

KAI NORAMIES, Helsinki, Finland 1918 – 1976

sculptor, painter, graphic artist, philosopher and chemist

Studies

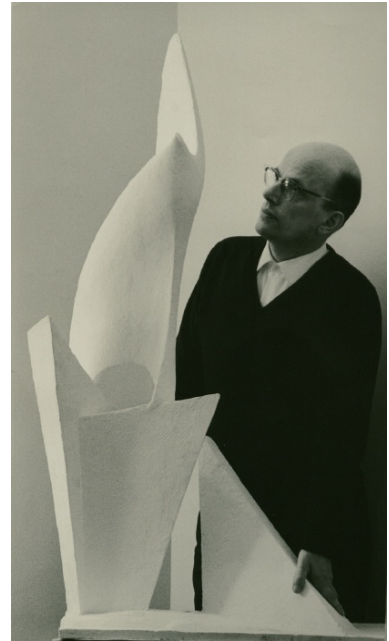
Kai Noramies, M.A., completed his art studies at the Art Studio of the University of Helsinki and at the Free Art School.

Career

In the 1950's – 1960's Kai Noramies represented the Association of Finnish Sculptors in the Workers' Educational Organization and was a member of the State Visual Arts Committee 1958 – 1961. He was a member of the Finnish Society of Artists and the Visual Arts Seniors

He was a versatile artist: sculptor, painter and graphic artist at the same time.

Chemist Kai Noramies worked as an assistant in the Laboratory of Chemistry at the Helsinki University 1945-48 and at the Central Laboratory of OTK Helsinki in 1948 – 1966.



Public works

- "The Young at Play", the sculpture in front of Mäkelä elementary school 1959 Helsinki
- Portrait of doctor V.F.Leskinen 1959 at the hospital of Seinäjoki town
- "Cranes", at the office of OTK (later Tradeka) Oulu town 1961
- Altar painting 1961 in the chapel of Vuoriniemi Sääminki
- "The faces of OTK", the bas relief at the main office and mill of OTK (Tradeka) Helsinki 1965
- "Plain", a relief in the Seinäjoki Savings Bank
- "Geese" a fountain sculpture in the Seinäjoki hospital
- Many cemetery memorials (sculptures)
- Works, paintings and sculptures, at major Finnish museums, companies and organizations eg. Helsinki City Art Museum, Tampere Art Museum, The Didrichsen Museum of Art and Culture, Amer, IBM, Alko, OKO, OTK (Tradeka), Suomen Sokeri, Huhtamäki, Berner, Kesko, Kansa, STK, Tietotehdas, Sholberg, STTK, SAK, Pohjola, Renlund, Jyväskylän University, Ähtäri Parish House

Paintings and sculptures in private homes in Finland and abroad

Key works created in the 1950's

- "Child in Time State"
- The trio: "Maria", "Alone" and "At the Source"

Series of sculptures and paintings

- "Biarriz" series, sculptures
- "Squiffy" (Ökki) series, sculptures
- "Find Us" series, sculptures
- "Logos" series, sculptures
- "Catacomb" (Katakombi), sculptures
- "Flute Concerto" (Huilukonsertto), sculptures
- "Kalevala", sculptures and paintings
- "Thanksgiving" series (Kiitossarja), paintings
- "Nature and Animal" series (Luonto- ja Eläinsarja), paintings
- "Clown" series, paintings
- The monad-forming "Arch" series (Kaarisarja), comprising "Apostles as children" series, "Christ" series, paintings and "Find Us" series, sculptures
- Other series, paintings

Other works

Fifteen large illustrated stories, poems, columns, radio plays, medals, exlibris and stamp designs

Exhibitions

Domestic exhibitions

- 1952 Suomen Taiteilijain 58. vuosinäyttely, Helsinki
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- 1957 Suomen Taiteilijain 63. vuosinäyttely, Helsinki
- 1973 Perhetutkimusseuran näyttely, Tampere
- 1974 Yksityisnäyttely OTK, Helsinki
- 1975 Kuvataideseniorit ry., Taidehalli, Helsinki
- 1978 Ässä - Galleria, Helsinki
- 1979 Alvar Aalto - museo, Jyväskylä
- 1979 Tuomiokirkon krypta, Helsinki
- 1981 Seurakuntapäivät, Laukaa
- 1982 Seurakuntapäivät, Forssa
- 1996 Emil Cedercreutzin museo, Harjavalta

International exhibitions

- 1957 The Australian Women's Weekly, Sydney
- 1970 Conte De Vallombreuse, Salon International, Biarritz
- 1970 Conte De Vallombreuse, La Galerie Mouffe, Paris
- 1995 UN 4. World Conference / NGO Forum on Women Beijing-95, Beijing
- 2004 Galleria d'Arte Eustachi, Milan
- 2004 Galleria Artesanterasmo, Milan
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- 2006 Palazzo dell` Arengario, Milan

Rewards

- Art Academy Tommaso Camponella's medal, Italy 1970
- Many prizes from art competitions in Finland
- A medal from the caricature and sculpture competition of Gabrovo 1977, Bulgaria

Väestöliitto, Finnish Population and the Family Welfare Federation, has annually given "A Peek to the Future" sculpture ("Find Us" series) as a reward to a person or an organization who has successfully worked for children and families.

Literature

"Lo scultore Kai Noramies (1918 – 1976)"
by dottoressa Meri-Kirsi Koponen Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore Milano 2003.