

Cansu Pylkkänen

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Helsinki-based emerging artist Cansu Pylkkänen (b.1987, Turkey) is primarily working in photography, acrylic and oil painting, visual media art and performance art.

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EDUCATION

2023 - ongoing University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
PhD in Cultural Heritage Department

2017-2021 Aalto University, Espoo, Finland
M.A. in Interior Architecture
Studied under artists and curators; Kukka Paavilainen, Marja Nurminen, Hanna Westerberg, Bassam el Baroni, Mi You, Hanna Weselius, Laura Isoniemi, and Pilvi Porkola.

FILM PROJECTS

Far From Home, 2023 (Writer, Director, and Producer)
Short Film, 2 min 15 sec
Shot on location in Pamukkale, Turkey

Explores themes of belonging, connection, and emotional resilience.
Submitted to Outsider Art Festival 2025

PERFORMANCE ART

Hoovering, 2024, Koola Art Space, Helsinki (FI)

Lessons by Davi Set Hompson from Fluxus Workbook, 2022, Conceptual Piece
Executed by Cansu Pylkkänen
With guest Nehir Ayas

Choice 1 by Robert Bozzi from Fluxus Workbook, 2020, Conceptual Piece

Hoovering, 2020, Conceptual Piece

Off to the Lake, Site-Oriented Performance Art, 2020, Conceptual Piece

THEATRE

Leading Role
2024.06.14-15, NoName Theatre, The Right Place
Director: Sofia Stupenkova
Dramaturg: Vera Boitsova
Cast: Cansu Pylkkänen, Anastasia Diatlova, Sofie Lahtinen, and Vladislav Nenchev.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Ancient Textures, Koola Art Space, Helsinki (FI)
2024 Ebb and Flow, Window Exhibition, Globe Art Point, Helsinki (FI)
2023 Body of Water, Think Gallery, Helsinki (FI)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 EmpowerHer, Mimosa Vida, Helsinki (FI)
2019 Visualized Me, Aalto University, Espoo (FI)
2019 Drawing in Space, Aalto University, Espoo (FI)
2018 Draw&Paint, Aalto University, Espoo (FI)
2018 Hack the Color, Aalto University, Espoo (FI)

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2020 Record of Reflection - Loan Edition, Aalto University, Espoo (FI)
2020 Futures in Process: Of Sites Rendering Speculation, Aalto University, Espoo (FI)

AWARDS

- 2023 Special Mention Architizer Vision Awards
Student Creator of the Year Category

PRESS

- 2020 Ice Hole - Live Art Journal, Issue 10, Group show digital catalogue

COLLECTIONS

Private Collection, Lahti (FI)

Private Collection, Istanbul (TR)

LANGUAGE

Turkish - native
English - fluent
Finnish - intermediate YKI testi 3/6