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Tope Ruotsalainen is a Finnish painter, who depicts mainly everyday motifs, capturing moments where a seemingly random assemblage of characters is brought together to form what seems almost like a group portrait, often viewed from behind. The viewer is rendered an outsider, the figures' gaze is turned the other way.

He is fascinated by the early German Romantics and their determination to romanticise all that is familiar and everyday, to show it in a new light. He tries to incorporate into all his work an element of the unexpected, the non-existent even. He seeks to depict the invisible action, the tension and the hierarchies that arise between people, the way people inhabit their own bodies and their responses to other bodies around them.

"In my latest works, I have explored the thematic of togetherness through the form of a circle. In the circle, we have all turned to face each other In the circle, we are all part of something bigger in the space that we have created together. We are usually placed in a circle when at a meeting, playing or dancing. However, things don't always work out side by side. The steps move at different paces and you begin stepping on the toes of others. A group dance evolves into a solo dance or even a mutual competition. The circle disintegrates."

Tope Ruotsalainen (b. 1979) gained his MA at the University of Art and Design Helsinki (2005), gaining a further MA at the Finnish Academy of Fine Art. He has had numerous private shows since 2005 and his work is featured in public and private collections including: Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art (Helsinki), Amos Rex Art Museum (Helsinki), EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art (Espoo), Sara Hildén Art Museum (Tampere) and Galleria Accademia (Florence).



Tope Ruotsalainen on Artsy



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- 1 **Primavera** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 200 × 200 cm · Sold
- 2 **Stepping on toes** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 200 × 265 cm · Price 10,000 €
- 3 **Arrangement** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 50 × 60 cm · Price 2,400 €
- 4 **Encirclement** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 200 × 265 cm · Price 10,000 €
- 5 **Situation developing** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 40 × 40 cm · Price 1,800 €
- 6 **Heat ahead** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 60 × 50 cm · Price 2,400 €
- 7 **Hopak!** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 204 × 145 cm · Price 7,700 €
- 8 **Blue light, red light** · 2023 · Oil on canvas · 40 × 80 cm · Price 2,600 €
- 9 **Baptized in mud** · 2023 · Oil on board · 28 × 68 cm · Price 2,200 €

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