

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 *Divan*, solo exhibition, Turku Art Museum, Studio, Turku, Finland
Art Basel, with Galleri Nicolai Wallner, group presentation, Basel, Switzerland
Hamuro mAiR–artist residence, Japan. Funded by The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2027 *Divan*, solo exhibition, Margot Samel, New York City, USA
Solo, 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 *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

Group exhibitions (selected)

- 2026 *Nordic Threads*, group exhibition, 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
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

State Art Deposit Collection, Finnish National Gallery

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 Utraiainen 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 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 Sihvonon

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

- 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