

Mark Roberts

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Education

2007-2009	MA Film Screenwriting (Distinction) <i>University of Salford, Manchester, England</i>
1996-1999	BA (First Class Hons) Photography <i>The Surrey Institute of Art & Design University College., England</i>
1995-1996	HNC Photography & Multimedia (Distinction) <i>College of North East London, England</i>

Employment

2009-present	Freelance artist, photographer, scriptwriter, proofreader and curator
2006-2009	Full-time Artist, funded by Finnish state and public sector organisations (see grants list below)
2005-present	Founder, Curator and Board Member of Magneetti Northern Media Culture Association, Rovaniemi, Finland
2004-2006	DVD Producer; Arctic Center; Arktikum, Rovaniemi Scriptwriting, directing, restoration, editing, production.
1999-2007	Co-director / co-owner, Valotalo Productions, Helsinki / Rovaniemi
2003-2006	Festival Director; Kaiku Experimental Sound and Video Festival, Rovaniemi & Producer for Kaiku Podcasts
2002-2005	Coordinator & co-director <i>Dotcoma Club / Dotcoma Recordings</i>
1999-2001	Copywriter / Concept Designer, Satama Interactive, Helsinki
1991-1994	Volunteer Coordinator, Joanne Trust, Bucharest, Romania

Selected Solo Exhibitions (including 'Rainio & Roberts' exhibitions)

2010	Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis
2009	<i>Borderlands</i> , Finnish Cultural Institute, Paris
2008	<i>Eight Rooms</i> , Korjaamo, Helsinki
2008	Rovaniemi Art Museum
2006	Gallery Black Box, Winterfest, Narvik, Norway
2006	<i>One Thousand Words</i> , Valo Gallery, Rovaniemi
2005	<i>Tampere Film Festival</i> , Työväen Keskusmuseo Werstas, Tampere
2004	Aine Art Museum, Tornio
1998	Installations in and around Farnham, UK Maltings Gallery, Farnham, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2011 The Magic of Lapland, Atenium, Helsinki, Finland
- 2011 Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland
- 2011 Bodies, Borders, Crossings, Les Boreales Festival, Caen, France
- 2010 almos(t)here, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, USA
www.almosthere.us
- 2009 Home Today, Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Finland
- 2009 Festival "Des Frontieres et des Hommes", Thionville, France
- 2008 International Design Bienalle, St. Etienne, France
- 2008 *Borderlives*, Ludwig Forum für International Kunst, Aachen, Germany and Kiel, Germany
- 2008 North Karjala Art Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2007 *Border Crossing Exercises*, Festspillene, Harstadt, Norway
- 2006 *Talvimaa – Winterland*, Finnish Photography Triennale, Salo Art Museum
- 2005 *Barents Triennale (Border Dialogues)*, Kirkenes, Norway
Leaps of Faith, Nicosia, Cyprus
Locus Lophem, Kunsthalle Lophem, Belgium
On the Earth and Under the Sky, Media Center Vyhod, Petroskoi, Russia
- 2004 *Faster Than History*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art.
Disposable Histories, PANG, Rovaniemi
- 2003 *Migration*, Sound installation, Lok-Stall, Kirkenes, Norway
- 2001 *Ääniä Valossa and Silent Disco*, Valonvoima festival, Helsinki
- 1999 *Created Space*, Atrium Gallery, Whiteleys, London
Ympäri, Laterna Magica Gallery, Helsinki
InSight, BA Photography Degree Show, The Mall Gallery, London, England
- 1998 *Polaroid*, Interactive public art project, Farnham, England

Festivals and Screenings

- 2008 *Terra Incognita at Lens Politica*, Helsinki
- 2007 *Europe and Its Others. Interceptions of Past, Present and Future.*
Conference in the University of St Andrews, Scotland.
- 2007 *Locations of Emancipation* –conference, University of Lapland
- 2007 *Borderlands – To Live at the Border* conference, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2005 DKSG, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2004 *Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin*, various locations, Paris

Residencies

January – February 2007
June – July 2006
January 2005

Platform Garanti contemporary art centre, Istanbul, Turkey
Berlin Artists Residency, Lapland Arts Council
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Works in Collections

Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki
Jenny and Antti Wihuri Collection

