

# HOSTLER BURROWS

## **PEKKA PAIKKARI**

b. 1960, Finland

Pekka Paikkari is a Helsinki-based ceramic artist known for his wall-mounted stoneware reliefs and monumental public installations. Paikkari's compositions combine intentionality with entropy; they are produced through an aleatory process in which drying clay, sculpted and incised, splinters along chance rifts and is subsequently reassembled. His works are characterized by bifurcating lines and chalky, near monochrome hues which reveal the stark poetry of the icy Finnish landscape. Paikkari uses everyday objects as tools—bricks, dinner forks, gardening rakes, mops, and brooms—to carve indents and striations into flattened slabs of clay. Following a prolonged process of drying, the surface is exquisitely marked, inlaid with a web of linear patterns and natural fissures, which Paikkari complicates through expressionistic washes of paint and aluminum oxide.

Paikkari studied at the Kuopio Academy of Design and has been a member of the Arabia Art Department Society since 1983. He was awarded the first prize at the International Ceramic Biennale in Manises, Spain, and received the 1993 Faenza Biennial of Ceramics Prize from the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio. His work is included in many prestigious museum collections including the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Museu de la Ceràmica, Barcelona, and the Shigaraki Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art in Japan, among others.

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## EDUCATION

2003 Humak University of Applied Sciences, Turku, Finland

1983 Design Academy, Kuopio, Finland

1978 Orivesi Institute, Tampere, Finland

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Winter Tales*, HB381, New York, NY

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

2016 Puls Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2015 *Lost and Found*, Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland  
ArtTag Gallery, 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 and AboaVetus, Museum of Contemporary Art, Turku, Finland

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

2004 *Cataracta (Cataract)*, Aralis Library Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*I Remember, Sculptures*, Arabia Ceramic Factory Museum, Helsinki, Finland

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

2002 *Konturen in Zeit und Raum (Contours in Time and Space)*, Rastatt, Germany

2001 *Brickmaker's House*, Hå Gamle Prestegård, Stavanger, Norway  
*Keramikk (Ceramics)*, Rogaland Kunstnersenter, Stavanger, Norway  
*Monumentalles und Serielles (Monumental and Serial)*, Hetjens Museum, Dusseldorf,  
Germany

1999 *Bottles, Ceramic Sculptures*, Nordiska Kristall, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Brickmaker's House*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland

1995 *Light and Shadow, Ceramic Design*, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Light and Shadow, Ceramic Sculptures*, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland

1994 Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland

1992 *Ceramics*, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Karborundum (Carborundum)*, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland

1989 Gallery Pinotheca, Jyväskylä, Finland

- 1988 *Ceramics*, Gallery Bronda, Helsinki, Finland  
1985 *Varjostuksia (Shades)*, Arabia-Nuutajärvi Shop, Helsinki, Finland

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Aether*, KunstCentret Silkeborg Bad, Silkeborg, Denmark  
*Arabia Now*, Galerie Le Don du Fel, Le Fel, France  
*FireFest*, Starworks, Star, NC  
*Interpretations of Soil*, Koppe Gallery, Bornholm, Denmark  
*Paratiisi (Paradise)*, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland  
*Process*, Iittala Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland  
*Tree of Life*, Gallery GAO ShAn, Helsinki, Finland
- 2023 *Northern Latitude 60.20890: The Arabia Art Department Society's 20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Iittala & Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland
- 2019 *Arabia Art Department in Tampere*, Finlayson Art Area, Tampere, Finland  
*États de la Matière (States of Matter)*, Galerie Le Don du Fel, France  
*Finnish Aalto*, Busan Art Museum, Busan, South Korea  
*Perspectives*, Iittala Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland  
*reCLAYmed*, Berg Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Secret of the Paradise*, Iittala Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland  
*Sasama International Ceramic Art Festival*, Sasama, Japan
- 2018 *Ceramics Now: The Faenza Prize Is 80 Years Old*, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy
- 2017 *New Ceramic Artists*, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
- 2015 *Suomen Lasi Eläjä (Finnish Glass Lives)*, 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 (Ceramics Room)*, Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Rajapinnat (Interfaces)*, Kuparipaja, Fiskars, Finland
- 2013 *Gumbostrand Summer Exhibition*, Sipoo, Finland  
*Juhlat (Party)*, Nuutajärvi Glassworks, Nuutajärvi, Finland  
*Kattailen (Covering)*, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Pihatontut Joulutorilla (Elves at the Christmas Market)*, Design Museum, Arabia, Finland  
*Valeur Refuge (Refuge Value)*, Sèvres Ceramic Museum, Sèvres, France  
*International Biennale of Ceramics*, Faenza, Italy  
*International Ceramic Biennale*, Manises, Spain
- 2012 *Helsinki Fat Clay*, Faenza Ceramic Museum, Faenza, Italy  
*Helsinki Fat Clay*, Officiate Saffi Gallery, Milan, Italy  
*Metamofose (Metamorphosis)*, Lahti Art Museum, Lahti, Finland  
*Puusoi! (Woods!)*, ProPuu Gallery, Lahti, Finland

