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Education

2010–12 Research Training Session / Sint-Lucas School of Architecture, Brussels/Ghent, Belgium
2008–09 Refresher: Conservation of architecture and restauration / Estonian Academy of Arts
1984–90 Estonian Academy of Arts, graphic design, photography / MA
languages Estonian, English, Finnish, Russian

Professional Career

qualification: authorized interior architect-expert, level 8
2009-13 Estonian Academy of Arts, Department of Interior Architecture, Associated Professor
2006-09 Estonian Academy of Arts, Department of Interior Architecture, educator
1992- Vaikla Studio, founder/partner, interior architect/designer
1990-91 freelancer

Memberships in Associations and Organisations

2017- Founder and board member of KORDON Art Residency (Kordonair MTÜ)
2017-21 Board member of International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers (IFI)
2017-19 Member of the Advisory Board of the Estonian Association of Interior Architects
2013-17 President of the Estonian Association of Interior Architects (ESL)
2004-10 Board Member of the Estonian Association of Interior Architects (ESL)
Member of the Estonian Artists' Association (EKL)
Member of the Estonian Association of Interior Architects (ESL)
Member of Hiiumaa Heritage Protection Society
Member of the Artists' Association Ydi
Member of the Association of Friends of Architectural Heritage

Exhibitions

2020 Spatial installatsioon "Reinkarnatsioon" / Genius Loci exhibition, Reigi, Hiiumaa
2019 Spatial installatsioon "Konteinergalerii" / Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2016 Light Installations "Red Chimney" & "Long House" / Vabriku väljak, Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2015 *Estonian Architectural Awards* – Pärnu Mud Baths restauration and extension of Hedon Spa Interior / Estonian Museum of Architecture
2015 Spatial Installation "Apparition" / Hausma tee, Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2010 Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn, Estonian Society of Interior Architects, Ruumipilt 2009
2008 Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn, Estonian Society of Interior Architects, Ruumipilt 2007
2007 Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn 2007 & Viljandi Modern Art Museum, Status Club Tallinn
2008, Exhibition of architectural photography – Others /Vol.1 – Days in Khmer Temples
2006 Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn, Estonian Society of Interior Architects, Ruumipilt 2005
2005 Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn, Estonian Society of Interior Architects, Ruumipilt 2004
2005 Väike-Pakri, annual exhibition of Artists' Association Ydi landscape installation "Tuulepüüis"
2005 Tallinn Art House, annual exhibition of Est Artists "Identities"

Interior Architecture projects

2023 Elke Auto Toyota showrooms / Tallinn, Rakvere, Narva, Kuressaare
2023 KORDON Art Residency studio house / Kärkla
2023 Hedon Spa spa renewal / Pärnu
2022 Hedon Spa hotel renewal / Pärnu
2021 Center of Pärnu Shooting Sports Club / Pärnu
2020 Hiiumaa Development Center Workspace / Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2020 Narva Boarder Station / Narva

