

Jaan Toomik

Born in 1961, Tartu (EE)
Lives and works in Tallin (ES)



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EDUCATION

1985–1991 Estonian Academy of Arts, faculty of painting

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

KIASMA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki (FI)
Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris (FR)
Fondazione Nicola Trussardi, Milan (IT)
Sammlung Hoffmann, Berlin (DE)
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam (NL)

AWARDS AND MENTIONS

2013 Residency in Mazzano Romano, U. Tanners foundation
2008 54. International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, prize from organizers
2008 Annual award from Cultural Endowment of Estonia for artistic activity in 2007
2006 NIFCA Artist Residencies, Bergen
2005 Konrad Mägi art award, Estonia
2003 Baltic Assembly Annual Art Award
2000 NIFCA Artists' Residencies, Hafnarborg
1999 State Prize of the Republic of Estonia
1999 Chicago Artist International Program
1997 Prize from the 5th annual exhibition of the Soros Center for Contemporary Arts, Estonia
1997 Sinebrychoff Eesti Ltd.
1997 Art Pace, San Antonio, Texas
1995 UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts, special mention, Paris
1994 Kristjan Raud annual art award, Estonia

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Decoding the Landscape*, KUMU Art Museum (EE)
2023 *Tallinn Forest Turn*, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn (EE)
2022 *People and Other Creatures*, Artra Gallery, Milan (IT)
2021 *In Blue and Green*, Haapsalu City Gallery, Haapsalu (EE)
2021 *Jaan Toomik in Viljandi*, Rüki gallery, Viljandi (EE)
2020 *Selfie as a Seagull*, ARS Project Space, Tallinn (EE)
2019 *My End is My Beginning. And My Beginning is My End*, **Moscow Museum of Modern Art** (RU)
2019 Astrid Svangren / Jaan Toomik (cur. Anders Kreuger), Kohta, Helsinki (FI)

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- 2019 *Jaan Toomik: Oleg*, Kunsthaus Dresden, Dresden (DE)
- 2018 *A Theatre of Gestures* (cur. Andris Brinkmanis), The Mukusala Art Salon, Riga (LVA)
- 2017 *How the West Was Left* (cur. Anders Kreuger), Central Market, Tallinn (ES)
- 2017 63rd International Short Film Festival Oberhausen (DE)
- 2016 *First Slumber*, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery (EE)
- 2016 *Jaan Toomik*, Haapsalu City Gallery (EE)
- 2015 *Smells Like Old Men's Spirit*, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn (EE)
- 2014 *Alone*, 84 HRZ Gallery, Munich (DE)
- 2014 *Messages from Reality*, Werkstattgalerie, Berlin (DE)
- 2013 Galleri Sult / Skur 6, Stavanger Orton Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
- 2012 *Run*, ARTRA Gallery, Milan (IT)
- 2012 Pop/off art Gallery, Moscow (RU)
- 2011 *Tourist*, Vaal Gallery, Tallinn (EE)
- 2010 Turku Art Museum, Turku (EE)
- 2008 Riga Art Space (LVA)
- 2007 *Readiness*, Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn (EE)
- 2007 *Jaan Toomik*, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn (EE)
- 2005 *Jaan Toomik*, Tartu Art Museum (EE)
- 2005 4+4 paintings Vaal Gallery, Tallinn (EE)
- 2005 Video Works, Museum of Contemporary, Bucharest (RO)
- 2005 *Recent works*, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery (EE)
- 2005 Videos, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid (ES)
- 2004 Video Works, Contemporary Art Centre Vilnius (LT)
- 2004 Artoteek in Hague, The Hague (NL)
- 2004 Haapsalu City Gallery (SE)
- 2003 Vaal Gallery, Tallinn Hippolyte Gallery (EE)
- 2003 Helsinki Artists' House, Tartu (EE)
- 2001 Peeter Mudist, paintings. Jaan Toomik, video installations, Cultural Centre Elzenveld, Antwerp (BE)
- 2001 Contemporary Film and Video Programme, Moderna Museet, Stockholm (SE)
- 2001 Tallinn Art Hall (EE)
- 1999 Vaal Gallery, Tallinn (EE)
- 1998 I-20 Gallery, New York (USA)
- 1997 Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn (EE)
- 1997 Art Pace, San Antonio, Texas (USA)

