

## Ola KOLEHMAINEN

Born in 1964, Helsinki, Finland  
Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

### Selected personal exhibitions

- 2010 A Building is not a Building, KUNTSI Museum of Modern Art, Wasa, Finland  
Deutsche Werkstätten, Dresden  
Alvar Aalto, Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009 Colour Urban Structures, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany  
Galerie Vanguardia, Bilbao  
Galerie Brandstrup, Oslo  
The National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen  
A Building is not a Building, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 New Art Gallery Walsall, England  
Purdy Hicks, London, United Kingdom  
Galeria Senda, Barcelona, Spain  
Galerie Koal, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 Mirrors and windows, Sint-Lukas Galerie, Brussels, Belgium
- 2006 Galleria Salvador Diaz, Madrid, Spain
- 2005 Minimalism is my Great Love, Galerie Artfinder, Hamburg, Germany  
Search for Mastery, Galerie Nei Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg  
Space is unknown, Galerie Dominique Fiat, Paris, France
- 2004 Search for Mastery, Museum Waldhof, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany  
Construction II, Galerie sphn, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 Construction, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland
- 2001 The Yellow Staircase, site specific public work commissioned by Helsinki Festivals, Finland
- 2000 Golden Hall, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 1999 Pyramid, gallery installation, Zinc Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1998 Portaikko-Trappan, gallery installation, Galleria Kari Kenetti, Helsinki, Finland
- 1997 Temple, gallery installation, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Exitus, Rantagalleria, Oulu, Finland
- 1995 Exitus, Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland  
Gallery installation, Gallery Finnfoto, Helsinki, Finland

### Selected group exhibitions

- 2010 17th Biennale of Sydney, International festival of contemporary art  
Export — Import, Taidehalli Helsinki, , Finland
- 2009 15\_Jahre Sammlung Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Gegen den Strich, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany  
Auf der Spitze des Eisbergs, Neue Fotografie aus Finnland, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2008 The real thing, New Acquisitions, Malmö Konstmuseum, Malmö, Sueden  
En Privat 1, Es Baluard, Palma de Mallorca, Spain  
Focus sur l'Ecole d'Helsinki, Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris
- 2007 The Helsinki School of Photography, Purdy Hicks, London, UK
- 2006 Paris Photo, Galerie Taik, Helsinki, Finland  
Robert Miller gallery, New-York, USA  
Intersection — between Past and Future, Pori Art Museum, Finland  
Eins, Zwei, Drei Sauerbruch & Hutton Architects, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany

- 2005 Helsinki School, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden  
Helsinki School, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 Galerie Salvador Diaz, Madrid, Spain  
Made in Berlin, Berlin Art Forum, Berlin, Germany  
roellinlduerr galerie, St. Gallen, Switzerland  
The Helsinki School, Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark  
30 by TaiK, The Helsinki School, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Le Bâti et Le Vivant (The Built and Living) , Chapelle du Rham, Luxembourg  
Brussels - Helsinki, Maison L'Art Actuel Chartreux, Brussels, Belgium  
Helsinki - Brussels, Valkoinen Sali, Helsinki, Finland  
New Images, Helsinki City Art Museum: Brotherus, Lajunen, Kella, Kolehmainen, Parantainen, Finland  
Northern Spell, Finnish Embassy, Washington D.C., USA  
Toronto University Art Center, Toronto, Canada
- 2001 Magnetic North, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, UK  
Finnish Photography, Gallery Christian Dam, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Gallery Christian Dam, Oslo, Norway
- 2000 100 Show: 90 Designers - 10 Artists, Helsinki, Finland  
Kuvitelmia / Fantasies Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 1999 Tila - Espaces, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France  
Spaces, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 1998 Blue You, Into Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
Me, Myself and I, Bensow House, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Photography Finlandia Award, Helsinki, Finland  
European Photography Award, Bad Homburg, Germany

