

Jaan Toomik

education

1985–1991 Estonian Academy of Arts, faculty of painting

solo exhibitions

2023

Decoding the Landscape, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn

[Forest Turn](#), Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

2022

People and Other Creatures, Artra Gallery, Milan

2021

In Blue and Green, Haapsalu City Gallery, Haapsalu

Jaan Toomik in Viljandi, Rüki gallery, Viljandi

2020

Selfie as a Seagull, ARS Project Space, Tallinn

2019

My End is My Beginning. And My Beginning is My End, Moscow Museum of Modern Art

Astrid Svangren / Jaan Toomik, Kohta, Helsinki, curator Anders Kreuger

Jaan Toomik: Oleg, Kunsthaus Dresden, Dresden

2018

A Theatre of Gestures, curated by Andris Brinkmanis, The Mukusala Art Salon, Riga

2017

How the West Was Left, curated by Anders Kreuger, Central Market, Tallinn

Film and video retrospective, 63rd International Short Film Festival Oberhausen

2016

First Slumber, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery

Jaan Toomik, Haapsalu City Gallery

2015

[Smells Like Old Men's Spirit](#), Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

2014

Alone, 84 HRZ Gallery, Munich

Messages from Reality, Werkstattgalerie, Berlin

2013

Solo, Galleri Sult / Skur 6, Stavanger

Orton Gallery, Helsinki

2012

Run, ARTRA Gallery, Milano

Pop/off art Gallery, Moscow

2011

Tourist, Vaal Gallery, Tallinn

2010

Turku Art Museum, Turku

2008

Riga Art Space

2007

Readiness, Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn

Jaan Toomik, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn

2005

Jaan Toomik, Tartu Art Museum

4+4 paintings Vaal Gallery, Tallinn

Video Works, Museum of Contemporary in Bucharest

Recent works, Tallinn Art Hall Gallery

Videos, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid

2004

Video Works, Contemporary Art Centre Vilnius

Artoteek in Hague, The Hague

Haapsalu City Gallery

IBID Gallery, London

2003

Vaal Gallery, Tallinn

Hippolyte Gallery, Helsinki

Artists' House, Tartu

2001

Peeter Mudist, paintings. Jaan Toomik, video installations, Cultural Centre Elzenveld, Antwerp

Contemporary Film and Video Programme, Moderna Museet, Stockholm

Tallinn Art Hall

1999

Vaal Gallery, Tallinn

1998

I-20 Gallery, New York

1997

Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn

Art Pace, San Antonio, Texas

selected group exhibitions

2025-2026

Spiegel im Spiegel. Encounters Between Estonian and German Art from Lucas Cranach to Arvo Pärt, Kumu Art Museum, Tallinn (forthcoming)

2025

Spiegel im Spiegel. Encounters Between Estonian and German Art from Lucas Cranach to Arvo Pärt, Die Kunsthalle im Lipsiusbau, Dresden State Art Collections. Germany (forthcoming)

Stasys Museum, Panevėžys (forthcoming)

2024

Being There, Le Clézio Gallery, Paris

Arts of Survival of Toomik, Ole and Mäetamm, Kondas Centre, Viljandi

2022

Growing Out? Growing Up? Contemporary Art Collecting in the Baltics, Zuzeum Art Centre, Riga

2021

Suizid – Let's Talk About It, Museum for Sepulchral Culture, Kassel

Towards a New Community, curated by Avi Lubin, Tel Aviv

Dreams of Freedom. Romanticism in Russia and Germany 6+, Albertinum, Dresden

Estonian Energies. The Power of Practice, Tartu Art Museum, Tartu

MEMENTO – The Force Field of Memories, The Museum for Sepulchral Culture, Kassel

Dreams of Freedom. Romanticism in Russia and Germany 6+, New Tretjakov gallery, Moscow

2020

[Roots and Ruins](#), curated by Rael Artel, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

