

OOPEAA OFFICE FOR PERIPHERAL ARCHITECTURE

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Anssi Lassila (b. Soini Finland, 1973) is the founder and director of OOPEAA Office for Peripheral Architecture. His international breakthrough was the Käsämäki Shingle Church in 2004. Lassila's architecture displays his interest in combining a sculptural form with traditional materials and innovative techniques. For him, peripheral sensitivity is a vital part of the creative process. OOPEAA draws inspiration from 'in-between' states - between urban and rural, traditional and contemporary, local and international. In its approach OOPEAA emphasizes the potential embedded in exploring new methods and techniques as a means of developing new solutions in building. Their work is characterized by a strong interest in the way materials behave and in experimentation with innovative solutions. It is about venturing into the borderlands and identifying new possibilities where tradition meets the new.

OOPEAA works on a wide range of projects on varying scales from churches and daycare centers, an art museum, office buildings, housing, private houses, town planning, and renovations and extensions to historically valuable landmarks. The office is based in Seinäjoki and Helsinki, Finland, and it currently employs a staff of 15. OOPEAA has been honored with significant awards and won several prizes in competitions both in Finland and abroad, including the State Prize for Architecture 2017, the Alfred Kordelin Prize 2017, the Finlandia Prize for Architecture in 2015, the Wood Architecture Award in 2015, the Canadian Wood Design and Building Award 2016, the American Architecture Prize 2016 in two categories and the Spotlight Prize in 2017. The work of the office has also been selected for the shortlist for the Mies van der Rohe European Prize for Contemporary Architecture in 2005, 2011 and 2017.

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Born 9.3.1973 in Soini, Finland

Education

Architect Degree (Master of Architecture) from the Department of Architecture, University of Oulu with the grade "excellent" and a special mention, 2002

Architectural studies at the Department of Architecture, University of Oulu, 1993-2002

Work

OOPEAA Office for Peripheral Architecture, Director, Founding/ Principal Partner, 2014-

Lassila Hirvilampi Architects Ltd, Founding/Principal Partner, 2004-2014

Lassila Mannberg Architects Ltd, Founding Partner, 2001-2004

Architect Office A Lassila, Soini, 2000-

University of Oulu, Department of Architecture, Lecturer, Laboratory of Modern Architecture, under the supervision of Professor Rainer Mahlamäki, 1999- 2004

Architect Office Jukka Laurila, Project Architect, Oulu, 1997-2000

Selected works as architect in charge

Tikkurila Church, Vantaa, 2017 with expected completion 2020, 3 500 m² (church); 11 725 m² (housing)

Puukuokka (1-3) Housing Block, Jyväskylä, 2011-2018, 18 650 m²

Jätkäsaari Karlsson Housing Block, Helsinki, 2016 - 2018, 6 620 m²

Villa Koivikko, restoration and new additions, Espoo, 2016 - 2018, 520 m²

Taika Kindergarten, Seinäjoki, 2016 - 2017, 3 420 m²

Risuviita, housing facilities for residents with autism spectrum, Seinäjoki, 2014 - 2017, 3 150 m²

Pihapetäjä Housing Block, Joensuu, 2016-2017, 2 760 m²

Lonna Sauna, Helsinki, 2015-2017, 190 m²

Ulkometsä Kindergarten, Kokkola, 2014 - 2015, 1 460 m²

Konsthall Tornedalen, art museum, Vitsaniemi, Sweden, 2012 - , 1 500 m²

Suvela Chapel, Espoo, 2010 - 2014, 2 150 m²

House Riihi, Alajärvi, 2010 - 2014, 460 m²

Sauna Tonttu, Soini, 2010, 16 m²

Maakunta Square, apartment house, 2005 - 2012, 8 400 m²

Kompassi Block, apartment house, Vaasa, 2008 - 2013, 12 050 m²

Frami D, office building, Seinäjoki, 2007 - 2009, 12 000 m²

Kuokkala church, Jyväskylä, 2006 - 2010, 1 250 m²

Klaukkala church, Nurmijärvi, 1999 - 2004, 2 200 m²

Kärsämäki church, Kärsämäki, 1999 - 2004, 200 m²

Other

Alvar Aalto Symposium 2015, Chair, 2015

Member of the jury for Guggenheim Helsinki Design Competition, 2014-15

Finnish Association of Architects (SAFA), The Architectural Competitions' Committee, Chair, 2011-13

Finnish Association of Architects (SAFA), The Architectural Competitions' Committee, Member, 2010-13

Member of the jury for several architectural competitions Finnish Association of Architects SAFA , member, 2002-

