

# JUHO POESILOE PÖYSTI – CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Studies**

1998 – Department of Architecture, Helsinki University of Technology (Aalto University)  
1995 – 96 Department of Architecture, University of Oulu  
1994 – 95 Department of Mathematics, University of Helsinki  
1990 – 93 Rauman Lyseo high school, graduate 1993 (Laudatur)

## **Artistic history in short**

2018-2019 **Abandoned House Gallery** artist, curator, producer, graphic designer & programmer  
2017-2020 **Galleria Kuja** (Co-op Lapinlahden Tilajakamo art gallery), Helsinki, member of the curatorial board  
2013- Art collective **Kinobox Obscura** 3D artist, architect, graphic designer & producer  
2009- Visual Artist and VJ (& occasional tour manager) for a Finnish music group **Cleaning Women**  
2008- Singer, songwriter, poet & AD in a Finnish/Russian art group **The Execution of Music**  
2002-2008 Gallerist in a Helsinki-based underground **Art Gallery Myymälä2**

## **Grants**

2021 **Arts Promotion Centre Finland**, State artist grant (3 years, 2022–2024), multidisciplinary arts  
2021 **Otto A. Malm Donation Fund**, Personal grant for artistic work (3D photography)  
2020 Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Central Finland), Grant for 3D camera obscura ice sled merry-go-round  
2020 **City of Helsinki**, Covid19 grant, live streaming art performances 24/7, antiviralart.com  
2019 **Niilo Helander Foundation**, Grant for my solo performance series Genius LOCO  
2018 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, State artist grant (1/2 years, January - June 2019)  
2018 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Project grant, Abandoned House Gallery in Estonia  
2018 **Nordic Culture Point**, Mobility funding. Lithuania & Estonia  
2018 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Mobility funding. New York & Chicago, USA  
2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Travel grant, Bielefeld, Germany  
2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, State artist grant (1/2 years, January - June 2017)  
2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Grant for materials and travel for 3D camera obscura boat  
2015 **Kone Foundation**, Grant for building a 3D camera obscura boat  
2015 **Finnish Cultural Foundation**, Personal grant for artistic work  
2015 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Travel grant, Latvia & Estonia  
2014 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Travel grant, Estonia  
2014 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Grant for artistic work in Mexico, team Puurunen & Pöysti  
2014 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, for building Kinobox Obscura 3D camera obscura in Mexico City  
2014 The Finnish Music Foundation (MES), travel grant for Cleaning Women concert tour in Mexico  
2013 The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, a part allocated for arts from Mustarinda Off the Grid -grant

