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Jaakko Autio, sound and media artist, Oulu, Finland. Spatial listening installations made with communities since 2012.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2026-2029 Member of the Pool of Experts, Finnish Arts and Culture Agency (Kuvi).

2026 ON THE BORDER / Border Series audio essay selected as one of three finalists for Seismograf Peer.

2025 RE-VERB acquired for the collection of Aine Art Museum, Tornio.

2024 The Secrets of the Leaning Building, Tartu Art Museum, including Memories of the Leaning Building, named Estonia's Exhibition of the Year 2024.

2019 Body Notes (MimoArt Company) received the Best Piece Award, Macedonian National Theatre, Skopje.

2013 Tulilintu (Puppet Theatre Sampo) received the 2013 Thalia Award.

INSTALLATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

2027 INTER, Kristinestad, Kulturhuset Dux, Kristinestad. Permanent outdoor work commissioned by Community Art in Kristinestad Dux (forthcoming).

2026 INTER, Jurmo, Finnish Archipelago. In collaboration with the John Nurminen Foundation.

2026 INTER, Held, Galleria Oiva, Ylivieska.

2026 Arrival / Saapuminen, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu2026 project.

2025 INTER-WITHIN, One-to-One Festival, Oeiras and Oulu.

2025 RE-VERB, Aine Art Museum, Tornio (Snowball Effect), and KITA, Joutsa.

2025 RE-BIRTH, MUU Helsinki.

2025 RE-DITUS, Möhkönvirta Contemporary Art Exhibition, Ilomantsi.

2025 RE-SOUND, Galleria Aski, Turku, with Akasaka.

2025 RE-FLORIS, Galleria Villa Suruton, Savonlinna.

2025 TransLate, Aletheia Fest.

2025 Mirror, Under the Surface exhibition, ARS Kunstillinnak, Tallinn, Estonia.

2024-2025 Possible Worlds, Narva Art Residency, Estonia.

2024 Memories of the Leaning Building, Lundahl & Seidl in artistic collaboration with Jaakko Autio. In The Secrets of the Leaning Building, Tartu Art Museum, Estonia, 9 August 2024 to 2 February 2025. Curated by Hanna-Liis Kont; the exhibition received the Exhibition of the Year 2024 award at the Estonian Museum Awards.

2024 INTER-WITHIN (Nature Within, Part III: Anima), Urbana Hortus, Art Centre AHJO, Joensuu.

2024 Nature Within, Kiisu Theatre, Old Mine Residency, Outokumpu.

2023-2025 The Song of Time, Oulu Museum of Art, in care homes in Kainuu and Ostrobothnia.

2023-2024 OrigiNation, Joensuu Art Museum / M_itä Biennial, Tampere-Maja in Tartu, COMPOSTER in Tallinn, and Kerava.

2023 OWLA, Oulu Art Museum.

2023 KOHTA / HERE, Museum Island, Aholansaari, Nilsia.

2022 ON THE BORDER, Kreenholm and NART in Narva, KOGO in Tartu, Helsinki Opera House and Porvoo Art Factory.

2022 Interpersonal Space, Karbidi, Old Mine Residency, Outokumpu.

2022-2025 Table for Two, Turku Main Library, Kallio Library, Olohuone Festival, Volter Kilpi Literature Week, Vakka-Suomi cultural project, Malmitalo Gallery, Voipaala Art Centre and Annantalo, Helsinki.

2021-2022 Intimacy / Läheisyys, Kehä Festival, Oulu, and Gallery Aarni, Espoo.

2021 The Eye of the Source / Lähteen silmä, Galleria5 – Pimento, Oulu. Ritual sound sculpture.

2021 Sound Time / Äänen aika, Retretti, Punkaharju, and M_itä Biennial, Mikkeli Art Museum.

2021 Piste lin päälle, Kulttuurikauppila Residency, Ii. Outdoor sound installation.

2021 Helsinki, Ääreen event, Oodi, Helsinki. Projected 3D animation.

- 2020** From the Same Tree / Samasta puusta, virtual choir installation with the Kauhava church choir.
- 2020** Kinaesthetic Poetry, Akusmata Gallery, Helsinki. 11-channel sound installation.
- 2019** Grace / Armo, Herättäjäjuhlat, Nivala. 24-channel sound installation with the Raudaskylä choir.
- 2019** Toinen tila, Vapaan taiteen tila, Helsinki. 20-channel sound installation.
- 2014** Through you – a kinesthetic installation, Theatre Academy, Helsinki, directed by Gesa Piper.
- 2012** Singer, Kuulitko exhibition, Theatre Museum, Helsinki. Sound installation.

