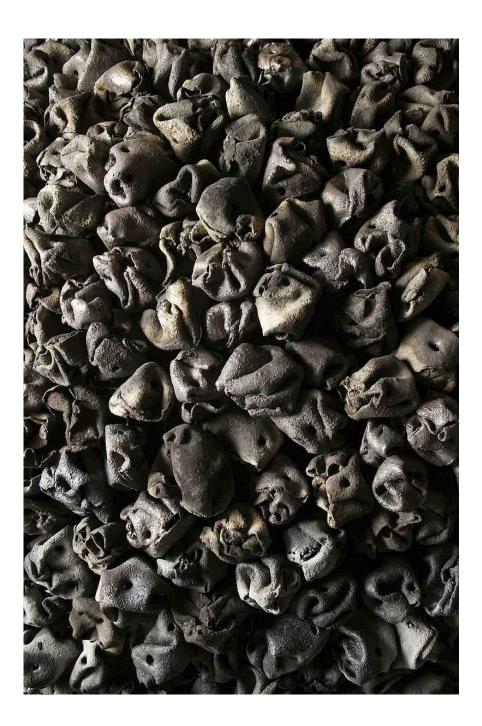


PEKKA PAIKKARI (Finnish, b.1960) Black Tear, 2004-19 ceramic installation 118 x 59 x 59 inches; 300 x 150 x 150 cm

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# Pekka Paikkari Finnish, b. 1960

Pekka Paikkari is an artist who has been a member of the Arabia Art Department Society in Helsinki since 1983. He is known for his large - scale wall sculptures, his unique sculptural objects, and monumental public works. Paikkari utilizes clay as a flexible material to express the human presence within the history of time. Paikkari's works overlap the worlds of fine art, design, and traditional craft, inviting a dialogue with the viewer around the essence of the human condition. Paikkari regards the clay as a unifier between his artwork and the viewer, both presenting and keeping a history within itself.

Paikkari has made a thorough study of the technical properties of clay and uses it in quite surprising ways. Although the web-like, fractured surface of dried clay is the outcome of a natural process, Paikkari controls it in order to obtain the desired pattern, using a specially developed technique. Only then are the clay elements fired in the kiln. The process could be described as a controlled accident. Paikkari places particular emphasis on leaving the marks of his hands and tools on the clay, bringing the act of creation closer to the observer.

Pekka Paikkari is internationally recognized and his works are found in the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, the Ceramics Museum of Barcelona, and the Shigaraki Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art in Japan, among many other public collections. In 1989 he was awarded the III prize at the Helsinki Fair Ground Art Competition and in 1993 he was awarded the International Biennial of Ceramics in Faenza, Italy (Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Ravenna). Recently Paikkari was invited to participate in the exhibition "Ceramics Now: The Faenza Prize is 80 Years Old," a special 60<sup>th</sup> edition highlighting international masters and emerging artists working in ceramic at the Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza.



### PEKKA PAIKKARI

Finnish, b. 1960

### EDUCATION

- 2000-03 Cultural Production and Management Degree, Humanities Polytechnic, Turku, Finland
- 1978-83 Design Academy, Kuopio, Finland
- 1977-78 Orivesi institute, Finland

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Ymmärretty / Surroundings, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Puls Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
ArtTag Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Lost and Found, Gallery Sculptor, Helsinki, Finland
Points of Fracture, Gallery Be19, Helsinki, Finland
Attempting to go over the Mountains, Gallery Katariina, Helsinki, Finland
The Neverending, ArsNova&AboaVetus, Museum of Contemporary Art, Turku, Finland
Lost Dialogue, Artborg 35, Sipoo, Finland
l remember, Sculptures, Arabia Ceramic Factory Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Cataracta, Aralis Library Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
The Stage, Ceramic Sculptures, Lume-centre, Helsinki, Finland
Konturen in Zeit und Raum, Rastatt, Germany (together with Mrs. Kaarina Kaikkonen)
Brick Makers House, Hå Gamle Prestegård, Stavanger, Norway
Keramikk, Kunstnersenter, Stavanger, Norway
Monumentalles und Serielles, Hetjens Museum, Dusseldorf, Germany
Bottles, Ceramic Sculptures, Nordiska Kristall, Stockholm, Sweden
Brick Makers House, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Light & Shadow, ceramic sculptures, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Light & Shadow, ceramic design, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland
Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland (together with Mr. Jukka Vikberg)
Ceramics, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland (together with Mr. Sang-Ho Jeon)
Karborundum, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Gallery Pinotheca, Jyväskylä, Finland
Ceramics, Gallery Bronda, Helsinki, Finland

