

# HOSTLER BURROWS

## **SAKARI KANNOSTO**

b. 1973, Finland

Sakari Kannosto is a multimedia artist working in Helsinki, Espoo, and Vantaa, Finland, with a primary focus on ceramic sculptures and large-scale installations. His fantastical and figurative creatures are inspired by fables, Greek mythology, and Finnish folklore. As he sculpts part-human, part-mermaid, part-animal beings, he references the Finnish myth that animals can shape-shift, traveling between worlds as protectors. Imbued with whimsy and humor, Kannosto's work is also underscored by a deep environmental consciousness. By reimagining a future where humans unite with nature to create adaptive, survivalist families, Kannosto addresses the potentially disastrous environmental consequences brought on by the industrialized world. For Kannosto, clay is crucial to the actualization of his work. As an ancient medium, it has long been a conduit for coded information. He continues in this vein, luring magic out of the clay as he creates a cast of creatures for modern fairytales. There is something deeply hopeful here.

Kannosto graduated from Helsinki's Academy of Fine Arts in 2005. In 2014, he was granted an honorary award for environmental education due to his work as a lecturer and educator. After completing an artist-in-residence at the Arabia Art Department in Helsinki, he became a permanent member of the department in January 2020 and is now the chairman of the board. He is a Lecturer of Fine Arts at Omnia in Espoo and has exhibited widely. Notably, his work can be found in the collections of the National Museum of Finland and the Art Museum of Tampere.

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## EDUCATION

- 2011 Haaga-Helia, University of Applied Sciences
- 2005 Academy of Fine Arts, Department of Sculpture, Helsinki
- 1998 UIAH, Open University of Art and Design, Helsinki
- 1994 Visual Arts School of Helsinki

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *The Age of Aquarius*, Galleria Pictor, Nummela, Finland
- 2022 *Children of the Flood*, HB381, New York, NY  
*Leirintäalue*, Mänttä, Finland  
*Spring Song*, S/E/B Bank, Window Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2021 *On the Beach*, Gumbostrand Konst & Form, Sipoo, Finland
- 2020 *Mole, Chantarelle & Lollipop Tree*, Galleria Saskia, Tampere, Finland
- 2018 *To the Last Shore*, Gallery Mäntinranta, Finland  
*Ark I*, Library of Sello, Espoo, Finland  
*Media Igloo*, Omnia, Espoo, Finland
- 2017 *On the Last Shore*, Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland  
*Ceramic Art*, Restaurant Silvoplee, Helsinki, Finland  
*Ark I*, Omnia, Espoo, Finland
- 2014 *Afri-Chicken*, Gran Popo, Benin
- 2013 *Border*, Omnia, Espoo, Finland
- 2007 *Dream Speed*, Galleria Katariina, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 *Beach Gallery*, Järvenpää, Finland  
*Tieto-Enator*, Gallen Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland
- 2002 *Perho Perhe*, Butterfly Family, Sörnäinen, Helsinki, Finland
- 1999 *Sculptures, Inaugural Exhibition*, Kulttuuriareena Gloria, Helsinki, Finland
- 1998 *Sculptures*, Restaurant Cantina West, Helsinki, Finland  
*TURN-ON*, Sörnäinen Art House, Helsinki, Finland  
*TURN-ON*, Stoa-galleria, Helsinki, Finland

