

CV

Man Yau

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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 –	<i>Nordic Threads</i> , group exhibition, Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Solo, Turku Art Museum, Studio, Turku, Finland
	<i>Hamuro mAiR</i> –artist residence, Japan. Funded by The Finnish Cultural Foundation
2027	Solo, Margot Samel, New York City, USA
	Solo, Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark

Solo exhibitions (selected)

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

Joint exhibitions and projects

2024	<i>Saline Binds</i> , together with Eetu Sihvonen, Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Tallinn
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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

2025 *Liste Art Fair Basel*, with Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
Riga Contemporary, with Pitted Dates, duo presentation with Frans Nybacka, Riga

Group exhibitions (selected)

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

2025 *Winter Salon*, Helsinki Contemporary, Helsinki

2025 *Rock, Paper, Scissors*, collection exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki

2025 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*, Valssamo, 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 National Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma

Miettinen collection

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

Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park Art Collection, Japan

Finnish Art Society, Art Lottery 2019 & 2022

Tampere Art Museum collection

The Rafaela Seppälä Collection, Tiftö Foundation

State Art Deposit Collection, Finnish National Gallery

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 Kulta 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)

2026 – The Finnish Cultural Foundation, mobility grant for Japan

2024 – The Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant

2024 Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse, materials grant
 Frame Contemporary Art Finland, mobility grant, together with Eetu Sihvonen

2023 The Greta and Alfred Runeberg Foundation, materials 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 materials grant

2020 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Covid-19 grant
 Academy of Fine Arts, University of the Arts Helsinki, materials grant
 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, project grant

2019 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, materials grant

2018 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, working grant
 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, materials grant

2017 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, working grant
 The Arts Promotion Centre Finland, mobility grant, together with Jussi Niskanen
 Konstsamfundet, materials grant

2016 Svenska kulturfonden, mobility grant, together with Jussi Niskanen

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

2013 Konstsamfundet, materials 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

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