

# Curriculum Vitae

## Erna Aaltonen

### Education

1981-87 Kuopio Academy of Design, Finland

### Experience

1996- Studio in Fiskars, Finland  
1988-95 Studio Arteos, Tervakoski together with artist Howard Smith  
1987-88 pro-Arte-ceramist, Arabia ceramic factory, Helsinki

### Memberships

IAC International Academy of Ceramics, Geneva  
ORNAMO, Finnish Craft and Design Association + Artists O  
ONOMA, The Cooperative of Artisans, Designers and Artists in Fiskars  
HELSINKI FAT CLAY -group

### Selected solo exhibitions

2018 Galerie de l'Ancienne Poste, Toucy, Bourgogne, France  
2016 Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels; Belgium  
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2014 Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels; Belgium  
2012 *Nostalgia*, Hedge Gallery, San Francisco  
2009 Galleri Inger Molin, Stockholm  
2008 Gallery Norsu, Helsinki  
2007 Carlin Gallery, Paris  
2004 Gallery Nefret, Turku, Finland  
2003 Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm  
2002 *Der Nördliche Garten*, Finnish Institute in Germany, Berlin  
Graphic Design School, Anklam, Germany  
2001 Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm; Gallery Rista, Umeå, Sweden  
*Boreas*, Finnish Institute in France, Paris  
2000 Gallery Bau, Helsinki  
1999 *Volupi*, Museum of the Arabia ceramic factory, Helsinki  
Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm  
1998 *Echoes*, Gallery Bau, Helsinki  
1997 *Odyssey*, Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Finland  
Gallery Bau, Helsinki  
1993 Ceramic gallery Septaria, Helsinki

### Selected group exhibitions 2000 -

2019 *Helsinki Fat Clay in Stockholm*, Blås & Knåda, Stockholm, Sweden  
*The Abstracted Vessel*, Messums London and Messums Wiltshire, Great Britain  
2018 *Contemporary Touch*, Finnish IAC members at Fu-Guei Sanyi Gallery, Taiwan  
2015 Premio Faenza 59°, the finalists exhibition, MIC, Faenza  
*Borders*, Kecskemét symposium exhibition, Museion No.1, Budapest, Hungary  
*Fiskars Design Village New & Classics*, Art Centre White Block, Seoul, South Korea  
2014 *Ceramics and Space, Contemporary Finnish Ceramics*, Design Museum, Helsinki  
*Helsinki Fat Clay in Heidelberg*, Gallery Marianne Heller, Germany  
*New Joy*, Finnish Craft Museum, Jyväskylä, Finland  
2013 *Premio Faenza 58°*, finalists show, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza  
*Joy*, the 20th summer exhibition of the Fiskars Cooperative  
2012 IAC / International Academy of Ceramics, members show, Santa Fe, USA  
*Helsinki Fat Clay in Faenza*, MIC, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche; Galleria Officinesaffi, Milano, Italy  
*New and Classics*, Budapest Design Week  
*All Star Festival*, Galleri Inger Molin, Stockholm  
2011 Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Korea  
2010 *Luksus 09*, Artotheque de Caen, France  
*Feuer und Eis*, Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, and  
Galerie Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany  
2009 *Re-interpreting Nature*, the Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest  
*Återseende - Second sight*, Bryggeriet i Nora, Sweden  
*Fiskars Design Village*, Centro Cultural Santo Dominique, Oaxaca, Mexico  
2008 Ceramic Art Museum of Scandinavia, Fule International Ceramic Art Museums, Fuping, China  
*Fiskars Design Village*, Centro Cultural Clavijero in Moralia, Michoacán, Mexico  
2007 *Ennen näkemätöntä!* Fortum Art Foundation, Helsinki Art Hall  
2006 *19. International Ceramic Biennale*, Vallauris, France

- 2004 *Fiskars Design Village*, Ozone Design Centre, Tokio; Museum of Art, Koumi; Mediateque, Sendai, Japan  
Gallery Philippe Denys, Brussels, Belgium  
Galerie l'Évènement, Vallauris, France
- 2003 *Contemporary Craftspeople*, the Finnish National Museum, Helsinki  
*Form between continuity and innovation*, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza, Italy
- 2002 *Fiskars Co-operative*, the Finnish Benelux Institute, Antwerpen  
*Gästbordet*, Mauritzbergs Slotts Galleri, Vikbolandet, Sweden
- 2001 *10 ceramists from Finland*, Craft Space Mokka, Seoul, Korea  
*Eating - Meeting*, Sweden House, Brussels
- 2000 *Aurora*, Craft Space Mokka, Seoul, Korea

