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KAI KALJO

1959 Born in Tallinn

A leading Estonian artist who has worked primarily in video since 1997. She studied classical music at a specialist secondary school and worked as a stage designer in youth theatre before going to Tallinn Art University to study painting. After graduating in 1990, she attended the Swedish Royal Academy of Arts for postgraduate studies in 1992. Her work has been exhibited widely, particularly in Europe at many video festivals. She has been awarded an ArtsLink Fellowship Grant and an Independent Projects Grant for residencies in the USA and several other international prizes and residencies.

Education

2007 Professor of Contemporary Art, Tallinn University
1992 Postgraduate studies, Swedish Royal Academy of Arts
1983-1990 Tallinn Art University, painting
1966-1977 Tallinn Secondary School for Music, theory of music

Awards and Scholarships

2006 Kristjan Raud annual art award
2004 "Live and Shine" Grant, Estonian Cultural Endowment
2004 Schloss Wiepersdorf, Germany
2002 ArtsLink Independent Projects Grant. University California San Diego Centre for Computing and the Arts, USA
2000 Prize from Estonian Cultural Endowment
Delfina Studios, London
1999 NIFCA, Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland
1998 ArtsLink Fellowships Grant, Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Centre, Buffalo, NY, USA
1997 VideoMedeja-prize
Interstanding 2-prize
1996 Loviisa Guest Studio, Finland
1994 Prize from Soros Contemporary Art Centre's Annual Exhibition, Tallinn, Estonia

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2018 *Flowers*, Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2017 *vanadus @vabadus*, Vabadus Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
Things, Town Jail Photography Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
2015 *Haapsalu Colouring Book*, Haapsalu Linnagalerii, Estonia
2014 *Isa kirjad/My Father's Letters*. Tartu Art House, Estonia
2013 *Let Me In, Let Me Out*. Futurum Gallery, Tallinn University for Technology, Estonia
2011 *Kai Teaching Herself*, Hobusepea gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2009 *Estonians Only*, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery, Estonia
2007 Overbeck Gesellschaft, Lübeck, Germany
Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia
OTOK Gallery, Dubrovnik, Croatia
2006 *Kai Kaljo*, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London
2005 *Kai Kaljo*, Kunstihoone, Tallinn
Double Act (with Jan Svenungsson), Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn
2003 *A Loser*, Sprengel Museum Hannover, Germany
Greetings from La Jolla, Knollgalerie Wien, Austria
Halfway to Venice, HDLU Gallery, Zagreb, Croatia

- 2001 *Heavenly*, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery
Videos by Kai Kaljo, SCCA Gallery, Bratislava, Slovakia
What do You Read, my Lord? (with Ly Lestberg), Nuova Icona Gallery, Venice
- 1999 *Kino?* Tallinn Town Gallery
Kai Kaljo, Likovni Salon, Celje, Slovenia
- 1997 *Painter's Room*, Sammas Gallery, Tallinn
- 1995 *Written on the Sand*, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery

Selected Group Exhibitions and Festivals

- 2018 *Even The Name Is Sometimes The Same*, Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin
Ars Film Festival AFF, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2017 *Tests*, Curated by Margot Kask, Draakoni Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
Enjoy your file, download your life curated by Studio David Claerbout
 Reykjavik International Film Festival, Iceland
 Museum De Pont, Tilburg, Netherlands
 Het Bos, Antwerp, Belgium
 Amsterdam Academy of Architecture, Netherlands
 Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, Netherlands
 Dortmunder University, Germany
 East China Normal University, Shanghai, China
 Lloyd Hotel & Cultural Embassy, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Museum de Fundatie, Zwolle, Netherlands
 Museum Hilversum, Netherlands
 Sandberg Instituut, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 De School, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 WOW, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2016 *Artists' Sketch Books*, Tallinn University, Estonia
Women in Fog, Tallinn University, Estonia
 KUMU Art Film festival
Truth and Justice Maalikunstnike Liidu näitus, Õpetajate maja, Tallinn, Estonia
 Estonian Photographic Art Fair
Shaken, Not Stirred. Estonian video art 1997-2015, IV Opinion Festival, Paide
- 2014 *Stories in Prints and Letters*, Kumu Art Museum, Estonia
Girls Next Door, Gislaveds Konsthall, Sweden
Shoes or No Shoes, Oudenaarde, Belgium
Post-Communist Expression, Point Culture, Brussels, Belgium
f/stop, 6th Festival for Photography, Leipzig, Germany
Baltic Gold, Gallery 21, Malmö, Sweden
- 2013 *Odessa Biennial*, Museum for Contemporary Art, Odessa, Ukraine
I Don't Eat Flowers, Ha Gamie Prestergard, Norway
Girls Next Door, Gislaved's Konsthall, Sweden
Estonian Dream Festival, Stavanger, Norway
Passports, Lewis Glucksman Gallery, Cork, Ireland
Economy, Stills (Scotland's Centre for Photography), Edinburgh; CCA Glasgow
- 2012 *Girls Next Door*, Gotlands Kunstmuseum, Visby
- 2011 *Ill Fares The Land*, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London
Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, The Association of Icelandic Visual Artists, Reykjavik
Huh? Pfu! Yuck! Aha! Wow! The Classics of Estonian Contemporary Art, Tartu Art Museum
- 2010 *The Artist in the (art) society*, Motorenhalle, Dresden
 Kunst Macht Frei. Contemporary Estonian Art. Janus Pannonius Muzeum, Pecs, Hungary
 Everything Is Going To Be Alright. Marina Abramović, Eija-Liisa Ahtila, Kai Kaljo, Mike Marshall, Ene-Liis Semper, Santeri Tuori, Guido van der Werve KUMU, Tallinn
 Moscow International Film Festival, Mediaforum
 Transitland: Video art from Central and Eastern Europe 1989-2009. Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid
 On the Eastern Front. Video art from Central and Eastern Europe 1989-2009. Ludwig Museum, Budapest
- 2009 *Gender Check*, MUMOK, Vienna; 2010- Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland
Waterpieces 2008, NOASS, Riga, Latvia
Sarajevo Winter, International Art Festival. Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Interventions, Llanfyllin Workhouse, Wales
Celluloid Crossings, Privilege Walk, Malmö, Sweden