2019	Hiiumaa Development Center / Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2018	KORDON Art Residency / Kärkla, hiiumaa
2018	Intsikurmu KETS / T1 Mall of Tallinn
2018	Special Care Home of Hiiumaa Social Center / Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2018	Pärnu Ühishoone / Pärnu
2018	Salinõmme harbor building / Salinõmme, Hiiumaa
2017	Spaces for the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Tallinn and Brussels
2016	Fish shop / Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2016	Estonian National Archive permanent exhibition design / Nooruse 3, Tartu
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2016	Tallinna Kesklinna Põhikool / Pärnu mnt 11, Tallinn
2016	Apollo Bookstore & Cinema / Solaris Center, Tallinn
2016	Apollo Bookstore / Tartu Kaubamaja, Tartu
2016	Apollo Bookstore / Mustamäe Center, Tammsaare tee 104a, Tallinn
2015	Toyota Showrooms renewals / Tallinn, Rakvere, Kuressaare
2015	Apollo Bookstore / Viimsi Center, Haabneeme
2014	Hedon Spa / Pärnu Mudbath / Ranna tee 1, Pärnu
2014	Apollo Cinema & Bookstore / Pärnu Center, Lai 5, Pärnu
2014	Apollo Bookstore / Lasnamäe Center, Tallinn
2014	Apollo Bookstore / Haapsalu Kaubamaja, Tallinna mnt.1, Haapsalu
2014	Private House / Mäekalda 13, Tallinn
2013	Finnish Institute in Estonia / Ülikooli 11, Tartu
2013	Swiss House Atrium / Roosikrantsi 11, Tallinn
2013	Toyota Hybrid Cars Salong / Elke Auto, Mustamäe tee 22, Tallinn
2012	Apollo Bookstore / Ülemiste Center, Tallinn
2011	Apollo Bookstore / Tartu Kaubamaja, Tartu
2011	Apollo Bookstore / Kaubamajakas Shopping Center, Pärnu
2010	Apollo Bookstore / Kristiine Center, Tallinn
2009	ABC king & Nero shoestore / Rocc Al Mare Center, Tallinn
2009	Apollo Bookstore / Solaris Center, Tallinn
2008	Elevator Building apartments / Rotermanni 4, Tallinn
2008	Microlink Office, Ülemiste City / Lõõtsa 8, Tallinn
2008	Toyota Office / Ringtee 31, Tartu
2008	Skin Beauty Salon / Narva mnt 13a, Tallinn
2007	Elke Group Office / Mustamäe tee 22, Tallinn
2007	Sakubü Office / Kaupmehe 7, Tallinn
2007	Lens Optika Store / Foorum Center / Narva mnt, Tallinn
2007	Ida-Tallinna Hospital /Järve Haigla 2.floor / Energia 8, Tallinn
2006	Eesti Energia Museum Exhibition / Kadaka tee 42, Tallinn
2006	Restoran Dominic / Vene 6, Tallinn
2005	Columbus IT Office / Veerenni 58, Tallinn
2005	Abobase IT Office / Mustamäe tee 55, Tallinn
2005	Home & Children's world / Tartu Kaubamaja, Riia 2, Tartu
2004	Toyota & Lexuse Car Centre & Elke Auto Office / Mustamäe tee 22, Tallinn
2004	City Plaza Office 17k / Tartu mnt 2, Tallinn
2004	Water Center & Spa Hotel Tervise Paradiis / Side 14, Pärnu
2000-05	Eesti Energia clients' services in Estonia
1997-	private houses and apartments

AWARDS & Participation in Competitions

2022	Architecture competition of the Tallinna Kunstihoone – III award
2020	Interior Architecture competition of the Narva Boarder Station – I award
2018	Interior Architecture Award of the Cultural Endowment of Estonian / National Archive NOORA
2018	Annual award of Estonian Interior Architects Association / National Archive NOORA
2016	Winner of the interior design competition of the Estonian presidency of the EU Council 2017
2016	Nominated for the Annual Award of Architectural Endowment of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia & Annual Award of Estonian Interior Architects Association for Best Object – Spatial installation “Apparition” in Kärkla, Hiiumaa.
2015	Annual Award of Estonian Interior Architects Association for Best Public Interior – Pärnu Mud Baths restauration and extension of Hedon Spa Interior
2015	Nominated for the Annual Award of Architectural Endowment of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia – Pärnu Mud Baths restauration and extension of Hedon Spa Interior
2014	Annual Award of Estonian Interior Architects Association – Tallinn Swiss House Atrium – Public Award
2013	Architecture competition of Estonian National State Archive – I award

