

## A MAP OF **PUBLIC ART** COLLECTIONS AT AALTO UNIVERSITY





Aalto University metro entrance

Noora Archer & Laura Piispanen

Quantum Moss, 2022 (Image) Exit A / Kemistintie side



2 Väre, Otaniementie 14 Verstas Architects, Jussi Palva, 2018

**Global Equality** 

Globality in the field of arts can be seen as a historic fact. In recent decades the global nomadic movement also in education and research has grown into new potentials, which creates a need for new identities. The artworks at the Väre building were selected under the rubric of Global Equality, which addresses and ties together two different themes: art as a global phenomenon and the equality of people across continents, genders, cultures and ages.

Kirsi Kaulanen

Lumen, 2018 (Image) • 1st floor, open working area M-L



3 School of Business, Ekonominaukio 1 Verstas Architects, Jussi Palva, 2018

**Human Approach** 

All art is connected by a human approach, and from this perspective the theme for the art concept is a universal one. Taking a second look is the very key element in experiencing art. Art is intended not only to entertain. With the Human Approach theme, the art collection focuses on the idea of human interactions, which are the cornerstone of activities at the School of Business.

Multiple Exposure (Nro 2), 2015 (Image) • 2nd floor, open working area

Kirsi Kivivirta

Stage, 2018-2019

Main lobby



4 Kide, Konemiehentie 1 SARC Architects, 2024

Waves in-between / In-between waves

The art theme is chasing after the idea of waves. The word 'aalto' means wave in Finnish connecting the art theme to Aalto University. How differently can waves be approached in

**Baptiste Debombourge** 

In Motion, 2024 (Image)

The façade and entrance of the building



**5** Marsio, Otakaari 2 SARC Architects, 2024

Sharing Imaginations

The theme refers to sharing imagination and experiences with others. As humans, we have the innate ability to share our imaginations, and our brains seem to synchronise with others when we share similar experiences. The purpose of public art in the Marsio building is to embrace the connections between art and science, to create imaginative surroundings that inspire study and work, and to evoke a sense of wonder.

Maija Luutonen Enta, 2024 (Image)

Staircase, 1st and 2nd floor



Jaakko Kontio & Kalle Räike, 1966

Antti Laitinen

Willow view, 2023

•1st floor corridor staircase

6b Puumiehenkuja 3 Jaakko Kontio & Kalle Räike, 1965

Pekka and Teija Isorättyä

Lovegear, 2023 ♥ Façade

6c Viima, Puumiehenkuja 5 Kai Blomstedt & Birger Stenbäck, 1968

The art theme 'Engineering Materials' honours and pays homage Otaniemi area's

long history with educating engineers. Art

works are there to challenge our minds and to enhance environment where the sense of community is highly valued. The art theme builds expectation for engineering the future. Light art has been one of the focuses in these

Mycelium of the Future, 2023 (Image)

Pasi Rauhala

**Engineering Materials** 

7 Dipoli, Otakaari 24

**Radical Nature** 

Renata Schirm Blue, 2017 Pinecone lobby

**Hans-Christian Berg** 

• Ceremonial staircase

Reima ja Raili Pietilä, 1966

The whole Dipoli building defends the right

The artists have worked with light, patterns and a strong sense of materiality in the theme

to be different and to reinforce discourse.

of Radical Nature. The art theme takes

Color Space - Color lensing blind, 2017

8 School of Chemical Engineering,

The ceramic vessels were made as part of a

that addressed the ecological consequences

of the human footprint through ceramic art.

The research project took place before and

Catharina Kajander, Maarit Mäkelä

Özgü Gündeşlioglu, Maarit Mäkelä

during the Research Pavilion in the context of

design research project which investigates

the use of contaminated soil in ceramics. Traces from the Anthropocene: Working with Soil was an interdisciplinary research project

Aili & Niilo Pulkka, 1965

the Venice Biennale 2019.

Time II, 2019 Ellen, 2019

Madonna I, 2019 Second floor lobby

the future in the hope of changes.

it's inspiration from the past and respects the architecture and simultaneously dives into

• Lobby and skylights

Aalto University Töölö, Runeberginkatu 14-16, Helsinki Woldemar Baeckman & Hugo Harmia, 1950

**Radical Creativity** 

The art works create respect for the past, yet they encourage our gaze into the future with radical creativity. The art works propose a question: can radical creativity be seen as something growing from the learnings of our past? Both public art works in the Aalto University Töölö art collection celebrate materiality, which lasts for decades, similarly as in the materials in this historical building. The art works react to caringly renovated historical spaces, where both the lobby and the staircases are defined by the actions of entering and leaving.

Kristina Riska

inevitableprogress I, 2019 (Image) inevitableprogress II, 2020 (Image)

Lobby

Sakari Kannosto Circle, 2021

Staircase



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