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KAI KALJO

1959 Born in Tallin

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

2017 Vabadus Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
Things, Town Jail Photography Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
2015 Haapsalu Colouring Book, Haapsalu Linnagalerii, Estonia
2013 Haapsalu Coloring Book, Haapsalu Linnagalerii, Estonia
2013 Tartu Art House, Estonia
2007 Overbeck Gesellschaft, Lübeck, Germany
Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia
OTOK Gallery, Dubrovnik, Croatia
2006 *Kai Kaljo*, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London
2005 *Kai Kaljo*, Kunstihoone, Tallin
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

- 1999 *What do You Read, my Lord?* (with Ly Lestberg), Nuova Icona Gallery, Venice
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

- 2017 *Experiments, Misleadings, Discoveries*, Draakoni Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2014 *Stories in Prints and Letters*, Kumu Art Museum, Estonia
- 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
- 2010 *Ill Fares The Land*, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London
- 2010 *The Artist in the (art) society*, Motorenhalle, Dresden
- 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 *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 Kunstverein, 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
 2002 *Rencontres Internationales Paris-Berlin*, Paris, Berlin
 Sõituvussõltumatus, 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
 2000 Pusan International Contemporary Art Festival, Pusan, Corea
 Williamsburg Brooklyn Film Festival, New York, NY
 Videopositive, Liverpool, UK
Video N.E.W.S, 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; Ludwigsmuseum 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

Screenings

- 2006 *A Looser (2005)*, 36th International Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands

Bibliography

- 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
Private collections

