

BIOGRAPHY

Esa Lukala b.1945 is a multidisciplinary artist, working and living in Helsinki, Finland.

Member of:

- Ornamo, (The Finnish Association of Designers), since 1974
- Artists O (A Society of Artists) since 2014.

He holds Digigraphie® by Epson' certification.

Lukala began his career by studying drawing and painting at Turku Art Society's Drawing School from 1967-1969. During this time he became interested in printmaking methods and especially lithography. He went on to the University of Industrial Arts, in Helsinki where he studied fashion and photography between 1969-1973.

Lukala first exhibited his visual art in 1964-1979, during which time he also got known for designing jewellery for Turun Hopea Oy and Kultateollisuus Ky.

Whilst photography and the visual arts were always important and powerful influences, it was fashion Lukala dedicated himself to after graduating.

As a fashion designer Lukala has received recognition and numerous prestigious awards for his work. In 1980 and 1984 his designs were selected to be worn by the Finnish Olympic Team.

In 1990 he was named Fashion Designer of the Year, and 1995 he was awarded by the Kultainen Vaatepuu, for the Preston label he designed for L-Fashion Group Oy.

There was a period when Lukala worked artistically on commissions alongside his fashion design career, but did not exhibit. But in 2009 Lukala marked a return with a new body of work and a string of solo and group exhibitions, commissions and projects, that he is still actively developing to this day.

1964

Group Exhibition, Printmaking, Turun Kuvataiteilijat ry. (Turku Visual Artists' Group)
Group Exhibition, Printmaking, Turun Suomalainen Säästöpankki, Exhibition Space

1966

Joint Exhibition, Jewellery, University of Turku, (TVO)
Ylioppilaiden Taidetapahtuma, Paintings, Turku Art Museum
Turku Artists' Association Collective Exhibition, Paintings, Helsinki Art Hall

1967

Joint Exhibition, Paintings, Kemist Klubben, Åbo Akademi University
Solo Exhibition, Jewellery, Galleria Pinx, Helsinki
Jewellery, Frankfurt Applied Arts Fair represented by Turun Hopea Oy

1968

Group Exhibition, Paintings, Ekenäs Museum.
Joint Exhibition, Paintings by Sea, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, Turku

1975

Group Exhibition, Valtakunnan näyttely, Paintings, Alvar Aalto-museo, Jyväskylä

2009

Urban Landscapes, Mixed Media, Villa Mac, Tampere

2010

Overpainted Nude Photographs, Manilla, Turku

2011

Urban Landscapes, Mixed Media, Galleria Johan S, Helsinki

ArtHelsinki Contemporary Art Fair, Mixed Media, represented by SL-Projects

2012

Stockholm's Affordable Art Fair, Mixed Media, represented by SL-Projects

ArtHelsinki Contemporary Art Fair, Mixed Media, represented by SL-Projects

2013

Reformed Landscapes, SL-Projects Galleria in Helsinki

Urban Landscapes, represented by SL-Projects, Vanha Postitalo, Helsinki

ArtHelsinki Contemporary Art Fair, Mixed Media, represented by SL-Projects

2014

Solo Exhibition, O Gallery, Helsinki

Helsinki Contemporary Art Fair, Mixed Media, represented by SL-Projects

2015

Urban Landscapes, Mixed Media, Galleria at Kulttuuritehdas Korjaamo in Helsinki,

Group Exhibition, 'arSboretum 15', Galleria Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Kemiö

Lukala was selected to work as an Artist in Residence the Finnish Cultural Institute in New York in 1993, 1997 and 2003.

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