

Riitta Nelimarkka CV

STUDIES

Riitta Nelimarkka-Seeck is a graduate art teacher 1972, Master of Art (MA) 1998 and Doctor of Art (DA) 2001 at the University of Art and Design Helsinki (UIAH).

She has also studied at the University of Helsinki, at the Sibelius Academy, at the School of Applied Arts and design in Stockholm, Sweden and at the Institute of Industrial Arts, Department of Film and Television.

Since 1971 she has been working together and separate with her husband Jaakko Seeck as an artist and producer in the fields of film, literature and pictorial and textile art, creating and producing e.g. animated films, large exhibitions and art & poetry books.

FILMS

Animations by Nelimarkka & Seeck (SENECA OY) include "The Legend of the Sampo" (60 min), based on the Finnish national epic Kalevala in 1972-1974, the old ballad of "Bishop Henry and Lalli" (11min) in 1974, the first Finnish full-length animated motion picture "The Seven Brothers" in 1979 and a series "Bagatelles op. 1-13, semi-sad human fates in the nut shell" (25 min) in 1972-1974 and "The Birth of Rabula (11 min), a musical animation on creation in 1995.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Riitta Nelimarkka has received a number of prizes for her books and animations including the honorary award by the Union of Finnish Critics in 1974, the State quality award for motion pictures in 1972, 1973 and 1979, the Jussi honorary award (the Finnish "Oscar") in 1979, a Special honorary prize at Tampere International Short Film Festival in 1979, Jury's Special prize at Giffony, Italy 1980 and Risto Jarva prize in 1985. 2008 December Riitta Nelimarkka received the honorary title Professor awarded by the President of the Republic of Finland, Tarja Halonen. In 2011 the animation "7 BROTHERS" has won the the Best Feature Film award in the ReAnimania film festival in Armenia.

BOOKS

Praise has also been bestowed on her picture books and children's books, which include "The Robbing of the Sampo" (rewarded e.g. by the Finnish Society of Kalevala), "The Seven Brothers", "The Space", "The Big and The Small in the Universe", "The Gallery", "Karmelia's ABC" (which received an award in Bologna, Italy, 1990), "Babylonia" (rewarded in Bologna and in Brno, Czechoslovakia, 1992), "Oceania" (invited to Biennale Brno 1993) and "Apollon". She has also published two illustrated collections of poems, "Tabula Rasa" and "Giovanna Idiaatta" (1996) and also a romantic, philosophical poem by the title "Self Portrait Elise's Dissertation, Variation of a variation" (2000).

Elise's Unmemories (2008). Seven Brothers (2009). Big and Small in the Universe (2010).

THE LATEST BOOKS IN ENGLISH

Comments Self Portrait, Elise's Dissertation, Variation of a variation. Riitta Nelimarkka Self Portrait, Elise's Dissertation, Variation of a variation an associative research expedition to the existence of "Flügelism". A romantic, ironic and philosophical poem of the artistic process of "Elise". CD-ROM SENECA 2001, 140 pages with colour pictures and drawings.

The Marginal, coloring book - not for the weak of heart. SENECA/ART-PRINT 2005, 48 pages.

PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS

- Borsch club Helsinki, Finland 2011

Art Helsinki Fair, Helsinki - Finland 2011

Gallery Maaret Finnberg, Turku - Finland 2011

Qatar Visual Art Center, Doha - Qatar 2011

Maison L'Europe du Paris, Paris - France 2011

Barbarian Art, Zürich - Switzerland, 2011

Showroom Art Apéro, Zürich - Switzerland, 2011

Cygnaeus Musée, Helsinki - Finland 2011

Klosters Snow Polo, Klosters - Switzerland 2011

Gallery Tiger Fink, Zürich - Switzerland 2010

Gallery Erlengut&Art Academy,
Erlenbach - Switzerland 2010

Gallery Joutsen, Helsinki - Finland 2010

Gallery Ferin, Helsinki - Finland 2010

Gallery G18, Helsinki - Finland 2010

Art Eco Parade, Monte Carlo - Monaco 2009

Monaco juliste La "MAISON DE L'AMÉRIQUE LATINE DE MONACO",
- Monaco 2008 - pictures of the exhibition; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Gallery Angelo, Pori - Finland 2008

