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Master of Arts

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studies

2004-2008 University of Art and Design Helsinki / Applied art and design / Master of Arts
1999-2003 Lahti Polytechnic / Design Institute / Interior architecture and furniture design / Designer AMK
1998-1999 Hämeenlinna Polytechnic / Wetterhoff / Glass Design
1997-1998 Liminka Art School
1994-1997 Kalajoki secondary school / secondary school graduate

work experience

2014- Producer of TUHTI mortar series
Producer of Sculptural Light series
2013 Product design for SOK (FIN)
2013- In-house jewelry designer for Lapponia Jewelry (FIN)
Producer of ALTAI crystal glass series
2012-14 Product design for Iittala (FIN)
2012 Product design for Woodnotes (FIN)
2011 Lapponia Jewelry / Guest Designer 2011 (FIN)
2010-13 Product design for Marimekko (FIN)
2010- Topi-Keittiöt/ freelancer designer (FIN)
2009 Product design for Habitat Ltd (UK)
2009- Founder, product design, producer for PASPAS Finland (FIN)
2006 Product and space design / Founder of Mari Isopahkala Design Studio
2006-2008 Design Forum Finland / design sales staff
2005 Muoto magazine / Interior design journalist
2003-2004 Interior design agency Tuula Hägerström Oy / interior architect
2001-2002 Topi Kalustaja Oy / Topi-Keittiö / exhibition design / kitchen design / fair displaying
2000 Architect's office Jorma Paloranta Oy / practical training / interior design
1997-1999 Iso-Pahkala Pottery studio / sales staff / ceramic work

design projects

2015 TUHTI mortar series / Mari Isopahkala Design
PYHIMYS coat rack / Mari Isopahkala Design
BIG SUR / Art commission for Gallery Saariaho Järvenpää (FIN)
INDIVIDUAL FAMILY art glass series / commission for EGE - European Glass lives (IT)
2014 TOVI ceramic dish series / SOK (FIN)
2013 KONKKARONKKA cutlery set / Marimekko (FIN)
SUMA jewelry series / Lapponia Jewelry (FIN)
SCULPTURAL LIGHT light series / Mari Isopahkala Design
2012 FATTY art glass series / Mari Isopahkala Design
REST textile concept / PASPAS Finland for Woodnotes (FIN)
ALTAI crystal glass series / Mari Isopahkala Design
2011 KURKI led light / Mari Isopahkala Design