Grants & Awards

2011: Arts Council of Finland (Artistic Production Grant)
2010: Finnish Film Foundation (SES) (Scriptwriting Grant)
2010: Arts Council of Finland (Media art grant)
2009: FRAME (Publication Grant)
2009: AVEK (Media Art Production Grant)
2008: Finnish Culture Foundation (Lapland) (Artist Grant - 1 year)
2008: Arts Council of Finland (Media art grant)
2008: AVEK (Eight Rooms Exhibition)
2008: Lapland Arts Council (Eight Rooms Exhibition)
2007: Arts Council of Finland (Media art grant)
2007: Finnish Culture Foundation (Finland) (Artist Grant – 1 year)
2007: FRAME residency grant
2006: Lapland Arts Council (Exhibition expenses grant)
2006: AVEK (Media Art Grant)
2006: Arts Council of Finland (Media art grant)
2006: Finnish Culture Foundation (Lapland) (Artist Grant)
2005: Arts Council of Finland (Production grant)
2005: AVEK (Media art production grant)
2005: Lapland Arts Council (Artist Residency grant)
2005: POEM (Production grant)
2005: Arts Council of Finland (Public Display grant)
2005: AVEK (Media art grant)
2005: Lapland Arts Council (Artist Grant)
2005: Arts Council of Finland (Media art grant)
2004: Alfred Kordelin Foundation (Production grant)
2004: Arts Council of Finland (Publicity costs grant)
2004: AVEK (Scriptwriting)
2004: POEM (POEMdocs pre-production grant)
2003: POEM (POEMdocs production grant)
2003: AVEK (Media Art)
2003: Finnish Culture Foundation (Lapland) (Festival Grant)
2003: LUSES (Festival Production Grant)
2002: Arts Council of Finland (Media art grant)
2000: Arts Council of Finland (Travel grant)
1999: Helsinki Culture Foundation (Production grant)

Projects & Workshops

2007-2008

Limited invitation to create sound installation for new Sami University in Nuorgam, Norway. 1 of 5 participating artists.

2006

Lapin Lisä
Script development programme, Tornio, Finland
(Special Commendation)

2003-2005

POEMdocs 01 & 02
Documentary and media production planning and scriptwriting project.
Oulu, Finland

Curatorial Activities

2010 & 2011	INSIDE / OUTSIDE exhibition, Rovaniemi, Finland
2010	Almos(t)here exhibition, Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, USA
2003-2006	Kaiku Festival, Rovaniemi, Finland

Competitions

Quarterfinalist, Silver Screenwriting Competition, 2009
The Ungrateful Dead

Published works

2011	The Magic of Lapland, exhibition catalogue
2010	Franklin ArtWorks exhibition catalogue
2006	<i>Talvimaa – Winterland</i> exhibition catalogue Salo Art Museum / Musta taide
2006	<i>Northern Visions</i> – 2 disc DVD set Afbare (Arctic documentary films at risk in Barents region)
2005	<i>Leaps of Faith</i> – Exhibition catalogue
2004	<i>Faster Than History</i> – Exhibition catalogue Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
2004	<i>Framework</i> – <i>Finnish Art Review</i> 1/2004
2003	<i>Askeleita yli rajan</i> , Article AVEK-magazine 1/2003
2001	<i>POINT Art and Design Research Journal</i> 11
2001	Avanto Festival 2001 CD insert

Memberships

Northern Media Culture Association Magneetti ry.
(Co-founder and board member)
Les Recontres Internationales Paris/Berlin (media art distribution)
AV-Arkki (media art distribution)
Muu Ry (Artists Association)
Lapland Artists Association
Kuvasto ry (Artists Union)

Teaching, Seminars and Public Lectures

2010	Seminars and student critiques at University of Denver, Colorado
2010	Public discussion at Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis
2009	Public presentation at Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis
2009	Public presentation and student critiques at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
2006	Seminar presentation for <i>Art in the North</i> seminars, Rovaniemi, Finland
2005	Seminar presentation for <i>Leaps of Faith</i> exhibition, Nicosia, Cyprus
2000	Teaching 'Interactive Technologies' module for E.M.M.A.B.A. (European Masters in Multimedia and Audiovisual Business Administration), Kemi-Tornio Polytechnic and University of Lapland

Sound Performances

The City In Pieces (Berlinstambul)

- Placard headphone festival / Pixelache, Kiasma, Helsinki (2007)

Working Space / Surface Time (with John Court)

- Forum Box, Helsinki (2004); Center for Marginal Arts, Joensuu (2004); Aine Art Museum, Tornio (2004); La-Bas Festival, Oulun Taidekoulu, Oulu (2004)

Kelly / Roberts / Verhaverbeke (laptop trio)

- Kaiku01 Festival, Rovaniemi (2003); Dotcoma club, Saunabar, Helsinki (2002); La-Bas, Cable Factory, Helsinki (2002); Amorph01! Festival, Gloria, Helsinki (2001)

Roberts / Verhaverbeke (laptop duo)

- Betonirock, Jyväskylä (2002)

Keränen / Roberts / Verhaverbeke (laptop trio)

- Dotcoma club, Saunabar Helsinki (2001)

Published sound works

How Everything Turns Away, Kaiku Records mp3.08 (2007)

Surfaces, Kaiku Records CD-R 01 (2006)

St. Petersburg: Field Recordings, Dotcoma Recordings CD-R 01 (2003)

Diseases, Dotcoma Recordings CD-R 02 (2002)

Community Activities

Magneetti Northern Media Culture Association

Founder, Co-Director and Curator for non-profit organisation promoting and hosting events for media and visual arts in the Northern Nordic area.

Kaiku Festival

Founder and Director of Kaiku Experimental Sound and Video Festival, Rovaniemi, Finland.

Kaiku Podcast

Monthly online podcast presenting and promoting music from Northern Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia to a global audience.