

Ola KOLEHMAINEN

Born in 1964, Helsinki, Finland
Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

Selected personal exhibitions

- 2010 A Building is not a Building, KUNTSI Museum of Modern Art, Wasa, Finland
Deutsche Werkstätten, Dresden
Alvar Aalto, Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009 Colour Urban Structures, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Vanguardia, Bilbao
Galerie Brandstrup, Oslo
The National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen
A Building is not a Building, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 New Art Gallery Walsall, England
Purdy Hicks, London, United Kingdom
Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
Galerie Koal, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 Mirrors and windows, Sint-Lukas Galerie, Brussels, Belgium
- 2006 Galleria Salvador Diaz, Madrid, Spain
- 2005 Minimalism is my Great Love, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany
Search for Mastery, Galerie Nei Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg
Space is unknown, Galerie Dominique Fiat, Paris, France
- 2004 Search for Mastery, Museum Waldhof, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany
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 Gallery, 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
- 1995 Exitus, Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland
Gallery installation, Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland

Selected group exhibitions

- 2010 17th Biennale of Sydney, International festival of contemporary art
Export — Import, Taidehalli Helsinki, , Finland
- 2009 15_Jahre Sammlung Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Gegen den Strich, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs, Neue Fotografie aus Finnland, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2008 The real thing, New Acquisitions, Malmö Konstmuseum, Malmö, Sueden
En Privat 1, Es Baluard, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Focus sur l'Ecole d'Helsinki, Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris
- 2007 The Helsinki School of Photography, Purdy Hicks, London, UK
- 2006 Paris Photo, Galerie Taik, Helsinki, Finland
Robert Miller gallery, New-York, USA
Intersection — between Past and Future, Pori Art Museum, Finland
Eins, Zwei, Drei Sauerbruch & Hutton Architects, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany

- 2005 Helsinki School, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
Helsinki School, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 Galerie Salvador Diaz, Madrid, Spain
Made in Berlin, 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, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Le Bâti et Le Vivant (The Built and Living) , Chapelle du Rham, Luxembourg
Brussels - Helsinki, Maison L'Art Actuel Chartreux, Brussels, Belgium
Helsinki - Brussels, Valkoinen Sali, Helsinki, Finland
New Images, Helsinki City Art Museum: Brotherus, Lajunen, Kella, Kolehmainen, Parantainen, Finland
Northern Spell, Finnish Embassy, Washington D.C., USA
Toronto University Art Center, Toronto, Canada
- 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
Kuvitelmia / Fantasies Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, 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

Bibliography

- 2009 Ola Kolehmainen: A Building is not a Building, texts by David Elliott, Alistar Hicks, Arja Miller, Taru Tappola, Editions Hatje Cantz
- 2008 Everything is illuminated / L'éclat des lieux, En route, April 2008, Canada
- 2007 Ola Kolehmainen, Fraction, Abstraction, Recreation, texts by Martina Fuchs, Mark Gisbourne, Editions Hatje Cantz
Reflecting the surface, Ola Kolehmainen, Hot Shoe, April-May
- 2006 L'école photographique d' Helsinki, nouvelle venue, Roxana Azimi,
- 2005 The art newspaper, Art Basel Daily Newspaper, Georgina Adam, June 15, Basel, Switzerland
- 2004 Ola Kolehmainen, Text by Ferdinand Protzman, Klaus Honnef, Kunstverein Bielefeld
Valokuvaa elää kultakautta, Anu Uimonen, Helsingin Sanomat, 4 May, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 Metropolis Magazine, part 4, Miklos Gaal, Aino Kannisto, Ola Kolehmainen, Timothy Persons, by Sabine Willkop, ARTE TV channel, 22 novembre
Landscape, Photographs of Time and Space, Ferdinand Protzman, National Geographic Books, Washington, United-States
Ola Kolehmainen, Giulia Vola, JULIET art magazine, Nr 114, Trieste, Italy
Aufbruch im Hohen Norden, Boris Hohmeyer, ART das kunst Magazin, n°9, Hamburg, Germany
Tilan ja pinnan hallittua leikkiä, Anu Uimonen, Helsingin Sanomat, June 5, Helsinki, Finland
Vitare vitt, svartare svart, Nina Björkman, Huvudstadsbladet, July 7, Helsinki, Finland
Täydellisiä tiloja, Image, May, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Le Bâti et Le Vivant / The Built and the Living, Pierre Stiwer, Paul di Felice 2nd edition
Contemporary Photography, exhibition catalogue, Cafe Creme, Luxembourg
Kuvitelmia / Fantasies, Asko Mäkelä, exhibition catalogue, Finnish Museum of Photography, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Helsinki / Tampere
ZOO, Contemporary culture catalogue, number 11, London, United-Kingdom
Wired Nation, Oliwer Lowerstein, Art Review, May vol. LIII, London, United-Kingdom
Regards Croisés Bruxelles - Helsinki, Claude Lorent, La Libre Culture, November 20, Brussels
Art Around Every Corner, Robert Fullford, National Post, May 9, Toronto, Canada

