

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 the Academy of Fine Arts of Helsinki 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 of 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

- 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 Mältinranta, 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

- 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, Särmä, 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