- JAM led vitrine light / Mari Isopahkala Design
 WINTER PEARL jewelry set / Lapponia Guest Designer 2011 (FIN)
- 2010 PISARA jewelry set / The Next Episode competition / Lapponia Jewelry
 SÄRMÄ & KULMA kitchen door models / Topi-Kitchen Ltd (FIN)
- 2009-2009 Carpet designs for PASPAS Finland and ABC Carpets N.Y (U.S)
 BOXBOX ja KUUBI -carpets / PASPAS Finland (FIN)
 MARI glass range / Habitat Ltd (UK)
 MURU textiles / Mari Isopahkala Design
 GREENHOUSE glass light / Mari Isopahkala Design
- 2008-2008 Product-, interior- and exhibition design for Topi-Kitchen (FIN)
 NUPPU glass range / Mari Isopahkala Design
 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / Mari Isopahkala Design
- 2007 Logo design project/Valtra (FIN)
- 2006 FURING ring / Mari Isopahkala Design
 FLOWER RADIANCE - light / Mari Isopahkala Design
 READY STAINED GLASS -martini glass / Bombay Sapphire (ENG)
- 2005 TILKKU -textiles / Mari Isopahkala Design
 Interior design / Advertising agency BBDO Helsinki Oy (FIN)
 JOINED cutlery concept / Mari Isopahkala Design
 RUGS hammock / Mari Isopahkala Design
- exhibitions**
- 2015 PYHIMYS coat rack / TUHTI mortar series / We love wood's / Fiskars summer exhibition / Fiskars
 TUHTI mortar series / We love wood's / Satellite exhibition / Artek / Helsinki
 PYHIMYS coat rack / TUHTI mortar series / We love wood's exhibition / Institut Finlandais / Paris
 ALTAI crystal glasses / FATTY art glass / JAM light / Finnish Glass Lives 7 / Finnish Glass Museum / Riihimäki
 NOJAA #2 Sculptural light / GREENHOUSE lights / FURING jewelries / WE LIVE HERE / Stockholm Design Week / Stockholm
 BIG SUR -work of art / California / Gallery Saariaho Järvenpää / Helsinki
 NOJAA #2 / Sculptural light / Habitare fair / AHEAD! / Helsinki
 INDIVIDUAL FAMILY art glass series / Murano Glass Museum, Venice
 FATTY art glass / EGE - European Glass lives / Museu do Vidro da Marinha Grande, Portugal
 FATTY art glass / EGE - European Glass lives / Finnish Glass Museum / Riihimäki
- 2014 NOJAA #2 / Sculptural light / GET Nord -fair / Hamburg
 NOJAA #2 / Sculptural light / "Life is art" / FOX gallery / Design blok / Prague
 NOJAA #2 / Sculptural light / Monologue London /TENT - Super brands / London
 OJENTAA / Sculptural light / Design Forum Finland / AHEAD! / Habitare / Helsinki
 NOJAA #1, #2 / Sculptural light -series / Helsinki Design Week / Teurastamo / Helsinki
 Mari Isopahkala WORKS / Design Road / Topi-Keittiö & Valkeanlinnankello / Kalajoki
 Sculptural Light series / Just SELECTED! / Graz / Itävalta
 FATTY -uniikki / European glass Experience, EGE - Eurooppalaisen lasitaiteen nuoria lupauksia / Riihimäen lasimuseo
 YOUNG DESIGNER OF FINLAND 2013 -exhibition / Svarta Lådan / Trend gruppen / Tukholma
 ANIMAL: FURING reindeer fur ring / LOKAL gallery / Helsinki
 BOXBOX -carpet / PINK / LOKAL gallery / Helsinki
- 2013 DESIGNER MARI ISOPAHKALA / Gallery Täky / Lappeenranta, Finland
 FURING reindeer fur ring / Animal / Gallery Lokal / Helsinki
 ALTAI crystal glass series / GREENHOUSE light / Toinen Kattaus / Gallery Lokal / Helsinki
 YOUNG DESIGNER OF FINLAND 2013 / Design Elevator / Tallinn Design Week / Desiniöö / Tallinn
 YOUNG DESIGNER OF FINLAND 2013 / Habitare / Ahead! / Helsinki
 YOUNG DESIGNER OF FINLAND 2013 / Design Forum Showroom / Helsinki
 SCULPTURAL LIGHTS & GLASS collection / Salone Satellite / EuroLuce / Salone Internazionale del Mobile / Milano
 FATTY art glass series / SCULPTED LIGHT series / Mari Isopahkala with Heart. -solo exhibition / Gallery Pascale / Stockholm
 NOJAA -Sculpted light / WINTER PEARL jewelry set / NOVA Designer / Formex / Stockholm
- 2012-13 GREENHOUSE light / Glass Design from Finland, the Land of Forests and Lakes / Tokio / Sapporo / Osaka / JAPAN tour
- 2012 SCULPTED LIGHT - light series / SCULPTED LIGHT / Highlight Light Gallery / Helsinki
 NUPPU glass series, PISARA jewelry / Design Colours Life / Contemporary Museum of Shanghai MoCa
 NUPPU glasses, ALTAI crystal glasses / YHTEINEN PÖYTÄ /The City Hall of Helsinki / Empire hall / Helsinki
 ALTAI crystal glasses , BOXBOX carpet, WINTER PEARL jewelry set / LOLO & RORO / Aalto University School of Art and Design / 10-year anniversary exhibition / Helsinki
 ALTAI crystal glasses, NUPPU glass set FURING reindeer fru rungs / NOVA Nordic Designer 2012 / PUB / Stockholm
 GREENHOUSE light series / World Design Expo / SuviLahti / Helsinki
 ALTAI crystal glasses, NUPPU glass set, JAM light , KURKI light , GREENHOUSE light, JOINED cutleries, FURING rings, PISARA jewelry set, EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT lights, MURU carpet / "FORMS" ART BY. Mari Isopahkala / Solo exhibition / Lapponia flag store / Helsinki
 CRYSTAL GLASS RANGE, NUPPU glass series, WINTER PEARL jewelry set / Glass Etc. / Finnish Glass Museum / Riihimäki
 GREENHOUSE light / Poliform / Salone del Mobile / Eurocucina / Milan
 REST textile concept / Woodnotes Finland / Salone del Mobile / Milan
 CRYSTAL GLASS RANGE, Samaa sukua - Eri maata / Tähdellistä / Marikiska shop / Helsinki
 CRYSTAL GLASS RANGE, Samaa sukua - Eri maata / Välimerkki / Galleria Köln Im Studio / Helsinki
- 2011 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT lights / Red December / Liminal Köln Gallery / Helsinki

