CV

Man Yau

Born in Helsinki, Finland 1991. Lives and works in Helsinki.

Represented by Galleri Nicolai Wallner.

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Education

2023	Master of Fine Arts, Academy of Fine Arts, University of the Arts Helsinki, subject area of sculpture
2018	Master of Arts, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Aalto University, Degree Programme in Product and Spatial Design
2013	Bachelor of Arts, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Aalto University, Degree Programme in Ceramic and Glass Design

Upcoming projects

2026 –	*Divan,* solo exhibition, Turku Art Museum, Studio, Turku, Finland (on-going)
	Hamuro mAiR–artist residence, Awara, Japan. Funded by The Finnish Cultural Foundation
2027	*The Many Lives of Hands,* group exhibition, Villa Stuck in Munich, Germany
	Pāvilosta Artist in Residency (PAiR), Pāvilosta, Latvia
2028	Solo exhibition, Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark

Solo exhibitions (selected)

2025	*Young Artist of the Year*, Tampere Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
2024	*Passage*, HAM Helsinki Art Museum, HAM gallery, Helsinki
2021	*Dried flowers last forever*, Boy Konsthall, Bollebygd, Sweden
2017	*Delfu*, Galleria Huuto, Helsinki
2013	*Semiprecious*, Bukowskis Helsinki
2012	*Porcelain Decks*, CaliHelsinki

Joint exhibitions and projects

2024 *Saline Binds*, together with Eetu Sihvonen, Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Tallinn

2023 *Lavender Deal*, as part of Niko Hallikainen's working group, *Finnish Pavilion Without Walls*, Performa Biennial 2023, New York City, USA

2022 *wip*, together with Maija Fox & Vesa Rahikainen, Outo Olo, Helsinki

Group Hug, together with Jade Kallio, Elina Nissinen & Aleksi Martikainen, Project Room, Helsinki

2021 *Midsummer Rose*, together with Lukas Malte Hoffmann, Susan Kooi, Malibu, Susan Ploetz&Feminist Culture House, Outo Olo, Helsinki

2019 *Shiga-Love and Magic Carpets*, together with Jussi Niskanen, Kämp Garden, Helsinki

2017 *La Nuit des Idées*, together with Jussi Niskanen, Cité internationale des arts, Paris

There Is A Light That Never Goes Out, together with Johannes Ekholm & 111X, Sinne, Helsinki

2014 *Dislocation*, together with Jesse Auersalo & Nina Merikallio, The Hole Gallery, New York City, USA

Art fairs

2026 *Chart Art Fair,* with Galleri Nicolai Wallner, group presentation, Copenhagen, Denmark

Art Basel, with Galleri Nicolai Wallner, group presentation, Basel, Switzerland

ARCOmadrid, with Galleri Nicolai Wallner, group presentation, Madrid, Spain

2025 *Liste Art Fair Basel,* with Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Basel, Switzerland

Riga Contemporary, with Pitted Dates, duo presentation with Frans Nybacka, Riga, Latvia

Group exhibitions (selected)

2026 *Nordic Threads,* Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark

2025 *Kuu Maa*, Margot Samel, New York City, USA

Winter Salon, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki

Rock, Paper, Scissors, collection exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki

Onoma summer exhibition, Coppersmithy, Fiskars, Finland

While I cast a shadow already cast, time leaks steadily out of my palm, Pitted Dates, Helsinki

