

## OLA KOLEHMAINEN

Born 1964 in Helsinki, Finland

Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

### EDUCATION

1993-99 Master of Arts in Photography, University of Art and Design Helsinki

1988-92 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism

### MEMBERSHIP

1996- Union of Artist Photographers, Helsinki

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Back to Square Black, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki
- 2019 Sacred Places, Mirko Mayer gallery, Cologne, Germany  
COELN, Cathedral of Light, Rheinishes Bildarchiv as Guest in Kaune  
Contemporary, St. Joseph Chapel, Cologne
- 2018 Sacred Spaces, BGE Contemporary Art Projects, Stavanger, Norway  
Galerie der Moderne, Munich, Germany
- 2017 Sacred Spaces, Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki  
Spanish Works Galería Senda, Barcelona, Spain  
It Never Entered My Mind, Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway  
Sinan Project, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul
- 2015 Ola Kolehmainen, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK  
Sense of Volume, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014 Reason & Intuition: Alvar Aalto and Ola Kolehmainen in Soane, Pitzhanger  
Manor House & Gallery, London  
Geometric Light, by Sauerbruch Hutton, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin
- 2012 Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway  
Enlightenment, Alvar Aalto Museum, Kyvaskyla, Finland
- 2011 Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland  
Gallery TAIK, Lindenstrasse, Berlin, Germany  
Gallery TAIK, Bergstrasse, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 17th Biennale of Sydney, Austrailia  
A Building is not a Building, KUNTSI, Museum of Modern Art, Wasa, Finland  
Deutsche Werkstätten, Dresden, Germany  
Alvar Aalto, Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009 A Building is not a Building, KIASMA, Helsinki, Finland  
The National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen, Denmark  
New Art Gallery Walsall, England, UK  
Colour Urban Structures, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany  
Galerie Vanguardia, Bilbao, Spain  
Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway
- 2008 Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK  
Galerie Koal, Berlin, Germany  
Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2007 Mirrors and Windows, Sint-Lukasgalerij, Brussels, Belgium  
Ola Kolehmainen and Pertti Kekarainen, Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, Norway

# Galleri Brandstrup OSLO

- 2006 Espace des deux arbres, Artothèque de Caen, Caen, France  
Fraction, Abstraction, Recreation, Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid, Spain  
Arquitectura en dos dimensiones, SEA, Castillo de Santa Bárbara, Alicante, Spain
- 2005 Space is Unknown, Galerie dominique fiat, Paris, France  
Minimalism is My Great Love, artfinder Galerie, Hamburg, Germany  
Search for Mastery, Galerie Neii Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg
- 2004 Search for Mastery, Museum Waldhof, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Bielefeld  
Construction II, Galerie sphn, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 Construction, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
- 2001 The Yellow Staircase, site-specific public work commissioned by Helsinki Festivals, Finland
- 2000 Golden Hall, i8 galleri, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 1999 Pyramid, gallery installation, Zinc Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1998 Portaikko-Trappan, gallery installation, Galleria Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
- 1997 Temple, gallery installation, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Exitus, Rantagalleria, Oulu, Finland  
Exitus, Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland  
Gallery installation, Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Inspiration, Stockholm's National Museum; Ateneum, Helsinki
- 2018 Unboxing Photograp. Arbeiten im Fotoarchiv, Kunstbibliothek, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Berlin
- 2017 Lichtblicke, Kunsthaus Potsdam, Germany  
Summer exhibition Art Goes Logomo, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland  
Dreamaholic, Weserburg, Museum für moderne Kunst, Bremen, G
- 2016 Freundschaftsspiel Istanbul, Freiburg Museum Fur Neue Kunst, Germany
- 2014 Reason & Institution – Alvar Aalto & Ola Kolehmainen in Soane, PM Gallery and House, London  
Topological Constellation Art and Architecture I, DNA Galerie, Berlin  
Within/Beyond Borders, European Investment Bank & Banco de Portugal, Lisbon  
Encounters with Aalto, Jacksons Design, Berlin  
Spuren der Moderne, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg
- 2013 Inside Outside Architecture, Nasjonalmuseet for Kunst, Oslo  
Now and Then, European Central Bank, Frankfurt  
If Walls Could Speak, Huize Frankendael, Amsterdam  
Stadt in Sicht – Werke aus der Sammlung Deutsche Bank, Museum Ostwall, Dortmund  
Metropolis: Reflections on the Modern City, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham
- 2012 Segment 1A, Borusan Collection, Istanbul, Turkey  
Helsinki Abstract, Curated by Olaf O. Becker and co-curated by Timothy Persons.  
Galerie Ruzischka, Salzburg, Austria  
Alles nur Fassade? Architektur als Abstraktion. Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 2011 Verotung. Die Frage nach dem Raum in der zeitgenossischen Kunst. Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany

