

PEKKA PAIKKARI (Finnish, b.1960)

Broken Cabin of Secrets, 2021

Ceramic

23.5" H x 31.5" W x 7.87" D













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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 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.

Pekka 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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EDUCATION

2000-03	Cultural Production and Management Degree, Humanities Polytechnic, Turku, Finland
1978-83	Design Academy, Kuopio, Finland
1977-78	Orivesi institute, Finland

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	Points 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 (together with Mrs. Kaarina Kaikkonen)
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 Makers 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 (together with Mr. Jukka Vikberg)
1992	Ceramics, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland (together with Mr. Sang-Ho Jeon)
	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

JEELOILD	CROOL EXHIBITIONS
2020	FOG Design + Art, 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, littala Arabia Design Centre, Finland

	Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
	Etats de Matiere, Gallery Le Don du Fel, France
	Perspectives, littala Arabia Design Centre, Finland
	TEFAF New York Spring, 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, Hostler Burrows, New York
	Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
	FOG Design + Art, Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
2017	Design Miami, 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 D.C
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
	Kattaillen, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland
	VALEUR REFUGE, Sevres Ceramic Museum, France
	International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
	Juhlat, Nuutajärvi
	Gumbostrand, Summer exhibition, Sipoo
	International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
2012	Arabia Art Department, Design Museum, Arabia, Finland
2012	Puusoi!, ProPuu gallery, Lahti
	VALEUR REFUGE, Foundation Bernardaud, Limoges, France
	Metamofose, Lahti Art Museum, Finland
	Helsinki Fat Clay, Faenza Ceramic Museum, Italy
	Helsinki Fat Clay, Officiale Saffi Gallery, Milan, Italy
	ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
2011	Finland in Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Korea
2011	ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
2010	Fire&Ice, Gallery Marianne Heller, Germany
2010	Fire&Ice, Ceramic Museum, Westerwald, Germany
	ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
2009	Art by Design, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
2007	Arabia 135, Jyväskylä, Finland
	Arabia Art Department, Grimmerhus Ceramic Museum, Danmark
	Summer Exhibition, Villa Roosa, Orimattila, Finland
	Hard Rocks, Sculptures in South Harbour, Helsinki, Finland
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Ceramics from Finland, Galerie Besson, England Marl Hole, Airspace Gallery, Staffordshire, England ArtHelsinki2008, Helsinki SOFA, Chicago, Gallery Norsu 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 Palm Peach, Florida, Galerie Besson Collect, London, Gallery Norsu ArtHelsinki2008, Helsinki 2007 27th International Ceramic Exhibition of l'Alcora, Spain Summer Exhibition, Galerie Besson, London, England International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain SOFA, Chicago, Galerie Besson 2006 Six Rooms, Art Factory, Porvoo, Finland European Ceramic Context, Bornholm, Danmark ClayInDusTry, Guldagergaar, Danmark Places of Arrival and Departure, The Regional Exhibition of Greater Helsinki, Finland SET, ForumBox, Helsinki, Finland 2005 The Arabia Ceramic Factorys Artist's, The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan Strata: New Perspectives on Ceramics from Scandinavia and The United States, Skulpturens hus, Sweden ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland Ronnebaeksholm Kunst- og Kulturcenter, Naestved, Danmark 2004 Ceramics 2004, Fiskars, Finland Street Gallery 2004, Huittinen, Finland In Praise of Silence, Lappeenranta Art Museum, 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-Norway Culture Institute, Oslo, Norway (OICS2003) HEHKU, Kankaanpää, Finland, Outdoor Fire Sculpture Project ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland

National Museum of Decorative Arts, Trondheim, Norway

2002



Alumni, Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland FinnDesign now, Design Forum, Helsinki Pro Arabia Art Finland, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland IAC, member exhibition, Greece 200 I Biennale de Ceramique contemporaire de Chateauroux, France WOCEK, International Ceramic Design Exhibition (ICD), Korea IAC, member exhibition, Korea Metallit 2001, Fiskars, Finland Six ceramists from Finland, Gallery Mokkumto, Seoul, Korea 2000 Arabia Artists at Retretti, Retretti Art Centre, Punkaharju, Finland Six Ceramists from Finland, Höganäs Museum, Sweden Nordic Ceramics, Assens, Danmark 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, 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, Western Australia Light and Shadow, Special exhibition, 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, Voipaala Art Centre, 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, 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, Kioto, Japan Group Six, Gallery SAM, Seoul, Korea