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- 2022** **This is Lapinlahti – the former mental hospital in stereoscopic anaglyph 3D.** Stereoscopic anaglyph 3D silkscreen prints and a 3D videowork. Solo exhibition at Galleria Kuja, Helsinki, Finland, 4.11.–30.11.2022  
Singing, poetry and anaglyph 3D shadowplay performance with Risto Puurunen & Sami Eteläpää.  
**Dead Poets** at **Abdication of the Geniuses** multidisciplinary art festival, Maunula-talo, Helsinki, 30.10.2022  
The chassis for the upcoming 3D camera obscura merry-go-round sled (being built by me at the Art Center Haihatus) and **Kinobox Obscura** 3D-camera obscura boat & bike exhibited at the sculpture park of Haihatus, Haihatus Summer exhibition **Estomania 3**, Art Center Haihatus, Joutsa, Finland, 10.6.–7.8.2022
- 2021** Live video projections and VJ'ing for **Cleaning Women** the band at **ARS 108** contemporary arts exhibition 2.7.2021 + Cleaning Women -multimedia sculpture installation "Q4 – the Last Quarter Year", Ars 108, Nokia, Finland 2.7.–29.8.
- 2020** **Antiviral Macabre – Sketches for an Unknown Future.** The exhibition showcased videos from the live streaming art project Antiviral Art Gallery and paintings created live during the stream by Dmitri Zudov. Galleria Kuja, Helsinki 11.9.–11.10.2020  
**Antiviral Art Gallery**, live streaming art 24/7 - www.antiviralart.com, Helsinki, 1.7.–9.8.2020  
Commenting the pandemic through performances, paintings, light, videos and music from the former mental hospital of Lapinlahti, Helsinki with invited guest performances from the other artists working round Lapinlahti.  
Kinobox Obscura 3D camera obscura bicycle KO Silvershadow Mk 2 at Art Center Haihatus summer exhibition **Avantgardevekkula**, Joutsa, Finland 6.6.–30.8.2020  
Collective exhibition of co-op. Lapinlahden tilajakamo artists, Galleria Kuja & Loop, Helsinki, 23.5.–31.7.-20
- 2019** My solo exhibition **Enter the Ear Dragon** (*Genius LOCO*), Galleria Kuja, Lapinlahti Helsinki, 8.11.2019–8.1.2020  
Paintings on recycled offset-print plates, site-specific light installation with scaffolds, QR-code: poesiloe.com/enter  
Exhibition architecture & lighting to **Martyroterapia** exhibition. Music, poems and singing in **The Execution of Music** -band performances at the exhibition opening (Dec 20) and on New Year's Eve (along w/ Cleaning Women -band) **Galleria Rankka**, Helsinki 20.12.2019–5.1.2020  
**Me as Myself**, collective exhibition of co-op. Lapinlahden tilajakamo artists, Galleria Kuja & Loop 8.6.–31.7.2019  
My artwork **Poeyst It!** (Videowork behind a hand-drawn QR code on a Post-it note the visitor could watch w/ smartphone)  