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Ikipuhe*, Culture House Jaatsi, Sastamala, Finland
- 2023 *Northern Latitude 60.20890:Arabia Art Department Society's 20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Iittala & Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland  
*Atelier Life*, Hvitträsk National Museum of Finland, Kirkkonummi, Finland
- 2022 *Imago Mundi*, Surrealism Exhibition, Gallery Ice Room, Joutsa, Finland  
*Camping Site*, Art House Brander, Mänttä, Finland
- 2021 *Culture Action*, Grand Popo, Benin  
*Contemporary Finnish Artists*, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY  
*Clay Ceremony: Riska, Kannosto, Anoschkin, Huotari, Riitahuhta*, Muji, Helsinki, Finland  
*On the Edge*, Korundi, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland  
*Burning Desire*, Avantgardevekkula, Haihatus, Joutsa, Finland  
*TEOS*, Suvilahti, Helsinki, Finland
- 2020 *Animal Dam*, Sakari Kannosto, Topi Ruotsalainen, Galleria Pato, Kuusankoski, Finland  
*Arabia Art Department Society: New Seasons*, Muji, Kamppi, Finland  
*Erotic Art Vol 2.*, Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki, Finland  
*Group Exhibition*, S/E/B Bank Gallery, Etelä-Esplanadi 18, Helsinki, Finland  
*Ceramega 2020*, Särämä, Voipaala Art Center, Voipaala, Finland  
*Avantgardevekkula*, Haihatus, Joutsa, Finland  
*Forest Primeval, Inaugural Exhibition*, Hostler Burrows, Los Angeles, CA  
*TEOS 2020*, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
- 2019 *Finlayson*, Art Area, Himmelblau, Tampere, Finland  
*Group Exhibition Curated by Marja Helander*, Mänttä, Finland  
*Group Exhibition*, Iittala & Arabia Design Center, Helsinki, Finland
- 2018 *Karhulan Hovi*, Haihatus, Joutsa, Finland  
*Gallery Old Smoke*, Merikarvia, Finland  
*About Clay*, Fiskars Village, Finland
- 2016 *Kari Hakli, Kukka Paavilainen, Sakari Kannosto*, Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki, Finland
- 2015 *Sculptures, Art Goes Kapakka, Tsiigaa! Goes Graffiti*, Cafe Engel, Helsinki, Finland  
*The News Play of the Week*, Haihatus, Joutsa, Finland
- 2014 *Ceramics and Space: The Exhibition of Contemporary Finnish Ceramics*, Design Museo, Helsinki, Finland  
*Objekti*, Espoo Kunsthalle, Finland
- 2013 *Border*, Hyvinkään Asuntomessut, Hyvinkää, Finland  
*Artist Chain*, Blaue Fraue-group, Diana Teather, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 *Artists 2012*, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Finland  
*Art Forum*, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Finland

- Ceramega*, Voipaala Art Center, Valkeakoski, Finland
- 2011 *Art forum*, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Finland  
*Ars Auttoinen*, Ovi Rivoon, Finland
- 2010 *FIDEM*, Tampere Art Museum, Finland
- 2009 *Dream Speed*, Honkahovi, Mänttä, Finland
- 2008 *Annual Exhibition of the Finnish Artists' Association*, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland  
*Behind the Mustache*, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland  
*Miracle Art*, Taidekeskus Ihana, Finland
- 2007 *Tsiigaa*, Art Goes Kapakka, Helsinki, Finland  
*V.I.P., The 25 Best Artists in Finland*, Mänttä, Finland
- 2006 *Art Supermarket*, Gallery Pikasso, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 *HOME*, Vanha Kappalaisentalo, Porvoo, Finland  
*Academy of Fine Arts, Graduate Exhibition*, Helsinki Art Museum, Tennispalatsi, Finland  
*Finnish Medal Guild*, Tampere Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 2004 *V.I.P.: Academy of Fine Art*, Helsinki, Finland  
*White*, V.I.P. Ruukki, Fiskars Village, Finland  
*Ceramic*, Voipaala Art Center, Valkeakoski, Finland  
*Hehku! Ceramic Happening*, Kankaanpää, Finland
- 2003 *Academy of Fine Arts, Group Exhibition*, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 *Medallic Art on Purnu*, Orivesi, Finland
- 2001 *Forces of Light, Memory*, Esplanadi, Helsinki, Finland  
*Exhibition of Young Artists*, Helsinki Kunsthalle, Finland
- 2000 *Terror 2000, ROR –Group*, Nordic House, Reykjavik, Iceland  
*Terror 2000, ROR –Group*, INTO Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

## **COLLECTIONS**

The Guild of Medallic Art of Finland  
National Museum of Finland  
Art Museum of Tampere, Finland  
State Art Collection of Finland

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Vantaa Artist Association  
Arabian Art Department Society, Chairman of the Board  
The Guild of Medallic Art of Finland  
Association of Finnish Sculptors  
Helsinki Artist Association