Aussichten." *Der Tagesspiegel*, September 17, 2004.
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- 2003 Björkman, Nina. "Vitare vitt, svartare svart." *Hufvudstadsbladet* (Helsinki), July 7, 2003.
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- 1999 Lintonen, Kati and Markus Partanen. "Temple / Ola Kolehmainen." Frames—Viewing Finnish Contemporary Photography. Ed. Päivi Rajakari. Helsinki: FRAME Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, 1999.
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- Pasanen, Pauliina. "Temple." Kuva, no. 5 (1997).
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- 2009 Bastman, Eija. "Ola Kolehmainen luo talojen pinnoista modernia taidetta". MTV3, February 26, 2009.
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