

PRESS RELEASE #3



Last day to see the first international Helsinki Photo Festival!

The **Helsinki Photo Festival** has successfully enabled residents, tourists and photo enthusiasts during six weeks to experience contemporary fine art photography in the metropolitan surroundings of the Teurastamo abattoir, Hermanninpuisto, Kalasatamanpuisto and Sörnaistenlaituri. Pop-up gallery Galleria Futura in Kellohalli's premises also provided new works for Nordic and international photographers to be exhibited.

The festival theme of "Love" showcased ambitious, innovative and the contemporary in photography curated by **Helsinki Photo Festival** team. There were more than 30 photographic artists selected in the festival some that never been seen in Finland (see all artists, title names and countries below).

"*This has been a great experience*" says Danish Louise Scheel who visited Finland for the first time and had an opportunity to meet other Nordic artists and speak about her art in the **Nordic Artists-Talks**. Swedish photographer Johannes Frandsen from Stockholm "*felt it was a great event*". He came to Helsinki to release his new book "Touch me" (Kerber Verlag & Ärk Förlag). Frandsen has documented the virtually unique Swedish phenomenon of *Dansband* that has emerged in the space between Swedish dance, rock and swing. Also, new dystopian works were displayed by Norwegian artists Astrid Gjørsøe Skåtterød, Charlie Fjätström, Tor S. Ulstein and Swedish Will Vickers.

At the last day of the festival, the most experienced artist photographer Danish Birgitta Steen, who has been active since 1971 and still working with exhibitions and press photography will carry out the last Artist Talk in Galleria Futura.

The Nordic Village, the epicentre of the festival, located in the Teurastamo yard and Hermanninpuisto is set up against a backdrop of music and food festivals and other cultural happenings. The Nordic Village introduced novel state-of-the-art modular-shaped photography-based installations functional to display large-scale sized images for the use in public spaces and galleries. The structures were also set up in Kalasatama district, presenting a new way on how to experience and get access to contemporary photography, at any time of the day and night. The installations were designed in collaboration with **Aalto University's** School of Arts, Design and Architecture program of Spatial Design, Paja&Bureau, Saas Instruments and Helsinki Photo Festival ry.

Helsinki Photo Festival introduced **Inside Out, the people's art project** by to the streets of Helsinki and Pietarsaari in Northern Finland, drawing attention to a taboo topic in Finnish society. The project titled "**We are no different, we are all Finnish!**" intended to break preexisting language barriers with the use of portrait photography and reach all Finns whether Swedish or Finnish speaking. It aims to achieve a visual connection between these two realities, which throughout history has led to misunderstandings and often racism-related issues, envy and hate.

Although “*this was the first international Helsinki Photo Festival, it will not be the last!*” says Rafael Rybczynski, the Festival Director, who is preparing for the next edition to be bigger and better. “*I have learnt many lessons along the way. The ambition was to have this event rolling from the beginning, but with little funding and shortage of volunteers, we were able only to do it step by step. The way, I imagined the festival to be, turned out positively to be during the last two weeks!*”

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Link to images from Helsinki Photo Festival

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dzaxyxtYu4aAspET3Vp9yexRYdP3lmeR?usp=sharing>

Program, Wednesday August 15th, 2018

Artist Talk: Birgitta Steen (DK)
Time: 15:00-16:15
Place: Galleria Futura (accessible through Kellohalli)

ROUND WALK Last introduction to all exhibiting artists Helsinki Photo Festival 2018

16:30 Teurastamo
16:45 Hemannipuisto
17:15 Kalasatamanpuisto
17:40 Sörnaistenlaituri
18:00 End

Final celebration Helpho 2018

18:00-22:00 Kellohalli

Ending celebration HELSINKI PHOTO FESTIVAL with groovy music from Funky Amigos Dj Magic Sam, Funky Ville and the Funky all stars DJ's

HELSINKI PHOTO FESTIVAL - Making Helsinki the photo capital of the North!

