

CV

Man Yau

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

Represented by Galleri Nicolai Wallner.

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Education

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| 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

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| 2026 | <i>Divan</i> , solo exhibition, Turku Art Museum, Studio, Turku, Finland
<i>Hamuro mAiR</i> –artist residence, Japan. Funded by The Finnish Cultural Foundation |
| 2027 | <i>Divan</i> , solo exhibition, Margot Samel, New York City, USA
<i>Pāvilosta Artist in Residency (PAiR)</i> , Pāvilosta, Latvia
Solo, Galleri Nicolai Wallner, Copenhagen, Denmark |

Solo exhibitions (selected)

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| 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

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| 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

- 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*, 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

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
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	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	Fabriken, 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