- 2008 *ZubrOFFka* Independent Film Festival, Bialystok, Poland
World One Minutes. Beijing, China, Brussels, Belgium
Border State. Quangshou, China
Freedom Square. Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia
- 2007 *World One Minutes*. Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
 Border State Art Museum of the Art Academy Guangzhou, China
 Freedom Square. Art Hall, Tallinn
Nightcomers, 10th Istanbul Biennial
Waterpieces 2007, NOASS, Riga, Latvia
Environment Archaeology, Retretti art center, Finland
In the Presence of the Body, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, USA
WRO-07 Media Biennale, Wroclaw, Poland
Reel to Real - Sexual Semiotics, Künstlerhaus Mousonturn, Frankfurt, Germany
Rencontres Internationales, Madrid, Circulo des Bellas Artes; Berlin, Babylon-Mitte
Digital Space, Showroom Cinema, Scheffield, UK
Depiction, Perversion, Repulsion, Obsession, Subversion, program by Witte de With at the Rotterdam International Film Festival
Normal Love, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
- 2006-07 *Collected Crises, Estonian Art in the 1990's*, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn
- 2006 *A Loser (2005)*, 36th International Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
Improvistation, Tallinn Art Hall
Body and Soul, FRAC Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Marseille
Sexy Mythos, NGBK Berlin, Germany
- 2005 Video Lounge, Art Basel Miami Beach, Florida
Model "Missed Opportunities", Brandenburgischer Kunsverein, Potsdam, German
Rencontres Internationales Paris-Berlin, Paris, Berlin
Brief Encounters, International Short Film Festival, Bristol, UK
The New (In-)Security, Badisher Kunstverein, Karlsruhe, Germany
prog:ME, Festival of Electronic Media, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 Art Basel, Switzerland
 26th Biennial of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Women's Dialogue, Center for Contemporary Experimental Art, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2004 *Instant Europe*, Villa Manin, Italy
La mossa delle idee, Cinema Alfieri Atelier, Florence, Italy
Flipside, Artists' Space, New York NY
Rencontres Internationales Paris-Berlin, Paris, Berlin
BLICK 04, Moderna Museet, Stockholm
Sometime, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London
EU Positive, Academy of Arts, Berlin
Do the Wrong Thing, The Centre for Art Tapes, Halifax, Canada
Viinistu2004 International Live Arts project, Viinistu, Estonia
Breakthrough, Grote Kerk Den Haag, The Hague, The Netherlands
Welcome, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London
 Festival International de Films de Femmes, Creteil, France
Fantastic Realism, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia
On Air, Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Leipzig, Germany
New Video, New Europe, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, The Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, USA
 TATE Modern, London; 2005 Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- 2003 MEO Art Fair, Budapest, Hungary
Womanifesto 2003, Procreation/Postcreation. Pridi Banomyong Institute, Bangkok, Thailand
 20 Years of the World Wide Video Festival, Screenings at VideoLisboa, Lisbon, Portugal and Centre d'Art Contemporain de Basse-Normandie, France
 Biennale of Moving Images, Geneva, Switzerland
The Spaces in Between, FACT, Liverpool, UK
Sound Systems, Salzburger Kunstverein, Austria
 KEKSI. Lahti Artists Association, Finland
Aquarium II. Baroti Gallery, Klaipeda, Lithuania
 World Wide Video Festival, Amsterdam
21 Minutes. Art Moscow, 7th International Art Fair. Central House of Artists, Moscow
 Images Festival, Toronto, Canada
Defenseless and Bad, L-Gallery, Moscow
Rencontres Internationales Paris-Berlin, Paris, Berlin
- 2002 Sõltuvussõltumatus, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia
Closing the Distance, Laznia Contemporary Art Centre, Gdansk, Poland
Breath. Ludwigsmuseum Budapest, Hungary