Group Six, Tiilityksiä, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland Ceramics, Pohjola-Gallery, Helsinki, Finland (With Kati Tuominen-Niittylä) Materia, Art hall, Helsinki, Finland BOX, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland K-93, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Finland International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy Biennal of small Ceramics, Zagbrek Group Six, Ceramics, Caracas, Venezuela Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland 1992 Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland Group Six, Båstad, Sweden Finlandida, Stocholm, Sweden, Helsinki Finland 1991 International Triennale of ceramics, Sopot, Poland KerTa, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Kuopio art Museum, Finland Group Six, Park Gallery, Seoul, 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 biennal of ceramics Faenza, Italy 1989-90 Actualite de la Ceramique Europeenne, France Scandinavian Ceramics and Glass, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England 1989 Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland Jugend Gestaltet Munich, Germany 1988 IIth International Biennal of Ceramic arts, Vallauris, France 1988 1987 Exhibition of young artists, Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland Triennale, Zeitgenössisches deutsches und finnisches Kunsthandwerk, Frankfurt and 1987-88 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**

Jokihelmi (Pearls and Cracks), Penttilänranta, Joensuu
Rantakivet, (Stones and Currents), Penttilänranta, Joensuu
Historical Layers, Lampa House, Helsinki
Layes of the History, Lampa house, Helsinki
Joet, (Rivers) Penttilänranta, Joensuu
BRODA / My Future Town
IGLU, Turku, Finland
Turvapaikka, Sipoo, Finland



2009 2006 2005	Pienet purot suuret joet, Sipoo, Finland CATARACTA, Facade of the Senior House, Helsinki, Finland (Architect: Kirsti Siven) Gekko, Helsinki / Kamppi bus terminal (Tuominen-Niittylä, Riska, Paikkari) 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 "Hostler Burrows at Design Miami / Basel," Blouin ArtInfo, June 13
2017	"New Ceramic Artists," Wall Street International, November 7
2016	Heeney, Gwen, ed. <u>The Post-Industrial Landscape as Site for Creative Practice: Material Memory</u> . Cambridge Scholars Publishing
2014	Neiminen, Heli. "Restaurant Kaskis Combines Art and Food," TS Ruoka, October 1
2006	"Pekka Paikkari: The Never-Ending," exhibition catalog, Turku
1992	Laiho, Timo. ''Pekka Paikkari – Karborundum,'' Suomi
	AND AWARDS
2014-18	5-year grant by the Finnish State
2009	I-Prize, Environmental Art Competition, Sipoo, Finland (Together with Mari Paikkari)
2008	Honourable mention / Art Competition for the Hospital of Porvoo, Finland (Together with Sirkka Paikkari)
2007-09	3-year grant by the Finnish State
2007	L'Alcalatén prize in the 27 th International Competition of l'Alcora, Spain
	I-Prize (Ex-Aeguo), International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
2004-06	Invite Artist, Shui-Li Snake kiln, Large Scale Ceramic Sculpture Workshop, Taiwan 3-year grant by Finnish Culture Foundation
2005	Invite Artist, International Ceramic Centre, Guldagergaard, Danmark
2003	Grant for exhibition Näyttämö by Finnish state
2002	Grand by Finnish State
2001	Grant, Finnish-Norway Foundation
	Grant, Frame
	Grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation
2000	Grant for kiln-project by Finnish state
1999	Grant, Finnish Culture Foundation
1998	I-year grant by the Finnish State
1997	Invite Artist, the Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan
	Grant, Ornamo, Finland Grant for exhibition, Finnish State
1993	International Biennial of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy, (Fondatzione Cassa di Risparmio di
1773	Ravenna)



	Grant from G&W Lehtinen Foundation
1992	Grant by the Finnish State (for publication, "Karborundum")
1001	Lyon Grant by the Finnish State

1991 I-year Grant by the Finnish State

1989 III-Prize on Art Competition of Helsinki House of justice

EXPERIENCE

2016-17	Ornamo, Member of Board
2015-17	Taike, Art Council
2015-16	Art Council South Finland
2008-15	Ornamo Foundation, President of Board
2007-10	Ornamo, Member of Board
2001-04	Teaching, UIAH, University of Art & Design, Helsinki, Ceramic & Glass Department
1985-Present	Artist/Designer, Littala, Arabia Ceramic Factory
1983	Assistant, Arabia Ceramic Factory

MEMBERSHIPS

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

COLLECTIONS

The British Museum, London, England Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England 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, Spain

Ceramic Museum, Manises, Spain

Art Collections of Finnish State

Wäinö Aaltosen museo, Turku