- Valeur Refuge (*Refuge Value*), Foundation Bernardaud, Limoges, France  
 Arabia Art Department, Design Museum, Arabia, Finland
- 2011 *Finland*, Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheongju, South Korea  
*Fire and Ice: Ceramic Art from Finland*, Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany  
*Fire and Ice: Ceramic Art from Finland*, Westerwald Ceramic Museum, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany
- 2009 *Arabia 135*, Jyväskylä, Finland  
 Arabia Art Department, Grimmerhus Ceramic Museum, Middelfart, Denmark  
*Art by Design*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland  
*Ceramics from Finland*, Galerie Besson, London, UK  
*Hard Rocks, Sculptures in South Harbor*, Helsinki, Finland  
*Marl Hole*, Airspace Gallery, Staffordshire, UK  
*Summer Exhibition*, Villa Roosa, Orimattila, Finland
- 2008 *Arabia 135*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Everyday Life*, Gallery Artisin, Jyväskylä, Finland  
*Everyday Life*, Gallery Norsu, Helsinki, Finland  
*Jeespoks (Jeez)*, ProPuu Gallery, Lahti, Finland  
*Keramiikan Kevät (Ceramic Spring)*, Galerie Oljemark, Helsinki, Finland  
*Tulessa Syntynyt (Born in Fire)*, Fiskars Ironworks, Fiskars, Finland  
*Otto*, Vantaa Art Museum, Vantaa, Finland  
 Galerie Besson, Palm Beach, FL  
 Rantagalleria, Lahti, Finland
- 2007 *Summer Exhibition*, Galerie Besson, London, UK  
*27th International Ceramic Exhibition*, Alcora, Spain  
 International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
- 2006 *ClayInDusTry*, Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center, Skælskør, Denmark  
*Places of Arrival and Departure: The Regional Exhibition of Greater Helsinki*, Helsinki, Finland  
 Set, ForumBox, Helsinki, Finland  
 Six Rooms, Art Factory, Porvoo, Finland  
 European Ceramic Context, Bornholm, Denmark
- 2005 *ArtSibbe*, Sipoo, Finland  
*Strata: New Perspectives on Ceramics from Scandinavia and the United States*, Skulpturens Hus, Stockholm, Sweden  
*The Arabia Ceramic Factory's Artists*, Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan  
 Rønnebæksholm Kunst and Kulturcenter, Næstved, Denmark
- 2004 *Ceramics*, Fiskars, Finland  
*In Praise of Silence*, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland  
 Street Gallery, Huittinen, Finland
- 2003 *ArtSibbe*, Sipoo, Finland