BOXBOX carpet, GREENHOUSE light, JAM light / Skandimania / Liminal Köln Gallery / Helsinki
 GREENHOUSE light / Poliform Spa / Milano
 KURKI light / SCENARIOS / Meatpacking District Design '11 / New York
 KURKI -led light / GREENHOUSE lights / JAM vitrine light / Salone Internazionale del mobile / Salone Satellite / Milano
 MARI glass range / GREENHOUSE lights / FURING - reindeer fur rings / 140 AVOIN / Design Museum / Helsinki

- 2010 MURU-carpet / SOMEDEMOS / Gallery Täky / Lappeenranta
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: 50 years anniversary Gala / Sipuli restaurant / Helsinki
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Public exhibition at a Bank / Linz / Austria
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Jeweller Adam Olten / Switzerland
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Jeweller Abeler / Wupepental / Germany
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Dutch Finnish Embassy evening / Haag
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Finnish embassy / Tokio
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Bella Jewellery Fair /Copenhagen/ Denmark
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: The Nex Episode / Inhorgenta fair / Munchen
 PISARA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewellery: Public exhibition / Takashimaya warehouse/ Japan
 MARI glass range / GREENHOUSE lights / Finnish glass lives 6 / Riihimäki Glass Museum
 BOXBOX carpet / STRAIGHTFORWARD / Meatpacking District Design '10 / New York
- 2009 Light installation / EMIT THE LIGHT / Forces of light festival / Esplanad park stage / Helsinki
 BOXBOX carpet, KUUBI carpet, BAMBI chairs / SOMEDEMOS /Design Forum Finland / Helsinki
 BOXBOX carpet / SOMEDEMOS /Habitare Ahead! / Helsinki
 MURU -textile collection / SOMEDEMOS / Design Forum Finland / Helsinki
 MURU carpet / SOMEDEMOS / Habitare Ahead! / Helsinki
 MARI glass range / Led by Form / Fiskars
 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / Favex / MIPCOM-TV 2009 / Cannes
 GREENHOUSE light / FURING reindeer fur rings / I-DECO / Istanbul
- 2008 NUPPU glass series / TALENT08 / Designhuis / Eindhoven
 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / FAVEX / MIPCOM 2008 / Cannes
 GREENHOUSE -light / ESINE08 / Design Migration group / Design Forum Finland / Helsinki
 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / JOINED - cutleries / Olomuoto fair / Lahti
 NUPPU glass series / Fennofolk - New Nordic Oddity / Design Museum / Helsinki
 NUPPU glass series / MoA 08 / Media Center Lume / Helsinki
 NUPPU glass series / ESINE08 / Design migration group / Salone Internazionale del mobile / Salone Satellite / Milan
- 2007 FURING - reindeer fur rings / "Poron jäljillä" / Finnish Craft Museum / Jyväskylä
- 2006 EVERYDAYCHRISTMASLIGHT / Helsinki Biennale / Myymälä 2 / Helsinki
 FURING - reindeer fur rings / JOINED - cutlery / Tilkku - table cloth / Helsinki International / Korjaamo / Helsinki
 SAUNABUS EXPANDED SPACES / DesignMai / Berlin
 SAUNABUS IN MEMORIAL / Helsinki Cable Factory / Helsinki Design Week
 JOINED - cutleries / Imu Design / Kulture Center / Oslo
 FLOWER RADIANCE - light / ESINE06 / Design Migration group / Design Forum Finland / Helsinki
 FLOWER RADIANCE - light / ESINE06 / Design Migration group / Ambiente Fair / Frankfurt
 READY STAINED GLASS -martini glass / Bombay Sapphire designer glass competition 2006 / Prague
 FURING - reindeer fur rings / Open Space 06 / London Design Festival / London
 FURING - reindeer fur rings / Arte-Mano / Winterthur / Switzerland
- 2005 JOINED - cutleries/ Imu Design - the golden years / Design Museum / Helsinki
 RUGS - hammock / JOINED - cutleries / New Dining Luxury / VOIMAT -summer exhibition / Fiskars
 FURING - reindeer fur rings / 30ForSale / Gallery Norsu / Helsinki
 JOINED - cutleries / New Dining Luxury / Salone del Mobile / Gallery Entrata Libera / Milan
 JOINED - cutleries / New Dining Luxury / International Furniture Fair Cologne
- 2004 THE HARVEST FESTIVAL / Helsinki-Paris project / Fiskars
- 2002 ROLLO - soft furniture / HR - 35 / Lahti Design Institute
- 2001 METRO - wood furniture / Puisseva / Häme Galleria / Lahti
 KENNO - light / Lahti Design Institute

grants and prices

- 2014 Grant: Arts Council / for the exhibition
- 2013 Award: Young Designer of the Year 2013
 Grant: Finnish Cultural Foundation / Central Ostrobothnia Regional Fund / Setting up the model workshop
 Grant: Arts Council / for the exhibition
- 2012 Award Nova Nordic Designer 2012 Award
 Grant: Arts Council /3-year artistic work 2013-2015
 Grant: Culture Council of Kalevala Jewelry / product design
 Grant: Arts Council / exhibition design
 Grant : AVEK / product development
 Grant: Alfred Kordelin's foundation /product design

