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Education:

2007 - 2008: Intensive Spanish Course, Taronja Escuela de Idiomas, Valencia, Spain
1993 - 1999: MA, AV Media Culture, Faculty of Art and Design, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi
1995 - 1996: Interactive Art, Department of Fine Art, Manchester Metropolitan University
1990 - 1991: Photography, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York
1988 - 1989: Visual Communication Course, Laajasalo College, Helsinki
1986 - 1988: Savonlinna Art College

Exhibitions:

2026: "Queer Witches": Paintings, Handicraft Fair, Seinäjoki
2026: "Rainbow Magic": Paintings and Textile Installations with Jani Maunula, part of the Oulu European Capital of Culture 2026 programme, Akustiikka, Ylivieska
2026: "Rainbow Magic": Paintings and Textile Installation with Jani Maunula, part of the Bristol Pride Festival, The Island Gallery, Bristol, UK
2025: "Rainbow Magic": Paintings, Textile Installation with Jani Maunula, and Performance with House of Disappointments, Taidehalli Häme, Hämeenlinna
2025: "Queer Witches": Paintings and textiles, Mas Amigos Que Nunca, Madrid
2024: "Stigmata": Eye-Leen's Magic Closet, Group Exhibition, Swinton Gallery, Madrid
2024: "Psykedeelit ja Luovuus Kotimaisessa Kuvataiteessa": Group Exhibition, Vallila Konepaja, Helsinki
2023: "Rainbow Magic": Paintings, Textile Installation with Jani Maunula, and Performance with House of Disappointments, Aarni Galleria, Espoo
2023: "Rainbow Magic": Paintings and Textile Installation with Jani Maunula, Instituto Iberoamericano de Finlandia, Madrid
2021 - 2023: "Queer Witches": Paintings, Hercules Nightclub, Helsinki
2022: "Eye-Leen and the Queer Witches": Paintings, Out Of The Box Gallery, Helsinki
2022: "Eye-Leen and the Queer Witches": Paintings, Textile Installation, and Sewing Performance, Handicraft Fair, Seinäjoki
2022: "Queer Witches": Prints from Paintings, Adler Wine House, Suomenlinna, Helsinki
2022: "Eye-Leen High Frequency Dance": Video, We Were Never Human, Bronx Academy of Arts & Dance, New York
2022: "Queer Witches": Paintings, Sissybag, Madrid
2022: "Queer Witches": Paintings, Mas Amigos Que Nunca, Madrid
2021: "Portraits and Landscapes": Paintings and Photographs, Tillarigalleria, Nivala
2021: "Eye-Leen and the Queer Witches": Paintings, Adlerfelt, Suomenlinna, Helsinki
2021: "Eye-Leen": Paintings, Mas Amigos Que Nunca, Madrid
2020 - 2023: "Eye-Leen": Painted Electrical Boxes, Organized by Bridge, Helsinki
2020: "Nightlife": Photos, City Hall during Pride Week, Group Exhibition, Helsinki
2019: "Sansanonas Through Your Eyes": Group Exhibition, Casa Filete, Madrid
2019: "London Club Pictures": Digital Exhibition, Sissybag, Madrid
2019: "Drag Attack Paintings": Oulu Art Museum, Oulu Pride
2019: "Drag Attack Paintings": Digital Exhibition, Sissybag, Madrid
2018: "Drag Attack Paintings": Digital Exhibition, Rebels, DTM, Helsinki
2018: "Helsinki Clubbing": Group Exhibition, Photos, Helsinki City Museum
2018: "San Isidro": Group Exhibition, Paintings, Nelson Villasana Studio, Madrid
2018: "Drag Attack Paintings": Basso Gallery, Helsinki
2017: "Drag Attack Paintings": Swinton Gallery, Madrid

- 2017: "Geografias Queer": Group Exhibition, Medialab Prado, Madrid
- 2014: "Toysextory": Photo Exhibition with Jose Luis Abad, La Boba y el Gato, Valencia
- 2012: "Terroristi": Video Work with Jaakko Pesonen, Forum Box, Helsinki
- 2007: "Ritual": Video Work with Predrag Pajdic, Exit Art, New York
- 2006: "Ritual": Video Work with Predrag Pajdic, 291 Gallery, London
- 2004: "Lifestyle": Animation, Art Hypermarkets, Palazzo delle Papesse, Siena, Italy
- 1999: "1234": Multimedia Installation with Pete Sipilä, Art Museum, Rovaniemi
- 1997: "Plastic Pony Life": Multimedia, "The Works", Gallery Täysikuu, Rovaniemi
- 1997: "Plastic Pony The Next Generation": Exhibition with Pete Sipilä and Joona Savolainen, Muu Galleria, Helsinki
- 1997: "1+1=3": Multimedia, "Dislocations", Rovaniemi
- 1997: "Ufotive": Multimedia, Group Project, Exhibited in Various Locations, Rovaniemi
- 1996: "Plastic Pony Embassy of Funland": Photos, Videos, Graphic Design, Fashion, with Pete Sipilä and Joona Savolainen, Northbank Gallery, London
- 1996: "Rita Stark": Photos, Multimedia, with Leena Mikkola, Rantagalleria, Oulu
- 1995: "Rita Stark": Arsis Gallery, Ylivieska
- 1995: "Rita Stark": Gallery Sandwitz, Rovaniemi
- 1994: "Instant Glamour": Photographs, Paintings, Serigraphy, Tillari, Nivala
- 1994: "New York Clubkids II": 20 Life-Size Paintings, Limelight, New York
- 1993: "Nuoret Tyrkyt: The Ultimate Interactive Multimedia Home Shopping Experience": Group Exhibition; Installation, Video, Serigraphy, Slide Show, Valkosaari, Helsinki
- 1992: "Go!": Paintings, Photographs, Prints, Arsis Gallery, Ylivieska
- 1991: "Pikkupeikko and Saunatonnttu": Pictures of New York Club Kids, Library, Ylivieska
- 1991: "New York Clubkids": 20 Life-Size Paintings, Limelight, New York
- 1990: "Divina": Photographs, Paintings, The Building, New York