- Finchin Perilliset (Heirs of Finch)*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Hehku (Glow)*, Kankaanpää, Finland  
*Keramiek (Ceramics)*, Kunsthuis Ingrith Desmet, Kortrijk, Belgium  
*Pisaroita (Drops)*, Karkkila, Finland  
*Pro Arabia Art Finland*, Form and Design Center, Malmö, Sweden  
*Retro*, Fiskars, Finland  
*Sculptural Thoughts*, Finnish-Norwegian Culture Institute, Oslo, Norway  
*The Shape between Continuity and Innovation*, Faenza, Italy
- 2002 *Alumni*, Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland  
*FinnDesign Now*, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland  
*International Academy of Ceramics Member Exhibition*, Athens, Greece  
*Pro Arabia Art Finland*, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
National Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Trondheim, Norway
- 2001 *International Academy of Ceramics Member Exhibition*, South Korea  
*Metallit (Metals)*, Fiskars, Finland  
*Six Ceramists from Finland*, Gallery Mokkumto, Seoul, South Korea  
*WOCEK International Ceramic Design Exhibition*, World Ceramic Exposition, South Korea  
Biennale de Céramique Contemporaine de Châteauroux, Châteauroux, France
- 2000 *Arabia Artists at Retretti*, Retretti Art Centre, Punkaharju, Finland  
*ArtSibbe*, Sipoo, Finland  
*Nordic Ceramics*, Assens, Denmark  
*Six Ceramists from Finland*, Höganäs Museum, Höganäs, Sweden  
*Suomen Lasi Elää 4 (Finnish Glass Lives 4)*, Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland  
*Uusinta (Repeat)/Paper Art Gallery 10 Year Exhibition*, Finnish Paper Art Gallery, Kuusankoski, Finland
- 1999 *Arabia 125 Years*, Ambiente, Frankfurt, Germany  
*The Nordic Transparency*, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
- 1998 *Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Finnish Design 10: The Turn of the Millennium*, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland  
*Kalmar 600 Years*, Outdoor Workshop & Exhibition, Kalmar, Sweden  
*Light and Shadow*, Mino Ceramic Triennale, Tajimi, Japan  
*Nature as Object*, Craft and Design Triennale, Perth, Australia  
*Quatre Ceramistes Finlandesos (Four Finnish Ceramists)*, Ceramic Museum, Barcelona, Spain  
*Savesta Syntynyt (Born of Clay): Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramics*, Fiskars, Finland  
Mino Ceramic Competition, Tajimi, Japan  
Shigaraki Ceramic Museum, Shigaraki, Japan
- 1997 Ceramic Exhibition, Manises, Spain  
International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
- 1996 *Arabia Pro Arte Collection*, Helsinki and Tampere, Finland

- Ceramics*, Voipaala Art Centre, Sääksmäki, Finland  
*Ett Keramisk Univers (A Ceramic Universe)*, Silkeborg, Denmark  
*Luovat Kädet (Creative Hands)*, Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
- 1995 *Junge Kunstzene Finnland (Young Art Scene Finland)*, Hetjens Museum, Dusseldorf,  
 Landesgewerbeamt, and Karlsruhe, Germany  
 Tammisaari Art Museum, Finland
- 1994 *Ceramica Finlandesa (Finnish Ceramics)*, CIDEM, Barcelona, Spain  
 Gallery Uta Goppelsröder, Bretten, Germany  
 Kulturzentrum GmbH Palatin, Wiesloch, Germany
- 1993 *Box*, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Ceramics*, Pohjola-Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Group Six*, Ceramics, Caracas, Venezuela  
*Group Six*, Gallery Maronie, Kyoto, Japan  
*Group Six*, Gallery SAM, Seoul, South Korea  
*Group Six*, Tiilikyksiä, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland  
*K-93*, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Finland  
*Materia*, Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland  
 Biennale of Small Ceramics, Zagreb, Croatia  
 International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
- 1992 *Finlandida*, Stockholm, Sweden and Helsinki, Finland  
*Group Six*, Båstad, Sweden  
 Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland
- 1991 *Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Group Six*, Park Gallery, Seoul, South Korea  
*KerTa*, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland; Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio,  
 Finland  
 International Triennale of Ceramics, Sopot, Poland
- 1990 *Arabia Pro Arte Collection and Exhibition*, Helsinki, Finland  
*East Meets North*, Posio, Finland  
*Iris: Ceramic Exhibition*, Porvoo, Finland  
 International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
- 1989 *Finnish Design*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Scandinavian Ceramics and Glass*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK  
*Actualité de la Ceramique Européen*, France
- 1988 Eleventh International Biennial of Ceramic Arts, Vallauris, France  
*Jugend Gestaltet*, Munich, Germany
- 1987–88 *Zeitgenössisches Deutsches und Finnisches Kunsthandwerk: 4. Triennale (Contemporary  
 German and Finnish Crafts: 4th Triennial)*, Frankfurt and Hannover, Germany;  
 Helsinki, Finland