Kinobox Obscura 3D-camera obscura -bike, Stockfors Art Fair 2019, Pyhtää 15.6.–31.8.2019  
Kinobox Obscura 3D-camera obscura -boat, Lapinlahti, Helsinki, Summer 2019
- 2018** **Abandoned House Gallery / www.gallerywindow.com**, 1.7.–2.9.2018  
A secret gallery somewhere in Estonia. 24/7 live streaming & gallery window sculptures (w/ Panu Ollikainen).  
"Gallery window" sculptures (Fixed sculptures that show the live video stream from the gallery through a window 24/7)  
**Sveta baar**, Telliskivi, Tallinn, Estonia 14.6 – 31.8 (+ Tallinn Art Week -event ART by Sveta 14.6.)  
**Galleria Kuja**, Lapinlahden tilajakamo, Helsinki, Finland 30.6 – 31.8  
"Gallery window" sculpture (a mobile sculpture that shows the live video stream from the gallery through a window 24/7)  
Tallinn Art Week -event Open Studios at Polymer, Tallinn, Estonia 13.6.  
**Heavens Underground / Printmaking IN Pärnu**, Pärnu, Estonia  
/ Sculpture exhibition, Pärnu Artist House *Kunstnike Maja* (sculpture + video projection to the Artist house wall) 21.&22.7  
/ Nordic performance night, *Culture Club Tempel* (club wall video projection + presentational performance) 21.7  
**Heavens Underground / Printmaking IN Riga**, Autentika, Riga, Latvia 20.7.2018  
**Earthy Pleasures** (*Maalliset ilot*), Tilajakamo artist collective exhibition, Hirvitalo, Tampere, Finland 28.7–18.8.2018  
**Avantgarde Vekkula** -sculpture & sound installation exhibition, Oranssi, Suvilahti, Helsinki, Suomi 25.8.–2.9.2018  
**The visiting artists in the Abandoned House Gallery:** Ouluputki (Jussi Suomalainen, FIN), Wiiu Wiiulainen & Michel Ruths (FIN), Hyunji Park (KOR), Huisi He (CHN), Nathan Hendrickson (USA), Mara Uzulina & Justine Vaivode\* (LAT).  
Video artists and sculptors in the Abandoned House Gallery (not visiting the gallery in person):  
Tuomo Vuoteenoma (FIN), The Execution of Music (FIN/RUS), Gianluigi Biagini (ITA), Hilda & Maria Lindström (SWE), Mara Catalan (ESP/USA), Tanel Saar (EST), Janno Bergmann (EST), Kilian Ochs (GER).
- 2018** **3FREE** -performances with Jussi Suomalainen, Maija Kivi and Panu Ollikainen  
"Silver Moon Ping Pong" -performance, Klaipeda Culture Communication Center (KCCC), 18.5.2018 and  
KONtainer Klaipeda , KCCC, Klaipeda, Lithuania 19.5.2018  
+"On the Other Side of Picture Frames" -performance for Edgar Valter's (1929-2006) paintings. Improvisation with  
Steve Vanoni (USA), Nina Yhared (Mexico) and Sandra Tereza Ruul (Estonia). Endla Teater, Pärnu, Estonia 21.5.2018  
+ **Avantgarde Obscura** Diverse Universe Performance Festival, Mäkelänrinne Railway Tunnel, Helsinki 27.5.2018

