

Art Fair Suomi Goes Galleries – Helsinki Art Summer Kick-Off

The contemporary art festival spreads across galleries and exhibition spaces in Helsinki from 8 to 13 June 2021.



Art Fair Suomi Goes Galleries turns the spotlight on galleries, artists, art communities and the public. A joint effort by more than 20 Helsinki-based art galleries, the festival features work by nearly 100 artists. Customarily held at the Cable Factory, the international event responds to the pandemic by presenting itself in the participating galleries and art spaces themselves, offering a safe and convenient way to enjoy contemporary art.

The week-long festival is a great opportunity to experience all kinds of galleries and art across the city. Visit the exhibitions on your own or choose from many guided tours, including tours built around such themes as queer art, escapism or music. There are also tours in plain Finnish.

The exhibitions are accompanied by a programme of artist meetings, talks, performances and activities for children. Most of the events and tours are free of charge, and many of them can also be attended virtually.

Helsinki Day on 12 June will be celebrated with an art marathon led by Maimu Brushwood née Huolirinta, briskly walking a route of about three kilometres to visit 11

art exhibitions. Art Fair Suomi ambassador Maimu Brushwood is the drag alter ego of artist Timo Tähkänen.

Presenting a fresh look at the diversity of Finnish contemporary art, Art Fair Suomi launches the art summer in Helsinki on the eve of the Helsinki Biennale.

“As the cultural sector wakes up to the summer after Covid restrictions, now is the perfect time to see what art galleries have to offer. You can visit the exhibitions alone or with others, drop in to see one exhibition on the off chance, or spend a leisurely day exploring as many as you like,” says MUU director Timo Soppela.

Henna Harri, director of the Union of Photographic Artists, chimes in: “Art Fair Suomi Goes Galleries is an invitation and a reminder to keep visiting art galleries now and in the future, pointing up the importance of galleries as a haven for art and the work of artists.”

The Art Fair Suomi contemporary art festival has been organised since 2005 by Artists' Association MUU and Union of Artist Photographers in Finland. Other national artist membership organisations that joined the festival in 2020 are: Association of Finnish Sculptors, Association of Finnish Printmakers, Finnish Painters' Union, and the Union of Finnish Art Associations.

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Participating galleries: Forum Box, Galleria A2, Galleria Art Kaarisilta, Galleria Duetto, Galleria G, Galleria Halmetoja, Galleria Huuto, Galleria Kuvitus, Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Galleria Sculptor, Galleria SEINÄ, HAA Galleria, Kirjagalleria Laterna Magica, Malmitalon Galleria, MUU Helsinki, Myymälä 2, OHO Galleria, Sinne, tm-galleria, Third Space, Valokuvagalleria Hippolyte & Hippolyte Korjaamo, Vargas Print Studio, Videokanava Online Gallery

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