SPA of Naantali, Naantali - Finland 2008

Gallery Broms, Helsinki - Finland 2007

Gallery Nefret, Turku - Finland 2007

-- Stories of the exhibition;

Hallwylska museet, Stockholm - Sweden 2007

-- Pictures of the exhibition; 1, 2, 3, 4

KB Restaurant & Konstnårsbar,
- Stockholm - Sweden 2007

Verkaranta, Tampere - Finland 2007

Gallery DIX, Helsinki - Finland 2006

EU parliament, Brussels - Belgium 2006

Gallery DIX, Helsinki - Finland 2006

Museo de la Nacion, Lima - Peru 2006

Imperial Health Club, Helsinki - Finland 2006

The Fortress of St. Peter and Paul,
St. Petersburg - Russia 2006

Gallery Tšeretelji, Moscow - Russia 2005,
Moscow - Russia 2005

Cultural Centre DOM, Moscow - Russia 2005

Gallery Turku, Turku - Finland 2005

Puppet theater Hevosenkenkä, Espoo - Finland 2005

Handelsbanken, Tampere - Finland 2005

Gallery Krista Mikkola, Helsinki - Finland 2005

Gallery Dix, Helsinki - Finland 2004
- Hanasaari - Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre,
Espoo - Finland 2004

Gallery E. Pinomaa, Hanko - Finland 2004

Castle Mustio, Mustio - Finland 2004

Malkki museum, Tampere - Finland 2004

Finnish woven rya textiles,
Prague - Czech Republic 2003

Gallery Nefret, Turku - Finland 2003

Finnish-Norwegian Cultural Institut, Oslo - Norway 2003

Artegrafica, Helsinki - Finland 2002

Halosenniemi, Tuusula - Finland 2002

Mikola museum, Vaasa - Finland 2002

Stoa, Helsinki - Finland 2001

FIDM Museum, Los Angeles - USA 2001

Castle Mustio, Mustio - Finland 2001

Riihigallery, Kuhmoinen - Finland 2000

Finnlands Institut in Deutschland, Berlin - Germany 2000

EXPO 2000 Finnish Pavilion,

Hannover - Germany 2000

Mauritzbergs Castle - Sweden 2000

Sysmä Pinx, Sysmä, - Finland 1999

Gallery Uusitalo, Helsinki - Finland 1999

Ama Gallery, Turku - Finland 1999

Hagelstam, Helsinki - Finland 1998

Tampere-talo, Tampere - Finland 1997

Göteborg - Sweden 1997

The Finnish Film Archive Gallery, Helsinki- Finland 1997

Tikanoja Art Museum, Vaasa - Finland 1996

Stoa-gallery, Helsinki - Finland 1996

Savonlinna Art Museum, Savonlinna - Finland 1995

Kids Festival, Stoa, Helsinki - Finland 1995

Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki - Finland 1994

Wäinö Aaltonen museum, Turku - Finland 1994

Kouvolan Art Museum, Kouvola - Finland 1993

Heinola Art Museum, Heinola - Finland 1993

Stoa-galleria, Helsinki - Finland 1992

Kerava Art Museum, Kerava - Finland 1991

Art Centre Pyrri, Savonlinna - Finland 1991

Södertälje Konsthall, Södertälje - Sweden 1991

Verkaranta, Tampere - Finland 1991, 1994, 1999

Hagelstam gallery, Helsinki - Finland 1990, 1993, 1995

Amos Andersonin taidemuseo, Helsinki - Finland 1990

Art Salon Bellarte, Helsinki - Finland 1989

Gallery Bronda, Helsinki - Finland 1986

Nelimarkka museum, Alajärvi - Finland 1985, 1991

Gallery Post Deco, Helsinki - Finland 1984

Gallery Strindberg, Helsinki - Finland 1983

Academic Bookstore, Helsinki - Finland 1980, 1987, 1990, 1997

Gallery Kluuvi, Helsinki - Finland 1980

Pinx, Helsinki - Finland 1974, 1977, 1999

SELECTED PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS

Amos Anderson art museum, Helsinki - Finland 1990. Art Centre of Pyry, Savonlinna - Finland 1991. Wäinö Aaltonen museum, Turku - Finland 1994. Kunsthall, Helsinki - Finland 1994. Savonlinna Art museum, Savonlinna - Finland 1995. Tikanojan taidekoti, Vaasa - Finland 1996. Maurizberg Castle, Sweden 2000. Finnish Cultural Institut, Berlin - Germany 2000. EXPO 2000, Hannover - Germany 2000. FIDM, Los Angeles - USA 2001. Culture centre DOM, Moscow - Russia 2005. Gallery Tšeretelji, Moscow - Russia 2005. The Fortress of St. Peter and Paul, St. Petersburg - Russia 2006. Museo de la Nacion, Lima - Peru 2006. EU parliament, Brussels - Belgium 2006. Hallwylska museet, Stockholm - Sweden 2007, a few pictures from the exhibition 1, 2, 3, 4.

La "MAISON DE L'AMÉRIQUE LATINE DE MONACO", Monaco 2008. In addition to several gallery exhibitions as well as a number of joint art exhibitions, graphic biennales and film festivals in different countries. A few pictures from the exhibition 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

ART SERIES

- Alchemy Girls, paintings, 2011.

7 Freres Back in The P.A.R.I.S,

art photographs, 2011.

Easy Living,

woolen reliefs and serigraphies, 2009-2011.

La Valse, art photographs, 2009.

Salainen planeetta (The Secret Planet),

photographies, 2008.

Unique kiss, woolen reliefs, drawings and

paintings, 2007-2008.

Secret colours, mixed technique, 2007.

Golf is cool!, charcoal and chalk drawings and

woolen reliefs, 2007.

Elise Loves Life, woolen reliefs, 2007.

Angels and Lemons, woolen reliefs, 2007.

Dangels and Evils, woolen reliefs and

drawings, 2006.

Dogs and Foxes, serigraphies, 2005.

Grand Piano Heads II, serigraphies and drawings, 2005.

102, paintings, 2005.

Creatures and Things, woolen reliefs, 2005-2006.

The Peace Family, woolen reliefs, serigraphies and water colors, 2004.

Soulscapes, water colors, 2004.

Oceania, serigraphies, 2003-2004.

The Right and False Colors - Water Color Stain, water colors, 2002.

Impressions, water colors and monotypes, 2002.

Mystery Rabbit, photographs, 2001-2002.

Northern Brights, woolen reliefs and serigraphies, 2001.

Elise on myönteinen (Elise is Positive), woolen reliefs, 2001.

Grand Piano Heads, serigraphies, 2000.

Flygelise, velvet gobelins and woolen reliefs, 1997-1998.

"Hyvän Tiedon Omena", serigraphies. Lääketieteen toimittajat -yhdistys, 1992-2008

Apollon, velvet gobelins/linen reliefs and serigraphies, 1992-1994.

Sophisticated, woolen reliefs, 1992-1993.

Erootteja (Erotics), chalk drawings, 1987-1995.

Karmelia, velvet gobelins, 1983-1993.

Iloinen meri (The Happy Ocean), woolen reliefs, 1987-1989.

Kissannahasta reväistyt (Emroideries about Cat skin), charcoal drawings, 1982-1989.

Babylonia, chalk and charcoal drawings, 1980-1990.

Dogs and Foxes, gobelins, 1976-1979.

POSITIONS OF TRUST

Her positions of trust include membership on the board of the Finnish Film Archive and the Finnish film magazine Filmihullu ("Film Freak"). She has also served at the National Council for Cinema, the Finnish Film Foundation and the Finnish Cultural Section of Unesco. Since 1987 she has been the president of Nelimarkka Foundation, since 1973 the president of board of Seneca, since 2001-2003 a member of the National Council for Design and 2003 -2005 a member of Design and Public display grant.

Many of Nelimarkka's big textile works have found homes abroad especially in Finnish embassies and consulates in several cities all around the world.

A remarkable work is the huge art textile Con Calore I - II commissioned for Mäntyniemi, the official residence of the President of Finland.