Festival Period: July 5th - August 15th 2018

Indoor exhibitions: Galleria Futura (accessible through Kellohalli)

Outdoor exhibitions: Teurastamo Yard, Hermannipuisto, Kalasatamanpuisto, Sörnaistenlaituri

Helsinki Photo Festival ry is a non-profit association created to disseminate knowledge concerning photography and visual media in Finland and internationally, by presenting, developing and promoting visual culture.

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The selected artists and works to be exhibited in the Nordic Village are:

Norway

SvitHaseth (NO): Laura
Kai Tormod Hansen (NO): Love and Death - The roses of Henrik Wergeland
Karoline Hjort (NO): Personals - Lotte Lovise
Karoline Hjort (NO): Personals - Pietro
Dev Holthe Dhunsi (NO): Rakavan (Outtake from the book)
Stig Marlon Weston (NO): 1to1 #5
Stig Marlon Weston (NO): 1to1 #6
Sofie Kjørum Austlid (NO): A Body is an Agent - The Wedding

Denmark

Birgitta Steen (DK): Affection - Newborn
Klaus Vedfelt (DK): Obsolete #1
Klaus Vedfelt (DK): Obsolete #2
Lullu Scheel (DK): Female light - Purity
Lullu Scheel (DK): Female light - Falling (fallet)
Simon Dokkedal & Anders Giversen (DK): Mens Du Sov - While You Were Sleeping - Extracts from the sold-out book

Sweden

Anna Ellen Hamlet (SE): Home birth - Ella Isak Liv Ari Ted Roy Noa Ada
Anna Ellen Hamlet (SE): Home birth - Fredrik ~ second child
Anna Ellen Hamlet (SE): Home birth - Dan ~ first child
Jenny Rova (SE): Älskling a self-portrait through the eyes of my lovers - 001
Loulou d'Aki (SE): Mother of choice - Sandra and Lilje
Loulou d'Aki (SE): Mother of choice - Paola with son Zion
Sebastian Sardi (SE): BLACK DIAMOND - Pintu & Lalobu
Sebastian Sardi (SE): BLACK DIAMOND - Kumkum
Johannes Frandsen (SE): Touch Me
Erik Gustafsson (SE): 21

Finland

Nayab Ikram (FI): In Between - Longing II
Henri Airo (FI): Keep Swimming - Untitled (Swamp)
Henri Airo (FI): Keep Swimming - Untitled (Trap)
Nita Vera (FI): What Love Weighs - Dinner Time
Kalle Kataila (FI): Akita - Some Thing
Kalle Kataila (FI): Akita - Some Where
Pyy Peltola (FI): Love of my life, a short story - 10
Sami Mannerheimo (FI): Afro Sunday - Untitled
Marja Saleva (FI): He is so obsessed with me (Online story) - Collage with #2 + #5 + #9 Marja Saleva

Iceland

Maria Kjartans (ISL): Connection - Feeling of freedom
Maria Kjartans (ISL): Connection - Connection

Ómar Sverrisson (ISL): Balloon Series 1
Ómar Sverrisson (ISL): Balloon Series 2
Ómar Sverrisson (ISL): Reykjavik Portraits #1 + #3 + #5

Hörður Ásbjörnsson (ISL): With Love From Reykjavik

The selected artists and works to be exhibited in Kalsatamanpuisto, Sörnaisterlaturi & Galleria Futura:

Kalatatamanpuisto

Paula Teller / Argentina

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Paula Rae Gibson / United Kingdom

Destination Love - Late Dad

Charles Cohen / United States

Why I prefer digital clocks and can no longer pretend to like analog time - Collage: analogtime01 + analogtime03

Ciro Battiloro / Italy

Sanità - Collage: Sanità (Rita) + (Alfons) + (Macro)