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- 2024 *Being There*, Le Clézio Gallery, Paris (FR)
- 2023 *Countour of Grief*, Gallery Köernerpark Berlin, Germany (DE)
- 2023 *Suizid Keep on Talking*, AusNellungshalle Fankfurt, Germany (DE)
- 2023 69th of International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Germany (DE)
- 2023 *Eesti Energiad*, Pärnu Kunstnike Maja (EE)
- 2023 *Maastiku avamine*, KUMU Tallinn, Estonia (EE)
- 2024 Together with Kaido Ole Marko Mäetamm, Kondas Centre, Viljandi (EE)
- 2022 *Growing Out? Growing Up? Contemporary Art Collecting in the Baltics*, Zuzeum Art Centre, Riga (LVA)
- 2021 *Suizid – Let's Talk About It*, Museum for Sepulchral Culture, Kassel (DE)
- 2021 *Towards a New Community* (cur. Avi Lubin), Tel Aviv (IL)
- 2021 *Dreams of Freedom. Romanticism in Russia and Germany 6+*, Albertinum, Dresden (DE)
- 2021 *Estonian Energies. The Power of Practice*, Tartu Art Museum, Tartu (EE)
- 2021 *MEMENTO – The Force Field of Memories*, The Museum for Sepulchral Culture, Kassel (DE)
- 2021 *Dreams of Freedom. Romanticism in Russia and Germany 6+*, New Tretjakov gallery, Moscow (RU)
- 2020 *Roots and Ruins* (cur. Rael Artel), Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn (EE)
- 2019 Fajr International Film Festival, Teheran (IR)

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- 2019 *TRE*, Snehta Gallery, ATHENS (GR)
- 2019 *Avant 19*, Karlstad, Kristinehamn Art Museum, Kristinehamns (SE)
- 2019 *Estonian Energies*, Izevsk National Art Museum, Izevsk (RU)
- 2019 *The Price of Boredom*, Rauma Triennale, Rauma (FI)
- 2019 *Blood and Soil*, CAC, Vilnius (LV)
- 2018 *There and Back Again*, **KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art**, Helsinki (FI)
- 2018 *Freedom is Recognized Necessity*, **Stedelijk Museum**, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2018 *The Explorers, Part One*, V-A-C Foundation, Palazzo delle Zattere, Venice (IT)
- 2018 *Performance – The Body as a Continuum in Art*, Gabriele Senn Galerie, Vienna (A)
- 2018 Video Europe for all, Sofia (BG)
- 2018 *Freiheit zur Freiheit II*, Schloss Albrechtsberg, Dresden (DE)
- 2018 Dimitria Festival 2018, Artis Causa Gallery, Thessaloniki (GR)
- 2018 *The X-Files [Registry of the Nineties]*, Kumu art museum, Tallinn (EE)
- 2017 *Floating World* (cur. Jonathan Watkins and Alistair Hicks), Art Bahrain Across Borders, Manama (BRN)
- 2016 *Closer to the Border* (cur. Tainá Azeredo), CPR Film Festival, Buenos Aires (BR)
- 2015 *Troubled Water*, 10th Baltic Contemporary Art Biennial, Szczecin (PL)
- 2015 *Accrochage 3. Pop & Music/Sound*, **Louis Vuitton Foundation**, Paris (FR)
- 2015 *5. Bildrausch*, International Film Festival, Basel (CH)
- 2015 International Film Festival, Rotterdam (NL)
- 2015 *Fiona Banner selects from the V-A-C Collection*, Whitecapel Gallery, London (UK)
- 2014 *SUND*, Tallinn Art Hall (EE)
- 2013 *Public Commission, Monument to Maris Liepa*, Latvian National Opera House, Riga (LVA)
- 2013 *The State of Making Things*, Piazza Remo Rossi Locarno (IT)
- 2012 *The Classics of Estonian Contemporary Art(MÕH?FUI!ÕÄK!OSSA!VAU!)*, Tartu Art Museum (EE)
- 2012 Masrers & Pelavin Gallery, New York (USA)
- 2011 XVI Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä (FI)
- 2011 *Impossible Community*, **Contemporary Art Museum of Moscow** (RU)
- 2011 *Ostalgia*, New Museum, New York (USA)
- 2011 *Meeting with Friend in Marfa*, Å Gallery, Turku (FI)
- 2010 *Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid*, **Centre Pompidou**, Paris (FR)
- 2010 Molodist International Film Festival, Kyiv (UKR)
- 2010 Drama Film Festival, Drama (GR)
- 2010 Warsaw Film Festival, Warsaw (PL)
- 2010 Biennale Mediations 2010, Poznan (PL)
- 2010 **São Paulo International Short Film Festival**, São Paulo (BR)
- 2010 *The Care to Create*, Art Festival Cēsis 2010, Cēsis (PL)
- 2010 *Mediation*, The National Museum, Warsaw (PL)
- 2010 *A Pair of Left Shoes*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb (HRV)
- 2010 Oberhausen Short Film Festival, Oberhausen (DE)
- 2009 *Gender Check*, MUMOK, Vienna (A)
- 2009 *Looking for New Earth*, Sojo Gallery Kumamoto (J)
- 2009 Sik-SPRIDD ISOLERAD KONST, Kalmar Art Museum (SE)
- 2009 *Identity*, Branderburgischer Kunstverein, Potsdam (DE)
- 2009 *Friendship*, Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna (A)
- 2009 *A Pair of Left Shoes*, Bochum Art Museum (DE)
- 2008 Video Performances in Münster, Kunsthalle Münster (DE)
- 2008 *Youprison*, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino (IT)
- 2008 54. International Short Film Festival Oberhausen (DE)
- 2008 Fairplay Film & Video Award 2008, Lugano (IT)
- 2008 *Borderlives. Contemporary Art from Helsinki, St. Petersburg + Tallinn*, Ludwig Forum, Aachen (DE)
- 2008 European Attitude, MOMA Zendai, Shanghai (RC)
- 2007 Shadow Filmfestival, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2007 *Cool Days*, Bonniers Konsthall (SE)

