

Aniko Kuikka Finnish, B 1986



Anikó Kuikka is a Finnish artist currently based in Helsinki, Finland. Kuikka is a recent graduate of the Royal Academy of Arts, London, where her installation “White Sugar” garnered critical acclaim. She has exhibited her work widely at international institutions, exhibitions and film festivals.

Kuikka’s artistic practice is mainly focused on narrative storytelling via moving image and largescale immersive installations. Her fascination with the absurd and the uncanny firmly root her in the Nordic tradition, with dark undertones and surprising paradoxes weaving in and out of the realities she constructs.

Themes running through her oeuvre include familiar mythologies and fairy tales , social issues, and questions around personal and universal trauma. Her protagonists often take on roles that destabilise societal norms, her intention is to deconstruct established values around physicality and identity.

Kuikka’s work transports the viewer into an alternative reality where complex and disquieting sequences of events generate debate around issues including xenophobia, misogyny, physical disability and individual identity

“I use recognizable and ordinary everyday elements and materials, that I then amplify or place out of context so that they appear odd, surreal yet familiar. In my moving image, although all the characters and stories are fictional, I do depict current social issues, herstory or trauma. ‘The real world’ is the source of fiction – a purely imaginary probably cannot exist?”

Anikó Kuikka, Interview by Athanasía Aarniosuo, April 2020

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Education

- 2014 – 2017 Royal Academy of Arts, Royal Academy Schools Post Graduate Diploma in Fine Art
- 2013 – 2015 Academy of Fine Arts at The University of The Arts Helsinki, MFA, Time and Space Department
- 2013 Slade School of Fine Art (UCL), Erasmus Exchange, Fine Art Media Department
- 2010 – 2013 Academy of Fine Arts at The University of The Arts Helsinki, BFA, Time and Space Department
- 2009 – 2010 Turku Arts Academy, BFA Fine Art Studies
- 2005 – 2009 Art School MAA, Vocational Degree in Contemporary Art

Awards & Grants & Residencies

- 2022 Artist grant Arts Promotion Centre, Finland
- 2022 Project grant, Arts Promotion Centre, Finland
- 2021 Artist grant, Paulo Foundation, Finland
- 2021 Artist grant, Arts Promotion Centre, Finland
- 2020 Young Artists' Grant, Finnish Art Society
- 2020 Project Grant, Alfred Kordelin Foundation
- 2020 Artist Grant, Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse
- 2020 Project Grant, Frame Contemporary Art Finland
- 2020 Artist Grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2020 Nordic Dialogic Retreat, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2019 Travel Grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2019 – 2020 Studio Scholarship at HIAP Suomenlinna, Academy of Fine Arts Foundation
- 2019 Travel Grant, Frame Contemporary Art Finland
- 2019 Project Grant, Visek
- 2018 Artist Grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2018 Travel Grant, Frame Contemporary Art Finland
- 2018 Project Grant, Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- 2018 Artist Grant, Paulo Foundation
- 2017 The Next Thing Award, Bury Art Museum
- 2017 André Dunoyer De Segonzac Prize, Royal Academy of Arts
- 2017 Study Bursary, Red Butterfly Foundation
- 2016 Landseer Prize, Royal Academy of Arts
- 2015 Study Bursary, The Leverhulme Trust
- 2014 Group Exhibition Grant, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts
- 2014 Study Bursary, The Leverhulme Trust
- 2013 Project Grant, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts
- 2012 Impilinna Residency, Utö, Kuvan Residenssiyhdistys Ry
- 2012 Contemporary Past Workshop, Nida Art Colony
- 2011 Berlin Residency, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts
- 2010 Artist Grant, Theatre Barker
- 2009 Group Exhibition Grant, Folk Culture Fund

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Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 Eläin |Animal | Djur, Cultural Centre Caisa, Helsinki, Finland
- 2021 Sun Aikas Koittaa - Your Dawn Will Come, Fiumano Clase, London
- 2020 Shingle MAA-tila, Helsinki, Finland
- 2019 Wednesday 12, GAO Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 White Sugar, Forum Box Mediabox Helsinki, Finland

Selected Mixed Exhibitions

- 2022 One by One, Fiumano Clase, Pall Mall, London, UK
- 2019 Aesthetica Art Prize Exhibition, York Art Gallery, York, UK
- 2018 Juried Exhibition 2018, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery LAMAG, Los Angeles, USA
- One, Cleve Carney Art Gallery, Chicago, USA
- Chumming, Glasgow International, The Pipe Factory, Glasgow, Scotland
- 2017-18 The Next Thing, Bury Art Museum & Sculpture Centre, Bury, UK
- 2017 RA Schools Show, Royal Academy Schools, London, UK
- 2016 All About My Mother, Royal Academy of Arts - Keepers Room, London, UK
- Premiums: Interim Projects, Royal Academy of Arts London, UK
- 2015 Kuvan Kevät, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki, Finland
- 2014 The Last Breath – Rented by The Hour, Clearlake Hotel, London, UK
- Everything you Can Think of Is True, Fotografins Hus, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2013-14 The Young Artists 2013, Kunsthalle Helsinki Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 Gismologiy, Gallery FAFA, Helsinki, Finland
- 2011 Post Natura: Lens Politica, Gallery FAFA, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 1st Year Presents, Kaiku Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- Path, Art Centre Honkahovi, Mänttä, Finland
- Joke of the Year, Köysirata Gallery Turku, Finland
- 2009 North Pride, Cultural Centre Valve, Oulu, Finland
- Artivo, MAA-tila, Helsinki, Finland

Selected Festivals & Screenings

- 2020 VAFT Video Art Festival Turku, Kino Diana, Finland
- 2019 Night of the Arts, Turku Kunsthalle, Turku, Finland
- 2018 VAFT & VAEFF, Kino Diana, Turku, Finland
- 2016 EAMIF At Bedlam Film Festival, Bedlam Church Theatre, Edinburgh
- Mono6.3, Ha Ha Gallery, Southampton, UK
- Mono6.1, Galleria Arsenal Bislystok, Poland
- Mono6, Courtyard Theatre, London, UK
- 2014 Video Art Takeover, Photographic Centre Peri, Turku, Finland
- 2013 B Kino, B-Galleria, Turku, Finland
- Selected for Experimental Competition, Fest, Espinho, Portugal
- Mia: Limbic Resonance, Armory Arts Centre, Pasadena, USA
- 2012 Hapnik Futura Supper Club, Ateljé Kukkapuro, Kauniainen, Finland

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Time Travel Tourism: A Glimpse of Broken Disneyland, Nida Art
Colony Nida, Lithuania

Images of Gender, Vinokino Film Festival, Helsinki & Turku, Finland

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Young Artist's Creations, Fipa Film Festival, Biarritz, France