

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

1976	BA, Graftman teacher, metal
1987	Blacksmith Master Self learning sculptor

MEMBERSHIP

The Finnish Association of Designer/Makers TAIKO ry / Ornamo  
The Art Association of Lapland, Finland  
The Finnish Artist Blacksmith Association  
The British Artist Blacksmith Association  
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### PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS

1989	Library of Rural Municipality of Rovaniemi, Muurola
1991	Crafts and Arts Centre, Helsinki
1992	Art Gallery Hallin Vintti, Iisalmi
1994	Art Gallery Täysikuu, Rovaniemi
1996	Lahti Polytechnic, Institute of Design, Lahti
1999	Crafts and Arts Centre Verkaranta, Tampere
2000	Art Gallery Valo, Rovaniemi
2001	Ethnographic museum, Pajala, Kangos, Sweden
2002	Art Gallery Oma Huone, Helsinki
2003	Art Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi
2005	Dengel-Gallery, Reutte, Austria ArtDiana, Helsinki Art Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi
2007	Rovaniemi Art Museum Gallery Maakari, Oulu
2008	Rantapuisto Hotel, Helsinki Gallery Hanna-Kaarina, Porvoo Gallery Voima, Kemi
2010	Gallery Taidehalli, Vaasa, Finland
2011	Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi, Finland
2013	Gallery Becker, Jyväskylä, Finland

### INVITATION EXHIBITIONS, SYMPOSIUMS

1991	Arts and Crafts from Lapland, Lovozero, Sovjet Union
1992	<i>Corpus Exhibition</i> , Stockholm, Sweden Art from Lapland, Murmansk, Russia
1993	<i>Lappi Muotoilee</i> , traveling exhibition
1994	<i>Barents Sea Jewellery Workshop</i> , Pykeja, Norway
1995	Vilho Lampi -museum, Liminka <i>Experimental Iron</i> , Luleå, Sweden
1998	<i>Baltic Sea Smith Week</i> , Mynämäki/Turku <i>1. International Ice Competition</i> , Châteaugiron, France
1999	<i>9 Artists 9 Villages</i> , Les Argues, France <i>Mare Balticum</i> , Oldenburg, Germany <i>2. International Ice Competition</i> , Châteaugiron, France <i>Ile Salon de Sculpture</i> , Châteaugiron, France
2000	<i>World Ice Competition</i> , Asahikawa, Japan <i>11. International Woodcarving Symposium</i> , Narva/Tallin, Estonia <i>Kunst Handwerk im Museum</i> , Eutin, Germany
2001	Sculpture Park Saarela, Summer 2001, Oulu <i>IV International Forgings, Smiths in Sirmiö</i> , Posio
2002	<i>Aurora Borealis</i> , icesculpturesymposium, Saariselkä <i>Arctic Lights</i> , icesculpture-event, Oulu <i>Luleå Vinter Biennale</i> , Luleå, Sweden <i>Meeting of Masters</i> , Övertorneå, Sweden

