

## **Pirjo Nykänen**

is a painter and photographer. She lives and works in Kemi, on the Finnish Gulf of Bothnia. Her life and work defer strongly to the changing of the seasons. On several occasions while working abroad, she experienced different rewarding environments rewarding and her own northern identity in greater depth. Nykänen often works to convey the story of a woman's life. Cloths, curtains and bedclothe are domestic elements she uses. Light-created spaces are of interest to her and thus the unifying element in her painting and photography. In her works, she does not seek for the customary beauty. Human life is interesting in all its joys and sorrows.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### MAIN TECHNIQUES

Acryl and oil paintings, photographs

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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| 2014 | Black Wall Gallery, Vaasa, Finland with Anssi Hanhela  |
| 2013 | Gallery Metsola, Oulu, Finland   |
| 2013 | Theater restaurant city of Kemi, Finland   |
| 2013 | From Lempi to Liida, Gallery Kellokas, Äkäslompolo, Finland  |
| 2012 | Gallery Kapriisi, Tampere, Finland   |
| 2012 | Korundi, Own strawberry patch and Cloths, Artist of the month, Rovaniemi, Finland                  |
| 2011 | Art Center Ahjo, Joensuu, Finland  |
| 2010 | Särestöniemi, Kittilä, Frost V, Artinst Association of Lapland, Finland                            |
| 2010 | Inclined Window - Gallery Uusi Kipinä, Lahti, Finland  |
| 2009 | Other side of Bilberry forest- Gallery 5, Oulu, Finland  |
| 2009 | Northern - Gallery Carree, Kuopio, Finland with Marjo Hyttinen                                     |
| 2008 | Other side of Bilberry forest- Gallery Napa, Rovaniemi, Finland                                    |
| 2008 | Gallery Sarajärvi, Helsinki, Finland   |
| 2007 | Gallery Voima, Kemi, Finland   |
| 2006 | Art hall Kalix, Sweden   |
| 2006 | Sodankylä library, Frost IV, Finland   |
| 2004 | Journey Trough Time - Gallery Myötätuuli, Raahe, Finland   |
| 2003 | Journey Trough Time - Gallery Kaamos, Kuusamo, Finland   |
| 2003 | Tullimakasiini small gallery, Kemi, Finland  |
| 2002 | Nature frames paintings at Kiikeli, enviromental art, Kemi, Finland                                |
| 2002 | Artist of the month, Artist association of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland                             |
| 2001 | Frost III, Pello, Finland  |
| 2001 | De døde digteres park - Henrik Have, No, environmental art and painting in Hee, Rinköping, Denmark |
| 2001 | Kemi Museum of Art, Finland  |
| 2000 | Gallery Art Halvare, Oulu, Finland   |
| 2000 | Tullimakasiini, Kemi, Finland  |
| 1999 | Nine paintings in Woodland, Carrowdore, Northern Ireland   |
| 1998 | Pohjolan Sanomat Gallery, Kemi, Finland  |
| 1997 | Civic center, restaurant Merituuli, Kemi, Finland  |
| 1997 | Gallery 1, Turku, Finland  |
| 1997 | Kemi Museum of History, Finland  |
| 1997 | Gemstone Gallery, Kemi, Finland  |
| 1996 | Särestöniemi, Kittilä, Finland   |
| 1995 | Gallery Art Halvare, Oulu, Finland   |
| 1995 | Pohjolan Sanomat Gallery, Kemi, Finland  |

- 1994 Café Sandwitz, Rovaniemi, Finland  
 1994 Tori Gallery, Kemi, Finland

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 Vinkka - Northern Wind, Gallery Carree, Kuopio, Finland  
 2010 On the Steps, Kemi Museum of Art, Finland  
 2009 Home Today, The Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Finland  
 2008 Laptraktia, Gallery Kellokas, Äkäslompolo, Finland  
 2008 Contact Group, At the border, Haparanda, Sweden  
 2004 Contact Group, Third Connection. Seinäjoki Art Hall, Finland  
 2000 Project Läsnä, Kajaani, Finland  
 2000 D´Artnet Finland, At Border of Apocalypse - exhibition  
 The Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Kajaani Museum of Art,  
 Lönnström Museum of Art, Rauma, Riihimäki Museum of Art, Finland  
 1999 Kemi Morte, Kemi, Finland  
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 1998 Frost II, University of Lapland Gallery, Rovaniemi, Finland  
 1997 Project Kuula, Kemi, Finland  
 1996 Project Kuula, Rovaniemi, Finland  
 1995 Frost I, Kemijärvi, Finland  
 1990 Pohjolan Sanomat Gallery, Kemi, Finland