1985 Varjostuksia, Arabia-Nuutajärvi Shop, Helsinki, Finland

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 FOG Design + Art, Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 Arabia Art Department in Tampere, Finlayson Art Area, Finland
  - Sasama, ICAF, Japan
    - FInnish Aalto, Busan Art Museum, South Korea

Secret of the Paradise, littala Arabia Design Centre, Finland

	Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
	Etats de Matiere, Gallery Le Don du Fel, France
	Perspectives, littala Arabia Design Centre, Finland
	TEFAF New York Spring, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
	reCLAYmed, Berg Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
2018	Ceramics Now: The Faenza Prize is 80 years old, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza, Italy
	Salon Art + Design, Hostler Burrows, New York
	Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
	FOG Design + Art, Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
2017	Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
2017	New Ceramic Artists, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
2015	
2015	Suomen lasi elää, Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
2014	9SEASONS, Embassy of Finland, Washington D.C
2014	Helsinki Fat Clay, Gallery Arabia, Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland
	Helsinki Fat Clay, Gallery Marianne Heller Heidelberg, Germany
	Keramiikan tila, Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland
	Rajapinnat, Kuparipaja, Fiskars, Finland
2013	Pihatontut joulutorilla, Design Museum, Arabia, Finland
	Kattaillen, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland
	VALEUR REFUGE, Sevres Ceramic Museum, France
	International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
	Juhlat, Nuutajärvi
	Gumbostrand, Summer exhibition, Sipoo
	International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
2012	Arabia Art Department, Design Museum, Arabia, Finland
	Puusoi!, ProPuu gallery, Lahti
	VALEUR REFUGE, Foundation Bernardaud, Limoges, France
	Metamofose, Lahti Art Museum, Finland
	Helsinki Fat Clay, Faenza Ceramic Museum, Italy
	Helsinki Fat Clay, Officiale Saffi Gallery, Milan, Italy
	ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
2011	Finland in Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Korea
	ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
2010	Fire&Ice, Gallery Marianne Heller, Germany
2010	Fire&Ice, Ceramic Museum, Westerwald, Germany
	ArtHelsinki, Helsinki
2009	Art by Design, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
2007	Arabia 135, Jyväskylä, Finland
	Arabia 155, jyvaskyla, rimand Arabia Art Department, Grimmerhus Ceramic Museum, Danmark
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	Summer Exhibition, Villa Roosa, Orimattila, Finland
	Hard Rocks, Sculptures in South Harbour, Helsinki, Finland

	Ceramics from Finland, Galerie Besson, England
	Marl Hole, Airspace Gallery, Staffordshire, England
	ArtHelsinki2008, Helsinki
	SOFA, Chicago, Gallery Norsu
2008	Jeespoks, ProPuu Gallery, Lahti, Finland
	Everyday Life, Gallery Norsu, Helsinki, Finland
	Tulessa syntynyt, Fiskars, Finland
	Keramiikan kevät, Galerie Oljemark, Helsinki, Finland
	Rantagalleria, Lahti, Finland
	Everyday Life, Gallery Artisin, Jyväskylä, Finland
	Arabia 135, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
	OTTO, Vantaa Art Museum, Finland
	Palm Peach, Florida, Galerie Besson
	Collect, London, Gallery Norsu
	ArtHelsinki2008, Helsinki
2007	27 <sup>th</sup> International Ceramic Exhibition of l'Alcora, Spain
	Summer Exhibition, Galerie Besson, London, England
	International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
	SOFA, Chicago, Galerie Besson
2006	Six Rooms, Art Factory, Porvoo, Finland
	European Ceramic Context, Bornholm, Danmark
	ClayInDusTry, Guldagergaar, Danmark
	Places of Arrival and Departure, The Regional Exhibition of Greater Helsinki, Finland
	SET, ForumBox, Helsinki, Finland
2005	The Arabia Ceramic Factorys Artist`s, The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan
	Strata: New Perspectives on Ceramics from Scandinavia and The United States,
	Skulpturens hus, Sweden
	ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland
	Ronnebaeksholm Kunst- og Kulturcenter, Naestved, Danmark
2004	Ceramics 2004, Fiskars, Finland
	Street Gallery 2004, Huittinen, Finland
	In Praise of Silence, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Finland
2003	Pro Arabia Art Finland, Form and Design Center, Malmö, Sweden
	Finchin perilliset, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
	Retro, Fiskars, Finland
	The shape between continuity and innovation, Faenza, Italy
	Keramiek, Kunsthuis Ingrith Desmet, Belgium
	Pisaroita, Karkkila, Finland
	Sculptural thoughts, Finnish-Norway Culture Institute, Oslo, Norway (OICS2003)
	HEHKU, Kankaanpää, Finland, Outdoor Fire Sculpture Project
	ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland
2002	National Museum of Decorative Arts, Trondheim, Norway

	Alumni, Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland
	FinnDesign now, Design Forum, Helsinki
	Pro Arabia Art Finland, Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland
	IAC, member exhibition, Greece
2001	Biennale de Ceramique contemporaire de Chateauroux, France
	WOCEK, International Ceramic Design Exhibition (ICD), Korea
	IAC, member exhibition, Korea
	Metallit 2001, Fiskars, Finland
	Six ceramists from Finland, Gallery Mokkumto, Seoul, Korea
2000	Arabia Artists at Retretti, Retretti Art Centre, Punkaharju, Finland
	Six Ceramists from Finland, Höganäs Museum, Sweden
	Nordic Ceramics, Assens, Danmark
	Suomen lasi elää 4, Finnish glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
	ArtSibbe, Sipoo, Finland
	Uusinta / Paper Art Gallery 10 years, Kuusankoski, Finland
1999	Arabia 125 years, Ambiente 1999, Frankfurt, Germany
	The Nordic Transparency, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
	International ceramic biennale, Manises, Spain
1998	Kalmar 600 years, Outdoor workshop & exhibition, Sweden
	Quatre ceramistes finlandesos, Ceramic Museum, Barcelona, Spain
	Shigaraki Ceramic Museum, Japan
	Savesta syntynyt, exhibition of contemporary ceramics, Fiskars, Finland
	Finnish Design 10 - The Turn of the Millennium, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
	Nature as Object, Craft and Design triennale, Perth, Western Australia
	Light and Shadow, Special exhibition, Mino ceramic triennale, Tajimi, Japan
	Mino Ceramic Competition, Tajimi, Japan
	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
1997	International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
	Ceramic exhibition, Manises, Spain
1996	Ceramics, Voipaala Art Centre, Finland
	Arabia Pro Arte Collection, Helsinki, Tampere, Finland
	Ett Keramisk Univers, Silkeborg, Denmark
	Luovat kädet, Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
1995	Junge kunstzene Finnland, Hetjens Museum, Dusseldorf, Landesgewerbeamt, Karlsruhe, Germany
	Tammisaari Art Museum, Finland
1994	Ceramica Finlandesa, Cidem, Barcelona, Spain
	Gallery Uta Goppelsröder, Bretten, Germany
	Center of culture Palatin, Wiesloch, Germany
1993	Group Six, Gallery Maronie, Kioto, Japan
	Group Six, Gallery SAM, Seoul, Korea



	Group Six, Tiilityksiä, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
	Ceramics, Pohjola-Gallery, Helsinki, Finland (With Kati Tuominen-Niittylä)
	Materia, Art hall, Helsinki, Finland
	BOX, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland
	K-93, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Finland
	International Biennale of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
	Biennal of small Ceramics, Zagbrek
	Group Six, Ceramics, Caracas, Venezuela
	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
1992	Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland
	Group Six, Båstad, Sweden
	Finlandida, Stocholm, Sweden, Helsinki Finland
99	International Triennale of ceramics, Sopot, Poland
	KerTa, Lappeenranta Art Museum, Kuopio art Museum, Finland
	Group Six, Park Gallery, Seoul, Korea
	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
1990	East meets North, Posio, Finland
	IRIS- Ceramic exhibition, Porvoo, Finland
	Arabia Pro Arte collection and exhibition Helsinki, Finland
	International biennal of ceramics Faenza, Italy
1989-90	Actualite de la Ceramique Europeenne, France
	Scandinavian Ceramics and Glass, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England
1989	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
1988	Jugend Gestaltet Munich, Germany
1988	I I <sup>th</sup> International Biennal of Ceramic arts, Vallauris, France
1987	Exhibition of young artists, Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland
	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
1987-88	Triennale, Zeitgenössisches deutsches und finnisches Kunsthandwerk, Frankfurt and
	Hannover, Germany, Helsinki, Finland
1985	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
1984	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
1983	Finnish Design, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland

### **PUBLIC COMMISSIONS**

- 2017 Jokihelmi (Pearls and Cracks), Penttilänranta, Joensuu
- 2015 Rantakivet, (Stones and Currents), Penttilänranta, Joensuu
- Historical Layers, Lampa House, Helsinki
- 2014 Layes of the History, Lampa house, Helsinki
- 2013 Joet, (Rivers) Penttilänranta, Joensuu
- 2012 BRODA / My Future Town
- 2011 IGLU, Turku, Finland
- 2010-16 Turvapaikka, Sipoo, Finland



- 2009 Pienet purot suuret joet, Sipoo, Finland
- 2006 CATARACTA, Facade of the Senior House, Helsinki, Finland (Architect: Kirsti Siven)
- 2005 Gekko, Helsinki / Kamppi bus terminal (Tuominen-Niittylä, Riska, Paikkari)
- Fragments, the School of Sakarinmäki, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 The Kiln, Kankaanpää, Finland
- 1998 Molds, Leppävirta, Finland

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2018 "Experiments and Explorations Rule This Year's FOG Design + Art," Blouin ArtInfo, January 11
  - "Hostler Burrows at Design Miami / Basel," Blouin ArtInfo, June 13
- 2017 "New Ceramic Artists," Wall Street International, November 7
- 2016 Heeney, Gwen, ed. <u>The Post-Industrial Landscape as Site for Creative Practice: Material</u> <u>Memory</u>. Cambridge Scholars Publishing
- 2014 Neiminen, Heli. "Restaurant Kaskis Combines Art and Food," TS Ruoka, October 1
- 2006 "Pekka Paikkari: The Never-Ending," exhibition catalog, Turku
- 1992 Laiho, Timo. "Pekka Paikkari Karborundum," Suomi

Ravenna)

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

SINAILI S A	ND ATTARDS
2014-18	5-year grant by the Finnish State
2009	I-Prize, Environmental Art Competition, Sipoo, Finland (Together with Mari Paikkari)
2008	Honourable mention / Art Competition for the Hospital of Porvoo, Finland (Together with Sirkka Paikkari)
2007-09	3-year grant by the Finnish State
2007	L'Alcalatén prize in the 27 <sup>th</sup> International Competition of l'Alcora, Spain
	I-Prize (Ex-Aeguo), International Ceramic Biennale, Manises, Spain
	Invite Artist, Shui-Li Snake kiln, Large Scale Ceramic Sculpture Workshop, Taiwan
2004-06	3-year grant by Finnish Culture Foundation
2005	Invite Artist, International Ceramic Centre, Guldagergaard, Danmark
2003	Grant for exhibition Näyttämö by Finnish state
2002	Grand by Finnish State
2001	Grant, Finnish-Norway Foundation
	Grant, Frame
	Grant, Finnish Cultural Foundation
2000	Grant for kiln-project by Finnish state
1999	Grant, Finnish Culture Foundation
1998	I-year grant by the Finnish State
1997	Invite Artist, the Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan
	Grant, Ornamo, Finland
	Grant for exhibition, Finnish State
1993	International Biennial of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy, (Fondatzione Cassa di Risparmio di



Grant from G&W Lehtinen Foundation

- I 992 Grant by the Finnish State (for publication, "Karborundum")
- 1991 I-year Grant by the Finnish State
- 1989 III-Prize on Art Competition of Helsinki House of justice

### EXPERIENCE

- 2016-17 Ornamo, Member of Board
- 2015-17 Taike, Art Council
- 2015-16 Art Council South Finland
- 2008-15 Ornamo Foundation, President of Board
- 2007-10 Ornamo, Member of Board
- 2001-04 Teaching, UIAH, University of Art & Design, Helsinki, Ceramic & Glass Department
- 1985-Present Artist/Designer, Littala, Arabia Ceramic Factory
- 1983 Assistant, Arabia Ceramic Factory

### MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Finnish Sculptors IAC, International Academy of Ceramics Artists of Sipoo The Art Department Society

### COLLECTIONS

The British Museum, London, England Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England Faenza Museum of Ceramics, Italy Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan Ceramic Museum, Barcelona, Spain Höganäs Ceramic Museum, Sweden Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Ceramic Museum, Japan Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland Arabia Ceramic Museum, Helsinki, Finland Joensuu Art Museum, Finland Tammisaari Art Museum, Tammisaari, Finland Pohjola Insurance Company Collection, Helsinki, Finland IRIS Collection, City of Porvoo, Finland Handelsbanken, Sweden City of Leppävirta, Finland City of Karkkila, Finland Ceramic Museum l'Alcora, Spain Ceramic Museum, Manises, Spain Art Collections of Finnish State Wäinö Aaltosen museo, Turku