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Education

MFA, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, 2021
MA in Fiction Direction, National Film and Television
School (NFTS), UK, 2006 - 2007

Selected Screenings and Film Festivals

2023

International Film Festival Rotterdam, Bright Future, NL /
Helsinki International Film Festival, R&A Spring Break,
FI /
69. Internationale Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen, DE /
Which Way Is Up? Digital Cinema in the 21st Century,
MACA Moving Arts Centre Amsterdam, NL /
Kino Otok – Isola Cinema International Film Festival, SI /
Helsinki International Film Festival, FI /
25 FPS - 19th International Experimental Film and Video
Festival, HR /
Filmfest Sundsvall, Next Europe Competition, SE /
Doel Lisboa - International Film Festival, PT /
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Paris, FR /
Short Waves Festival - RAW Competition, PL /
Torino Film Festival, NUOVIMONDI / NEWWORLDS, IT /

2022

Minimalen Short Film Festival, Trondheim, NO /
Ribalta Experimental Film Festival, IT /
THIS IS SHORT: New Point of View – European Online
Competition (online) /
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Paris, FR /
68. Internationale Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen, DE /
FLIGHT/ Mostra Internazionale del Cinema di Genova, IT /

2021

Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, Short
Film Market Picks label, FR /

HATERS Moving Image Journal - solo program, New York,
US /

Program #22, La Cinémathèque Temporaire du Collectif
Jeune Cinéma, Paris, FR /

Helsinki International Film Festival, Next Level Shorts, FI /

2020

Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Haus der Kulturen
der Welt, Berlin, DE /

Façade Video Festival, Plovdiv, BG /

Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Grand Palais,
Paris, FR /

2019

Tetova International Film Festival, MK /

2018

Torino Film Festival, Onde / Waves, IT /

2016

Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Gaîté Lyrique,
Paris, FR /

Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Haus der Kulturen
der Welt, Berlin, DE /

2014

MUSAC, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León,
ES /

European Film Forum SCANORAMA, Vilnius, LT /

2013

Seance Reguliere du CJC: Violence, Collectif Jeune
Cinéma, Paris, FR /

2012

International Film Festival Rotterdam, NL /

IndieLisboa International Independent Film Festival,
Lisbon, PT /

Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid, Matadero
Contemporary Art Center, ES /

VIS Vienna Independent Shorts, AT /
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid, Haus der
Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, DE /
DokuFest International Documentary and Short Film
Festival, Prizren, Kosovo /
Nordisk Panorama, Oulu, FI /
BFI London Film Festival, UK /
Lille International Short Film Festival, Nouvelles Images,
FR /
Cork Film Festival, IE /
Semana del Cine Experimental de Madrid, ES /
ZINEBI 54 International Festival of Documentary and
Short Film of Bilbao, ES /
Torino Film Festival, IT /
Festival of Different and Experimental Cinemas, Paris, FR /

2011

Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid, Centre
Pompidou, Paris, FR /

2009

Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, FR /
Forum des Images, Paris, FR /
Tabakalera International Contemporary Culture Centre,
San Sebastian, ES /

2008

Locarno International Film Festival, CH /
Edinburgh International Film Festival, UK /

2006

International Film Festival Rotterdam, NL /
Denver Film Festival, US /
Santa Fe Film Festival, US /
Frameline30 San Francisco International LGBT Film
Festival, US /
Milwaukee International Film Festival, US /
CFC Toronto Worldwide Short Film Festival, CA /
Outfest Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, US /
NewFest New York LGBT Film Festival, US /
St. Louis International Film Festival, US /

2005

BFI London Film Festival, UK /
AFI FEST, Los Angeles, US /
Cork Film Festival, IE /
Brest European Short Film Festival, FR /
ZINEBI 47 International Festival of Documentary and
Short Film of Bilbao, ES /
IndieLisboa International Independent Film Festival, PT /
Krakow Film Festival, PL /
Short Shorts Film Festival, Tokyo, JP /
Uppsala International Short Film Festival, SE /
Nordisk Panorama, Bergen, NO /
Zagreb Film Festival, HR /
Midnight Sun Film Festival, Sodankylä, FI /