GRANTS AND COMMISSIONS

- 2026** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): four-month visual arts working grant.
- 2026** Community Art in Kristinestad Dux: residency and commission for INTER, Kristinestad, a permanent outdoor sound installation planned to open in 2027.
- 2026** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): project grant for INTER, Held.
- 2025** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): six-month working grant.
- 2025** Oulu2026: group grant for Arrival / Saapuminen.
- 2025** Lumo Art & Tech: group grant for Arrival / Saapuminen.
- 2025** Valistustalo: group grant for Arrival / Saapuminen.
- 2024** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): project grant for Possible Worlds / Narva.
- 2023** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): North Karelia regional grant.
- 2023** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu regional grant.
- 2023** Kimmo Kaivanto Foundation.
- 2023** Evangelical Lutheran Foundation for the Support of Science and Art.
- 2023** TTKT: KOHTA installation.
- 2022** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): Table for Two (Autio & Väyrynen).
- 2022** City of Turku: Table for Two (Autio & Väyrynen).
- 2022** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): COVID-19 grant.
- 2021** Finnish Cultural Foundation: NART residency grant.
- 2021** City of Helsinki: Sati Dérive sound walk.
- 2021** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike): COVID-19 grant.
- 2020** AVEK: Intimacy.
- 2020** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike) and Finnish Cultural Foundation: Sound Asleep / Unten mailla (Moriwaki & Autio).
- 2020** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike) and Finnish Cultural Foundation: COVID-19 grants.
- 2019** AVEK: From the Same Tree.
- 2019** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike) and Finnish Cultural Foundation: Grace.
- 2018** Kyösti Kallio Foundation: Grace.

RESIDENCIES

- 2027** Väinö Tanner Foundation, Mazzano Romano, Italy: Writer's House residency (forthcoming).
- 2027** Takahuhti Artist Residency, Tampere (forthcoming).
- 2026** Kantamus residency, Outokumpu.
- 2026** Community Art in Kristinestad Dux, Kristinestad.
- 2025** AARK, Korpo.
- 2025** Tornio Museum Residency.
- 2024** Haihatus, Joutsa.
- 2024** Old Mine, Outokumpu.
- 2023** Tohmajärvi Artist Residency.
- 2023** AARK, Korpo.
- 2022** NART, Narva, Estonia.
- 2022** Old Mine, Outokumpu.
- 2021** Hakoniemi, Rääkkylä.

- 2021** Kulttuurikauppila, li.
2021 AARK, Korpo.
2020 Old Mine, Outokumpu.
2020 AARK, Korpo.
2018 Gjesteatelieret, Vadsø, Norway.

COLLECTIONS

- 2025** RE-VERB acquired by Aine Art Museum, Tornio.

COLLABORATIONS

- 2025** RE-SOUND, with Akasaka.
2024 Meeting Point, YÖ Gallery, Helsinki, with Akasaka.
2023 Waiting Room, Montoro12 Gallery, Brussels. Artists: Terike Haapoja and Laura Gustafsson. Jaakko Autio: field recording and sound installation implementation for the original work.
2021 Waiting Room, Seinäjoki Art Hall. Artists: Terike Haapoja and Laura Gustafsson. Jaakko Autio: field recording and sound installation implementation.
2021 Sati Dérive, GPS audio walk, Mad House Helsinki, directed by Johanna Matruka.
2021 Helmipunoja, Galleria Nykyaika, Tampere: music for media works by Mari Hokkanen.
2021 Topics of Weightlessness, Gallery Hippolyte, Helsinki: sound design for short films and exhibition, directed by Marjaana Rantama and Ylva Holländer.
2019 Waiting Room, Zone2Source, Amsterdam. Artists: Terike Haapoja and Laura Gustafsson. Jaakko Autio: field recording and sound installation implementation.
2019 Tarda, Forum Box, Helsinki: sound design for Ylva Holländer's video projections.
2018 Clown Conference, Gjesteatelieret, Vadsø, Norway, directed by Jaakko Autio and Laura Rämä.
2008 Turndramatiks, Fennofolk New Nordic Oddity, Design Museum, Helsinki, directed by Janne Masalin.