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- 2018** **Ebb, Flow, Muck & Mire (a Sea-Change in 3D)** exhibition at **Wild Embeddings** art gallery with Risto Puurunen and Maija Kivi. New York, USA 8.3.–19.3.2018  
+3D shadow performances (Juho Pöysti – improvised spoken word & singing, Maija Kivi – dace, Risto Puurunen – music, 3D shadow projection technique by Pöysti & Puurunen, 3D shadow objects and installations by the whole team)  
Opening performance, Wild Embeddings, NYC 8.3.-18, **Grace Space Brooklyn**, NYC 9.3.-18,  
**Last Frontier NYC** 10.3.-18, **The Spot**, Lafayette, Indiana 15.3.-18, **Zhou B Art Center, Dfbrl8r**, Chicago 16.3.-18,  
**No Nation - Art Gallery and Tangential Unspace Lab**, Chicago 17.3.-18
- 2018** Kinobox Obscura 3D camera obscura boat **Recycling** exhibition in Mänttä, Finland 16.6.–31.8.2018  
Kinobox Obscura 3D camera obscura bicycle in Malmitalo Helsinki Day event 12.6.2018
- 2018** The Execution of Music Documentary directed by Valeriy Pereverzev (Russia 2018, 57 mins) Finnish Premiere at **Avantgarde Vekkula** Helsinki, Finland 26.8.2018 (I am the singer in the film that was shot in 2014 in Moscow)
- 2017** Taking part in an exhibition on Finnish contemporary art in **Samuelis Baumgarte Galerie** curated by Martin Born with the new version of the original 2013 Kinobox Obscura **3D camera obscura house**. Design & management. Bielefeld, Germany 10.6.–12.8.2017  
Taking part in the **Tallinn Art Week** exhibition **Polymer A korpus** with “All Bright Tampere Television” parallel universe history sculpture and video installation. Tallinn, Estonia 14. & 15.6.2017.  
Performances in **Diverse Universe Performance Festival** events in **Last Frontier NYC** and **Creative Chaos Brooklyn NY**, New York, USA  
(Singing and 3D shadowplay performances with Risto Puurunen & Marita Isobel Solberg (NOR)) 22. & 23.4.2017.  
Noblessneri sadamalinna, Tallinn, Estonia 18.6.2017 & Pärnu Kunstnike Maja Estonia 19.6.2017  
Organizing **Avantgarde Obscura** event **Diverse Universe Performance Festival** in former Lapinlahti mental hospital Helsinki, Finland 26.5.2017  
Curating and taking part as an artist in **Mielikuvittelijat** exhibition in former Lapinlahti mental hospital Helsinki with Kinobox Obscura video installation space, Galleria Kuja, Helsinki, Finland 8.3.–31.3.2017.  
VJ'ing for Cleaning Women at **Varangerfestivalen**, Vadsø, Norway 10.8.2017.  
3D camera obscura bike in **Local Energy Art Event** in Helsinki, Finland 23–25.8.2017 and **Näkymä2017** environmental exhibition in Akca, Finland 30.8.–1.9.2017.
- 2016** Taking part in the **World of Tango Festival Tampere** contemporary art exhibition curated by **Giovanna Esposito Yussif** with the parallel universe history sculpture and video installation “**All Bright Tampere Television** (a present from the Kirjasalo Republic)”, Galleria Emil, Tampere, Finland 8.9.–29.9.2016.  
Designing and building the 3D camera obscura pedal paddlewheel boat “**KO Silversailor**” with Risto Puurunen, Mika “Paunio” Palonen and Tuomo Vuolteenaho of Kinobox Obscura.  
The boat launch party (in co-operation with Pixelache festival), Lapinlahti, Helsinki 2.7.2016  
**Riga Printmaking Festival**, Gallery NOASS, River Daugava, Riga, Latvia 27.-29.7.2016  
and **Printmaking IN festival**, Vallikraav @ Pärnu city centre, Pärnu, Estonia 31.7.-4.8.2016  
Helsinki Premiere at **Pixelache Festival 2016 - Interfaces for Empathy** 22.9-25.9.2016  
VJ'ing for a LGBTQ performance group **iMi** at Transforces On Stage fest, Mad House Helsinki, 12.3. and Night Visions Film Festival, Gloria, Helsinki 15.4.2016  
On stage w/ **Non Grata** (EST) & **La Pocha Nostra** (MEX/USA) collaborative performance at Tartu Printmaking Fest opening, Tartu Art House, Estonia, 17.1.2016
- 2015** 3D shadows visualist for **Cleaning Women** at Kanneltalo, Helsinki 20. & 21.11.2015  
Designing and building the 3D camera obscura artbike “**KO Silvershadow Mark 2**” with Risto Puurunen and Mika “Paunio” Palonen of Kinobox Obscura.  
Premiere of KO Silvershadow at **Jättömaa** Wasteland festival, in Kouvola, Finland 18-19.7  
Baltic Premieres in Latvia (International Music **festival Laba Daba** & Riga) 31.7-12.8  
and **Printmaking IN festival** (Pärnu & Tallinn, Estonia) 13.8-18.8.  
Helsinki Premiere at **Modern Sky Festival** 28.8.-29.8 and **Planet Suvilahti** 4.9-5.9  
Singer in **Silvershadow [the band]** (w/ Risto Puurunen & Tuomo “Tydyttäjät” Vuolteenaho et al)  
7 performances in Latvia and Estonia including **International Music festival Laba Daba**.

