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Erna AALTONEN

Born in 1951 in Loimaa, Finland

STUDIES

1981-87 Kuopio Academy of Design, Finland, studies of ceramic with Heikki Jylhä-Vuorio
1986 Research training in the colour laboratory of Arabia ceramic factory, Helsinki.

CAREER

Since 1996 Own atelier in Fiskars, Finland
1988-95 Studio Arteos in Tervakoski with artist Howard Smith
1987-88 pro-Arte-ceramist, Arabia ceramic factory, Helsinki
assisting among others the artists Kati Tuominen-Niittyylä and Jun Kaneko

MEMBERSHIPS

IAC International Academy of Ceramics, Geneva
ORNAMO, Finnish Craft and Design Association + Artists O
ONOMA, The Cooperative of Artisans, Designers and Artists in Fiskars
HELSINKI FAT CLAY -group.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 Galerie de l'Ancienne Poste, Toucy, Yonne, Burgundy, France
2014 Bronda Art Gallery, Helsinki
Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium, (simultaneously with Belgian artist Jeanne Opgenhaffen)
2012 *Nostalgia*, Hedge Gallery, San Francisco, USA
2009 Galleri Inger Molin, Stockholm
2008 Gallery Norsu, Helsinki
Gallery 5, Oulu, Finland
2007 With Rebecca Catterall, Carlin Gallery, Paris
2004 Gallery Nefret, Turku (Åbo), Finlande
Gallery Philippe Denys, Bruxelles
2003 Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm
2002 Gallery Bronda, Helsinki
Der Nördliche Garten, Institut Finlandais, Berlin, Germany
Graphic Design School, Anklam, Allemagne
2001 Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm
Boreas, Institut Finlandais, Paris
Gallery Rista, Umeå, Sweden
2000 Gallery Bau, Helsinki
1999 *Volupi*, Arabia Museum, Helsinki
Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm
1998 *Echoes*, Gallery Bau, Helsinki
1997 *Odyssey*, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland
Gallery Bau, Helsinki
1993 Ceramic gallery Septaria, Helsinki

