

Milja Laurila

Born 1982 in Helsinki (FI).

Lives and works in Helsinki (FI).

Represented by Persons Projects, Berlin (DE).

EDUCATION

2025 MA in Writing. University of the Arts Helsinki, Theatre Academy (FI).

2010 MA in Photography. Aalto University, School of Art and Design, Helsinki (FI).

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2025 The National Library of Finland, Helsinki (FI). *What remains? Images, words and the poetics of erasure.*

2023 Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti (FI). *Untitled Women.*

2022 Persons Projects, Berlin (DE). *Untitled Women.*

Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki (FI). *Woman. With more than 1,000 illustrations in black-and-white and seven colour plates.*

2017 Shoot Gallery, Oslo (NO).

2016 Gallery Ama, Helsinki (FI).

Gallery Taik Persons, Berlin (DE). *In Their Own Voice.*

Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki (FI). *Un problème féminin.*

2015 Photographic Center Peri, Turku (FI). *Magnetic Sleep.*

2013 2902 Gallery, Singapore (SG). *The Enigma of Memory.* (Together with Tristan Cai).

Laatikkomo, Jyväskylä (FI). *Atlas und Grundriss der Psychiatrie.*

2012 Forum Box, Helsinki (FI). *The Latest Knowledge.*

2011 Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki (FI). *A Room of One's Own.* (Together with Hannele Rantala.)

2009 Gallery Huuto, Helsinki (FI). *Ciphers.*

2007 Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki (FI). *To remember.*

2006 Kuldjala tower / Finnish Institute in Estonia, Tallinn (ET). *Perfect, untouched, blank.*

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

The Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Brooklyn Museum (US).

Finnish Museum of Photography (FI).

HAM Helsinki Art Museum (FI).

Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art (FI).

State Art Collection (FI).

Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection (FI).

Teutloff Photo & Video Collection (DE).

Tony Podesta Collection (US).

Fine Arts Society of Finland (FI).

Apotekets konstförening (SE).

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

2025 Korttelit, Helsinki (FI). *Contemporary art in the windows of Torikorttelit.*

Berlin Art Week / Kunstfestival Hallen 06, Berlin (DE).

Burg Vischering, Lüdinghausen (DE). *Women in Progress.*

2024 Persons Projects, Berlin (DE). *Out of the Depths of Photography.*

Państwowa Galeria Sztuki, Sopot (PL). *Images Falling From the Sky.*

Brooklyn Museum, New York (US). *In the Now: Gender and Nation in Europe, Selections from the Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection.*

2023 Persons Projects, Berlin (DE). *Portraiture as Social Commentary.*

2021 LACMA, Los Angeles (US). *In the Now: Gender and Nation in Europe, Selections from the Sir Mark Fehrs Haukohl Photography Collection.*

Kunsthalle, Helsinki (FI). *New Perspectives Through Photography.*

Persons Projects, Berlin (DE). *Inconsistent Ways of Seeing.*

- 2019 Palacete del Embarcadero, Santander (ES). *PHotoESPAÑA*.
- 2018 Singapore International Photography Festival, Singapore (SG).
- 2017 Purdy Hicks Gallery, London (UK).
- Le CENTQUATRE-Paris, Paris (FR).
- Center for Persecuted Arts in Kunstmuseum Solingen, Solingen (DE).
- 2016 Fondation Hippocrène, Paris (FR).
- MOCAP Museum of Contemporary Art in Krakow, Krakow (PL).
- 2015 Photographic Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki (FI).
- 2013 Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku (FI).
- Helsinki University Museum, Helsinki (FI).
- 2012 Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku (FI).
- 2011 Fotoraum, Vienna (AT).
- Det Nationale Fotomuseum, Copenhagen (DK).
- 2010 Art Museum Meilahti, Helsinki (FI).
- 2009 Kunsthalle, Helsinki (FI).
- South-Karelian Art Museum, Lappeenranta (FI).
- Palais des Beaux-Arts, Lille (FR).
- 2008 Ecole nationale supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris (FR).
- 2007 Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki (FI).
- Stenersenmuseet, Oslo (NO).
- 2006 Borås Artmuseum, Borås (SE).
- 2005 Centrum för fotografi, Stockholm (SE).

ART FAIRS

- 2025 Paris Photo, Paris (FR). Persons Projects.
- Photo London, London (UK). Persons Projects.
- The Phair, Turin (IT). Persons Projects.
- Art Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf (DE). Persons Projects.
- 2024 Paris Photo, Paris (FR). Persons Projects.
- Viennacontemporary, Vienna (AT).
- 2023 Paris Photo, Paris (FR). Persons Projects.
- 2022 Viennacontemporary, Vienna (AT).
- Paris Photo, Paris (FR). *Elles x Paris Photo*.
- CHART Art Fair, Copenhagen (DK). Persons Projects.
- Photo London, London (UK). Persons Projects.
- Art Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf (DE). Persons Projects.
- 2021 Paris Photo, Paris (FR). Persons Projects.
- 2016 Paris Photo, Paris (FR). Gallery Taik Persons.
- Vienna Fair, Vienna (AT). Gallery Taik Persons.
- CHART Art Fair, Copenhagen (DK). Gallery Taik Persons.
- Photo London, London (UK). Gallery Taik Persons.
- Artissima, Turin (IT). Gallery Taik Persons.
- ARCOMadrid, Madrid (ES). Gallery Taik Persons.

BOOKS

- 2014 *The Helsinki School. From the Past to the Future*. Hatje Cantz (DE).
- 2011 *The Helsinki School. A Female View*. Hatje Cantz (DE).
- 2009 *The Helsinki School. Young Photography by TaiK*. Hatje Cantz (DE).
- 2007 *The Helsinki School. New Photography by TaiK*. Hatje Cantz (DE).
- 2008 Monograph: *355 memories*. Musta Taide (FI).

SELECTED PRESS

- 2024 Corinne Segal, "How Do Photographers Know When an Image Is Complete?" Brooklyn Museum.
- 2022 Chris Erik Thomas, "Milja Laurila is Using Old Medical Images to Reclaim the Gaze". *Art Düsseldorf Magazine*.

GRANTS

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Arts Council of Finland.

Arts Council of Helsinki Metropolitan Region.

Central Association of Finnish Photographic Organizations.

Fine Arts Society of Finland.

Finnish Cultural Foundation.

Finnish Cultural Foundation, regional fund of Uusimaa.

FRAME Finnish Fund for Art Exchange.

Kone Foundation.

Oskar Öflund Foundation.

University of Art and Design Helsinki.