2019

Fajr International Film Festival, Teheran

Reviving Europe from the bottom up, Freinaum, Berlin

Situ-Exhibiton, Oberhessen

TRE, Snehta Gallery, ATHENS

Avant 19, Karlstad, Kristinehamn Art Museum

Estonian Energies, Izevsk National Art Museum

The Price of Boredom, Rauma Triennale, Rauma

Blood and Soil, CAC, Vilnius

2018

There and Back Again, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki

Freedom is Recognized Necessity, Stedelijk

The Explorers, Part One, V-A-C Foundation, Palazzo delle Zattere, Venice

Performance – The Body as a Continuum in Art, Gabriele Senn Galerie, Vienna

Video Europe for all, Sofia

Freiheit zur Freiheit II, Schloss Albrechtsberg, Dresden

Dimitria Festival 2018, Artis Causa Gallery, Thessaloniki

The X-Files [Registry of the Nineties]", Kumu art museum, Tallinn

2017

Floating World, curated by Jonathan Watkins and Alistair Hicks, Art Bahrain Across Borders, Manama

2016

Closer to the Border, curated by Tainá Azeredo, CPR Film Festival, Buenos Aires

2015

Troubled Water, 10th Baltic Contemporary Art Biennial, Szczecin

Accrochage 3. Pop & Music/Sound, Louis Vuitton Foundation, Paris

5. Bildrausch, International Film Festival, Basel

International Film Festival, Rotterdam

Fiona Banner selects from the V-A-C Collection, Whitecapel Gallery, London

2014

SUND, Tallinn Art Hall

2013

Public Commission, Monument to Maris Liepa, Latvian National Opera House, Riga

The State of Making Things, Piazza Remo Rossi Locarno

2012

The Classics of Estonian Contemporary Art(MÖH?FU!ÖÄK!OSSA!VAU!), Tartu Art Museum

Masrers & Pelavin Gallery, New York

2011

XVI Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä
Impossible Community, Contemporary Art Museum of Moscow
Ostalgia, New Museum, New York
Meeting with Friend in Marfa, Å Gallery, Turku

2010

Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid, Pompidou Centre, Paris
Molodist International Film Festival, Kyiv
Drama Film Festival, Drama
Warsaw Film Festival, Warsaw
Biennale Mediations 2010, Poznan
São Paulo International Short Film Festival, São Paulo
The Care to Create, Art Festival Cēsis 2010, Cēsis
Mediation, The National Museum in Warsaw
A Pair of Left Shoes, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb
Oberhausen Short Film Festival, Oberhausen

2009

Gender Check, MUMOK, Vienna
Looking for New Earth, Sojo Gallery Kumamoto
Sik-SPRIDD ISOLERAD KONST, Kalmar Art Museum
Identity, Branderburgischer Kunstverein, Potsdam
Friendship, Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna
A Pair of Left Shoes, Bochum Art Museum

2008

Video Performances in Münster, Kunsthalle Münster
Youprison, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino
54. International Short Film Festival Oberhausen
Fairplay Film & Video Award 2008, Lugano
Borderlives. Contemporary Art from Helsinki, St. Petersburg and Tallinn, Ludwig Forum, Aachen
European Attitude, MOMA Zendai, Shanghai

2007

Shadow Filmfestival, Amsterdam
Cool Days, Bonniers Konsthall
Body as city, city as body, Dublin
Backward Blues, CCA, Moscow
October. Exit, Memory and Desire, Galleria ARTRA, Milan
Baltic States, part III. Contemporary Art from Estonia, Kalmar Art Museum
(H)eros, Casino Luxembourg
Locws 2: engaging art, people and place, Wales
Asia-Europe mediations, Poznan
Human Game, Saks 5th Ave, New York
Progressive Nostalgia, Prato
Giorgio Persano Gallery, Torino
Locws 3: engaging art, people and place, Wales

2006

Art, Life & Confusion, Belgrade Cultural Centre
Licht. Kunst mit Licht und Lichtdesign, Lüdenscheid
Human Game, Stazione Leopoldo of Florence
Videokunst aus dem baltikum, Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf
Face the Unexpected, Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund
4th berlin biennial for contemporary art 'Of Mice and Men', Berlin

2005

Document 3 – International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival Glasgow
Beijing International Art Biennale, Beijing
58. Festival Internazionale del Film Locarno, In Progress section, The Cubes, Locarno
Video Art in Cork, Cork Film Centre

