

Kaarel Kurismaa

education

1966-1971 Estonian Academy of Arts, faculty of painting

selected solo exhibitions

2023

Exhibition by Grönlund-Nisunen, Ryoji Ikeda, and Kaarel Kurismaa, organized with Olivier Renaud-Clément, Esther Shipper Gallery, Berlin

2019

[The Old Man and the Musical Score](#), Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn

2018

Yellow Light Orchestra, retrospective, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn

2015

The Small Machine and Friends, Vabaduse Gallery, Tallinn

2009

Double Exposition, Tartu Art House

2008

Polyphonic, SooSoo Gallery, Tallinn

2005

Exhibition with Härmö Härm in the cave gallery of the Retretti Art Centre, Savonlinna

2003

Dancing in the Sky, Järvenpää

2001

Racing the Waves, Tallinn City Gallery

1997

Alma's Railroad, Tallinn Art Hall

1996

Bastejs Gallery, Riga

1995

Deco Gallery, Tallinn Speech Shadows, Tallinn City Gallery

1994

Tokko and Arrak's Gallery, Tallinn

1993

Gallery Sammas, Tallinn

1990

Tallinn Art Hall Gallery

1983

Estonian Museum of Applied Art

1973

Tallinn Art Hall

selected group exhibitions

2024

15th Baltic Triennial: Same Day

2022

Work and Leisure, curated by Liv Cuniberti and Jeppe Ugelvig, Milan

We'll Be Right Back, You Just Keep Playing!, Tallinn Art Hall

2021

Domestic Drama curated by Cathrin Mayer, Halle für Kunst Steiermark, Graz

2020

[On Adornments](#), Temnikova & Kasela with Ivan Gallery, Spike Berlin

Let Me Dream Once More, Narva Museum Art Gallery, Estonia

2018

Notes from the Underground – Art and Alternative Music in Eastern Europe 1968–1994, Akademie der Künste, Berlin

The Other Trans-Atlantic. Kinetic and Op Art in Eastern Europe and Latin America 1950s–1970s, Garage Contemporary Art Museum, Moscow

2016

The Kumu Hits, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn

2013

Out of Sync, KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn

Architectural display Trespassing Modernities, Istanbul

Soviet Flower Children: Psychedelic Underground of the 1970s, Estonian National Museum, Tartu

Joint exhibition by Estonian and Luxembourgish artists, Luxembourg

2011

Mystics and Moderns: Painting in Estonia Before Glasnost, Zimmerli Art Museum, New Jersey

2008

A Perfect Circle, Gallery ArtDepoo, Tallinn

2005

with Kiwa, Ljubljana Biennial of Graphic Arts Trichtlinnburg, Tallinn, Maastricht, Salzburg

2004

International art event Empty Spaces and Their Occupants, St. Petersburg

1996

Time, Space, Motion, Paide Action Art Festival Tallinn-Moscow 1956–1985, Tallinn Art Hall
Dimensio, exhibition of Finnish art groups, Pieksämäki

1995–2004

Blended I–VIII, Riga, Helsinki, Haapsalu, Kärdla, Valga, Sillamäe, Stockholm

1995

Mobile 1, exhibition of Estonian kinetic art, Tallinn Art Hall

1989–1991

Structure/Metaphysics, Pori Art Museum, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Kiel City Gallery, Nemo Gallery (Eckenförde), House of Culture (Stockholm), Liljevalch Art Hall (Stockholm), Linköping Museum

1984

Abstract Painting, with Lola Liivat and Ado Lill, Tartu Artists' House

1976

Estonian Art Institute, Tallinn

1975

Harku '75, Institute of Experimental Biology, Harku

1974

Pegasus Café, Tallinn

1974

Youth exhibition Man and Field, Tartu, Saku, and Pskov

1969

SOUP '69, Pegasus Café, Tallinn

publications

2018

Yellow Light Orchestra, published by KUMU Art Museum, Tallinn

1999

Kinetic art, exhibition catalogue, published by E-media Centre, Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn

1977

Priit Pärn, Kilplased, artist Kaarel Kurismaa, published by Kirjastus Kunst Mess. Küsi eneselt, vinyl record design Kaarel Kurismaa

awards

2025

The Order of the White Star

1997

Award of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia

1996

Kristjan Raud Prize

1995

Award of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia

1973

Contests for animated film scripts: 2nd award with Heino Mikiver for the film Cleaning Day

other

2024

Kaarel Kurismaa. Beyond the limits of timelessness, biographical documentary directed by Aljona Aljona Suržikova

1986–2003 Lecturer at the Estonian Academy of Arts