THEATRE, PERFORMANCE AND COMPOSITION

- 2003-2026** Sound design, sound dramaturgy and composition for theatre, dance, performance, television and radio drama.
2017-2026 Body Notes, MimoArt Company, directed by Mimosa Lindahl. Touring production: premiere at Stoa, Helsinki, 2017; Macedonian National Theatre, Skopje, 2019 (Best Piece Award); Theatre Olympics, 2023; Tanssin talo, Helsinki, 2024; Stoa and the Taidetestaajat programme, 2025-2026.
2017-2025 12 Gifts for Santa / 12 lahjaa joulupukille, Helsinki City Theatre, directed by Kimmo Virtanen. Sound design and music; annual Christmas production.
2021 Gladys, Vertigo & Turku City Theatre, directed by Ishwar Maharaj. Sound design.
2021 Liekki, Kulttuurimylly, Valon juhla, Kalasatama, Helsinki, directed by Maria Baric.
2020 30%OFF, Cultural Centre Caisa, directed by Mirva Mäkinen. Sound design.
2019 Vihainen leski / Angry Widow, Helsinki City Theatre, main stage, directed by Kimmo Virtanen.
2019 Bette-D, Ahaa Theatre, directed by Marika Vapaavuori.
2019 Bunny T Comeback!, Hurjaruuth, Naisklovi evening, directed by Taina Mäki-Iso.
2018 Touch, Dance Theatre Hurjaruuth, Punainen helmi festival. Co-directed by Laura Rämä and Jaakko Autio.
2018 Ajan ja paikan ulottumattomissa, Dance Theatre Tsuumi & working group, directed by Mirva Mäkinen. Sound design.
2017 Katri Helena, music theatre, Kuopio New Summer Theatre, directed by Kimmo Virtanen.
2017 Vakavuusongelma / Gravity Problem, Kouvola City Theatre, directed by Satu Linnapuomi.
2016 Tapsan tähti, music theatre, Kuopio New Summer Theatre, directed by Johanna Sorjonen.
2015 Den Älskande, Svenska Teatern, Nicken stage, directed by Helena Hasselblatt.
2015 Susi, Ahaa Theatre, directed by Kimmo Virtanen.
2015 Solistina Olavi Virta, Kuopio New Summer Theatre, directed by Kimmo Virtanen.
2014-2015 Head of Sound, Kokkola City Theatre: Onnellinen perhe, Säikky, Metsäjätti and Marian lapset.
2014 Oi mikä ihana ilta, Kuopio New Summer Theatre, directed by Kimmo Virtanen.

- 2013** Tulilintu, Puppet Theatre Sampo, directed by Maria Baric. Sound design. The production received the 2013 Thalia Award.
- 2013** Unelmia etsimässä, Puppet Theatre Sampo, directed by Maria Baric.
- 2013** Toivotaan toivotaan!, Kuopio New Summer Theatre, directed by Kimmo Virtanen.
- 2013** Human Condition, Circus Maximus, Korjaamo, Helsinki, directed by Jyrki Pylväs and Akse Petterson.
- 2011** Samanlainen onni, Teatteri Vantaa, directed by Seppo Honkonen.
- 2010** Maa-Ilma, Puppet Theatre Sampo, directed by Maria Baric.
- 2010** Jos oisin jo iso, Teatteri Vantaa, directed by Seppo Honkonen.
- 2009** Päättä ja häntää, Dance Theatre Minimi, directed by Johanna Keinänen.
- 2008** Mestari, Yle TV2, directed by Titte Saalamo. Composition of the television series' theme music and score.
- 2007** Hiihtoloma, radio play, Yle Radio Theatre, directed by Sakari Kirjavainen.

TEACHING

- 2026** University of Lapland: sound art and environmental listening.
- 2026** Uniarts Helsinki, Theatre Academy: course on sound design and dramaturgy.
- 2025** SAMK, Kankaanpää: media art course.
- 2024-2025** Rantasalmi Upper Secondary School: introductory studio course and sound dramaturgy.
- 2023** Uniarts Helsinki, Theatre Academy: guest lecturer.

EXPERT ROLES

- 2026-2029** Taide- ja kulttuurivirasto (Kuvi), Finland: member of the national Pool of Experts for arts and culture; peer review of artists' grant applications, prize nominations and statements on community funding.
- 2023** S+T+ARTS GRIN, Oulu University of Applied Sciences: evaluator of artist residency applications.

TALKS AND PANELS

- 2026** AVARA Art&Tech, Oulu, 18-20 November: panel on sound as a spatial element and shared listening session (forthcoming).
- 2026** Kuule, Satula, Oulu, 26 November: public listening event (forthcoming).
- 2025** Kulttuurikahvila, Kulttuurikellari, Savonlinna: artist talk on sound art and the RE series.

WRITTEN WORKS AND ARTIST BOOKS

- 2026** Meri kuuntelee meissä: trilingual artist book connected to INTER, Jurmo.
- 2026** SALATTU: artist book connected to INTER, Held.
- 2026** ON THE BORDER / Border Series: audio paper in development for Seismograf Peer; shortlisted for full submission and peer review.
- 2026** Spatial Listening Architectures I / Tilallisen kuuntelemisen arkkitehtuureja I: writings on practice, 2008-2026. Finnish and English editions.
- 2026** Spatial Listening Architectures II / Tilallisen kuuntelemisen arkkitehtuureja II: The Weight of the Speaker / Kaiuttimen paino. Finnish and English editions.
- 2013 / 2026** Sound Without a Ready-Made Meaning / Ääni ilman valmista merkitystä: revised edition of MA thesis.
- 2008** Space, Time, and Silence in Theatre Sound Design: Bachelor's thesis, Metropolia.

MEMBERSHIPS

Oulu Artists Association; AV-arkki; Helsinki Artists' Association; Teosto; Gramex; Kuvasto; MUU ry; Teme / SVÄL; Nordic Artists' Union.

EDUCATION

- 2010-2013** MA, Sound Design, Theatre Academy, Uniarts Helsinki.
- 2003-2008** Bachelor of Culture and Arts, Film Sound Design, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences.