

TEEMU MÄKI: A SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE, 18.4.2025

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I'm a visual artist, writer, director (theatre, dance, opera & film) and researcher based in Helsinki (b.1967). Doctor of Fine Arts (Academy of Fine Arts, Finland, 2005) and the Chairperson of The Artists' Association of Finland. To me art is the best way to respond to the questions: "How should we live? Why should we keep on living? What is good life?" Art can be the most flexible, versatile and holistic form of philosophy and politics.

Exhibitions

- 62 solo exhibitions, for example in Galerija Arka (Vilnius), Helsinki Art Hall, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Laznia Museum of Contemporary Art (Gdansk, Poland), Art Museum of Estonia (Rotterdam, Tallinn, Estonia), Kemi City Art Museum, Aine Art Museum, Lönnström Museum, Jyväskylä City Art Museum, Oulu City Art Museum, Lapua Art Museum, Kunstihoone Tallinn, Critical Gallery (Turku, Finland), Freud's Dream Museum (St. Petersburg, Russia), Gallery Hippolyte, Galerie Anhava, Cable Gallery, Forum Box, MUU Gallery, Gallery Nefret, Gallery Peri...
- Over 250 group exhibitions.

Books

- *Jouluevankeliumi & Teoreema (kaksi näytelmää)*. Parvs Publishing. October 2024. Theatre plays.
- *Taiteen tehtävä* (third, expanded edition). Parvs Publishing 2023. Essays. (First edition published in 2017.)
- *Miten olla mies tai nainen tai jotain muuta?* Parvs Publishing 2021. Photographic art & text.
- *Poika ja pallo*. Gummerus Kustannus 2020. Poems.
- *Äidin oma*. LIKE 2016. Poems.
- *Maalarin silmin*. Into Kustannus 2014. A book about painting (artistic research).
- *Rääkypönttö*. WSOY 2010. Poems.
- *Kuolevainen*. WSOY 2008. Poems.
- *Darkness Visible – Essays on Art, Philosophy and Politics*. Finnish Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki 2007, orig. 2005, revised second print WSOY 2008.
- *Teemu Mäki*. Like 2002. About my visual art.

Theater (director & writer)

- *Posthuman / Ihmisen jälkeen*. Opera. Max Savikangas & Teemu Mäki. Dance House Helsinki, Musica Nova 2023.
- *ÉLIANE*, directed by Teemu Mäki & Maija Nurmio. Vaba Lava Theater Tallinn & Mad House Helsinki, 2020.
- *Homo Secundus*. Teemu Mäki & Miko Kivinen. Telakka Theatre, Minimi Dance Theatre, Tsuumi Dance, 2019.
- *The Gospel of Christmas*. Written & directed by Teemu Mäki, Kiasma Theatre, Helsinki, 2018.
- *Sinusta tulee koivu / You'll Be a Tree*. Written/directed by Teemu Mäki, STOA, Helsinki, 2017.
- *The Judge's Wife*, Riikka Talvitie's opera, directed by Teemu Mäki, Balder's House, Helsinki, 2017.
- *Transformations*. Written/directed by Teemu Mäki (& Transforces), Madhouse Helsinki 2016.
- *Autuus / Bliss*. Opera. Composer Antti Auvinen, director Teemu Mäki, HMC 2015 / Finnish National Opera 2021.
- *Teoreema*. Directed by Teemu Mäki & Niina Hosiasluoma, Takomo Theater, Helsinki, 2014.
- *Woyzeckmaterial*. Directed by Teemu Mäki & Arja Tiili, Teater Viirus, Helsinki, 2012.
- *All Matters*. Directed by Teemu Mäki & Arja Tiili, Kiasma Theatre & STOA Helsinki, 2010–2011.
- *Harmonia*. Written by Teemu Mäki (& Juha-Pekka Hotinen), Von Krahle Theatre, Tallinn, Estonia, 2007–2008.
- *Sulkapallo-ooppera / Badminton Opera*. Teemu Mäki, Juha-Pekka Hotinen, Max Savikangas, Kiasma Theatre, National Gallery, Helsinki, 2005.

Films, Videos and Radio works

- *RIVERBULLS (a letter to Vladimir Putin)*. Documentary film by Teemu Mäki / ISLE Productions. 2023.
- *Refugee Conversations / Pakolaiskeskusteluja*. Documentary film by Teemu Mäki / Greenlit Productions, YLE.
- *Madness and Civilization*. Directed by Teemu Mäki, commissioned by YLE Radio & TV, 2014.
- ...and 55 other works since 1988. Screened and exhibited in galleries, museums and festivals. First retrospective of video works held in Finnish National Gallery in 1995.

Works in Public Collections: Kiasma (Finnish National Gallery), Helsinki City Art Museum (Finland), Sara Hildén Art Museum (Tampere), EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art (Finland), Wihuri Foundation, Oulu Art Museum (Finland), State Art Collection (Finland), Saastamoinen Foundation (Espoo, Finland), Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum (Finland), Lapua Art Museum (Finland), Aine Art Museum (Finland), Nelimarkka Foundation (Finland), Aalto University (Finland).

Teaching and Curating: I was Professor of Visual Art in Aalto University, 2008–2013. I'm still occasionally lecturing in universities and presenting in conferences. I've been the tutor / examiner of numerous MA and PhD students and pre-examiner or examiner of doctoral dissertations. Curated many exhibitions/festivals and been a jury member in competitions. I also have a gallery: [Critical Gallery](#).

Grants, Scholarships, Residencies and Prizes: 123 grants, scholarships, residency grants and prizes.