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- Helsinki School, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK  
Helsinki School, Group Show, Curated by Timothy Persons, Cristophe Guye Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2010 Façade: Through a Glass Darkly, National Glass Centre, University of Scotland, UK  
Export—Import, Taidehalli Helsinki, Finland
- 2009 A Building is not a Building, KUNSTI, Museum of Modern Art, Wasa, Finland  
Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs—Neue Fotografie aus Finnland, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2008 Mois de la Photo, Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris, France  
En Privat 1, Esbalaard, museu d'art modern i contemporani de palma, Palma de Majorca, Spain  
Artistas y Fotógrafos—Imágenes para una colección, Museo de Madrid Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid, Spain
- 2007 Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare, Fotografia Italiana, Milano, Italy  
Drei Farben—Weiss, Thema: Equality, XIV. Rohkunstbau, Schloss Gross Leuthen, Spreewald, Germany  
Boogie Woogie—Art and Jazz, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland  
Stadtfinden—Moderne: A virtual tour through Interbau 1957 (International Architecture Exhibition), Berlin, Germany  
Helsinki School, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland  
The Helsinki School of Photography, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London, UK  
Photo Finnish: The Helsinki School, Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway
- 2006 Intersection—Between Past and Future, Pori Art Museum, Finland  
Ideal Cities—Invisible Cities, Zamosc, Poland and Potsdam, Germany  
1 2 3 4, the Architecture of Sauerbruch Hutton, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany  
Minimal Quotation, Artfinder Galerie, Hamburg, Germany  
The Helsinki School, Hôtel de Ville de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium  
Dialogue Helsinki School, Langhans Galerie Praha, Prague, Czech Republic  
Helsinki School, Borås Konst Museum, Borås, Sweden  
Nordic Cut, Helsinki School, Art Pavilion, Zagreb, Croatia  
Opterracuna: Anton Henning, Ole Kolehmainen, Sven Kroner, Anj Smith, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, US
- 2005 Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía, Fundacion Aena, Madrid, Spain  
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany  
The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 Galería Salvador Díaz, Madrid, Spain  
Made in Berlin, Art Forum Berlin, Germany  
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The Helsinki School, Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark  
30 by TaiK, The Helsinki School—A New Approach, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Le Bâti et le Vivant (The Built and the Living), Chapelle du Rham, Luxembourg  
Brussels—Helsinki, La Maison d'Art Actuel des Chartreux, Brussels  
Helsinki—Brussels, Valkoinen Sali, Helsinki, Finland  
New Pictures—Brotherus, Kella, Kolehmainen, Lajunen, Parantainen, Helsinki City Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland

- Northern Spell, Finnish Embassy, Washington D.C., US  
Toronto University Art Center, Toronto, Canada  
Kuvitelmia/Fantasies, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland  
2001 Magnetic North, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, UK  
Finnish Photography, Gallery Christian Dam, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Gallery Christian Dam, Oslo, Norway  
2000 100 Show: 90 Designers—10 Artists, Helsinki, Finland  
1999 Tila—Espaces, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France  
Spaces, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland  
1998 Blue You, Into Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
Me, Myself and I, Bensow House, Helsinki, Finland  
1996 Photography Finlandia Award, Helsinki, Finland  
European Photography Award, Bad Homburg, Germany