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015** *Premio Faenza 59°*, exhibition of the finalists, MIC Faenza, Italy
- 2014** *Ceramics and Space, Contemporary Finnish Ceramics*, Design Museum, Helsinki
Helsinki Fat Clay in Heidelberg, Gallery Marianne Heller, Germany
Helsinki Fat Clay in Helsinki, Arabia ceramic factory's gallery
New Joy, Finnish Craft Museum, Jyväskylä, Finland
Rajapinnat - Gränsytor - Blurred Lines, Fiskars summer exhibition
- 2013** *Premio Faenza 58°*, finalists show, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy
Joy, the 20th summer exhibition of the Fiskars Cooperative
- 2012** IAC / International Academy of Ceramics, members show, Santa Fe, USA
Helsinki Fat Clay in Faenza, MIC, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy
Helsinki Fat Clay in Milano, Galleria Officinesaffi
New and Classics, Budapest Design Week
New and Classics, Designmuseum, Helsinki
Metamorfosis'12, Lahti Art Museum, Finland
Ceramega, Voipaala Art Center, Finland
All Star Festival, Galleri Inger Molin, Stockholm
- 2011** Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Korea
Tools, Granary, Fiskars, Finland
- 2010** *Luksus 09*, Artotheque de Caen, France
In the Woods..., Gallery Norsu's 5-years jubileumsexhibition, Helsinki
Kylässä - Visiting, Taitokortteli, Joensuu, Finland
Feuer und Eis, Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany
Feuer und Eis, Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
Secret, Fiskars, Finland
- 2009** *Heijastuksia - Återseende - Second sight*, Kuparipaja, Fiskars, Finland
Re-interpreting Nature, a Design Forum exhibition in the Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest
Återseende - Second sight, Bryggeriet i Nora, Sweden
Luksus 09, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki
Fiskars Design Village, Centro Cultural Santo Domingue, Oaxaca, Mexico
Matka - a Journey, Gallery Norsu, Helsinki
- 2008** Ceramic Art Museum of Scandinavia, Fule International Ceramic Art Museums, Fuping, China
Fiskars Design Village, Museo Franz Mayer, Mexico City
Fiskars Design Village, Centro Cultural Clavijero in Moralia, Michoacán, Mexico
Keramiikan kevät, Galleria Oljemark, Helsinki
- 2007** *Point of View*, Fiskars, Finland
Ennen näkemätöntä! Fortum Art Foundation, Helsinki Art Hall
- 2006** *19. International Ceramic Biennale*, Vallauris, France
Fiskars Design Village, Ozone Living Design Centre, Tokio, Japan
Fiskars Design Village, Koumi-machi Kougen Museum of Art, Koumi, Japan
Fiskars Design Village, Mediathèque, Sendai, Japan
Sato, Fiskars, Finland
Celebration! Gallery Norsu, Helsinki
Female Form, Designmuseum, Helsinki
- 2004** *Syvällä savessa*, contemporary Finnish ceramics, Craft museum of Finland, Jyväskylä
Ceramega 04, the Art center of Voipaala, Valkeakoski, Finland
Galerie l'Évènement, Vallauris, France
- 2003** *Contemporary Craftspeople*, Musée National Finlandais, Helsinki
Fiskars Co-operative, the Finnish Institute in Norway, Oslo
Form between continuity and innovation, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza
Retro, Fiskars, Finland
Free hands, Fiskars, Finland
- 2002** *Fiskars Co-operative*, the Finnish Benelux Institute, Antwerpen
Gästbordet, Mauritzbergs Slotts Galleri, Vikbolandet, Sweden
Findesign Now 02, Design Forum, Helsinki
Alumni, Kuopio Art Museum, Finland

- 2001** *10 ceramists from Finland*, Craft Space Mokkumto, Seoul, Korea
Ceramic Summer, Gallery Bronda, Helsinki
Eating - Meeting, Sweden House, Brussels
- 2000** *Gästbordet - Pitopöytä*, Fiskars, Finland / Hällefors, Sweden
 Concert House Mikaeli, Mikkeli, Finland, with Karin Widnäs
Hotels, 7. exposition, Fiskars, Finland
Aurora, Craft Space Mokkumto, Seoul, Korea
 Gallery Septaria 10 years celebration, Helsinki
the Spirit of the Earth, Fiskars, Finlande, with Anneli Sainio
- 1999** *Metamorfosis*, the Lahti Art Museum, Finland
Jubilee, 6. exposition, Fiskars, Finland
 The Museum of Arts Crafts Itami, Japan
- 1998** *Taiko 15 years*, Verkaranta, Tampere, Finland
Industri +Design=Framtid, Hällefors / Kopparberg, Sweden
Finnish Design 10, Design Forum, Helsinki
Savesta syntynyt, International ceramic exhibition, Fiskars, Finland
Process - 5. exhibition, Fiskars, Finland
Winter exhibition, Gallery Bau, Helsinki
- 1997** *Dialogue* - 4. exhibition, Fiskars, Finland
- 1996** *Et keramisk Univers*, Interscandinavian exhibition, Silkeborg, Denmark
Container - 3.exhibition, Fiskars, Finland
Bruksgalleriet i Fiskars, Höganäs Museum, Sweden
- 1994** Art salon Bellarte, Turku, Finland, (with Howard Smith)
Keramik International, Künstlerhaus am Wasserturm, Berlin
- 1993** *Keramik International*, Römhild, Germany
- 1991** *Ceramic 91*, Laura Korpikaivo-Tamminen Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland
 (together with Howard Smith and Zoltan Popovits)
- 1991** *Finnish Design 8*, the Museum for Applied Arts, Helsinki.

