

# Pauliina Mäkelä

Born in 1980

Lives and works in Turku, Finland

## Education

- 2005 Media Studies, Visual Communication Program, Graphic Design Department, Lahti Institute of Design  
2003 Studies at the Krakow Academy of Fine Arts, Department of Graphic Arts

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 AER, Turku Art Hall  
Valoilmiö Festival, Hauho Church  
AER, FAIS-LE TOI-MÊME Gallery, Paris  
AER, art publication, HARMAA + Sormi Editions 2024–25 Pneuma, Lahti Museum of Visual Arts Malva  
2023 In Between Shadows, Pauliina Mäkelä & Kate Stone, Galleria Mältinranta, Tampere  
2022 Harhamat, Vallilan Panimo Gallery, Helsinki  
2021 Illustrator of the Year 2021 Award Exhibition, House of Arts, Turku  
2008 Mystic Sessions, Napa Gallery, Helsinki  
Parallel Spook, Ram Hotel Gallery, Bologna

## Selected Duo & Group Exhibitions

- 2025 Marras, KUBU, Kemiönsaari  
Marras, Vanha Kaivos, Outokumpu  
2024 Marras, Sanna Hukkanen, Hannele Richert, Pauliina Mäkelä, Amanda Vähämäki, Laterna Magica, Helsinki  
Kuumat kuplat, Kutikuti Comics Association 20th Anniversary Exhibition, Kouvola Art Museum  
2024 BIBF International Illustration Awards Exhibition, China National Convention Center, Beijing  
2022 Tapoja olla, K.H. Renlund Museum, Kokkola  
Puusta puuhun, Galleria Kuvitus, Helsinki  
2020 Kotka Art, Galleria Uusikuva, Kotka  
2016-17 Tempora Mutantur touring exhibition, Kutikuti 10th anniversary exhibition, including Geneva, Riga, Vladivostok, Oslo, Paris  
2016 Senso O, Pine Brooklyn, Osaka  
Piirrä nyt, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi  
2015 Piirrä nyt, Lahti Art Museum, Lahti  
2014 Senso O, Noon cafe, Osaka  
Kutikuti, Wayfarers Gallery, New York  
Aakkostoukka – Contemporary Comic Exhibition for Children and Adults, Muu Gallery, Helsinki

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- 2011 Jump into the Frame! – Great Finnish Comics, Design Museum, Helsinki  
 2008 Helsinki Biennale, Design Museum, Helsinki  
 White Noise, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen  
 White Noise, Space1026, Philadelphia  
 2007 Sprezzatura Maze, Customs Gallery, Glasgow  
 Going to bed, Heaven Gallery, Chicago

## Grants, Awards & Nominations

- 2025 Arts Promotion Center, exhibition grant  
 Arts Promotion Center, project grant  
 VISEK, working grant  
 2024 Arts Promotion Center, project grant  
 2023 World Illustration Awards, book cover design, Professional Category Winner (Fantasma)  
 Mikkeli Illustration Triennial, honorable mention  
 Most Beautiful Books 2022, honorable mention (Fantasma)  
 Arts Promotion Center, project grant  
 2021 Illustrator of the Year 2021 Award, Kuvittajat ry  
 2021–25 Kone Foundation, HARMAA working group, 4-year working grant  
 2017 3x3 International Illustration Show, Merit Award  
 Mikkeli Illustration Triennial, honorable mention  
 2009 Finlandia Prize for Children's and Youth Literature, finalist (Emilian päiväkirja – Supermarsu pelastaa silakat)  
 2007 Fumetto International Comix Competition winner, Lucerne, Switzerland  
 2006 Tikapuut Award, Karnevaalit -comic album, Vuoden Huiput 2005

## Film & Performing Arts

- 2024 Kultapalmut (2024, dir. Verna Kovanen). Experimental documentary short film in collaboration with Topias Tiheäsalo. Original concept, design, images, and projections. Lau Nau & Pauliina Mäkelä, Flow Festival  
 2022 SORMI EDITIONS – A publishing platform for sound recordings and visual art works, Sormi Editions, in collaboration with musician and composer Topias Tiheäsalo.  
 2021 KULTAPALMUT – Expanded cinema ensemble specializing in experimental live images and sound, Kultapalmut, together with guitarist Topias Tiheäsalo. Performances include: Sodankylä Film Festival, Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Galleria Forum Box, Cinema Orion, and Kalervo Kallio's Ateljeetalo.

## Residencies

- 2025 Ateljeesäätiö artist residence, Grassina Casa Finlandese, Italy  
 2012 Uusimaa Arts Council residency, Berlin  
 2011 Mustarinda, Hyrynsalmi, Finland

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