- 2001 Magnetic North, Current Finnish Installation Photography in Finland, Caryn Faure Walker, University of Art and Design, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
The strategic contrasts of scale and subtle juxtapositions of subject create an eminently intelligent and visually engaging spectacle, Roy Exley, Nu magazine 6 vol. III, Stockholm, Sweden
Magnetic North @ New Art Gallery Walsall, Cathrine Grant, Flash Art, nov-déc vol. IV n°221
- 1999 ZOO, Contemporary culture catalogue, n°2, London, United-Kingdom
Temple / Ola Kolehmainen, Markus Partanen, Kati Lintonen, FRAMES, viewing Finnish contemporary photography, Päivi Rajakari (ed.). Frame, Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, Helsinki
Ne pääsemättömät tilat, Pessi Rautio, Helsingin Sanomat, January 23, Helsinki, Finland
Tysta verk kräver tid, Paul Steen, Dagens Nyheter, March 9, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1998 Me, Myself and I, exhibition catalog, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
New Finnish Photography n°12, Caryn Faure Walker, Creative Camera, London, UK
- 1997 Temple, Pauliina Pasanen, Kuva No 5, Helsinki, Finland
Musta neliö ja kuolema, Marja-Terttu Kivirinta, Helsingin Sanomat, 28 septembre, Helsinki, Finland
Temppeli Kluuvissa, Maarit Seeling, Arkkitehti 5-6, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Ola Kolehmainen, Kati Lintonen, exhibition catalogue, European Photography n°60, vol 17 n°2, Ed. Andreas Müller-Pohle, Göttingen, Allemagne
Fotofinlandia, exhibition catalogue, Valokuva no 2, Kati Lintonen (ed.), Helsinki
Koneromantiikka 90-luvun malliin, Kari Kempainen, Kaleva, 15 March, Oulu, Finland
- 1995 Exitus, Kati Lintonen, Valokuva n°4, Helsinki, Finland
Kun elämä kolhii, Anu Uimonen, Helsingin Sanomat, 11 november, Helsinki, Finland
Kun ihmiset poistuvat, kuvaaja saapuu, Pessi Rautio, Helsingin Sanomat, 10 october, Helsinki, Finland

Public collections

Peter W. Klein Collection
Malmö Art Museum, Sweden
Roland Berger Collection, Munich, Germany
European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
Heino Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi, Finland
Espoo Art Museum, Finland
Kiasma Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Saastamoinen Foundation, Espoo, Finland
SOK Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Muurame City, Finland
UPM-Kymmene collection, Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
Kouri Collection, New York, USA
Lars Swanljung Collection, Helsinki, Finland
State Art Council, Stockholm, Sweden
State of Finland

Private and corporate collections

Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, USA

Education

1988-92 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism
1993-99 Master of Arts, (Photography), University of Art and Design, Helsinki

Membership

1996 Union of Artist Photographers, Helsinki

Ola Kolehmainen is on Facebook. Join Facebook to connect with Ola Kolehmainen and others you may know. Facebook gives people the power to share and makes it easy to stay connected with friends, family and people you know. Ola Kolehmainen, House of Spiritual Retreat, 2012. C-type print, Diasec, ed. 5 180 x 233 cm / 70.86 x 91.73 inches. Scandinavian flair in Berlin: The stylish house of two nordic designers -Mirkku Kulberg, CEO of Artek, and her husband Ola Kolehmainen, architectural photographer- in Charlottenburg. The six-room apartment, with its high ceilings, wooden floors and countless windows features classics by the Finnish and scandinavian designers, vintage and contemporary pieces. finnish artist ola kolehmainen will be exhibiting at barcelona's galeria senda. the show will start on february 24th and will continue until march 1st. kolehmainen's work uses architecture as its subject matter and inspiration. the photographs have an abstract quality, focusing in on the minor details of buildings. his works are reproduced at a large scale that further enters. them into abstraction. ~white, pink, yellow and green~ by ola kolehmainen. ~golden wall (no. 3)~ by ola kolehmainen.