

JAAKKO MATTILA

Born in Oulu, Finland in 1976 Jaakko studied and graduated from The Surrey Institute of Art & Design University College in 2001. His works have been exhibited in galleries and institutions as far and wide as Japan, the United Kingdom, Italy and France. He has done several public sculptures and his work is held in various prestigious collections including Sara Hildén Art Museum and the state of Finland.

Mattila's works examine the axial conditions of light by using illusion and nature to form a unique visual language. At times, this manifests in constructive investigations through art into concepts such as infinity, smallness, greatness and time. In his creations, Mattila uses various techniques including watercolour, printmaking, oil paint and alkyd, in addition to printmaking, sculpture and collaborations in community art projects. The dimensions of his works also vary – from minute to monumental – reinforcing the field of vision and perception within a visionary tradition of art.

The various patterns that often emerge from his works - spheres, cubes and spirals - can be considered fragments of universal blocks, the foundations of nature that move from micro to macro-cosmic. This gives his paintings a feeling of recession, and also the idea that they are able to open up to a landscape of infinite possibilities and rhizomatic becoming.



SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selection)

- 2026 Atelier Clot, Bramsen & Brunholt, Paris
- 2025 Atelier Clot, Bramsen & Brunholt, Svendborg
Galleria Ama, Helsinki
- 2024 Galleria Himmelblau, Tampere
- 2023 Galleria Ama, Helsinki
- 2021 Grafiikanpaja Himmelblau, Tampere
- 2020 Galleria Harmaja, Oulu
- 2019 Impossibility of an Island (with EGS), Herrick Gallery, London
- 2018 Galleria Himmelblau, Tampere
- 2017 Make Your Mark Gallery, Helsinki
- 2016 Galleria Ama, Helsinki
- 2015 Made in Japan 2, Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo
- 2014 EMMA (Espoo Museum of Modern Art)
- 2012 The Year of the Dragon, Oulu Museum of Art
- 2011 Lowest Common Denominator, James Hockey Gallery, Farnham, UK
- 2010 Made in Japan, Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selection)

- 2026 Deux Soleil, Finlayson Art Area, Tampere
- 2025 Geometrische Wirklichkeiten, Sammlung Peters-Messer, Viersen, Germany
- 2024 3DaysOfDesign, Noma Projects, Copenhagen
Atelier Clot, Bramsen & Brunholt, Svendborg, Denmark
- 2023 Papier, Delphian Gallery, Ligne, France
Epäjohtonmukaisten Tanssiaiset, Kuusamo, Finland
- 2022 Un Soleil, 5160 Verdun Quai, Montreal, Canada
Flow Festival Helsinki, Pylväsvuo with Jussi Ängeslevä

- 2021 Un Soleil, Maison de la Culture de Notre Dame, Montreal, Canada
- 2021 22. Triennale Grenchen, Switzerland
Wave Formation, Make Your Mark gallery, Helsinki
- 2020 Haihatus, summer exhibition, Joutsa
Finlayson Art Area, Tampere
- 2019 Himmelblau at Gumbostrand Kost & Form, Sipoo
- 2018 Monkey and a Waterfall, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere
Silicone Valley of the North, Oulu Museum of Art
- 2017 Dreamaholic. Kunst Aus Finland- Miettinen Collection. Weserburg Museum
For the Cow to Dance, Drag it on the Ice, Samuelis Baumgarte Galerie GER,
Yhtä Juhlää!, Rovaniemi Museum of Art
- 2016 Shuffle, Herrick Gallery, London
HEL-BER-MOD, Galeria Arktika, Marktoberdorf, with Stefan Harmanus
- 2015 Inter Nation Art, HDLU, Zagreb, Croatia (curated by Jan Kage)
Grenchen Triennale, Switzerland
Movements, Galerie Arktika, Marktoberdorf, Germany
- 2014 Galleria Himmelblau, Tampere
Planet Suvilahti, Tiivistämö, Suvilahti, Helsinki
- 2013 55th Venice Biennale, Maldivian Pavillion, Body of Water / Joan of Art
Purnu summer exhibition, Finland
Line drawn in Water, Hyvinkää Museum of Art, Hyvinkää, Finland
- 2012 'Plate', Herrick Gallery, London
- 2011 Youkobo Collection Exhibition, Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo
- 2010 Condition OK! and other new Art, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere
- 2009 Flash, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
Worth Painting, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland

ART FAIRS (selection)

