

Nina Forsman *(née Kuoksa, formerly Mattila)*

b. 1974, Borås, Sweden — Lives and works in Espoo, Finland

Artist (painting, photography, installations)



Artist Statement

Nina Forsman is a Finnish artist whose practice spans oil and watercolor painting, expressive photography, and spatial installations. Central themes in her work include nature, humanity, emotions, light, urban landscapes, and social issues such as capitalism and animal rights. She studied classical fine arts at the Repin Institute and continued her art studies in the United States. Her works are included in several collections in Finland and internationally.

Education

- 2012–2014 • Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Saimaa University of Applied Sciences
 - 2013 • Fine arts studies, University of West Georgia, USA
 - 2012 • Summer school, St. Petersburg Academy of Fine Arts
 - 2010–2012 • Repin Institute, Fine Arts program, Kotka
 - 2012 • Arts entrepreneurship studies, Summer University of Kymenlaakso
 - 1999–2004 • Software Engineering program, Kymenlaakso University of Applied Sciences
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Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 • *Light in the Image*, Kotka Photography Centre, Kotka
 - 2014 • *Faces for States of Mind*, Gallery Dada, Tampere
 - 2013 • *White – Valkoinen*, Gallery Kapriisi, Tampere
 - 2012 • *Noise*, Koskisto Art Center, Kouvola
 - 2012 • *Burn*, Gallery Hanna Kaarina, Helsinki
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Selected Group & Joint Exhibitions

- 2025 • Kaava, Imatra Art Museum
 - 2025–2016 • Finnish Painters' Union Sales Exhibition, Cable Factory, Helsinki
 - 2023 • ARTBOX.PROJECT New York 2.0, New York, USA
 - 2022 • ARTBOX.PROJECT Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
 - 2021 • ARTBOX.PROJECT Barcelona 1.0, Barcelona, Spain
 - 2020 • SWISSARTEXPO, Zurich, Switzerland
 - 2018 • Finland Now and in the Future, Gumbostrand Konst & Form
 - 2016 • Repin Institute 10 Years, Gallery Krypta & Maritime Centre Vellamo
 - 2013 • Off the Wall, MOCA GA, Atlanta, USA
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Collections

- City of Kotka
 - Brooklyn Art Library, New York, USA
 - University of West Georgia, USA
 - Private and corporate collections in Finland, the United States, Italy, and Spain
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Memberships

- Finnish Painters' Union
 - MUU Artists' Association
 - Espoo Visual Artists Association
 - Espoo Artists' Guild
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Selected Awards & Recognitions

- 2015 • Honorable Mention, PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris
 - 2013 • Dean's List, University of West Georgia, USA
 - 2011 • People's Choice Award, PX3 Paris
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Selected Grants

- 2022, 2020, 2018, 2016 • City of Espoo
 - 2015 • Working grant, City of Kotka
 - 2013 • Travel grant, William and Ester Otsakorpi Foundation
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Publications

- 2020–2021 • *The Sketchbook Project*, Brooklyn Art Library, multiple publications
 - 2014 • *It Is Not Only About an Animal or a Human*, BFA thesis
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Residencies

- 2014 • Arte Studio Ginestrelle, Assisi, Italy
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Portfolio requests and price list available upon request.