

Man Yau

Born in 1991

Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland

Education

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| 2023 | Master of Fine Arts, Academy of Fine Arts, University of the Arts Helsinki, subject area of sculpture |
| 2018 | Master of Arts, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Aalto University, Degree Programme in Product and Spatial Design |
| 2013 | Bachelor of Arts, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Aalto University, Degree Programme in Ceramic and Glass Design |

Selected Solo Exhibitions

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| 2025 | Young Artist of the Year, Tampere Art Museum |
| 2024 | Passage, HAM Helsinki Art Museum, HAM gallery |
| 2021 | Dried flowers last forever, Boy konsthall, Bollebygd, Sweden |
| 2017 | Delfu, Galleria Huuto, Helsinki |
| 2013 | Semiprecious, Bukowskis Helsinki |
| 2012 | Porcelain Decks, CaliHelsinki |

Selected Group Exhibitions & Art Fairs

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| 2025 | Liste Art Fair Basel, with Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Basel, Switzerland |
| 2025 | Riga Contemporary, with Pitted Dates, Riga, duo with Frans Nybacka |
| 2025 | Kuu Maa, Margot Samel, New York City, USA |
| 2025 | Rock, Paper, Scissors, collection exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki |
| 2025 | Utopia, Onoma summer exhibition, Coppersmithy, Fiskars |
| 2025 | While I cast a shadow already cast, time leaks steadily out of my palm, Pitted Dates, Helsinki |
| | Liste Art Fair Basel, with Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Basel, Switzerland |
| 2024 | In the spirit of Nubben in five ways, Elverket, Ekenäs |
| 2023 | Abundance, Galleri F 15, Moss, Norway |
| 2023 | FLIP! Skate & art, Vantaa Art Museum Artsi |
| 2023 | Young Artists 2023, Kunsthalle Helsinki |
| 2023 | Perceive sea, dunes, mountains in move, 198 CAL, London |
| 2023 | This Coming Together, Kuva/Tila, Helsinki |
| 2022 | XXVI Mänttä Art Festival |
| 2021 | Easy Fit! Porukalle, Helsinki |
| 2021 | Follow that bird, Konstepidemin, Gothenburg, Sweden |
| 2021 | Kuvan Kevät, MFA Degree Show of the Academy of Fine Arts, The University of the Arts Helsinki, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki |

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- 2020 Bird Feeders, online exhibition organised by Sakari Tervo, Ekenäs
- 2020 Goblin Doors, online exhibition organised by Sakari Tervo, Helsinki
- 2020 Tranquil Playground, Totan/Betuno.io, Tokyo
- 2019–20 Season XII – The Finnish Season, Keep Your Garden Alive, Collectible Fair & Spazio Nobile Gallery, Brussels; Galerie de l'Institut finlandais & Révélations Biennale, Paris
- 2019 FemF Art 2019: How to Slow Rush, Titanik, Turku
- 2018 A Cave for Play, online exhibition organised by Sakari Tervo, Leikkiluola indoor playground, Helsinki
- 2018 A Passing Permanence, Space for Free Arts, Helsinki
- 2017 FemF Art, Valssaamo, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2017 Käänekohta, Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki
- 2016 Objects of Desire, Design Museum, Helsinki
- 2015–16 Recorded Matter: Ceramics in Motion, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA; Center for Craft, Creativity & Design, Asheville, NC; Arizona State University's Art Museum Ceramics Research Center, Tempe, AZ
- 2015 We Live Here, Stockholm Design Week
- 2015 Table Talks, Design Museum Arabia, Helsinki
- 2014 Finnish by Nature, Spazio Milano C'est Chic, Milan, Italy 2013–2014 Nordic Passion, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
- 2013 Norther Exhibition, Ventura Lambrate, Milan, Italy

