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Sami Mannerheimo

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Sami Mannerheimo (b. 1966) is a professional photographer based in Helsinki working globally on assignments. He is specialized in portrait & documentary photography. Beyond his commissioned works, he has participated in various art projects. He has been travelling a lot in Latin America e.g. Brazil, and Africa e.g. Kenya amongst many other countries.

He has started his photography company in 2000 and has worked on many assignments for magazines, newspapers, advertising agencies, record companies and PR offices. Sami has held 12 exhibitions of his own and won eight prizes in Advertising Photography Awards in Finland.

Also, he has a strong passion for music. He is a DJ and president of the Funky Amigos association, who organizes multicultural events, for instance, Elephantasy and the Funky Elephant festival. His mother worked as a photographer and father as a DJ & show business entrepreneur, so eventually, he got his inspiration from both parents.

Education:

2005-2007 Visual Institute of Communication, Tampere, Finland, Special Degree In Photography

1996-1999 Visual Institute of Communication, Tampere, Finland, Photography

Selected workshops:

2010 Spirit Level, Photography workshop with Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Elina Brotherus and Martino Marangoni, Firenze, Italy

2009 3 to 7, Photography workshop with Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Kotka, Finland

Assignments:

2000-2018 Freelance photographer, working for advertising agencies, magazines, newspapers, record labels and other companies

Solo exhibitions:

2011 Ultramarine, Culture Center, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

2009 Sparkle of Hope, Alli Gallery, Kerava, Finland

2008 Ultramarine, Hotel Klaus K, Helsinki, Finland

2008 Sparkle of Hope, Kamppi shopping center, Helsinki, Finland

2008 Sparkle of Hope, Ava Design galleria, Helsinki, Finland

2007 Sparkle of Hope, Art night of Tuusula, Finland

2003 Life Is Good, Cable Factory Cultural Center, Helsinki, Finland

2001 Alegria Na Bahia, Theatre Restaurant, Helsinki, Finland

2000 Photos From Huvila, Helsinki Festival, Huvila, Helsinki, Finland

2000 New Beginning, Municipal House Of Tuusula, Tuusula, Finland

1998 Ritmos E Cores Do Brasil, Bahia Restaurant Helsinki, Finland

1998 Ritmos E Cores Do Brasil, Villa Restaurant, Tampere, Finland

Group exhibitions:

2018 Helsinki Photo Festival, Winner Open Call "From Helsinki with Love", Helsinki, Finland

2012 Save Vartiosaari, Environmental Art, Helsinki, Finland

2010 Kosmost, Baltic Biennial, St Petersburg, Russia
2010 Women and Children, Sanoma House, Helsinki, Finland
2009 3 to 7, Kotka Center Of Photography, Kotka, Finland
2009 Advertising Photography Contest, Sanoma House, Helsinki, Finland
2008 Advertising Photography Contest, Sanoma House, Helsinki, Finland
2009 The Family, La Sala Naranja, Valencia, Spain
2007 Finnish Celebration, Savoy theatre, Helsinki, Finland
2006 Advertising Photography Contest, Sanoma House, Helsinki, Finland
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