- 1987 *Exhibition of Young Artists*, Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland  
*Finnish Design*, Design Museum, 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
- 2014–15 *Historical Layers*, Lampa House, Helsinki, Finland
- 2013 *Joet (Rivers)*, Penttilänranta, Joensuu, Finland
- 2012 *Broda / My Future Town*
- 2011 *Iglu*, Turku, Finland
- 2010–16 *Turvapaikka*, Sipoo, Finland
- 2009 *Pienet Purot, Suuret Joet (Small Streams, Big Rivers)*, Sipoo, Finland
- 2006 *Cataracta (Cataract)*, Facade of the Senior House, Helsinki, Finland (Architect: Kirsti Sivén)
- 2005 *Fragments*, The School of Sakarinmäki, Helsinki, Finland  
*Gekko (Gecko)*, Helsinki Kamppi Bus Terminal, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 *The Kiln*, Kankaanpää, Finland
- 1998 *Molds*, Leppävirta, Finland

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2014 The Finnish State (Five-Year Grant)
- 2009 Environmental Art Competition, Sipoo, Finland (First Prize)
- 2008 Art Competition for the Porvoo Hospital, Porvoo, Finland (Honorable Mention)  
The Finnish State (Three-Year Grant)
- 2007 International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain (First Prize, Ex Aequo)  
L'Alcalatén Prize, The 27th International Competition of l'Alcora, Alcora, Spain  
Shui-Li Snake Kiln, Large Scale Ceramic Sculpture Workshop, Taiwan (Invited Artist)
- 2005 Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center, Skælskør, Denmark (Invited Artist)
- 2004 The Finnish Culture Foundation (Three-Year Grant)
- 2003 The Finnish State (Exhibition Grant)
- 2002 The Finnish State
- 2001 Finnish Cultural Foundation  
Frame  
The Finnish-Norwegian Cultural Foundation
- 2000 The Finnish State
- 1999 The Finnish Cultural Foundation



- 1998 The Finnish State (One-Year Grant)  
1997 Ornamo Art and Design Finland, Helsinki, Finland  
Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan (Invited Artist)  
The Finnish State (Exhibition Grant)  
1993 International Biennial of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy and the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio,  
Ravenna, Italy  
Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation  
1992 The Finnish State  
1991 The Finnish State (One-Year Grant)  
1989 Art Competition of Helsinki House of Justice (Third Prize)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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

## **COLLECTIONS**

Arabia Ceramic Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
Ceramic Museum of Manises, Manises, Spain  
City of Karkkila, Finland  
City of Leppävirta, Finland  
Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
Finnish State Art Deposit Collection  
Handelsbanken Collection, Stockholm, Sweden  
Iris Collection, Porvoo Museum, Porvoo, Finland  
Joensuu Art Museum, Joensuu, Finland  
KKAM Museum, Höganäs, Sweden  
Museo de Ceramica de l'Alcora, Alcora, Spain  
Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy  
Museu de la Ceràmica, Barcelona, Spain  
Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan  
Pohjola Insurance Company Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
Tammisaari Art Museum, Tammisaari, Finland  
The British Museum, London, UK  
The Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan  
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK  
Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku, Finland