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

The National Museum of Photography Collection, Denmark  
Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg Collection, Germany  
Carl Gustav Ehrnrooth Collection, Finland  
Artek Collection, Helsinki  
The City of Madrid Collection, Spain  
European Central Bank Collection  
Société Générale Collection, Paris, France  
Colección Pilar Citoler, Madrid  
Deutsche Bank, Germany, Great Britain  
DZ Bank, Germany  
Fundación Centro Ordóñez-Falcón de Fotografía, Spain  
Peter W. Klein Collection, Germany  
Malmö Art Museum, Sweden  
Roland Berger Collection, Munich, Germany  
European Investment Bank, Luxembourg  
Heino Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi, Finland  
Espoo Art Museum, Finland  
Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland  
Saastamoinen Foundation, Espoo, Finland  
SOK Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
City of Muurame, Finland  
UPM-Kymmene Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland  
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland  
Kouri Collection, New York, NY, USA  
Lars Swanljung Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
State Art Council, Stockholm, Sweden  
State of Finland

## **PRIVATE AND COMPANY COLLECTIONS**

Andorra

Brazil  
Canada  
Denmark  
France  
Finland  
Germany  
Great Britain  
Italy,  
Luxembourg  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Portugal  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Spain  
USA

## PUBLISHED LITERATURE

- 2009 Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs / Helsinki School - Neue Fotografie aus Finnland, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg & Hatje Cantz  
Photography matters: Helsinki School. Statoil Hydro art programme, Oslo  
David Elliott, Alistar Hicks, Arja Miller, Taru Tappola. Ola Kolehmainen: A Building is not a Building, Hatje Cantz Verlag  
Export-Import, Exhibition Catalogue, Helsingin Taidehalli  
Rönkkö, Jaakko. "Talon kuva, jonka aihe on muualla". Savon Sanomat (Helsinki), March 3, 2009.
- 2008 Fassi, Luigi. Nessuna onda può pettinare il mare, exh. cat., Fotografia Italiana, Milano  
Ideal Cities—Invisible Cities, Zamosc, Poland and Potsdam, Germany  
Salva, Christina Ros. En Privat 1, exh. cat., Esbalaud, museu d'art modern I contemporani de palma, Palma de Majorca
- 2007 Fuchs, Martina and Gisbourne, Mark. Ola Kolehmainen: Abstraction, Fraction, Recreation, Hatje Cantz Verlag  
Gisbourne, Mark. Drei Farben—Weiss, Thema: Equality, XIV. Rohkunstbau, exh. cat. Spreewald, Germany  
Pasanen, Kimmo. Boogie Woogie - Kuvataide ja Jazz, Helsingin Taidehalli
- 2005 Molina Pilar Cimarra. Premio Extraordinario de Fotografia, exh. cat, Fundacion Aena, Madrid
- 2004 Honnef, Klaus and Protzman, Ferdinand. Ola Kolehmainen: Search for Mastery, Bielefeld: Kunstverein Bielefeld
- 2002 Le Bâti et le Vivant (The Built and the Living), exh. cat., Semaines Européennes de l'Image and Editions Café-crème. Luxembourg  
Mäkelä, Asko. Kuvitelmiä/Fantasies, exh. cat. Sara Hildén Art Museum and Finnish Museum of Photography. Tampere and Helsinki,
- 2001 Faure Walker, Caryn. Magnetic North - Current Installation Photography in Finland
- 1998 Me, Myself and I, exh. cat. University of Art and Design. Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Lintonen, Kati. Ola Kolehmainen, exh. cat. European Photography 17, no. 60/2 (1996).