Competitions

Tikkurila Church, alliance competition (with Lujatalo), 1st prize, 2017
Ylivieska Church competition, shared 3rd prize, 2017
Jätkäsaari Lakea Park competition, 1st prize, 2016
Arabia135 block idea competition, invited competition, selected to the 2nd phase, 2016
Oulun Yliopiston arkkitehtuurin tiedekunnan tilat, invited competition, 2014
Autismin Kirjo, invited competition, 1st prize, 2013
Konsthall Tornedalen, Vitsaniemi Sweden, international invited competition, 1st prize, 2012
Munkkiniemen Puistotie 25, Helsinki, 3rd prize, 2012
Jyväskylän Äijälänranta, wooden apartment block, 1st prize, 2011
Seinäjoen Itikanmäki, invited competition, 2nd prize, 2010
Vaasa Kompassi, residential blocks, 1st prize, 2008
Fresach Museum, international invited competition, 2009
Kuokkala Church, invited competition, 1st prize, 2006
Competition for Hämeenlinna Housing Fair 2007, 1st prize, 2005
Klaukkala Church and Parish Center, open competition, 1st prize, 2000
Wooden Church for Kärsämäki, 1st prize, 1999
Future Library for Seinäjoki Competition, international student competition (with Teemu Hirvilammi), purchase, 1999
Maatila 2000 (Farm 2000 Fair), open competition, (with Teemu Fyrsten, Ville Niskasaari) 2nd prize, 1998
Ecological Housing, open competition, Tuusula, purchase, 1996

Honours and Nominations

State Prize for Architecture - Arkkitehtuurin valtionpalkinto, 2017
Alfred Kordelin Prize, 2017
Wood Award / Puupalkinto 2017, nominated, Lonna Sauna, 2017
Wood Award / Puupalkinto 2017, nominated, Pihapetäjä, 2017
Rice Design Alliance Spotlight Prize, 2017
European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2017, shortlisted, Suvela Chapel, 2016
European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2017, shortlisted, Puukuokka Housing Block, 2016
European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2017, nominee, Periscope Tower, 2016
American Architecture Prize 2016, Periscope Tower, winner (silver), 2016
American Architecture Prize 2016, Suvela Chapel, winner (bronze), 2016
German Design Award 2017, Puukuokka Housing Block, nominee, 2016
Canadian Wood Design & Building Awards 2015, honorable award, Puukuokka Housing Block, 2016
Finlandia Prize for Architecture 2015, Puukuokka Housing Block, 2015
Wood Prize 2015, Puukuokka Housing Block, 2015
SD Review 2015, Periscope Tower, 2015
The Plan Awards 2015, shortlisted project, Puukuokka Housing Block, 2015
Wood Prize 2014, honourable mention, House Riihi, 2014
European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2015, nominee, House Riihi, 2014
BSI Swiss Architectural Award 2013-2014, nominee, 2014
International Iakov Chernikhov Prize for Young Architects, nominee, 2012-13
European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award, selected work, Kuokkala Church, 2011
Arkitekturmässan Awards 2011, Vaasan Kompassi, 2011
Red Dot Design Award 2011, Kuokkala Church, 2011
Pietilä Award by Rakennustietosäätiö, 2010
Wood Prize 2010, honourable mention, Kuokkala Church, 2010
Concrete Building of the Year, Honourable Mention, Klaukkala Church, 2005
European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award, selected work, Kärsämäki Church, 2005
The Best Building Act in Northern Finland, Kärsämäki Church, 2004
The European Facade Contest, 2nd prize, Kärsämäki Church, 2004
Carin and Erik Bryggmann Foundation, mention prize, Kärsämäki Church, 2002
University of Oulu, Faculty of Technology, Master's Thesis Award, Kärsämäki Church, 2002

Exhibitions

European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2017, itinerant exhibition, 2017
Finnish Architecture – Biennial Review 2016, Alvar Aalto Museum, Jyväskylä, 2016.12-2017.02
FIN-GER Finnish - German Architecture Biennale 2016, Würzburg, Germany, 2016
In Therapy: Nordic Countries Face to Face, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy, 2016
Finnish Architecture – Biennial Review 2016, Museum of Finnish Architecture, Helsinki, 2016
SD Review 2015, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan, 2015
Re-Creation, Helsinki, 2015
Annual Rings, Contemporary Finnish Architecture in Wood, AIA Centre for Architecture, New York, USA, 2016
Annual Rings, Contemporary Finnish Architecture in Wood, Boston Architectural College, Boston, USA, 2015-2016
Suomi Seven, Emerging Architects from Finland, Museum of Finnish Architecture, Helsinki, 2015
Annual Rings, A New Generation of Wood Architecture, Embassy of Finland, Washington, USA, 2015
Vuosirenkaita / Annual Rings 1994-2014, Museum of Finnish Architecture, Helsinki, 2014-2015
Suomi Seven, Emerging Architects from Finland, Deutsches Architektur Museum, Frankfurt, 2014-2015
Re-Creation, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, 2014
Two Paths to Silence, Museum of Finnish Architecture, Helsinki, 2014
Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale for Urbanism and Architecture (UABB), Shenzhen, China, 2013-14
Light Houses, Stockholm and Helsinki, 2013
Nordic Cool, Kennedy Centre, Washington DC, USA, 2013
Light Houses, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy, 2012
New Forms in Wood, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy, 2012
New Nordic, Louisiana Art Museum, Humlebæk, Denmark, 2012
European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2011, itinerant exhibition, 2011-14
Newly Drawn - Emerging Finnish Architects, Stockholm, 2010
BINA 10, Belgrade International Architecture Week, Belgrade, Serbia, 2010

Publications

OOPEAA's work has been published internationally in printed and online publications.
More detailed list: <http://oopeaa.com/publications/>

Lectures

Anssi Lassila actively holds lectures for professionals and students, in Finland and in several countries around the world.
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