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- VJ'ing for a LGBTQ performance group **iMi** at **elecTRICity festival** 3.10.15 & at LÉSPACE, **Helsinki Pride**, 22.6.15
- 2014** Architectural, visual design & building of Kinobox Obscura 3D. Project management.  
Taking part in "**Parallax - Geographical Resonances**" – an exhibition on Finnish contemporary art – in Laboratorio Arte Alameda, Mexico City.  
The artworks exhibited were "**KO Casa 3D**" (3D camera obscura house) and "**KO Silvershadow**" (a bike camera obscura on wheels), and also the **Cleaning Women** video installation & sculpture "**Q4 – the Last Quarter Year**"  
3D camera obscura lecture and a 3D shadowplay workshop at Laboratorio Arte Alameda, Mexico City for Cleaning Women Mexico tour (November 2014).  
+ 3D shadowplays (& singing) at L'Arrosoir d'Arthur, Guernavaca and LAA, Mexico  
**Kinobox Obscura 3D** in Nordic Tracks Festival, Pärnu, Estonia (21-29.7.2014).  
Directing and editing a music video for a LGBTQ band called **iMi** for a song also called iMi.
- 2013** Singer/poet in **The Execution of Music** -band (w/ Risto Puurunen, Sami Eteläpää, Dmitri Zudov) in Moscow, Russia (Live at TV Vechernyaya Moskva 20.12.2013 + 2 concerts)  
Architectural & visual design of **Kinobox Obscura**.  
Building Kinobox Obscura in the **Midnight Sun Film Festival**, Sodankylä, Finland (12-16.6.2013) and Pärnu Video & Film (Fideo) Festival, Estonia (5-10.7.2013).  
Invitational artist by the **Mustarinda Association** Mustarinda Off the Grid Energy Programme, Wärik:fest 6-7.10.13  
8 VJ gigs for **Cleaning Women** including shows in Estonia and Latvia.  
3 VJ gigs for **iMi** incl. shows in LadyFest Tallinn and DTM Helsinki. Website [www.imi.fi](http://www.imi.fi)  
2 VJ gigs for **Fotoshop** & 2 for **Hope Comes in Many Forms** (Marjo Niemi & co.).
- 2012** 18 VJ gigs for **Cleaning Women** including **Kiasma Theatre** ("**Thank You for the Music**" exhibition opening), and **Retretti Art Center** Summer Exhibition opening.  
Also taking part in designing and building the Cleaning Women installation "**Q4 – the Last Quarter Year**" exhibited in the caves of Retretti's *Cave Parables* exhibition.  
2 VJ gigs for **Moby Dictator (Artist/Musician Tuomas A. Laitinen)** and VJ'ing for **Arch of Neo** (Matti Pentikäinen & Niclas Kristiansson) using re-processed visuals by **Tuomas A. Laitinen** for his World Design Capital 2012 project Helsinki UG in collaboration with Open House Helsinki.  
A performance with the musician **CW01** (Cleaning Women) Zero Tolerance (Diverse Universe - Nomadic Performance Festival) Tallinn Art Hall, Tallinn, Estonia 17.04.2012
- 2011** 8 VJ gigs for **Cleaning Women** including **DA International Digital Art Festival** Sofia, Bulgaria and **Blue Sea Film Festival** (Rauma, Finland) and **Midnight Sun Film Festival** (Sodankylä, Finland).
- 2010** 3 VJ gigs for **Cleaning Women** including **Standon Calling Festival**, Standon, UK.  
Music, poems and singing in **The Execution of Music** -band **State Tretyakov Gallery**, Moscow, Russia (*Internatinal Night of Museums* 2010) 15.05.2010
- 2009** 8 VJ gigs for **Cleaning Women** all over Finland for "**U**" Record Release Tour.  
Music, poems and singing in **The Execution of Music** -band, Contemporary Art Centre **Proekt\_Fabrika**, Moscow, Russia, 17.01.2009 + "**Martyroterapia**" Sound Installation 18.01-08.02.2009  
+designing the catalogue, brochures, flyers and posters and [www.martyroterapia.com](http://www.martyroterapia.com)
- 2008** Music, poems and singing in The Execution of Music at Arabia Bomb Shelter and KoKo Theatre, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007** Protagonist (with Jani Joenniemi) in Rostislav Aalto's "**Sounds like Suomi**" documentary taking place in China
- 2005** **Sounds Like Suomi**. Co-producing a three-week tour in China for Finnish bands with Jani Joenniemi (Cleaning Women, Ovali Virta, Huoratron and Them Shepherds) and a DJ (Jori Hulkkonen)
- 2005-2008** Gallerist, **Myymälä2 Gallery**, Helsinki, Finland (Also 2002-2003)
- 2003-2004** Event organizer/promoter/AD for **Kipsari** (Aalto University Student Association TOKYO, Helsinki). 157 bands or performers on 62 separate nights between 6.6.2003-12.6.2004
- 1997-2004** Singer & songwriter in a band **Adoral** & "Boring as Fuck" Club organizer (with the band members)
- 1995-1998** Singer in a band called **ON>**