Selected Duo Exhibitions and Projects

- 2024 Saline Binds, with Eetu Sihvonen, Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Tallinn
- 2023 Lavender Deal, as part of Niko Hallikainen's working group, Finnish Pavilion Without Walls, Performa Biennial 2023, New York City, USA
- 2022 wip, with Maija Fox & Vesa Rahikainen, Outo Olo, Helsinki
- 2022 Group Hug, with Jade Kallio, Elina Nissinen & Aleksi Martikainen, Project Room, Helsinki
- 2021 Midsummer Rose, with Lukas Malte Hobmann, Susan Kooi, Malibu, Susan Ploetz & Feminist Culture House, Outo Olo, Helsinki
- 2019 Shiga-Love and Magic Carpets, with Jussi Niskanen, Kämp Garden, Helsinki
- 2017 La Nuit des Idées, with Jussi Niskanen, Cité internationale des arts, Paris
- 2017 There Is A Light That Never Goes Out, with Johannes Ekholm & 111X, Sinne, Helsinki
- 2014 Dislocation, with Jesse Auersalo & Nina Merikallio, The Hole Gallery, New York City, USA

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Collections & Donations

Aalto University Executive Education (Aalto EE) Collection
City of Helsinki, HAM Helsinki Art Museum
Finnish National Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma
The Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art
Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park Art Collection, Japan
Finnish Art Society, Art Lottery 2019 & 2022
Tampere Art Museum collection
The Rafaela Seppälä Collection, Tiftö Foundation
State Art Deposit Collection, Finnish National Gallery

Awards & Nominees

2025 Young Artist of the Year Award, City of Tampere
2025 Pro Arte Award nominee, Didrichsen Art Museum
2017 Young Talent of the Year Award, Muoto-gala, Helsinki Design Week

Grants & Scholarships

2024 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant
2024 Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse, materials grant
2024 Frame Contemporary Art Finland, travel grant with Eetu Sihvonen
2024 Maecenas Kilta stipend
2023 The Greta and Alfred Runeberg Foundation, materials grant
2023 The Alfred Kordelin Foundation, working grant
2021-23 International mentoring programme of the Uniarts Helsinki's Academy of Fine Arts and The Saastamoinen Foundation
2022 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant
2022 Kone Foundation, working grant
2022 The Paulo Foundation, working grant
2022 Raimo Utriainen Art Foundation stipend
2021 The Finnish Art Society, young artist grant
2021 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Covid-19 grant
2021 The Greta ja William Lehtinen Foundation, working and materials grant
2021 The Anita Snellman Foundation stipend; Friends of the Academy of Fine Arts Society stipend, Kuvan Kevät 2021 MFA degree show
2020 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Covid-19 grant; project grant
2020 Academy of Fine Arts, University of the Arts Helsinki, materials grant
2019 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, materials grant
2018 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, working grant; materials grant
2017 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, working grant; travel grant with Jussi Niskanen
2017 Konstsamfundet, materials grant
2016 Svenska kulturfonden, travel grant with Jussi Niskanen
2015-16 The Swedish-Finnish Cultural Foundation, travel stipend
2013 Konstsamfundet, materials grant

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Commissioned and public works

2023 Dear Souvenir

Artwork for the Kuninkaantammi School and Daycare building Tammi, Kannelmäki Comprehensive School branch, in Helsinki, commissioned by the City of Helsinki and HAM Helsinki Art Museum

Residencies

2024 Fabrikken, Copenhagen funded by The Finnish Cultural Foundation

2018 Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park (SCCP), Shigaraki, Japan, funded by The Finnish Institute in Japan

2018 Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute, Jingdezhen, China, funded by Aalto EE & Aalto University

2017 Cité internationale des arts, Paris, as part of Jussi Niskanen's working group

Memberships & positions of trust

2021–2025 Jury member for Linnamo Award, Olga and Vilho Linnamo Foundation

2021–2022 The exhibition committee for The Association of Finnish Sculptors, Sculptor Gallery

2016– The Member of the Association of Finnish Sculptors

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