## JOINT EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 The Snowball Effect 2, Northern Finland Biennale, Korundi, Rovaniemi,  
 Finland  
 2013 Extremities and Contrasts, Artists' Association of Lapland, Ivalo, Finland  
 2012 PolArt2k – Exhibition of Political Art, Kemi Museum of Art, Finland  
 2012 War or Peace? Union of Finnish Art Association, South Karelia Museum  
 of Art, Lappeenranta, Finland  
 2011 Art Forum, Helsinki, Finland  
 2011 Art Show and Shop Art - Artists' Association of Kemi summer exhibition,  
 Kemi, Finland  
 2010 NYT Artists' Association of Lapland, Cable Factory Puristamo, Helsinki,  
 Finland  
 2010 Sekametelelisoppaa, Artists' Association of Kemi, Finland  
 2009 Syyssoppaa, Artists' Association of Kemi, Finland  
 2009 On the road to North, Kärsämäki Villa Havu, Finland  
 2009 Billnäs Summer Exhibition, Billnäs, Finland  
 2009 Fresh, Artists' Association of Kemi, Kemi 140 Years, Finland  
 2008 Spiral, Union of Finnish Art Association, Imatra Museum of Art, Finland  
 2008 Syyssoppaa, Artists' Association of Kemi, Finland  
 2008 Kakslauttanen, Artists' Association of Lapland, Finland  
 2007 Etelä-Napa, Artists' Association of Lapland, Gallery Rantakasarmi,  
 Helsinki, Finland  
 2007 Joulunapa, Artists' Association of Lapland, Rovaniemi Finland  
 2007 Kemi Museum of Art, 60 Years Anniversary Exhibition, Finland  
 2006 Artists' Association of Lapland, Rovaniemi Museum of Art, Finland  
 2005 Artists' Association of Lapland, Konstens hus, Luleå, Sweden  
 2005 Artists' Association of Kemi, Museum of History, Finland  
 2004 Artists' Association of Kemi, 30 Years Anniversary Exhibition  
 2004 Fever, Union of Finnish Art Association summer exhibition, Kemi  
 Museum of Art, Finland

2004	Gallery Napa, Artists' Association of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland
2003	Kemin Museum of History, Artists' Association of Kemi, Finland
2003	Gallery Napa, Artists' Association of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland
2002	Kerava Museum of Art, Artists' Association of Lapland, Finland
2002	Artists' Association of Kemi, Tullimakasiini, Kemi, Finland
2001	Artists' Association of Kemi, Tullimakasiini, Kemi, Finland
1999	Artists' Association of Kemi, Kemi Museum of Art, Finland
1999	Union of Finnish Art Association 61 Years Anniversary Exhibition, Pieksämäki, Finland
1999	Artists' Association of Kemi, Székesfehérvár, Hungary
1999	Artists' Association of Lapland, Ranua, Finland
1999	Kiven aika, Artists' Association of Lapland, Kemi, Finland
1998	Union of Finnish Art Association 60. Years Anniversary Exhibition Savonlinna, Finland
1998	Artists' Association of Oulu and Artists' Association of Lapland, Oulu, Finland
1997	Regional Exhibition of Lapland Province, The Aine Museum of Art, Tornio, Finland
1997	Artists' Association of Kemi, Kemi, Finland
1997	Artists' Association of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland
1997	Artists' Association of Lapland, Ivalo, Finland
1996	Artists' Association of Lapland, Sodankylä, Finland
1996	Artists' Association of Kemi, Oulu, Finland
1996	Artists' Association of Kemi, Kemi, Finland
1996	Ars Arctica, Rovaniemi, Finland
1995	Virtaa, Artists' Association of Lapland, Haparanda, Sweden
1995	Artists' Association of Kemi and Camer Club ...kittiä kanssa, Finland
1994	Union of Finnish Art Association 56. Years Anniversary Exhibition, Lappeenranta, Finland
1994	Maalaustaiteen mestariteos, Alajärvi, Finland
1990-1995	Artists' Association of Kemi, Finland
1987-1990	Kemi Art School

## OTHER

2006	International Artist residency Gamzigrad Zajecar, Serbia
2005	The Art Council of Lapland's Artist residency, Berlin, Germany
2003	Finnish Artists Association, residence Grassina, Florence, Italy
2001	The Art Council of Lapland's Artist residency, Brno, Czech Republic
1999	Ards sculpture symposium, Northern Ireland
1998	9. Agár.dimüvesztelep., Székesfehérvár, Hungary
1996	International Snow carving Festival, Kemi Snow Castle, Finland
1992	Mural, Never Grow Old Bar, Oulu, Finland

## PUBLIC WORKS AND WORKS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

"It's A Long Way to Tipperary" The Syväkangas School, Kemi, Finland  
 "Lohtumaisema" Central Hospital of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland  
 Kalix City Art Collection, Sweden  
 National Museum of Zajecar, Serbia  
 "Muistan, kun" Vocational College Lappia, Finland  
 "Taimiten istutus" The Kivikko School, Kemi, Finland  
 Rovaniemi Art Museum Collection  
 Kemi Art Museum Collection  
 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Lapland Regional Fund Collection  
 Aine Art Museum Collection

Central Hospital of Länsi-Pohja, Finland  
Székesfehérvár City Art Collectio, Hungary  
Särestöniemi Museum Foundation, Kittilä, Finland  
Newtownards City Collection, Northern Ireland

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

The Arts Council of Lapland, ½ -year Artist Grant 2014  
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant  
The Arts Council of Lapland, project grants  
The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Lapland Regional Fund  
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, group  
Foundation of Culture and Science Kemi 2000  
Kemi City grants  
Kemi City Artist award 2002

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Finnish Painters' Union  
The Artists' Association of Lapland  
The Artists' Association of Kemi

## **POSITIONS OF TRUST**

Chairman of The Artists' Association of Lapland 2002,  
Member of board in The Artists' Association of Lapland, 1996,  
vice chairman 1998-99, 2000-01, 2003  
Chairman of The Artists' Association of Kemi 1999 and 2008-11,  
Member of board in The Artists' Association of Kemi, 1992-97