ART FAIRS

- 2011** SF20/21 San Francisco 20th Century Art and Design Show, USA, Hedge Gallery
 Dallas Art Fair, USA, Hedge Gallery
- 2010** Art Fair, Helsinki, Gallery Norsu
- 2008** Collect, V & A, Londres, Gallery Norsu
- 2006** Philadelphia Art Museum Craft Show, USA
- 2005** TEFAF, The European Fine Arts Fair, Galerie Philippe Denys, Maastricht
 The 11th National Pottery & Ceramics Festival, Hatfield, UK

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam
- Fule International Ceramic Museums, Fuping, China
- Museum für die Sammlung Keramik International, Römhild, Germany
- Design Museum, Helsinki
- Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland
- Rovaniemi Art Museum, Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Finland
- Höganäs Museum, Sweden
- Arabia Museum, Helsinki
- Pyykinlinna, Tampere, Finland
- Collection d'Art nationale, Finland
- Collection d'Art nationale, Sweden
- Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Fortum Art Foundation, Finland
- Nordic Investment Bank, Helsinki
- Handelsbanken Art Society, Sweden
- Tällberg Art Society, Sweden
- Öläns Landsting, Sweden
- Västerbotten county, Sweden
- Astra Zeneca, Sweden

- Agora, Sweden
- FILHA, Finnish Lung Health Association, Helsinki
- Private collections in several European countries plus USA Japan and Korea.

AWARDS

- 2015** 59th Faenza Prize, Mention of Honor – Gold medal of the International Museum of Ceramics in Faenza (Italy) for the important results obtained in her artistic career.
- 2014** Finland's State Prize for Design.

RESIDENCES & SYMPOSIUMS

- 2008** Fuping Ceramic Art Village, China
- 2005** Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris
- 1993** Keramik International, Römhild, Germany

PUBLICATIONS

- "Erna Aaltonen, la Symphonie des Sphères", exhibition catalog, Galerie de l'Ancienne Poste, France, 2015.
- *Connaissance des Arts (periodical)*, France, N° 739, July-august 2015, article.
- *L'OEIL (periodical)*, France, N° 681, summer 2015, article.
- 58° Premio Faenza, MIC, édition, Italie, 2013
- *Ceramics, Art and Perception (periodical)*, USA, nr.91/2013, article.
- 2012 IAC/AIC Académie Internationale de la Céramique, exhibition catalog.
- *Helsinki Fat Clay*, catalogue 2012
- *TD TaideDesign (ArtDesign)* Finland 1/2012 article
- *Cheongju International Craft Biennale 2011 / Craft & Design from Finland*, catalog 2011
- *Feuer und Eis*, catalog, 2010
- *Second Sight - Återseende*, Lena Hellström & Sune Holmberg, Himlajorden 2009, Sweden, book
- *Rovaniemi Art Museum*, Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Collection 2002-2008, book
- *Wenzel Hagelstam: Huomisen antiikit (Tomorrows antiques)* part 4, Weilin & Göös 2007, book
- *La Revue de la Céramique et du Verre (periodical)*, France, april 2007, article
- *Céramique Contemporaine Biennale Internationale Vallauris*, 2006, book
- *Female Form*, Designmuseum, Finland, 2006, brochure
- *The Finnish State Art Collection*, 2006, brochure
- *Åsa Hellman: Art ceramics in Finland*, Otava, 2004, book
- *Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italie : Forma tra Continuità et ovazione*, 2003, catalog
- *Lena Hellström, Sune Högberg, Barbro Kulvik: Gästabordet - Pitopöytä*, 2000, book
- *Ceramic monthly (périodique)*, mai 1999, article
- *Tim Steffa & Winfrid Zakowski: Erna Aaltonen, ceramic artist*, 1997, brochure
- *Keramik International, das 7. Internationale Keramiksymposium in Römhild*, 1993, catalog

COMING EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** Solo exhibition, Hedge Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2016** Solo exhibition, Puls, Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels.