

HOSTLER BURROWS

PEKKA PAIKKARI

b. 1960, Finland

Pekka Paikkari is an artist who has been a member of the Arabia Art Department Society in Helsinki since 1983. He is known for his large-scale wall sculptures, his unique sculptural objects, and his monumental public works. Paikkari utilizes clay as a flexible material to express the human presence within the history of time. Paikkari's works overlap the worlds of fine art, design, and traditional craft, inviting a dialogue with the viewer around the essence of the human condition. Paikkari regards the clay as a unifier between his artwork and the viewer, both presenting and keeping a history within itself.

Paikkari has made a thorough study of the technical properties of clay and uses it in quite surprising ways. Although the web-like, fractured surface of dried clay is the outcome of a natural process, Paikkari controls it in order to obtain the desired pattern, using a specially developed technique. Only then are the clay elements fired in the kiln. The process could be described as a controlled accident. Paikkari places particular emphasis on leaving the marks of his hands and tools on the clay, bringing the act of creation closer to the observer.

Paikkari is internationally recognized and his works are found in the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, the Ceramics Museum of Barcelona, and the Shigaraki Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art in Japan, among many other public collections. In 1989 he was awarded the III prize at the Helsinki Fair Ground Art Competition and in 1993 he was awarded the International Biennial of Ceramics in Faenza, Italy (Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Ravenna). Recently, Paikkari was invited to participate in the exhibition *Ceramics Now: The Faenza Prize is 80 Years Old*, a special 60th edition highlighting international masters and emerging artists working in ceramic at the Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza.

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b. 1960, Somero, Finland

EDUCATION

2003 Cultural Production and Management Degree, Humanities Polytechnic, Turku, Finland

1983 Design Academy, Kuopio, Finland

1978 Orivesi Institute, Finland

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Ymmärretty (Surroundings)*, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY

2016 Puls Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2015 ArtTag Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

Lost and Found, Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland

2008 *Point of Fracture*, Gallery Be'19, Helsinki, Finland

2007 *Attempting to Go Over the Mountains*, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki, Finland

2006 *The Neverending*, ArsNova & AboaVetus, Museum of Contemporary Art, Turku, Finland

2005 *Lost Dialogue*, Artborg 35, Sipoo, Finland

2004 *I Remember, Sculptures*, Arabia Ceramic Factory Museum, Helsinki, Finland

Cataracta, Aralis Library Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

2003 *The Stage, Ceramic Sculptures*, Lume-Centre, Helsinki, Finland

2002 *Konturen in Zeit und Raum*, Rastatt, Germany

2001 *Brick Makers House*, Hå Gamle Prestegård, Stavanger, Norway

Keramikk, Kunstnersenter, Stavanger, Norway

Monumentalles und Serielles, Hetjens Museum, Dusseldorf, Germany

1999 *Bottles, Ceramic Sculptures*, Nordiska Kristall, Stockholm, Sweden

Brick Maker's House, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland

1995 *Light & Shadow, Ceramic Sculptures*, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland

Light & Shadow, Ceramic Design, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland