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- 2007 *Body as city, city as body*, Dublin (IRL)
- 2007 *Backward Blues*, CCA, Moscow (RU)
- 2007 *October. Exit, Memory and Desire*, Galleria ARTRA, Milan (IT)
- 2007 *Baltic States, part III. Contemporary Art from Estonia*, Kalmar Art Museum (SE)
- 2007 *(H)eros*, Casino Luxembourg (L)
- 2007 *Locws 2: engaging art, people and place*, Wales (UK)
- 2007 *Asia-Europe mediations*, Poznan (PL)
- 2007 *Human Game*, Saks 5th Ave, New York (NY)
- 2007 *Progressive Nostalgia*, Prato (IT)
- 2007 Giorgio Persano Gallery, Torino (IT)
- 2007 *Locws 3: engaging art, people and place*, Wales (UK)
- 2006 *Art, Life & Confusion*, Belgrade Cultural Centre (SCG)
- 2006 *Licht. Kunst mit Licht und Lichtdesign*, Lüdenscheid (DE)
- 2006 *Human Game*, Stazione Leopoldo of Florence (IT)
- 2006 *Videokunst aus dem baltikum*, Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf (DE)
- 2006 *Face the Unexpected*, Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund (DE)
- 2006 4th berlin biennial for contemporary art 'Of Mice and Men', Berlin (DE)
- 2005 Document 3 – International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival Glasgow (UK)
- 2005 Beijing International Art Biennale, Beijing (RC)
- 2005 58. Festival Internazionale del Film Locarno, In Progress section, The Cubes, Locarno (IT)
- 2005 *Video Art in Cork*, Cork Film Centre (IRL)
- 2004 *Instant Europe*, Villa Manin, Passariano of Codroipo, Udine (IT)
- 2004 *Effort*, Koldo Mitxelena Kulturunea, Donostia-San Sebastain (ES)
- 2004 Shadow Film Festival, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2004 Viinistu 2004, international live-art and video event, Viinistu (ES)
- 2004 *Talking to Me*, Rauma Biennale Balticum, Rauma (FI)
- 2004 *Breakthrough*, Grote Kerk den Hague
- 2004 *Dream Island*, Riga (LVA)
- 2004 *Movimento/Movimenti* – Films and Videos of the 50. International Exhibition of Visual Arts of the **Biennale di Venezia** (IT)
- 2004 Shortcut Film Festival, Oberhausen (DE)
- 2004 *Bodyworks*, The Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, The Pierides Museum of Contemporary Art, Larnaa (CY)
- 2004 *EastWest*, Museumquartal, Austrian Film Museum, Vienna (A)
- 2003 *Now What*, BAK, Utrecht (NL)
- 2003 *Extra Strong Super Light*, Szczecin National Art Museum, Szczecin (PL)
- 2003 *Veden Runoutta*, Russian Museum, St. Petersburg (RU)
- 2003 Mohni 2003, international festival of contemporary art, Mohni island (EE)
- 2003 *Dreams and Conflicts: Dictatorship of the Viewer. Clandestine*, Arsenale, 50th International Exhibition of Visual Arts of the Biennale di Venezia (IT)
- 2003 *21 Minutes*, Art Moscow (RU)
- 2003 *The Paths of Europe*, Contemporary Art Museum, Thessaloniki (GR)
- 2003 Rencontres internationales, Paris (FR), Berlin (DE)
- 2003 Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebandengo Torino, Turin (IT)
- 2002 *Evidence*, Esso Gallery, London (UK)
- 2002 Les Boréales, Caen (FR)
- 2002 The Museum of Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður (IS)
- 2002 Gooseflesh 3, international live-art and video art festival, Rakvere & Haapsalu (SE)
- 2002 *Roots*, Taidehalli, Helsinki (FI)
- 2002 *Breath*, The Ludwig Museum Budapest, Budapest (H)
- 2002 Video ROM, Milano, Bergamo, Rome (IT)
- 2002 *Closing the Distance*, Laznia Center for Contemporary Art, Gdansk (PL)
- 2002 The Baltic Times, Galerie im Taxispalais, Innsbruck (A)
- 2001 The Baltic Times, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb (HRV)
- 2001 Škuc Gallery, Ljubljana (SVN)