- Grant: Arts Council / 1-year artistic work 2012
Grant: Alfred Kordelin's foundation / product design
- 2011 Award: Best Designer / Muoto Award 2011 / Finland
Grant: Arts Council / 1-year artistic work 2011
Grant: Uudenmaa foundation / for the exhibition
Stipendium art residence New York / Finnish cultural institute
Grant: Finnish cultural foundation / for the exhibition
Grant: Arts Council / product design
- 2010 Grant: Arts Council / product design
Grant: Oskar Öflund foundation/ Light products
Lapponia Next Episode - Jewelry competition: 1st price
Stipendium art residence Mazzano Romano / Väinö Tanner foundation
Grant: Arts Council / 1-year artistic work 2010
- 2008 Grant: Alfred Kordelin's foundation for the light serie
Grant: KESKO for the NUPPU glass serie
Grant: Arts council for the NUPPU glass serie
- 2007 Grant: Alfred Kordelin's foundation to the group Isopahkala/Raivio for the light prototypes
- 2006 Bombay Sapphire designer glass competition 2006 / Czech Final
- 2005 International Furniture Fair Cologne / Future Point 05 design competition / 1st price best product design / New Dining Luxury -group
- 2003 Palaset Scene 2003 design competition / tuubi - multipurpose furniture to the small apartments / honorable mention

products and retailers

TUHTI mortar series / Artek (FIN)
NOJAA Sculptural lights / No Sir (SWE)
NOJAA Sculptural lights / Monologue London (UK)
TOVI ceramic tableware / Sokos (FIN)
ALTAI -crystal glass series / LOPPIST (SWE)
ALTAI - crystal glass series / Meubles&cie (CH)
BOXBOX carpets / PASPAS Finland (FIN)
BOXBOX carpets / ABC carpets / New York (U.S)
KONKKARONKKA cutlery set / Marimekko (FIN)
SUMA jewelry set / Lapponia Jewelry (FIN)
REST textile concept & series / Woodnotes (FIN)
WINTER PEARL jewelry set / Lapponia Jewelry (FIN)
SÄRMÄ & KULMA kitchen models / Topi-Keittiöt (FIN)

museum collection and public displays

- 2015 INDIVIDUAL FAMILY art glass series / Murano Glass Museum, Venice
2013 NOJAA light / Design Museum / Helsinki
2013 GREENHOUSE light / Finnish Glass Museum / Riihimäki
2013 BOXBOX carpet / Finnish Embassy in Washington
2013 KURKI -light / Ministry of Foreign affairs -Brussels
2013 GREENHOUSE -light / Ministry of Foreign affairs -Brussels

publication

- 2014 Finnish JEWELRY of the time of independence / Tammi
Out of the blue - The essence and ambition of Finnish design / Gesthalten
Finnish Design Year Book 2014-15 / Design Forum Finland
- 2013 Young Designer of Finland: Mari Isopahkala
- 2012 Glass etc. /Finnish glass museum / NUPPU-glass series , ALTAI crystal glass series, Winter Pearl jewelry set
Finnish Design Yearbook '12-13 / Boxbox carpet concept
- 2010 Finnish glass lives 6 / Finnish glass museum / MARI glass range
- 2010 Finnish Design Yearbook '08-09 / MARI glass range, PISARA jewelry set, MURU textile series
- 2010 Leather Jewelry, 30 contemporary projects by Nathalie Mornu / FURING reindeer fur ring
- 2005 Thirty For Sale by Jeremiah Tesolin and University of Art and Design Helsinki / FURING reindeer fur ring

featured in selected design magazines and newspapers such as:

Asun (FIN), Wild Vege (FIN), Suomen kuvalehti (FIN), Avotakka (FI), Elle Decor (BR), Architecture+Design (IN), AD (DE), Deko (FI), Casa da Abitare (IT), Sköna Hem (SWE), Plaza Interiöre (SWE), Optio (FI), Art & Design (FI), Abitare (IT), Domus (IT), A Casa (IT), Glamour (ES), Design Sponge (AU), Wohnrevue (CH), Atrium (CH), L.A. Times (US), Welcome to Finland (FI), Elle Decor (JP), Interior Design (US), Washington Post (US), Wallpaper* (UK), Icon (SWE), Glorian koti (FI), Hufvustadbladet (FI), Divo (PT), Design Magazine (CN).