1994 Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland

1992 *Ceramics*, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

Karborundum, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland

1989 Gallery Pinotheca, Jyväskylä, Finland

1988 *Ceramics*, Gallery Bronda, Helsinki, Finland

1985 *Varjostuksia*, Arabia-Nuutajärvi Shop, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Aether*, Kunstcentret Silkeborg Bad, Silkeborg
Paratiisi (Paradise), Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland
- 2023 *Northern Latitude 60.20890: The Arabia Art Department Society's 20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Iittala & Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland
- 2020 FOG Design + Art with Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 *Arabia Art Department in Tampere*, Finlayson Art Area, Finland
Sasama, ICAF, Japan
Finnish Aalto, Busan Art Museum, South Korea
Secret of the Paradise, Iittala Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland
Design Miami/ Basel with Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
Etats de la Matière, Galerie Le Don du Fel, France
Perspectives, Iittala Arabia Design Centre, Finland
TEFAF New York (Spring) with Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
reCLAYmed, Berg Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2018 *Ceramics Now: The Faenza Prize is 80 Years Old*, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza, Italy
Salon Art + Design with Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Design Miami/ Basel with Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
FOG Design + Art with Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Design Miami/ with Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
New Ceramic Artists, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
- 2015 *Suomen lasi elää*, Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
9SEASONS, Embassy of Finland, Washington, DC
- 2014 *Helsinki Fat Clay*, Gallery Arabia, Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki Fat Clay, Gallery Marianne Heller Heidelberg, Germany
Keramiikan Tila, Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland
Rajapinnat, Kuparipaja, Fiskars, Finland
- 2013 *Pihatontut joulutorilla*, Design Museum, Arabia, Finland
Kattailen, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland
Valeur Refuge, Sevres Ceramic Museum, Sevres, France
International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
Juhlat, Nuutajärvi
Gumbostrand Summer Exhibition, Sipoo, Finland
International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
- 2012 *Arabia Art Department*, Design Museum, Arabia, Finland
Puusoil!, ProPuu Gallery, Lahti, Finland
Valeur Refuge, Foundation Bernardaud, Limoges, France
Metamofose, Lahti Art Museum, Lahti, Finland

- Helsinki Fat Clay*, Faenza Ceramic Museum, Italy
Helsinki Fat Clay, Officiate Saffi Gallery, Milan, Italy
 ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
- 2011 *Finland*, Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Korea
 ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
Fire&Ice, Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
Fire&Ice, Ceramic Museum, Westerwald, Germany
 ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
- 2009 *Art by Design*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Arabia 135, Jyväskylä, Finland
Arabia Art Department, Grimmerhus Ceramic Museum, Middelfart, Denmark
Summer Exhibition, Villa Roosa, Orimattila, Finland
Hard Rocks, Sculptures in South Harbour, Helsinki, Finland
Ceramics from Finland, Galerie Besson, London, UK
Marl Hole, Airspace Gallery, Staffordshire, UK
 ArtHelsinki2008, Helsinki, Finland
 SOFA Chicago with Gallery Norsu, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Jeespoks*, ProPuu Gallery, Lahti, Finland
Everyday Life, Gallery Norsu, Helsinki, Finland
Tulessa syntynyt, Fiskars, Finland
Keramiikan kevät, Galerie Oljemark, Helsinki, Finland
Rantagalleria, Lahti, Finland
Everyday Life, Gallery Artisin, Jyväskylä, Finland
Arabia 135, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 OTTO, Vantaa Art Museum, Finland
 Galerie Besson, Palm Beach, FL
Collect, London, Gallery Norsu, London, UK
 ArtHelsinki2008, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 *27th International Ceramic Exhibition of Alcora*, Alcora, Spain
Summer Exhibition, Galerie Besson, London, England
International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
 SOFA Chicago with Galerie Besson, Chicago, IL
- 2006 *Six Rooms*, Art Factory, Porvoo, Finland
European Ceramic Context, Bornholm, Denmark
ClayInDusTry, Guldagergaard, Denmark
Places of Arrival and Departure, The Regional Exhibition of Greater Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
 SET, ForumBox, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 *The Arabia Ceramic Factory's Artists*, The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan
Strata: New Perspectives on Ceramics from Scandinavia and the United States, Skulpturens

- Hus, Stockholm, Sweden
 ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland
 Ronnebaeksholm Kunst and Kulturcenter, Naestved, Denmark
- 2004 *Ceramics 2004*, Fiskars, Finland
Street Gallery 2004, Huittinen, Finland
In Praise of Silence, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2003 *Pro Arabia Art Finland*, Form and Design Center, Malmö, Sweden
Finchin Perilliset, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Retro, Fiskars, Finland
The Shape Between Continuity and Innovation, Faenza, Italy
Keramiek, Kunsthuis Ingrith Desmet, Belgium
Pisaroita, Karkkila, Finland
Sculptural Thoughts, Finnish-Norwegian Culture Institute, Oslo, Norway
HEHKU, Kankaanpää, Finland, Outdoor Fire Sculpture Project
 ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland
- 2002 *National Museum of Decorative Arts*, Trondheim, Norway
Alumni, Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland
FinnDesign Now, Design Forum, Helsinki
Pro Arabia Art Finland, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland
IAC Member Exhibition, Greece
- 2001 *Biennale de Ceramique Contemporaine de Chateauroux*, Chateauroux, France
WOCEK International Ceramic Design Exhibition (ICD), South Korea
IAC Member Exhibition, South Korea
Metallit 2001, Fiskars, Finland
Six Ceramists from Finland, Gallery Mokkumto, Seoul, South Korea
- 2000 *Arabia Artists at Retretti*, Retretti Art Centre, Punkaharju, Finland
Six Ceramists from Finland, Höganäs Museum, Höganäs, Sweden
Nordic Ceramics, Assens, Denmark
Suomen Lasi Elää 4, Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
 ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland
Uusinta/Paper Art Gallery 10 Years, Kuusankoski, Finland
- 1999 *Arabia 125 Years*, Ambiente 1999, Frankfurt, Germany
The Nordic Transparency, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
- 1998 *Kalmar 600 Years*, Outdoor Workshop & Exhibition, Sweden
Quatre Ceramistes Finlandesos, Ceramic Museum, Barcelona, Spain
Shigaraki Ceramic Museum, Shigaraki, Japan
Savesta Syntynyt: Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramics, Fiskars, Finland
Finnish Design 10: The Turn of the Millennium, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Nature as Object, Craft and Design Triennale, Perth, Australia

- Light and Shadow*, Mino Ceramic Triennale, Tajimi, Japan
 Mino Ceramic Competition, Tajimi, Japan
Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 1997 International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
 Ceramic Exhibition, Manises, Spain
- 1996 *Ceramics*, Voipala Art Centre, Sääksmäki, Finland
Arabia Pro Arte Collection, Helsinki, Tampere, Finland
Ett Keramisk Univers, Silkeborg, Denmark
Luovat Kädet, Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
- 1995 *Junge Kunstzene Finnland*, Hetjens Museum, Dusseldorf, Landesgewerbeamt, and
 Karlsruhe, Germany
 Tammisaari Art Museum, Finland
- 1994 *Ceramica Finlandesa*, Cidem, Barcelona, Spain
Gallery Uta Goppelsröder, Bretten, Germany
Center of Culture Palatin, Wiesloch, Germany
- 1993 *Group Six*, Gallery Maronie, Kyoto, Japan
Group Six, Gallery SAM, Seoul, South Korea
Group Six, Tiilityksiä, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Ceramics, Pohjola-Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Materia, Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland
 BOX, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland
 K-93, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Finland
 International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
Biennale of Small Ceramics, Zagreb, Croatia
Group Six, Ceramics, Caracas, Venezuela
Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 1992 Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland
Group Six, Båstad, Sweden
Finlandida, Stockholm, Sweden and Helsinki, Finland
- 1991 International Triennale of Ceramics, Sopot, Poland
KerTa, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Lappeenranta Finland and Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio,
 Finland
Group Six, Park Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 1990 *East Meets North*, Posio, Finland
IRIS: Ceramic Exhibition, Porvoo, Finland
Arabia Pro Arte Collection and Exhibition, Helsinki, Finland
 International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
- 1989–1990 *Actualite de la Ceramique Europeenne*, France
Scandinavian Ceramics and Glass, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK

- 1989 *Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 1988 Jugend Gestaltet, Munich, Germany
 1988 11th International Biennial of Ceramic Arts, Vallauris, France
 1987 *Exhibition of Young Artists*, Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland
Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 1987–1988 *Triennale, Zeitgenössisches Deutsches und Finnisches Kunsthandwerk*, Frankfurt and
 Hannover, Germany; Helsinki, Finland
 1985 *Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 1984 *Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 1983 *Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2017 *Jokihelmi (Pearls and Cracks)*, Penttilänranta, Joensuu, Finland
 2015 *Rantakivet (Stones and Currents)*, Penttilänranta, Joensuu, Finland
 2014–2015 *Historical Layers*, Lampa House, Helsinki, Finland
 2013 *Joet (Rivers)*, Penttilänranta, Joensuu, Finland
 2012 BRODA / My Future Town
 2011 IGLU, Turku, Finland
 2010–2016 *Turvapaikka*, Sipoo, Finland
 2009 *Pienet Purot Suuret Joet*, Sipoo, Finland
 2006 *Cataracta*, Facade of the Senior House, Helsinki, Finland (Architect: Kirsti Siven)
 2005 Gekko, Helsinki / Kamppi Bus Terminal
Fragments, The School of Sakarinmäki, Helsinki, Finland
 2003 *The Kiln*, Kankaanpää, Finland
 1998 *Molds*, Leppävirta, Finland

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2018 “Experiments and Explorations Rule This Year’s FOG Design + Art,” *Blouin ArtInfo*,
 January 11, 2018.
 “Hostler Burrows at Design Miami/ Basel,” *Blouin ArtInfo*, June 13, 2018.
 2017 “New Ceramic Artists,” *Wall Street International*, November 7, 2017.
 2016 Heeney, Gwen, ed. *The Post-Industrial Landscape as Site for Creative Practice: Material
 Memory*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
 2014 Neiminen, Heli. “Restaurant Kaskis Combines Art and Food,” *TS Ruoka*, October 1, 2014.
 2006 “Pekka Paikkari: The Never-Ending,” exhibition catalog, Turku, Finland.
 1992 Laiho, Timo. “Pekka Paikkari: Karborundum,” Suomi, Finland.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2014–2018 Five-year Grant from the Finnish State

- 2009 I-Prize, Environmental Art Competition, Sipoo, Finland
- 2008 Honorable Mention, Art Competition for the Hospital of Porvoo, Porvoo, Finland
Three-Year Grant from the Finnish State
- 2007 L'Alcalatén Prize, The 27th International Competition of l'Alcora, Alcora, Spain
I-Prize (Ex-Aequo), International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
Invite Artist, Shui-Li Snake Kiln, Large Scale Ceramic Sculpture Workshop, Taiwan
- 2004–2006 Three-Year Grant by Finnish Culture Foundation
- 2005 Invite Artist, International Ceramic Centre, Guldagergaard, Denmark
- 2003 Grant for Exhibition Näyttämö from the Finnish State
- 2002 Grant from the Finnish State
- 2001 Grant, Finnish-Norway Foundation
Grant, Frame
Grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2000 Grant for Kiln-Project from the Finnish State
- 1999 Grant, Finnish Culture Foundation
- 1998 I-Year Grant from the Finnish State
- 1997 Invite Artist, The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan
Grant, Ornamo, Finland
Exhibition Grant from the Finnish State
- 1993 International Biennial of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy and the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio
di Ravenna
Grant from the G&W Lehtinen Foundation
- 1992 Grant from the Finnish State
- 1991 I-year Grant from the Finnish State
- 1989 III-Prize on Art Competition of Helsinki House of Justice

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Finnish Sculptors
IAC, International Academy of Ceramics
Artists of Sipoo
The Art Department Society

COLLECTIONS

The British Museum, London, UK
Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
Faenza Museum of Ceramics, Italy
Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan
Ceramic Museum, Barcelona, Spain
Höganäs Ceramic Museum, Sweden

Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Ceramic Museum, Japan
Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Arabia Ceramic Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Joensuu Art Museum, Finland
Tammisaari Art Museum, Tammisaari, Finland
Pohjola Insurance Company Collection, Helsinki, Finland
IRIS Collection, City of Porvoo, Finland
Handelsbanken, Sweden
City of Leppävirta, Finland
City of Karkkila, Finland
Ceramic Museum l'Alcora, Alcora, Spain
Ceramic Museum, Manises, Spain
Art Collections of Finnish State
Wäinö Aaltosen Museo, Turku, Finland