2012	13th International Architecture Exhibition of la Biennale di Venezia – Estonian exhibition I award
2011	Interior Architecture competition of Gate Tallinn Outlet – I award
2011	Interior Architecture competition of Pärnu Mud Baths Spa Hotel – I award
2010	Interior Architecture competition of the Center of Architecture and Design/ Kultuurikatel/ II award
2010	Annual award of Estonian Interior Architects Association (Best Store Interior 2009)
2009	EXPO 2010 Estonian Pavilion in Shanghai – V award
2009	Permanent exhibition design competition of Estonian National Museum / II award
2008	Annual award of Estonian Interior Architects Association (Best Office Interior 2007 - Sakubü)
2004/05	Nominated for Annual Best Interior Award of Estonian Interior Architects Association
2002/04	Nominated for the Annual Award of Architectural Endowment of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia
2001	Annual award of Estonian Interior Architects Association (Best Home Interior 2000)
1993	Design Competition <i>Creative Estonia</i> I-II award

Participation and Performing / Conferences

2020	International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers IFI, Assamble & Conference / Dubai
2019	General Assembly of European Council of Interior Architects ECIA / Bilboa, Spain
2018	General Assembly of European Council of Interior Architects ECIA / Antwerpen, Belgium
2017	International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers IFI, Assamble & Conference / Lagos, Nigeria
2016	General Assembly of European Council of Interior Architects ECIA / Switzerland
2015	International Jury of Lithuanian Interior Awards, Lecture: <i>Looking for People</i> / Vilnius, Lithuania
2015	General Assembly of European Council of Interior Architects ECIA / Oslo, Norway
2012	East-Tallinn Central Hospital, Lecture: <i>Healing Environment</i>
2010/11	Research Training Session (RTS) / Sint Lucas Architecture School Brussels-Ghent / Belgium
2010	GRC_EU Toonweekend 2010.2 / Brussels-Ghent, Belgium
2007	International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers Assamble & Conference / Pusan, South-Korea

Lecture Courses and Practical Tasks

2010/11	Master thesis supervisor (Estonian Academy of Arts)
2009/10	Master thesis supervisor (Estonian Academy of Arts)
2010/11	Design studio – office interior project (Estonian Academy of Arts)
2009/10	Design studio – office & restaurant interior projects (Estonian Academy of Arts)
2008/09	Design studio – office interior project (Estonian Academy of Arts)
2007/08	Design studio – office interior project (Estonian Academy of Arts)
2006/07	Design studio – office interior project (Estonian Academy of Arts)

Workshops

2011	International workshop conference “Abandoned Sacred Places” no3, Hogeschool voor Wetenschap & Kunst, Sint-Lucas, Ghent-Brussels
2010	International workshop conference “Abandoned Sacred Places” no2, Hogeschool voor Wetenschap & Kunst, Sint-Lucas, Ghent-Brussels

Commissions and Councils

2010	Estonian Academy of Arts, Department of Interior Architecture, member of MA council
2010	Estonian Academy of Arts, Department of Interior Architecture, jury of BA & MA admission
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2007	Estonian Academy of Arts, Department of Interior Architecture, jury of MA admission
2006	Estonian Academy of Arts, Department of Interior Architecture, jury of diploma projects
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Memberships in Jurys

2021-2022	jury of Architecture competition for the heritage repository of North Estonian museums
2021	Compiler of competition conditions - Eesti Pank main hall interior architecture competition
2019	jury of Experience center Tuuletorn eksposition, Käina, Hiiumaa
2018	jury of Independence War monument in Hiiumaa
2017	jury of architectural competition Hiiumaa Museums, Kärkla, Hiiumaa
2016	jury of Latvian Interior Awards, Riga
2015	jury of Lithuanian Interior Awards, Vilnius
2015	jury of Latvian Interior Awards, Riga
2006	jury of Architectural Endowment of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia

Organisation of Conferences and Exhibitions

2020-2023	Kordon Artist Talks / curator, project manager
2016	SISU / Welcome Stranger, Symposium of Interior Architecture
2015	SISU / Impact of Space, Symposium of Interior Architecture
2014	SISU / Dynamics of Theory and Practice, Symposium of Interior Architecture
2007-2008	Others /Vol.1 – Days in Khmer Temples - Exhibition of architectural photography. Viljandi Modern Art Museum, Status Club Tallinn 2008, (together with T-K Vaikla), Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn 2007