

Press release



Contemporary art at its freshest! The Finnish Academy of Fine Arts Degree Show

21 May – 15 June 2008

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FINNISH ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS 160 YEARS

Over 160 years the biggest names in Finnish art, from Albert Edelfelt to Helene Schjerfbeck, have studied at the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts. In recent years, the latest, upcoming artists, such as Tellervo Kalleinen and Jani Leinonen, have become known to a wider public through the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts Degree Show. The degree show provides a great opportunity to encounter the names of the future and choose your favourite to follow in the coming years.

The richness of the exhibition lies in its diversity. One artist sculpts, another takes photographs and a third documents an urban project. The Finnish Academy of Fine Arts teaches six different disciplines, out of which the student can choose that which is most suitable for them. For example, in the exhibition there is a painting student, who has made a development education project by inviting immigrants to perform traditional Finnish tunes.

The final show takes place in five different locations around Helsinki: in the Art Museum Tennis Palace, the three galleries of the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts and the Cable Factory. A publication will be printed to coincide with the exhibition and there will also be a tailor-made DVD that takes the viewer on a tour of the artists' studios. There will be a panel discussion about the exhibition in the Ateneum Hall on Monday 26th May 4-6 pm, which gives you a chance to share your thoughts about the show.

There will be 43 artists taking part in the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts Degree Show:

Iida Airasmaa, Sinem Baykal (TR), Frank Brummel (DE), Duncan Butt Juvonen (GB), Erika Erre, Anna Estarriola (ES), Hanne Granberg, Krister Gråhn, Toni Hautamäki, Alma Heikkilä, Henriikka Härkönen, Michiko Isogai (JP), Pipsu Isola, Jaakko Karhunen, Eemil Karila, Johanna Ketola, Tanja Koistila, Juhani Koivumäki, Kaisa Kontio, Katja Koponen, Pia Kousa, Samuli Kuusisto, Kalle Leino, Riikka Leppänen, Pirjo Malkki, Satu Manninen, Hanna Marno, Joonas Mattila, Minna Mäkelä, Juho Nikkilä, Pilvari Pirtola, Anssi Pulkkinen, Kyösti Pärkinen, Johanna Raekallio, Taneli Rautiainen, Topi Ruotsalainen, Antti Ruuhela, Sonja Suominen, Sari Tenni, Oona Tikkaaja, Emilia Ukkonen, Anton Wiraeus and Dominik Wlodarek (PL).

Art Museum Tennis Palace

Salomonkatu 15, www.taidemuseo.fi

tel. 09-310 87001

Open: Tue-Sun 11am - 8.30pm

Entrance fees: 7/5€,

admission is free for children under 18 years of age and on Fridays

Cable Factory

Dance Theatre Hurjaruuth

Anna Estarriola's performance *'The Happiest'*, 5-8 June at 7pm

Kuvataideakatemia Galleria

Kasarmikatu 44

FAFA Gallery

Lönnrotinkatu 35

Both open daily 11am - 6pm

www.kuva.fi

Gallery Väli vuosi

Oksasenkatu 11

Open daily 3-8pm

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