- 2025 Enter Art Fair, (Atelier Clot)
Art Herring (Atelier Clot)
- 2024 Enter Art Fair, Copenhagen (Make Your Mark Gallery)
- 2023 Enter Art Fair, Copenhagen (Make Your Mark Gallery)
- 2022 Market Art Fair, Stockholm Sweden, solo pres. (Make Your Mark Gallery)
- 2019 Original Print Fair, Royal Academy of Arts, London (Galleria Himmelblau)
- 2018 Art Bodensee, Germany (Galerie Arktika)
- 2017 Art Bodensee, Germany (Galerie Arktika)
Affordable Art Fair, Hamburg (Galerie Arktika)
- 2016 Signature /Art Helsinki, Curated by Klaus Haapaniemi (Galleria Ama)
Original Print Fair, Royal Academy of Arts, London (Galleria Himmelblau)
- 2015 Original Print Fair, Royal Academy of Arts, London (Galleria Himmelblau)
Art Bodensee, Germany (Galerie Arktika)
- 2014 Original Print Fair, Royal Academy of Arts, London (Galleria Himmelblau)
Affordable Art Fair, Milan (Galerie Arktika)
- 2013 Original Print Fair, Royal Academy of Arts, London (Galleria Himmelblau)
Art Bodensee, Germany (Galerie Arktika)
Art Karlsruhe, Germany (Galerie Arktika)
- 2012 Affordable Art Fair, Hamburg (Galerie Arktika)
Art Karlsruhe, Germany (Galerie Arktika)
- 2011 Art Bodensee, Austria (Galerie Arktika)
Berlin Liste, Germany (Galerie Arktika)

RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Noma Projects, Copenhagen, Denmark (ongoing)
- 2015 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 Youkobo Art Space, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 - 2004 Taidekeskus Salmela, Mäntyharju, Finland

PUBLIC WORKS

- 2023 'Homo Sapiens' Oulu University Hospital, with Jussi Ängeslevä
- 2021 Elokehä, Hoivatilat OY, Oulu (by: Pave Mikkonen, Jaakko Mattila & EGS)
- 2017 Espoo New Hospital, Terminal Care Unit, Espoo, Finland
- 2015 Pylväsvuo, Ylivieska with Jussi Ängeslevä, by Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2013 'Hole 45', 45-Special, Oulu
- 2012 Sandy Hill Art Project, Farnham, UK
- 2008 Omat Kuviot (community art, Oulun Museum of Art, Toppila)
- 2007 Detail of the cosmos, (45 remix)-mural, Ravintola 45 Special, Oulu
- 2006 Mural (with Petri Yrjölä), Ravintola 45 Special, Oulu
- 2005 Pallautuneet, commissioned by Oulu Art Museum, Nallikari Camping, Oulu

PUBLICATIONS (selection)

- 2023 Art. Dottir Attorneys, Finland
- 2021 22. Triennale Grenchen catalogue, Switzerland
- 2019 Works on Paper, Garret Publications
- 2017 Toipuminen ja taide Espoon sairaalassa. EMMA

- Pohjavirta, Suomen Kulttuurirahasto, Pohjois-Pohjanmaan Maakuntarahasto
Dreamoholic: Art from Miettinen Collection, Weserburg Museum Moderne Kunst
- 2017 For the Cow to Dance, Drag it on the Ice, Samuelis Baumgarte Galerie
- 2014 N=000° EMMA / Kari Huhtamo art foundation
- 2013 Portable Nation 55. la Biennale di Venezia, Maldives Pavilion
- 2012 Year of the Dragon, Oulu Museum of Art
Its only just begun, Youkobo Art Space, Tokio
- 2011 Space 04, James Hockey & Foyer Galleries
Taidetalkkari, Oulu Museum of Art
- 2010 Olotila OK! ja muuta taidetta, Sara Hilden Art Museum,
Homanen/Mattila/Törmänen, exhibition catalogue
- 2009 Flash! Sahim, Sara Hilden Art Museum
'Prosenttitaiteen Vuoksi', Oulu Museum of Art
Worth Painting, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Painters Union
- 2008 'Teoksia 2003-2008', (catalogue, self published, 80pages.) (700pcs.)

COLLECTIONS (selection)

- The State of Finland
- The Collection of The Prime Ministers Office (Portrait of President Sauli Niinistö among 100 artists).
- Cities of Oulu, Tampere, Ylivieska, Mäntyharju and Oulunsalo
Sara Hildén Art Museum
- Espoo Museum of Modern Art (EMMA)
- Oulu Museum of Art
- Tampere Museum of Art
- Aine Art Museum, Tornio
- Kastrupgaard Samlingen, Copenhagen Denmark
- Jenny and Antti Wihuri foundation
- Youkobo Collection, Japan
- Scope co. Collection, Japan
- University for the Creative Arts (UCA) Farnham, UK
- Miettinen Collection, Berlin
- Kyösti Kakkonen Collection
- Putte's Collection, Helsinki
- Jens-Peter Brask Collection, Copenhagen
- Sebastian Vettel Collection, Switzerland
- Pekka Mattila Collection, Helsinki
- Dottir Attorneys / Lindgren Collection, Helsinki
- Noma Restaurant, Copenhagen
- Opus Arisugawa Terrace (by R100 TOKYO & OEO Design) Japan
- Kaleva Newspaper
- Oulu University Hospital, Espoo Hospital (Terminal Care Unit)
- Tampere University Hospital
- Tampereen Invalidiliitto, Vantaa Innovation Institute, Flow Festival
- Pave Architects plus many more significant public collections
- Represented also in numerous private collections in Finland, United Kingdom, several EU countries, Switzerland, USA, Japan, Hong Kong, China and India