2004

Instant Europe, Villa Manin, Passariano of Codroipo, Udine
Effort, Koldo Mitxelena Kulturunea, Donostia-San Sebastain
Shadow Film Festival, Amsterdam
Viinistu 2004, international live-art and video event, Viinistu
Talking to Me, Rauma Biennale Balticum, Rauma
Breakthrough, Grote Kerk den Hague
Dream Island, Riga
Movimento/Movimenti – Films and Videos of the 50. International Art Exhibition, International Exhibition of Visual Arts of the Biennale di Venezia
Shortcut Film Festival, Oberhausen
Bodyworks, The Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre, The Pierides Museum of Contemporary Art, Larnaca
EastWest, Museumquartal, Austrian Film Museum, Vienna

2003

Now What, BAK, Utrecht
Extra Strong Super Light, Szczecin National Art Museum
Veden Runoutta, Russian Museum, St. Petersburg
Mohni 2003, international festival of contemporary art, Mohni island
Dreams and Conflicts: Dictatorship of the Viewer. Clandestine. Arsenale, 50th International Exhibition of Visual Arts of the Biennale di Venezia
21 Minutes. Art Moscow
The Paths of Europe, Contemporary Art Museum, Thessaloniki
Paris – Berlin International Meetings, Paris, Berlin
Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebandengo Torino, Turin

2002

Evidence, Esso Gallery, London
Les Boréales, Caen
The Museum of Hafnarborg, Hafnarfjörður
Gooseflesh 3, international live-art and video art festival, Rakvere & Haapsalu
Roots, Taidehalli, Helsinki
Breath, The Ludwig Museum Budapest, Budapest
Video ROM, Milano, Bergamo, Rome
Closing the Distance, Årnia Center for Contemporary Art, Gdansk
The Baltic Times, Galerie im Taxispalais, Innsbruck

2001

The Baltic Times, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb; Škuc Gallery, Ljubljana
International Film and Video Festival, Split
Gooseflesh 2, international video and performance festival, Rakvere
Valencia Biennale, Section Video ROM, Valencia
On the Way to the Screen, Art Moscow, 5th International Art Fair, Central House of Artist, Moscow
Nights In, Gasworks Gallery, London
Estonian Energies, WUK Gallery, Vienna
Grosse Kunstausstellung Düsseldorf, Messe Düsseldorf

2000

Inverse Perspectives, Edsvik
Bac-Présence Balte, The Human Project, Visby, Athens, Barcelona
OPEN2000, Venice

I-20 Gallery, New York
Bleibe, Akademie der Künste, Berlin
L'autre moi tie de l'Europe, Galerie nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris
Videolisboa, International Video Festival of Lisbon

1999

After the Wall, Moderna Museet, Stockholm; Ludwig Museum, Budapest; Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin.
Near and Elsewhere, The Photographers Gallery, London

1997

Interstanding 2, 5th annual exhibition of the Soros Center for Contemporary Arts, Tallinn
Letter and Event, Apex Art C.P., New York
La Biennale di Venezia, Venice
Site Santa Fe Biennial, Santa Fe

1996

Survival, Rauma Biennale Balticum 96, Rauman Taidemuseo, Rauma
Container '96 – Art Across Oceans, international exhibition of contemporary art, Copenhagen
Manifesta 1, European biennial of modern art, Rotterdam Art Hall
Personal Time. Art of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania 1945–1996, Center for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw

1995

UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts, Paris
ARS 95, international exhibition of contemporary art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
Avant-garde Walk a Venezia 1995, Venice

1994

22nd International Biennial of São Paulo, São Paulo

awards and mentions

2013

Residency in Mazzano Romano, U. Tanners foundation

2008

54. International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, prize from organizers
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
Chicago Artist International Program

1997

Prize from the 5th annual exhibition of the Soros Center for Contemporary Arts, Estonia
Sinebrychoff Eesti Ltd.
Art Pace, San Antonio, Texas

1995

UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Arts, special mention, Paris

1994

Kristjan Raud annual art award, Estonia