1994 Qinterro. OPUS 26, gravure portfolio

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- 2009 "Arkitektur ur nya vinklar kan ses i Kiasma". Vasabladet (Vasa), February 27, 2009.  
"Arkkitehtuuria uudesta vinkkelistä". Pohjolan Sanomat (Kemi), February 26, 2009.  
"Arkkitehtuuria uudesta vinkkelistä". Etelä-Saimaa (Lappeenranta), February 26, 2009.  
"Arkkitehtuurin muodot". Geo (Helsinki), No 2009/3 (14/ Vuosi)  
Arrel, Bernd. "Valokuva Akvarellina". Glorian Antiikki (Helsinki), No 2009/ 3 (10/ Vuosi).  
Hellsten, Johanna. "Rakennus on kukkanen, sateinen heijastus ja värin leikki". Rakennuslehti, No 2009/8 (40/ Vuosi).  
"Kansainvälinen tyyli—Kaksi strategiaa". Taide (Helsinki), No 2009/2.  
Kuumola, Leena. "Polerad värld pa gränsen till kitsch". Hufvudstadsbladet (Helsinki), March 7, 2009.  
"Ola Kolehmainen—valokuvissa harkittu ja sattuma kohtaavat". AU Arkkitehtiutiset — Arkitektnytt (Helsinki), No 2009/3 (12 / Vuosi)  
Sundell, Dan. "En urban fotopoet fran Berlin är i stan". Hufvudstadsbladet (Helsinki), February 26, 2009.  
Uimonen, Anu. "Rakennus ei ole rakennus vaan kuva". Helsingin Sanomat (Helsinki), February 26, 2009.  
Werthern, Wilhelm. "Ola Kolehmainen", Le Monde Diplomatique, Mai 2009.
- 2008 Ketelsen Patricia. "Retratos Inmoviles" Architectural Digest, Espana, March 2008  
Nielsen, Sabine. "Ola Kolehmainen—Portfolio". Filter—For Fotografi #2, Sommer 2008.
- 2007 Hicks, Alistair. "Loving the Grid: Ola Kolehmainen's Minimalist Photographs." db artmag, no.38 (online edition, October–November 2006) and no.1 (printed edition, forthcoming 2007).  
Luyckx, Filip. "Mirrors and Windows." Tijdschrift Sint-Lukasgalerij Brussels, no. 2 (2007).  
Helsinki School Vol 2, New Photography by TaiK, Hatje Cantz, 2007
- 2006 Barth, Malin. "Fornemmelse for rom." No Magazine, no. 7 (Spring, 2006).  
Binst, Jean-Marie. "Art in the Detail." Agenda (July 2006).  
Multiple locations in Zamosc, Poland and Potsdam, Germany. Berlin, 2006.  
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"Nordic Art and Design". Auction cat. Christie's. London, 2006.  
"Portfolio: Ola Kolehmainen", Photographie (April 2006).
- 2005 Güntner, Mathias. 3. Triennale der Photographie, Hamburg 2005: Minimalism is My Great Love.  
Holzherr, Andrea, et al. The Helsinki School: Photography by TaiK. Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz, 2005.  
Jäämeri, Hannele. "Jetsetti tulee ostoksille." Suomen Kuvalehti, June 10, 2005.  
Premio Extraordinario de Fotografía. Madrid: Fundación Aena, 2005.

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- 2004 Valjakka, Timo. "Straight in Front." Ptah. 2005, no. 2.
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- 2003 Björkman, Nina. "Vitare vitt, svartare svart." Hufvudstadsbladet (Helsinki), July 7, 2003.
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Rautio, Pessi. "Kun ihmiset poistuvat, kuvaaja saapuu." *Helsingin Sanomat* (Helsinki), October 10, 1995.  
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Rantanen, Jussi-Pekka. "Kiasmassa avautuu Ola Kolehmaisen valokuvanäyttely" *TV1 Ykkösen aamu-tv 06:25*, February 26, 2009.  
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