Festivals, Workshops, Research Trips and Art Lectures:

- 2025: Research and photographing models for Queer Witches project, Mexico
- 2024: Tallinn Bearty Festival, Drag Attack Event, Textiles in Fotografiska Museum Shop
- 2020: Portrait Painting Workshop, Instructor: Niina Vincelot, Kokemäki
- 2019: Queer Spirit Festival, Northamptonshire, England
- 2019: Art Lecture: Drag Queens, Aliens, and Queer Witches, The Glory, London
- 2019: Art Lecture: Drag Queens, Aliens, and Queer Witches, Oulu Art Museum, Oulu
- 2018: Hybrid Festival, Madrid
- 2017: Geografias Queer, Madrid
- 2011: Freaky Drag Workshop, Oudelma, Helsinki
- 2009: Tek Festival, Rome
- 2006: Mid-e Festival, San Sebastian, Spain
- 1998: Virtual Revolutions, ISEA Liverpool / Manchester
- 1998: Plastic Pony Life Multimedia Work, Outfest, Los Angeles
- 1997: Polar Circuit, Tornio
- 1997: Special K, Mix Festival, New York
- 1996: Special K Multimedia Work, New Talent Pavillion, MILIA, Cannes

Grants:

- 2026: Oulu2026
- 2022: Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2021: Art Promotion Center, Taike
- 2013: Finnish Cultural Foundation

1999: Finnish Cultural Foundation
 1998: VISEK
 1998: Leonardo Da Vinci Program
 1998: Rovaniemi City Culture Board
 1997: VISEK (with Petri Sipilä and Joonas Savolainen)
 1995: Erasmus Programme
 1991: Ylivieska City Cultural Board

DJ and Event Producer, highlights include:

- DJ, Botox, Melbourne, Australia (2019)
- Producer and DJ, Drag Attack, Madrid and Valencia (since 2013)
- DJ, Burning Man Festival, USA (2013)
- DJ, MTV Afterparty, Frankfurt (2012)
- DJ, Bears on Board, Helsinki (since 2011)
- DJ, Hot Group and Minitel Club, Madrid (since 2011)
- Producer and DJ, Drag Attack, Jenny Woo, Helsinki (2010-2011)
- DJ, Egg Nightclub, Kaos, Summer Rights, etc., London (since 2007)
- DJ, London Fashion Week Opening Party (2007)
- Producer, Löyly Club Nights, London (2003-2004)
- Performed also in Milan, Sao Paulo, Zurich, Rome, Verona, Athens, Paris, Bilbao, Barcelona, San Francisco, Berlin

Model, Actor/Actress, and Press, featured in:

- Psykedeelit ja Luovuus Kotimaisessa Kuvataiteessa, book (2024)
- Travesti, Book of Spanish Drag Queens, Mista Studio (2022)
- Konesuomi, a book about the Finnish electronic music scene (2017)
- We Are Here We Are Queer video, Andres Senra, Madrid World Pride (2017)
- Tatu V – Housewife from Mars, television documentary, Yle Teema (2014)
- Finnish Press: Helsingin Sanomat, Voima, Metro Live, Keskipohjanmaa, We Are Helsinki, Kaleva, Epari, Lapin Kansa, Normihomolehti, Kalajokilaakso
- In Blue and White Feathers – A book about Finnish drag culture by Tiia Aarnipuu (2010)
- Vision magazine, six-page fashion story, China (2007)
- British fashion magazines: ID, The Face, Sunday Times Style Magazine
- In Rosa Liksom films: Hindu Mama and the Plastic Academy, Hair Tonic for Pony, Lollipop (1992)
- Interview Magazine, photographer: Steven Meisel (1990)

Web Designer in London (1999-2007): Worked as a freelancer and full-time designer. Highlights:

- Website for William Baker, Kylie Minogue's Creative Director
- KCTV.online, an online magazine about art, fashion, music, and clubbing (created with Kenny Campbell in 2004, still active)

Other Works and Projects:

- Music for Jenni Hiltunen's Mirage video (2011)
- Hostess for Hel Yes! pop-up restaurant with Klaus Haapaniemi, London (2010), Helsinki (2011)
- Club photographer, QX Magazine, London (2004-2006)
- Club hostess for The Cock, Nag Nag Nag, and Horse Meat Disco in London (since 2002)
- Hat designer's assistant: Sarah Gavaghan, New York (1989-91)
- Club kid/drag queen go-go dancer, club decorator, photographer, New York (1990-91)
- Designed posters and flyers for events (since 1990)