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- 2001 International Film and Video Festival, Split
2001 *Gooseflesh 2*, international video and performance festival, Rakvere (EE)
2001 Valencia Biennale, Section Video ROM, Valencia (ES)
2001 *On the Way to the Screen*, Art Moscow, 5th International Art Fair, Central House of Artist, Moscow (RU)
2001 *Nights In*, Gasworks Gallery, London (UK)
2001 *Estonian Energies*, WUK Gallery, Vienna (A)
2001 *Grosse Kunstausstellung Düsseldorf*, Messe Düsseldorf (DE)
2000 *Inverse Perspectives*, Edsvik (SE)
2000 I-20 Gallery, New York (USA)
2000 *Bleibe*, Akademie der Künste, Berlin (DE)
2000 *L'autre moitié de l'Europe*, Galerie nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris (FR)
2000 Videolisboa, International Video Festival of Lisbon (P)
1999 *After the Wall*, **Moderna Museet**, Stockholm (SE); Ludwig Museum, Budapest (H) ; Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin (DE)
1999 *Near and Elsewhere*, The Photographers Gallery, London (UK)
1997 *Interstanding 2*, 5th annual exhibition of the Soros Center for Contemporary Arts, Tallinn (EE)
1997 *Letter and Event*, Apex Art C.P., New York (USA)
1997 **La Biennale di Venezia**, Venice (IT)
1997 Site Santa Fe Biennial, Santa Fe (USA)
1996 *Survival*, Rauma Biennale Balticum 96, Rauman Taidemuseo, Rauma (FI)
1996 *Container '96 – Art Across Oceans*, international exhibition of contemporary art, Copenhagen (DK)
1996 *Manifesta 1*, European biennial of modern art, Rotterdam Art Hall (NL)
1996 *Personal Time. Art of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania 1945–1996*, Center for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw (PL)
1995 UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts, Paris (FR)
1995 ARS 95, international exhibition of contemporary art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki (FI)
1995 Avant-garde Walk a Venezia 1995, Venice (IT)
1994 **22nd International Biennial of São Paulo**, São Paulo (BR)

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