

A short story of my The Love Ambassadors installation and sculptures in Laterna Magica in 2008.

I moved to Helsinki twelve years ago. Soon I went to see an impressive photography exhibition in a gallery located in Kruunuhaka. The mood of the gallery was astonishing. I made a decision: if I'm an artist one day I will have my own exhibition in this gallery. Now the time has come.

I have done these artworks thinking of Laterna Magica's atmosphere and same time I tried to find new ways to express myself. I have abandoned my strongest and the most obvious method of working: painting. I have studied new and insecure dimensions that have burst out of me.

It looks like the theme of the exhibition is the dialogue between man's inner integrity and fragmentation. I have spiced up the search of the inner harmony with tender and love.

Working with my art has taught me to accept the disadvantages and the roughness in me and in the surrounding world. You can see a lot of me in these artworks. I have put a great effort to show my experiences of the unsteady stream of life.

This is the first time I have created process art. Eighteen months ago I made the first butterfly for The Love Ambassadors and since then I have made butterflies every day. The Love Ambassadors consists of 1062 butterflies because as many Finnish committed a suicide in year 2006.

The Love Ambassadors has helped me to think man's ability to end his life. I wanted to sorrow and to calm myself by remembering these lost lives. The Love Ambassadors is the heart of the exhibition and she conquers the gallery like a great flight of butterflies.

In the other artworks in the exhibition I want to give a message of hope and survival.

During this year some little horses and riders were born and they are also coming to the exhibition. In the history of mankind the great heroes have had statues where they ride with their horses high above average people. In my statues the riders can be anyone of us. I want to show my respect to the people who have energy and belief to go on and not to give up. Peoples ability to do good to each other, even when life is getting rough, is truly beautiful.