- Transvisit*, Masnedo Fort, Denmark
Oh, it's a Curator! Rotor Association for Contemporary Art, Graz, Austria
the Oneminute, Sandbergs Institute, Amsterdam
Communication, An artist who doesn't speak English is no Artist.
 Ashersleben Kunstverein, Germany; Knollgalerie Budapest; Tallin Art Hall
Different/Diverse, Teatro delle Fondamenta Nuove, Venice.
Grunt, Vestern Front Galleries, Vancouver, Canada
- 2001
 Zagreb Salon, Zagreb, Croatia
Baltic Times, Zagreb, Croatia; Ljubljana, Slovenia; Innsbruck, Austria
Videoarchaeology, Sofia, Bulgaria
Instant Video, Manosque, France
 The Project, Cheltenham Festival for Film and Video, England
Art-Mistake, Error 1. Centre for Art and Media Adlershof, Berlin
Night of a Hundred Eyes, Transit Space, London
 World Wide Video Festival, Amsterdam
 WRO 01 Media Biennale, Wroclaw, Poland
Black Cube, Cinema de Balie, Amsterdam
Videonale 9, Bonn, Germany
Communication, An artist who doesn't speak English is no Artist.
The Oneminute, Sandbergs Institute, Amsterdam
Estonian Energies, Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna
Perfect Match, Skopje City shopping mall, Macedonia
- 2000
VideoMedeja, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia
Chinese Whispers, ApexArt CP. New York, NY
Central Station, Milch, London
 World Wide Video Festival, Amsterdam
Co.Operation, Dubrovnik, Croatia
 Pusan International Contemporary Art Festival, Pusan, Corea
- 2000
 Williamsburg Brooklyn Film Festival, New York, NY
 Videopositive, Liverpool, UK
Video N.E.WS, Gotland, Sweden
 Dreamcatcher Videofestival, Kiev, Ukraine
God and Artist, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia
 Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen, Germany
the Oneminute, Sandbergs Institute, Amsterdam
Small Roll Plays, Tartu Art Museum, Estonia
 Man Muss Ganz Schön Viel lernen um hier zu Funktionieren.
Communication, An artist who doesn't speak English is no Artist.
 Frankfurter Kunstverein, Germany
- 1999
After the Wall, Moderna Museet, Stockholm; Ludwigmuseum Budapest;
 Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin
 CO 4 video workshop. Ljudmila media center, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Interstanding, Tallinn, Estonia
 VideoLisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
 World Wide Video Festival, Amsterdam
 WRO 99 Media Biennale, Wroclaw, Poland
- 1998
Where Are You From? Gdansk, Poland
 Rauma Biennale Balticum, Rauma, Finland
 World Wide Video Festival, Amsterdam
 VideoMedeja, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia
- 1997
Funny versus Bizarre, Vilnius Contemporary Art Center, Lithuania
 VideoMedeja, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia
- 1995
Biotoopia, Soros Center for Contemporary Arts, Estonia. Tallinn
 Art Hall, Estonia
- 1994
 SHOP, Tallinn Town Gallery, Dionysia festival Tartu, Estonia
Unexistent Art, Soros Center for Contemporary Arts, Estonia. Annual Exhibition. Tallinn Art Hall,
 Estonia

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 Kadri Malk, 'Kai Kaljo kui Adamson-Eric', <http://www.sirp.ee>
- 2017 'Galerii: avati Kai Kaljo näitus "Vanadus@vabadus"', <https://kultuur.err.ee>

- 2007 'Kai Kaljo, Star Outsider', *Artists of Estonia 3*
2006 'Kai Kaljo', *Sihtasutus Tallina Kunstihoone Fond*, Tallin
Martin Herbert, 'Kai Kaljo', *Time Out*, 8th November
2005 Macu Moran, 'Loop '04 Barcelona', *artnet.com*, January
2004 Francesco Bonami and Sarah Cosulich Canarutto, *Instant Europe*, Villa Manin, Udine
Mari Laaniste, *see oleks kull jube, kui tanaval ara tuntaks*, *Kunst.ee*, January
Katrin Kivimaa 'It was here: video films by Kai Kaljo from 2000-2003', *kunst.ee*, January
2003 Judith Staines, *The Role of the artist as poet*, *Culturebase.net*

Collections

Moderna Museet, Stockholm
Tartu Art Museum, Estonia
Sprengel Museum Hannover, Germany
Estonian State Art Museum
Estonian Museum for Contemporary Art
Private collections