#### Selected Art Fairs

- 2019 SOFA Chicago, USA / J.Lohmann Gallery  
Salon Art and Design, New York, USA / J. Lohmann Gallery
- 2018 Salon Art and Design, New York, USA / J. Lohmann Gallery
- 2017 Collective Design Faire, New York, USA / J. Lohmann Gallery
- 2011 SF20/21 San Francisco 20th Century Art and Design Show, USA / Hedge Gallery  
Dallas Art Faire, USA / Hedge Gallery
- 2010 Art Fair, Helsinki / Gallery Norsu
- 2008 Collect, V & A, London, UK / Gallery Norsu
- 2006 Philadelphia Art Museum Craft Show
- 2005 TEFAF, The European Fine Arts Fair, Maastricht, Netherlands / Galerie Philippe Denys  
The 11th National Pottery & Ceramics Festival, Hatfield, UK

#### Works in Selected Collections

MIC International Ceramic Museum in Faenza, Italy; Musée de la Piscine, Roubaix, France; Museum Ariana, Geneva, Switzerland; Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands; Kecskemét International Ceramics Studio, Hungary; Fule International Ceramic Museums, Fuping, China; Museum für die Sammlung Keramik International, Römhild, Germany  
*Collections in Finland*: State Art Collection, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Fortum Art Foundation  
Hämeenlinna Art Museum, Design Museum, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation  
Private collections in several European countries, USA, Japan and Korea  
*Collection in Sweden*: Höganäs Museum, Handelsbanken Art Collection, Nordic Investment Bank, Tällberg Art Society, Västerbotten county, Astra Zeneca, Agora

#### Selected Awards

- 2018 Cross of Merit of the Order of the White Rose of Finland
- 2015 Premio Faenza 59, Mention of Honour, The Gold Medal of International Ceramic Museum in Faenza, Italy
- 2015 Finland's State artist's pension
- 2014 Finland's State Prize for Design

#### Selected Grants

- 2016 Frame, Finland, for work-group Aaltonen & Paikkari
- 2013 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 1-year artist grant
- 2011 Arts Council of Finland, for exhibition in San Francisco 2012
- 2010 Arts Council of Finland (Erna Aaltonen, exhibition organizer + group) for exhibitions in Germany
- 2007 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 3-year work grant
- 2002 Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation
- 2001 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1-year work grant
- 2000 Arts Council of Finland 1-year artist grant

#### Selected Exhibitions Curating

- 2018 *About Clay, European Ceramic Art*, Fiskars, Curator
- 2004 *Ceramics 2004, European Ceramics Exhibition*, Fiskars, Curator and Chairman

#### Selected publications

"Erna Aaltonen, la Symphonie des Sphères", exhibition catalogue, Galerie de l'Ancienne Poste, 2015  
Premio Faenza 59, Fondazione MIC Museo Internazionale della Ceramiche, 2015  
Premio Faenza 58°, Fondazione MIC Museo Internazionale della Ceramiche, 2013  
*"Erna Aaltonen Nostalgia" Ceramics, Art and Perception*, USA, 9/2013  
Rovaniemi Art Museum, Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation Collection 2002-2008  
*"Huomisen antiikit / Tomorrows antiques"*, Wenzel Hagelstam, in Finnish, part 4, Weilin & Göös, 2007  
*"Le Monde d'Erna Aaltonen"*, La Revue de la Céramique et du Verre, France, April 2007  
Céramique Contemporaine Biennale Internationale Vallauris, Somogy éditions d'art, 2006  
The Finnish State Art Collection, Finnish National Gallery, 2006  
Art ceramics in Finland, Åsa Hellman, Otava, 2004  
Ceramic Art in Finland, Åsa Hellman Editor in Chief and Principal Author, Thames & Hudson, 2004  
Ceramic Artist Erna Aaltonen, Tim Steffa & Winfrid Zakowski, Tammer-Paino 1997