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Sonja Siltala

Born 1971 in Helsinki

Since 2000 she has been living in Vadsø, located in the province of Finnmark, Northern Norway

Studies:

Master of Arts in photography 1997, University of Arts and Design, Helsinki

Solo exhibitions:

BEFORE BEHIND, Galerie Pleiku, Berlin 2014

PHOTOGRAPHS - *Varangerfestivalartist 2011*, Vadsø 2011

VASKET AV HAVET, iGalleri, Vadsø 2009

THE PEOPLE OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA

galleriNORDEN, Nordens Institut på Åland, Mariehamn 2010

Akershus festning, Oslo 2009

Nifin - Nordisk institut i Finland, Helsinki 2008

Galleria Napa, Rovaniemi 2008

Perspektivet Museum, Tromsø 2008

Vadsø kunstforenings, Vadsø 2007

Kvensk institutt, Børselv 2007

LANDSCAPES AND PORTRAITS FROM NORTHER VARANGER

Vadsø Museum - Ruija Kvenmuseum, Vadsø 2006

THE MOUNTAIN AND THE SEA

Porsanger Rådhus, Lakselv 2006

Studio Mezzo, Helsinki 2004

YKSIKIN JÄRKEVÄ AJATUS, Näyttelyhuone Klobben, Helsinki 2000

REFLEKSI, Kluuvin galleria, Helsinki 1997

Group Exhibitions (selected):

KVEN CONNECTION, Varanger Museum, 2017 og Arktikum, Rovaniemi 2018

DEN 67. NORDNORSKE KUNSTUTSTILLING, Nordland-Troms-Finnmark 2013

REFLEX - touring exhibition by NNKS and SDG i Svolvær (2012), Karasjok (2013) and Luleå (2013)

MAHDOTONTA SANOA - (Ilona Kivijärvi, Päivi Pussila, Sonja Siltala), Old Town Hall gallery, Turku 2012

Summer Exhibition (Sigfrid Hernes and Sonja Siltala), Sami Center for Contemporary Art, Karasjok 2012

THE SEA - group exhibition by Hannele Fors, Sonja Siltala and Arvid Sveen, Kemi Art Museum 2012

DEN 66. NORDNORSKE KUNSTUTSTILLING, Nordland-Troms-Finnmark 2012

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CONNECTIONS - Contemporary Art from Finnmark, Murmansk Regional Art museum 2007

FINNMART, Oslo Rådhusgalleriet 2007

DEN 61. NORDNORSKE KUNSTUTSTILLING, Nordland-Troms-Finnmark 2007

VIILEÄ HORISONTTI, Galleria Myötätuuli, Raahel 2005

KUUSAMO X NATURE PHOTO, Kuusamotalo, Kuusamo 2005

FOTO I FINNMARK, Grand Hotell, Vardø 2005

LÄHELTÄ JA KAUKAA - Teatteri Retikka, Suomussalmi 2005

CRIN- Humor in Finnish Photographic Art:

Part I, Centre Photography Mikkeli 2001 / Part II, Centre Photography Mikkeli 2002

WHAT IS REAL- 3-year photography exhibition, Kunsthalle Helsinki 1998 ja Mikkeli Art Museum 1999

Grants:

Arts Promotion Centre Finland 1997

Art Council of Uusimaa 1998

Artist Grant for Photographic Art (half-year) Finland 1999

Finnish Cultural Foundation 2002

Artist Grant for Photographic Art (half-year) Finland 2005

Norsk-finsk kulturfond 2006

Arts Council Norway 2006

Norsk-finsk kulturfond 2012

Norwegian Photographic Fond 2014

Works in collections:

The City of Espoo (Finland)

Helsinki City Art Museum (Finland)

Eni Norge, Hammerfest (Norway)

Art Foundation Spare Bank 1 Northern Norway (Norway)

Works in public institutions:

Canadian Embassy in Helsinki (Finland)

Finnmark County Library, Vadsø (Norway)

Housing and residential care in Vadsø (Norway)

Norrbotten County Council, Luleå (Sweden)

Memberships:

Union of Artist Photographers in Finland

The Norwegian Association of Fine Art Photography (FFF)

Positions of trust:

Board member: Norske kunstforeninger (2009-2011)

Board member: Vadsø kunstforening (2003-2011)

Books:

THE PEOPLE OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA

photographs of the North-Norwegian Kvens

Photos: Sonja Siltala | Text: Einar Niemi | Trane forlag 2007 (ISBN 978-82-92783-07-8)

Publications:

Naistutkimus - Kvinnoforskning 3/2008, Suomen Naistutkimuksen Seura - Sällskapet För Kvinnoforskning i Finland Ry

CRIN- Humor in Finnish Photographic Art, Musta Taide 2002 (ISBN 952-9851-44-8)

Maija Suikkanen: Omakuvat suomalaisten naisvalokuvaajien tuotannossa, Pro gradu - tutkielma 2000 (Lapin yliopisto)

Finnish photography 1998/1999 Musta Taide (ISBN 952-9851-25-1)

Residencies:

Finnish Artists Studio Foundation Residency, Casa Finlandese in Grassina, Italy december 1999

Others:

Exhibition "Siste skritt", Skallelv Chapel, 2021. Festival "Kalliojen ääni - Lyder fra Skallelv"

Dette året - fotografisk prosjekt med 52 fotografer om Koronapandemien i Norge, 2020-2021

EniNorge - utsmykking kunstprosjekt "Art for Goliat" 2013

The Amazing Time Machine Signe, Helsinki 1999-2000