2024 *In the spirit of Nubben in five ways*, Gallery Elverket, Ekenäs, Finland

2023 *Abundance*, Galleri F 15, Moss, Norway

FLIP! Skate & art, Vantaa Art Museum Artsi, Vantaa, Finland

Young Artists 2023, Kunsthalle Helsinki

	Perceive sea, dunes, mountains in move, 198 CAL, London
	This Coming Together, Kuva/Tila, Helsinki
2022	XXVI Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, Finland
2021	*Easy Fit!,* Porukalle, Helsinki
	Follow that bird, Konstepidemin, Gothenburg, Sweden
	Kuvan Kevät, MFA Degree Show of the Academy of Fine Arts, The University of the Arts Helsinki, Exhibition Laboratory, Helsinki
2020	*Bird Feeders*, online exhibition organised by Sakari Tervo, Ekenäs
	Goblin Doors, online exhibition organised by Sakari Tervo, Helsinki
	Tranquil Playground, Totan/Betuno.io, Tokyo
2019–2020	*Season XII – The Finnish Season*, *Keep Your Garden Alive*, Collectible Fair & Spazio Nobile Gallery, Brussels; Galerie de l'Institut finlandais & Révélations Biennale, Paris
2019	*FemF Art 2019: How to Slow Rush*, Titanik, Turku
2018	*A Cave for Play*, online exhibition organised by Sakari Tervo, Leikkiluola indoor playground, Helsinki
	A Passing Permanence, Space for Free Arts, Helsinki
2017	*FemF Art*, Valssaamo, Cable Factory, Helsinki
	Käännekohta, Galleria Sculptor, Helsinki
2016	*Objects of Desire*, Design Museum, Helsinki
2015–2016	*Recorded Matter: Ceramics in Motion*, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA; Center for Craft, Creativity & Design, Asheville, NC; Arizona State University's Art Museum Ceramics Research Center, Tempe, AZ
2015	*We Live Here*, Stockholm Design Week, Stockholm
	Table Talks, Design Museum Arabia, Helsinki
2014	*Finnish by Nature*, Spazio Milano C'est Chic, Milan, Italy
2013–2014	*Nordic Passion*, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul
2013	*Norther Exhibition*, Ventura Lambrate, Milan, Italy

Works in collections

Aalto University Executive Education (Aalto EE) Collection

City of Helsinki, HAM Helsinki Art Museum

Finnish Art Society, Art Lottery 2019 & 2022

Finnish National Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma

Finnish National Gallery, State Art Deposit Collection

Miettinen collection

The public collection of New Carlsberg Foundation, Denmark

The Rafaela Seppälä Collection, Tiftö Foundation

The Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art

Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park Art Collection, Japan

Tampere Art Museum Collection

Commissioned and public works

2023	*Dear Souvenir* Artwork for the Kuninkaantammi School and Daycare building Tammi, Kannelmäki Comprehensive School branch, in Helsinki, commissioned by the City of Helsinki and HAM Helsinki Art Museum

Awards and scholarships

2025	Young Artist of the Year Award, City of Tampere
	Pro Arte Award nominee, Didrichsen Art Museum
2024	Maecenas Kilta stipend
2022	Raimo Utriainen Art Foundation stipend
2021–2023	International mentoring programme of the Uniarts Helsinki's Academy of Fine Arts and The Saastamoinen Foundation
2021	The Anita Snellman Foundation stipend, Kuvan Kevät 2021 MFA degree show
	Friends of the Academy of Fine Arts Society stipend, Kuvan Kevät 2021 MFA degree show
2017	Young Talent of the Year Award, Muoto-gala, Helsinki Design Week

Grants (selected)

2027-2029	The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, three–year working grant
2026	Greta och Alfred Runebergs Stiftelse, project grant
	Tiftö Foundation, project grant
	The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant
	The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, public display grant
	The Finnish Cultural Foundation, mobility grant for Japan
2024–2025	The Finnish Cultural Foundation, two–year working grant

2024 Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse, project grant

Frame Contemporary Art Finland, mobility grant, together with Eetu Sihvonen

2023 The Greta and Alfred Runeberg Foundation, project grant

The Alfred Kordelin Foundation, working grant

2022 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

Kone Foundation, working grant

The Paulo Foundation, working grant

2021 The Finnish Art Society, young artist grant

The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Covid-19 grant

The Greta ja William Lehtinen Foundation, working and project grant

2020 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Covid-19 grant

The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

2019 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

2018 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, working grant

The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

2017 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, working grant

The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, mobility grant, together with Jussi Niskanen

Konstsamfundet, project grant

2016 Svenska kulturfonden, mobility grant, together with Jussi Niskanen

2015–2016 The Swedish-Finnish Cultural Foundation, travel stipend

2013 Konstsamfundet, project grant

Residencies

2024 Fabrikken, Copenhagen, Denmark. Funded by The Finnish Cultural Foundation

2018 Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park (SCCP), Shigaraki, Japan. Funded by The Finnish Institute in Japan

Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute, Jingdezhen, China. Funded by Aalto EE & Aalto University

2017 Cité internationale des arts, Paris, France as part of Jussi Niskanen’s working group

Memberships & positions of trust

2026	Jury member for Kalevala Art Prize, The Kalevala Jewelry Cultural Foundation
2021 – 2025	Jury member for Linnamo Award, Olga and Vilho Linnamo Foundation
2021 – 2022	The exhibition committee for The Association of Finnish Sculptors, Sculptor Gallery
2016 –	The Member of the Association of Finnish Sculptors