Awards / Nominations

Conversations of Our Time - International Media Art
Competition, Turku, FI, 2021 /
Prize 'Pablo del Amo' for Best Editing, La 22 Semana de
Cine Experimental de Madrid, ES, 2012 /
Special Jury Mention, Festival of Different and
Experimental Cinemas, Paris, FR, 2012 /
Nominated for the Golden Leopard, Locarno Film Festival,
CH, 2008 /
Nominated for the Best British Short Film Award,
Edinburgh International Film Festival, UK, 2008 /
Grand Prix, International Film and TV School Festival,
Lodz, PL, 2005 /
Special Mention, FIDEC International Festival for Cinema
Schools, Huy, BE, 2005 /

Selected Exhibitions

2023 Gallery Fikka, Porvoo Art Hall, FI (solo) /
2022 Gallery Sinne - Video Weeks, Helsinki, FI (solo) /
2021 Hunajanjyvä / Honeygrain, Eura, FI (group) /
2017 Rethinking Digitalization, Exhibition Laboratory,
Helsinki, FI (group) /

- 2016 Exhibition Laboratory Project Room, Helsinki, FI (solo) /
- 2015 Gallery Sinne, Helsinki, FI (solo) /

Filmography

- RAIVO / FURY - 2024 / 71'
- NATURA - 2023 / 69'
- EKSTAASI / ECSTASY - 2023 / 10'
- BORN TO FEEL - 2021 / 6'
- KOLME PÄIVÄÄ SADETTA - 2021 / 10'
- MINUS WORLD - 2021 / 6'
- EL CENTRO - 2021 / 7'
- ALIENS - 2020 / 9'
- NUEVA ERA / NEW AGE - 2018 / 65'
- AFRIKKA / AFRICA - 2012 / 9'
- ONE IN FOUR - 2008 / 19'
- MIES ETSII MIESTÄ / MAN SEEKING MAN - 2004 / 12'

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- Möller, Olaf: Itsepäisiä ihmeitä, *Filmihullu*, 1/2023, p. 21-22 /
- Collazos, Rubén: *Natura* (Matti Harju), *Cinemaldito*, 28 Feb 2023 /
- Nicholson, Ben: Review, *The Film Verdict*, 31 Jan 2023 /
- Soini, Heli: Kouvolalaisen ohjaajan Matti Harjun elokuva saa maailman ensi-iltansa Alankomaissa, *Kouvolan Sanomat*, Jan 22 2023, p. 30-31 /
- Yli-Annala, Kari: Suomalaisen elokuvan sukujuhlissa, *Mustekala*, May 31 2022 /
- Tropiano, Stefano: *Nueva era* di Matti Harju, *CineDams* Torino, Nov 25 2018 /
- Uoti, Jaakko: Maagista ajattelua elokuvan keinoin, *Mustekala*, Mar 19 2015 /

Korpak, Helen: Tysta sekvenser, *Hufvudstadsbladet* (HBL), Mar 15 2015, p. 37 /

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Kaksi suomalaista elokuvaohjaajaa ehdolla Huomisen leopardiksi, *YLE Uutiset*, Aug 6 2008 /

Teaching / Panels

- 2023 Visiting Lecturer - Aalto University Department of Film ELO (course: Seventh Art ELO-E1017) /
- 2023 *Cinema as a litmus test or catalyst of society?* Kino Otok - Isola Cinema International Film Festival, SI (panel discussion) /

Residencies

- 2022 LIFT - Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto, CA /
- 2005 Berlinale Talent Campus, DE /

Distribution

- 2022- Internationale Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen gGmbH, DE /
- 2021- AV-Arkki, FI /
- 2012- Collectif Jeune Cinéma, FR /

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