

IC-98

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With backgrounds in visual arts and cultural studies, **IC-98's** 25-year collaboration has produced artist publications, site and context specific projects and interventions, animated moving image installations, short films and various public commissions. IC-98 received the Finnish State Art Prize in 2009 and represented Finland at the Venice Biennale in 2015. Their work has been showed extensively at museums, biennials and festivals in Europe, Asia and the Americas. They often collaborate with scientists and other arts professionals.

Though their practice is essentially conceptual, IC-98 has been best known for animations, which combine classical drawing and digital effects, depicting landscapes shaped by long time durations, natural and human histories and climate. Mythical, material, factual and fictional elements are weaved together into visual stories, which – though deeply political and meticulously researched, scripted and executed – are presented as open-ended poetic narratives. The mood of the works alternates between a sense of crisis, melancholy, acceptance and resigned optimism.

IC-98's work since 2010s addresses the environmental crisis and artistic-political methods of finding solutions to it. The projects seek to replace anthropocentric worldview with modes better suited to take into consideration the interrelationships, dependencies and myriad temporal rhythms of all animate and inanimate nature.

The animations *Nekropolis* (2016), *Epokhe* (2017) and *Lands of Treasure* (2021), as well as the film installation *Omnia mutantur* (2018), are allegorical descriptions of time, climate, and how environmental and cultural histories merge in different eras. On the other hand, the site-sensitive projects *House of Khronos* (2016-), *Mare tranquillitatis* (2020), *IÁI* (2020) and the ongoing *Misi-Raaka Park of Wounded Earth* (2019-) have instead of mere artistic depiction sought to create tools – free zones, novel languages, new founding myths – to help this community of all organisms emerge from the crisis.

Selected Solo Exhibitions and Projects 2014–2022

- 2022 Hyvinkää Art Museum, Finland
- 2021 Serlachius Museums, Mänttä, Finland
- 2020 EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Finland
- 2018 Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland
Städtische Galerie Delmenhorst, Germany
- 2017 Beaconsfield, London, UK
Multimedia Art Museum, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 Röda Sten Konsthall, Gothenburg, Sweden
Krasnoyarsk Museum Center, Krasnoyarsk, Russia
Arka Gallery of Contemporary Art, Vladivostok, Russia
- 2015 La Biennale di Venezia, Finnish Pavilion (Pavilion Alvar Aalto), Italy
Dundee Contemporary Arts, Scotland, UK
Helsinki Art Museum, Finland
- 2014 Frankfurt Book Fair 2014, Finnish Pavilion, Germany
Beaconsfield, London, UK
Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain

Selected Group Exhibitions 2014–2022

- 2022 *Back to the Roots*, Sorö Art Museum, Denmark
Vom Verrinnen, Kunstmuseum Reutlingen, Germany
Migration, Korpoström Archipelago Centre, Parainen, Finland
- 2021 *Helsinki Biennial 2021*, Finland
MOSS or A Study of Cerebral Chasms Caused by Living Under Boreal Conditions, Kunstverein am Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz, Berlin, Germany
Overview Effect, Museum of Contemporary Art, Belgrade, Serbia
Tillbaka till naturen, Konsthall Meken, Smedjebacken, Sweden
Para que haya fiesta tiene que danzar el bosque, TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Spain
- 2020 *Finds from Time*, Kuopio Art Museum, Finland
- 2019 *Conscious Landscapes*, Museum of Contemporary Art Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
When is Now, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland
Finnish aalto, Busan Museum of Art, Busan, Korea
With the Eyes of the Mind, Pori Art Museum, Finland
- 2018 *Riga International Biennial of Contemporary Art*, Latvia
Northern Exposure, Nordic Museum, Seattle, USA
NoCo – Nordic Contemporary Art, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland
- 2017 *Collecting Europe*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
If You Don't Like Art, Goodbye, Fuck Off, Go Home... Art from Nordic Contemporary Art Collection, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Vestfossen, Norway
PyeongChang Biennale 2017, Gangneung, Korea
Extension.FI, Triumph Gallery, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 *Fireflies in the Night Take Wing. Metamorphosis*, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, Athens, Greece
Land/Sky, Leslie Tonkonow Artworks + Projects, New York, USA
No/Good Place, Handwerker Gallery, Ithaca College, NY, USA
Painting of the Mind, Mikkeli Art Museum, Mikkeli, Finland
- 2015 *Avesta Art 2015*, Avesta, Sweden
Grande Finale, Korjaamo Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014 *Parallax*, Laboratorio Arte Alameda, Mexico City, Mexico
Matters of Time. Artists from Finland, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Germany
Ars Fennica 2014, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Now, and After, Quartair Contemporary Art Initiatives, The Hague, Netherlands
Politics Within, The Centre for Contemporary Art Celje, Slovenia
A View from the Other Side, Moonshin Museum, Seoul, Korea