- Symposium de Sculpture*, Bressuire, France  
*Iron bend to form*, symposium , Sirmiö, Posio  
*Kunsthåndverk im Museum*, Eutin, Germany
- 2003 *Aurora Borealis Ice carving Symposium*, Kakslauttanen  
*Sharing Experiences, Iron, Fire, Glass meet Symposium*,  
Hälleforsnäs, Sweden  
*Haltestelle-Kunst, International Sculpture Exhibition*,  
Nurnberg, Germany  
*Curonian Art Week, sculpturesymposium*, Vente, Lithuanian  
*International Sculpturesymposium, Kakslauttanen, Finland*
- 2004 *Poplar Art 2004*, international Sculpture Studio in Ventspils,  
Latvia  
*Wheels of Fire*, fifth transcontinental contest of firesculpture,  
Ischgl, Tirol, Austria  
*1 st International Woodsculpturesymposium*, Grossschönau,  
Austria  
*International Sculpturesymposium* ,Kakslauttanen, Finland
- 2005 *Shenyang International Ice + Snow Festival*, Shenyang, China  
*7. International Ice Sculpture Festival*, Jelgava, Latvia  
*Metal Art Weeks*, Ulvila , Finland  
*Poplar Art* , sculpture studio, Ventspils , Latvia  
*International Blacksmith Meeting* , Solovetsky, Russia  
*International Sculpturesymposium, Saariselkä, Finland*
- 2006 *International Ice-and Snow Sculpture comb.* Harbin, China  
*International Symposium of Snow Sculpture* , St-Jean-  
Port-Joli , Canada  
*Winter Biennial* , Luleå , Sweden  
*International Bildhauerpleinair*, Berlin , Germany  
*Second Byvino international Festival of Blacksmithing Art*  
Moscow , Russia  
The 4<sup>th</sup> China HuiAn International Carving Art fair & International  
Stone and Wood Symposium , HuiAn , China
- 2007 *International Sculpturesymposium, Saariselkä, Finland*  
2. *International Bildhauerpleinair* , Berlin , Germany  
3. *International Holzildhauersymposium*, Paudorf, Austria  
16. *International Woodsculpting Symposium*, Kemijärvi , Finland
- 2008 *International Sculpturesymposium* , Saariselkä ,Finland  
10. *International Ice Sculpture Festival*, Jelgava, Latvia  
Oranki Art, environment art week, Pello Finland  
27. *Intrnational Sculpture Symposium* , Bardonecchia , Italy  
*Inspiration Penza 2008*, international sculpturesymposium, Penza ,  
Russia
- 2009 *Il Festival Internazionale delle Sculture di Neve*, Cortina d` Ampezzo,  
Italy  
26. *Symposium der Metallgestalter im Tobiashammer*, Ohrdruf,  
Germany  
*Autumn Inspiration, International sculpture Symposium* , Penza,  
Russia
- 2010 *Oraki Art* ,Evironment art meeting , Pello , Finland  
*Tree 2010* ,International sculpture symposium , Valga , Estonia  
*Kunst in Behringen* ,International sclpture symposium , Germany
- 2011 *World Championship in Firesculpture* , Tallinn , Estonia  
*Camille Claudel Symposium* , La Bresse , France  
*Wooden Sculpture Camp* , Nanto City , Japan
- 2012 *Snow Sculpture Symposium* , Kayseri , Turkey  
*International Wood Sculpture Symposium in Ringköping 2012* ,  
Danmark  
*Arctic Arts Week* , symposium , Kakslauttanen ,Lapland , Finland
- 2013 *International Enviroment symposium* , Cannes , France  
*PleinAir* ,sculpture symposium , Berlin , Germany  
*Kemijärven Kuvanveistoviikot* , Kelijärvi , Finland  
*Sculpture Symposium sur Bois 2013* , Lorentzweiler, Luxemburg