### Bibliography

- 2009 Ola Kolehmainen: A Building is not a Building, texts by David Elliott, Alistar Hicks, Arja Miller, Taru Tappola, Editions Hatje Cantz
- 2008 Everything is illuminated / L'éclat des lieux, En route, April 2008, Canada
- 2007 Ola Kolehmainen, Fraction, Abstraction, Recreation, texts by Martina Fuchs, Mark Gisbourne, Editions Hatje Cantz  
Reflecting the surface, Ola Kolehmainen, Hot Shoe, April-May
- 2006 L'école photographique d' Helsinki, nouvelle venue, Roxana Azimi,
- 2005 The art newspaper, Art Basel Daily Newspaper, Georgina Adam, June 15, Basel, Switzerland
- 2004 Ola Kolehmainen, Text by Ferdinand Protzman, Klaus Honnef, Kunstverein Bielefeld  
Valokuvaa elää kultakautta, Anu Uimonen, Helsingin Sanomat, 4 May, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 Metropolis Magazine, part 4, Miklos Gaal, Aino Kannisto, Ola Kolehmainen, Timothy Persons, by Sabine Willkop, ARTE TV channel, 22 novembre  
Landscape, Photographs of Time and Space, Ferdinand Protzman, National Geographic Books, Washington, United-States  
Ola Kolehmainen, Giulia Vola, JULIET art magazine, Nr 114, Trieste, Italy  
Aufbruch im Hohen Norden, Boris Hohmeyer, ART das kunst Magazin, n°9, Hamburg, Germany  
Tilan ja pinnan hallittua leikkiä, Anu Uimonen, Helsingin Sanomat, June 5, Helsinki, Finland  
Vitare vitt, svartare svart, Nina Björkman, Huvudstadsbladet, July 7, Helsinki, Finland  
Täydellisiä tiloja, Image, May, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 Le Bâti et Le Vivant / The Built and the Living, Pierre Stiwer, Paul di Felice 2nd edition  
Contemporary Photography, exhibition catalogue, Cafe Creme, Luxembourg  
Kuvitelmia / Fantasies, Asko Mäkelä, exhibition catalogue, Finnish Museum of Photography, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Helsinki / Tampere  
ZOO, Contemporary culture catalogue, number 11, London, United-Kingdom  
Wired Nation, Oliwer Lowerstein, Art Review, May vol. LIII, London, United-Kingdom  
Regards Croisés Bruxelles - Helsinki, Claude Lorent, La Libre Culture, November 20, Brussels  
Art Around Every Corner, Robert Fullford, National Post, May 9, Toronto, Canada

- 2001 Magnetic North, Current Finnish Installation Photography in Finland, Caryn Faure Walker, University of Art and Design, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland  
The strategic contrasts of scale and subtle juxtapositions of subject create an eminently intelligent and visually engaging spectacle, Roy Exley, Nu magazine 6 vol. III, Stockholm, Sweden  
Magnetic North @ New Art Gallery Walsall, Cathrine Grant, Flash Art, nov-déc vol. IV n°221
- 1999 ZOO, Contemporary culture catalogue, n°2, London, United-Kingdom  
Temple / Ola Kolehmainen, Markus Partanen, Kati Lintonen, FRAMES, viewing Finnish contemporary photography, Päivi Rajakari (ed.). Frame, Finnish Fund for Art Exchange, Helsinki  
Ne pääsemättömät tilat, Pessi Rautio, Helsingin Sanomat, January 23, Helsinki, Finland  
Tysta verk kräver tid, Paul Steen, Dagens Nyheter, March 9, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1998 Me, Myself and I, exhibition catalog, University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland  
New Finnish Photography n°12, Caryn Faure Walker, Creative Camera, London, UK
- 1997 Temple, Pauliina Pasanen, Kuva No 5, Helsinki, Finland  
Musta neliö ja kuolema, Marja-Terttu Kivirinta, Helsingin Sanomat, 28 septembre, Helsinki, Finland  
Temppeli Kluuvissa, Maarit Seeling, Arkkitehti 5-6, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 Ola Kolehmainen, Kati Lintonen, exhibition catalogue, European Photography n°60, vol 17 n°2, Ed. Andreas Müller-Pohle, Göttingen, Allemagne  
Fotofinlandia, exhibition catalogue, Valokuva no 2, Kati Lintonen (ed.), Helsinki  
Koneromantiikka 90-luvun malliin, Kari Kempainen, Kaleva, 15 March, Oulu, Finland
- 1995 Exitus, Kati Lintonen, Valokuva n°4, Helsinki, Finland  
Kun elämä kolhii, Anu Uimonen, Helsingin Sanomat, 11 november, Helsinki, Finland  
Kun ihmiset poistuvat, kuvaaja saapuu, Pessi Rautio, Helsingin Sanomat, 10 october, Helsinki, Finland

### Public collections

Peter W. Klein Collection  
Malmö Art Museum, Sweden  
Roland Berger Collection, Munich, Germany  
European Investment Bank, Luxembourg  
Heino Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi, Finland  
Espoo Art Museum, Finland  
Kiasma Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
Saastamoinen Foundation, Espoo, Finland  
SOK Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
Muurame City, Finland  
UPM-Kymmene collection, Helsinki, Finland  
Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland  
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland  
Kouri Collection, New York, USA  
Lars Swanljung Collection, Helsinki, Finland  
State Art Council, Stockholm, Sweden  
State of Finland

### Private and corporate collections

Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, USA

### Education

1988-92 University of Helsinki, Department of Journalism  
1993-99 Master of Arts, (Photography), University of Art and Design, Helsinki

### Membership

1996 Union of Artist Photographers, Helsinki