Public Projects and Commissions

- 2022 Järvenpään yhteiskoulu, Järvenpää, Finland (to be completed in February 2023)
- 2021– *Misi-Raaka Park of Wounded Earth*, Kemijärvi, Finland [in process since 2019]
- 2020 *Transit*, in cooperation with Tero Saarinen Company, Skånes Dansteater, Malmö Opera, Sweden (premiere, 2020); Helsinki Festival, Helsinki, Finland (2021)
- 2020 *Mare Tranquillitatis*, Aalto University, School of Business, Helsinki, Finland
- 2020– *IÄI*, Hyytiälä Forestry Field Station & Kumpula Campus, University of Helsinki, Juupajoki & Helsinki, Finland
- 2018 *Genius loci*, Kaarina House, Kaarina, Finland
- 2016– *House of Khronos*, Lönnström Art Museum Contemporary Art Project #1, Pöytyä, Finland
- 2016– *Family Trees*, Maunula House, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 *Ante Camera*, Svenska Kulturfonden, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 Turku University Hospital, Finland (unrealised)
- 2012 Ministry of Transport and Communications, Helsinki, Finland (unrealised)

Festivals

- 2019 Minimalen Short Film Festival, Norway; Bucharest Short Film Festival, Romania; Segni della notte, Urbino, Italy (Student Jury Main Award); Green Tech FF, Romania; Pravo Ljudski Film Festival, Sarajevo; Finnish Film Week, St. Petersburg, Russia; dokumentART – films & future, Neubrandenburg, Germany; Reykjavik International Film Festival, Iceland; Reggio Film Festival, Italy; Blue Danube Film Festival, Budapest Festival International Signes de Nuit, Paris (Main Award); Black Canvas – Festival de Cine Contemporáneo, Mexico City; Helsinki International Film Festival – Love & Anarchy; Arctic Film Festival, Longyearbyen, Svalbard (Best Cinematography); Festival Internacional de Curtametraxes de Bueu. Spain; Nordic Film Fest, Rome; Polar Festival, Institut Finlandais, Paris; Festival International Signes de Nuit, Bangkok (Prix de Nuit); Vienna Shorts, Austria; Ann Arbor Film Festival, USA; Sundsvall Film Fest, Sweden; Tampere Film Festival, Finland (The Golden Shade Prize for the best collaboration of cinematography and direction); International Film Festival Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2016 Sundance Film Festival, Park City, USA

Curating

- 2011 Turku Biennial 2011 (curatorial team), Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku, Finland

Residencies

- 2022 The Finnish Institute in Athens, Greece
2022 Circolo Scandinavo, Rome, Italy
2021 Villa Lante, Rome, Italy
2019 Circolo Scandinavo, Rome, Italy
2019 Klovharun, Pellinki, Finland
2012 Villa Lante, Rome, Italy
2008 A.I.T. Arts Initiative Tokyo, Japan

Awards and Prizes

- 2018 Alfred Kordelin Foundation Prize
2016 Finnish Book Art Committee, Beautiful Book Prize 2015
2013 Critics Weight, Finnish Critics' Association
2012 Finnish Book Art Committee, Beautiful Book Prize 2011
2009 State Art Prize
2009 Turku Biennial 2009, winner

Teaching

- 2018 Visiting Professors, Uniarts Helsinki / Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, Finland

Works in Collections

Hyvinkää Art Museum, Finland
Gösta Serlachius Fine Arts Foundation
State Art Deposit Collection, Finland
Västerås Art Museum, Sweden
Kuopio Art Museum, Finland
Nordic Contemporary Art Collection, Sweden
Helsinki Art Museum, Finland
Turku City Art Collection, Turku, Finland
Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland
Heino Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
Matti Koivurinta Foundation, Turku, Finland
Turku Art Museum, Turku, Finland
Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
Pori Art Museum Deposit Collection (AJ), Pori, Finland
Rejmyre Folkets hus, Rejmyre, Sweden
Private Collections