Nuno Andrade / Portugal

Ginjal - Collage: 4 + 9 + 1 + 5

Marco Marzocchi / Italy

Oyster - Collage: 1981 + 1997 + summer-1998 + 1999

L.Andres Esteban / Spain

Romantic Mooning - Collage: Serenade under the Window + Exciting Date at the Museum + The Most Important Day in their Lives

Dilla Djalil Daniel / Indonesia

Orphans of the forest - Collage: dilla djalil-daniel 009 + 005 + 004

Sharon Boothroyd / United Kingdom

The Subtext of a Dream - Collage: The Subtext of a Dream 2 + 4 + 5

Paula Markert / Germany

"Die Verhältnisse" (the conditions) - Collage: Die Verhältnisse 30 + 35 + 1

Claudia Milena González / Chile

Deep love - Collage: Deep Love 3 + 5 + 6

R. J. Kern / United States

The Unchosen Ones - Gus and Doolittle

AdeY _____ / United Kingdom

LOVE - Are You Sure? + Multifaceted + Unveil

Rodrigo Pinheiro / Brasil

Tornaras - Collage: Untitled

Wiesje Peels / Netherlands

Nest - Wiesje Peels NEST-5

Alena Kakhanovich / Poland

The Wall - Collage: 5 + 6 + 8

Sörnaistenlaituri

Kemê / Spain

Seeds II

Tatiana Sardá / Chile

Organic - 02

Karolin Klüppel / Germany

Kingdom of Girls (Mädchenland) - Collage: Klüppel 1 + 2 + 6 + 29

Ekaterina Solovieva / Russia

The Earth's circle. Kolodozero -

Collage: Solovieva priest highres 20 + 13 + 08 + 17

Mircea Sorin Albutiu / Romania

Love the light - No issue

Galleria Futura

Maria Dabrowski / Netherlands

Eden - Eden MariaDabrowski 07 and Collage: Eden MariaDabrowski 01 + 03 + 06 + 10

Ann Massal / France

The Eye of the Cyclops - Adieux

Anya Miroshnichenko / Russia

Femininity vulgaris - 07 + 08

Lydia Metral / France

Lovestruck - Collage: Lovestruck 1 + 2 + 5

András Polgár / Hungary

TransX - Changing identities in the island paradise of Bali

Collage: 3 + 4 + 5 + 9

Varya Kozhevnikova / Russia

Flowers for Rita - 09 + 10 kozhevnikova

Anne-Laure Autin / France

Blood Line - College: Fade + Don't die

Daria Belostotckaia and Sam Deere / Russia & Australia

S + D - Man your ear smells amazing what is that wax or something? + Uses of Photography + Bedtime

Ingvar Kenne / Australia

The Ball - Untitled from the series THE BALL 002

Melissa Mitchell / United Kingdom

Dear Mum - Collage: melissa-mitchell-1 + melissa-mitchell-9

Marielle Gebben / Netherlands

I bring you The Flux - Collage: Fleeting Fantasy + Into the infinite zone

Fanny Olin Dahl / Sweden

Inga-lill - Collage: Fod (17av 7) + (16 av 7) + (13 av 7)

Margaux Corda

Fantasma Inheritance - Fantasma Inheritance 01

Elsa Gregersdotter / Sweden

This is me looking at you - Havregatan

Kellohalli

Oskar Alvarado / Spain

Insomnia + Insomnia #20

Rodrigo Pinheiro / Brasil

Tornaras - Collage: Untitled

Lydia Metral / France

Lovestruck - Collage: Lovestruck 1 + 2 + 5

Francesco Catania / Italy

Silent Figures - Quarrel

Satellite exhibition Helsinki Distilling Co

Varya Kozhevnikova / Russia

Flowers for Rita - 04 kozhevnikova

Anya Miroshnichenko / Russia

Femininity vulgaris - 06

Jenny Rova / Sweden

Älskling a self-portrait through the eyes of my lovers - 004

Stephan Klumpp / Germany

The Possibility of an Island - Stephan Klumpp-4