COMMON EXHIBITIONS

- 1986 Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä  
1987 Crafts and Arts group Artteli, Rovaniemi  
1989 *Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi  
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- 1991 *Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi
- 1992 Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Oulu/Jyväskylä  
Exhibition of The Finnish Association of Designer/Makers TAIKO /Ornamo, Kouvola Art Museum  
Regional exhibition of Province of Lapland, Kemi Art Museum  
*Tuhattaitoa*, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä  
*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi
- 1993 Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Seinäjoki  
*Latua – lappilaista taidetta*, Lyhtysali, Helsinki  
*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi
- 1994 *Art Eroc*, Oulu/Rovaniemi  
*Taontatyö miljööarakentamisessa*, Helsinki  
Annual Exhibition of Union of Finnish Art Association (SKjL), Lappeenranta  
*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi
- 1995 *Fe - an Exploration of Iron through the Senses*, Great Britain  
*Rautaa ja grafiikkaa*, Rovaniemi/Oulu  
*Vapahtajasta Väinämöiseen – Kristuksen kuva nykyaiteessa*, Jyväskylä/Lappeenranta/Rovaniemi  
Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Haparanda, Sweden  
*Hallaa I*, Communities in the Province of Lapland  
*Ars Arctica*, Rovaniemi
- 1996 *3. International Schmiedekongres*, Aachen, Germany  
*Luovat kädet*, Kerava Art Museum
- 1997 *Leikkaus 102 – exhibition of the Artists' Association of Finland*, Helsinki Taidehalli  
*Sinfonie in Stahl*, Dresden, Germany  
*Querschnitt-Metallgestaltung Heute*, Friedrichhafen, Germany  
Regional exhibition of Province of Lapland, Aine Art Museum, Tornio  
*X European Biennale of Blacksmith*, Stia, Italy
- 1998 Exhibition of The Art Associations of Lapland and Oulu, Oulu  
*Suomi Muotoilee 10*, Helsinki  
*Hallaa II*, Communities in the Province of Lapland
- 1999 *Metall in Form*, Bad Homburg, Germany  
Exhibition of The Art Association of Lapland, Kemi  
*Sininen Hetki*, Oulu/Tampere  
*Kunsthantverk im Museum*, Eutin, Germany
- 2000 *Airring*, Finland, Iceland, Spain, Germany  
*Ferro Insight 2000*, Cloppenburg, Germany  
Summer exhibition of The Finnish Artist Blacksmith Association, Strömfors  
*Kampe, kämppä ja meininki*, Osuuskunta mustakuu, Rovaniemi
- 2001 *Gestalted Metall*, Stolberg, Germany  
*Hungarian Blacksmith Gathering*, Budapest, Hungary  
*XIV European Biennale of Blacksmith*, Stia, Italy  
Summer exhibition of The Finnish Artist Blacksmith Association, Strömfors  
*Hallaa III*, Communities in the Province of Lapland
- 2002 *Luleå Vinter Biennale*, Konstenshus, Luleå, Sweden  
*La Finlande / artisanat*, Bressuire, France  
*Leben und Arbeiten*, Immenstadt, Germany  
*3 Symposium de Sculpture*, Bressuire, France  
*North Light*, Art Gallery Virke, Helsinki  
*Art Association of Lapland*, Kerava Art Museum, Kerava
- 2003 *Ars Arctica*, Art Museum of Rovaniemi, Rovaniemi  
*Polar 5, Rovaniemi commune artists*, Ajka, Hungary  
*2<sup>nd</sup> European Blacksmithing Project*, Paju Book City, Korea  
*National Craft Gallery*, Seoul, Korea
- 2004 *Raud Tuli ,Nordic Blacksmithing*, Tartto, Narva, Tallinna, Viro  
*Polar 5*, Gallery Ujpest, Budepest, Hungary  
*1<sup>st</sup> International Woodsculpturesymposium*, GrossSchoenau, Austria  
*Glassforest*, sculptureyard ,Kalajoki , Finland  
*Sidepath* ,sculpture-exhibition ,Järvenpää ,Finland

	<i>Napa</i> , Art association of Lapland ,Seinäjäki , Finland <i>Love</i> ,Taiko/Ornamo,Jyväskylä,kankaanpää,Rovaniemi,Finland <i>66. Year exhibition</i> , SkjL ,Rovaniemi , Finland
2005	Kraft Werke Schönwald , Germany <i>FormScape</i> ,Barents Exhibition,Finland,Russia,Sweden,Norway <i>Camping</i> ,Art Association of Lapland,Sodankylä Filmfestival <i>19. Salon d'automne de la Sculpture</i> , Bressuire,France <i>Art from North Finland</i> , Konstens Hus ,Luleå,Sweden
2006	<i>Talvinapa</i> ,Art Museum of Rovaniemi ,Finland <i>Instead of Snow</i> ,Konstens Hus ,Luleå,Sweden <i>Kesänapa</i> ,Gallery Napa ,Rovaniemi , Finland SKjL 06,Year Exhibition,Taidepanimo,Lahti,Finland
2007	Monta RautaaTulessa, Tampere , Finland Haltestelle Kunst, Nuremberg , Germany Minimi, SKjL year Exhibition,Kokkola ,Finland Etelä-Napa ,Suomenlinna , Helsinki
2008	Summer Exhibition , Saariselkä , Finland Inspiration Penza 2008, Penza Art Museum,Russia
2009	The China Impetus,Art Museum Beijing, China Seniorit,Lapponica-sali ,Rovaniemi, Finland Kierrätystä ,SkjL ,Riihimäki Art Museum , Finland
2010	Petit O , Gallery Norsu , Helsinki , Finland Kesänapa , Rovaniemi , Finland
2011	Nyt / Now ,Lapland Artist association,Kaapeli,Helsinki,Finland Gallery Terttu Jurvakainen , Muhos , Finland Sepät ja Kalevala , Juminkeko , Kuhmo , Finland
2012	BELA Biennial 2012, Porto , Portugal Pohjoinen Ulottuvuus , Mänttä , Finland Via Arte , Viitasaari , Finland
2013	Iskusstvo , exhibition , Petroskoi , Russia Artist Association of Lapland , Ylläs , Finland

#### PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Rovaniemi Town  
 Rovaniemi Art Museum  
 Rural Municipality of Rovaniemi  
 Rovaniemi Church  
 Central Hospital of Lapland  
 Tampere Church  
 Kemi Art Museum  
 Montclera, France  
 Community of Pajala, Sweden  
 Luleå Town ,Sweden  
 Sculpture Park in Bressuire Town ,France  
 Sculpture park in Vente,Curonian Lagun,Lithuania  
 Sculpturepark in Kakslauttanen,Lapland,Finland

Ventspils town , Latvia  
 Community of GrossSchoenau , Austria  
 Sculpturepark,Kakslauttanen ,Finland  
 Ajka Town ,Hungary  
 Solovetsky monastery museum , Russia  
 Byvalino monestery,Moscow,Russia  
 Huian town , China  
 Commiunity of Paudorf , Austria  
 Omnia , ESpo,Finland  
 Community of Bardonecchia ,Italy  
 Penza Art Museum , Russia  
 Skulpturenwanderweg,Nationalpark Hainich,Germany  
 La Bresse , France  
 Kurspark Bad Schlema , Germany  
 Nanto City , Japan  
 Haparanda , Sweden

## AWARDS

1989	Rural Municipality of Rovaniemi
1990	Ars Arctica
1991	Craftman of the year - Vuoden kädentaitaja, Auno and Mauri Riuttu Foundation
1999	2. prize in Ile Salon de Sculpture, Châteaugiron, France
2002	Grand Award,with T.Jokela,Vinter Biennale,Luleå,Sweden
2004	2. prize Poplar Art 2004 , Sculpturestudio,Ventspils,Latvia
2005	Year 2004 Lapland Council Art Prize,The Arts Council of Lapland
2005	2.prize 7.International Ice Sculpture Festival,Jelgava,Latvia
2009	Year 2005 Artist Blacksmith,Finland Artist Blacksmith Association
2009	1.prize,Il Festival Internazionale delle Sculture di Neve,Cortina d`Ampezzo,Italy
2012	1.prize Environment competition ,Rovaniemi , Finland

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1973-1980	Comprehensive school
1985-1996	Rovaniemi Crafts and Arts Institute
1998	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, USA
1999	International Weather Vane Seminar, Helsinki
1995 --	University of Lapland, Faculty of Art and Design, Department of industrial Design , Rovaniemi

## GRANTS

1993	The Arts Council of Lapland
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	The Finnish Cultural Foundation in Lapland
1998	The Arts Council of Lapland
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2002	The Arts Council of Lapland
2002	Finnish Foundation for the Visual Arts in USA,workinggrant, 2 months,New York
2003	The Arts Council of Lapland
2004	Finnish Cultural Foundation,Lapland Foundation,specialgrant for fine artist,working-grant 1-year
2005	The Arts Council of Lapland
2006	The Art Council of Lapland
2008	National Council of Design, 1-year artist award
	The Art Council of Lapland , resident stipend
2010	The Art Council of Lapland , 1-year artist award

## HONORARY

2002	The Art Association of Lapland, Finland, Chairman
2013-2015	Art Council of Lapland , member

## PUBLICATION

2002	Invited artist in the book:Hephaistos Jahrbuch Metall Design International 2002
2007	Book: Risto Immonen Scptures