

JAN IJÄS

Born Feb. 9th 1975 in Jyväskylä, Finland

Lives and works in Helsinki, Finland

STUDIES

2005- Aalto- University, School of Arts, Film Department, Documentary Film Directing

2005 Jyväskylä University, Art Education and Creative Writing

1998 Full Sail University, Film & Video, FL, USA

FILM WORKS (selected)

2024 Two Forests

2023 Two Wars

2023 *23 quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles*

2022 House of the Wickedest Man in the World

2021 WASTE Vol.1

2021 Belgrade Forest Incident... and What Happened to Mr. K?

2020 How Great

2020 New, York, New York

2020 Absolute Street

2019 On the Art of the Set Design

2018 Helsinki Acts

2017 Le Radeau de La Méduse

2017 Money

2017 Boom

2017 Social Connection

2016 WRECK

2016 Time Capsule

2015 One Shot

2013 Two Islands

2012 Solitude in Year Zero

2011 SWEET MOV(I)E

2009 GHOSTS

2006 The Spectacle

EXHIBITIONS (selected and upcoming)

2024 Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland

Galleria Heino, Helsinki, Two Forests

2023 Galleria Heino, Helsinki, Two Wars

2023 SPRING EXHIBITION, Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark (Wickedest, How Great, Belgrade, quai du)

2022 Galleria Sinne, Helsinki, Finland, House of the Wickedest Man

MUU, Mediataiteen tori, Helsinki, On the Art of Set Design

2021 Le Maison l'ours, Petites Coupures, Paris, France, Money

Harvard Film Archive, USA, Waste no.4 New York, New York

Mäntän kuvataideviikot, Mänttä, How Great

Kouvolan Taidemuseo Poikilo, How Great

Forum Box, Mediabox, Helsinki, Finland, Belgrade Forest

2020 Galleria Fikka, Porvoo, Belgrade Forest

Cinema Manoel de Oliveira, Porto, Portugal, Medusa

2019 Galleria Heino, Helsinki, Finland, HOW GREAT (solo)

Forum Box, Mediabox, Helsinki, Finland Absolute Street & New York, New York

2018 Galleria Heino, Helsinki, Finland, Art of Set Design, Helsinki Acts (solo)

EMMA, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Le Radeau de La Méduse

2017 Galleria Heino, group show, Helsinki (Medusan lautta)

Biblioteca del Sol (group show), Carrington gallery, Gent, Belgia (Time Capsule)

It's a Book, Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig, Germany (Time Capsule)

SPRING EXHIBITION, Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark (Wreck, Time Capsule)

Rakkauden tiloja, Lottamuseo. Nurmijärvi (Wreck)

2016 Vienna contemporary Art Fair, Vienna, Austria, (WRECK), with Galleria Heino

Menin Road, Menin Geluwe, Geluveld, Ieper, Belgium (Time Capsule)

Time Capsule, Waste no.3 BOOM, Pori Art Museum, Finland

2015 Gallery Heino, Helsinki, Finland, Time and Connection + WASTE (solo)

2014 Videokunst fra Finland, Bomuldsfabriken kunsthall, Arendal, Norway, (Two Islands + Sweet Mov(i)e)

Fernsehzimmer, Words with the issue of traveling, Gasthof Worringer Platz, Dusseldorf, Germany

2013 5th Moscow Biennale of contemporary art, Central Manege, Russia, (Two Islands)

Truth, Beauty, Freedom and Money, Chi K11 art space, Shanghai, China, (Two Islands)

The World is Almost Six Thousand Years Old, The Collection Museum, Lincoln, UK, (Two Islands)

Cunning Image, Gallery Huuto, Helsinki, Finland, (Two Islands + Solitude in Year Zero)

Ny Finsk Videokunst, Kunsthall Grenland, Porsgrunn, Norway, (The Spectacle)

"Bezalel, Yaffo 23 Gallery", Jerusalem, Israel (+ screenings in Tel Aviv and New York)

Solitude in Year Zero, Forum Box / MediaBox, Helsinki, Finland 2012 Two Islands, Forum Box / MediaBox Helsinki, Finland

Art Fair Finland, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland

Antidote 5, Muu Gallery, Helsinki, Finland, (GHOSTS, Solitude in Year Zero)

SPRING EXHIBITION, Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark

Antidote 3, St. Petersburg, Russia

2011 Disparate Refugees - ARS 11, Northern Photographic Centre, Oulu, Finland

BACKLIGHT 11th International photography triennial, TR 1, Tampere, Finland

Antidote 2, Galerie im Körnerpark, Berlin, Germany

GHOST-LIGHTS 11, Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland

AAVE - Alternative Audio Visual Event, Helsinki, Finland

2010 Manifesta 8, European Biennial for Contemporary Art, Murcia, Spain
 Antidote, RS-Projects Gallery, Berlin, Germany
 Loop Barcelona, Video Art Festival & Fair, Spain
 Memory Traces, Ludwig Museum, Koblenz + Gallerie Brotfabrik, Berlin, Germany
 2006 LEFT – Kiila 70 Years, Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland
 2005 UNDER 5's, Gallery 39, London, UK
 Carnival Folklore Resurrection, Gallery Becker, Jyväskylä, Finland
 2004 -DANCE-SK8-XXXXX-BREAK-, Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland
 2000 Den Sista i Köö:n (16mm film installation), Edsvik konst & kultur, Stockholm, Sweden

FILM SCREENINGS IN FESTIVALS (selected and upcoming)

2024 21st Indie Lisboa, Portugal, Two Wars
 46th Tampere International Film Festival, Finland 2023 45th Tampere International Film Festival, Finland, Two Wars
 2022 6th Environmental Film Festival FINCA, Buenos Aires, Argentina, How Great
 32nd Bamberger Kurzfilmtage, Germany, NY, NY
 19th Docudays Human Rights Film Festival (postpone), Kiev, Ukraine, How Great
 11th Ecofalante Environmental Film Festival, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Waste Vol.1
 Planeta Doc, Florianopolis, Brazil, Waste Vol.1
 Film Front, MUU screening, Novisad, Serbia, On the Art of the Set Design
 2021 Visions du Reel, International Competition, Nyon, Switzerland, Belgrade Forest (Int. premiere)
 18th IndieLisboa-International Independent Film Festival, International Competition, Portugal, Belgrade Forest
 Docpoint, Helsinki, Finland, How Great, Belgrade Forest
 33rd Minimalen Short Film Festival, Trondheim, Norway, Absolute Street
 DokuBazaar, Ljubljana, Slovenia, NY, NY, Absolute St. Belgrade Forest
 12th Short Waves Film Festival, Poznan, Poland, Absolute Street
 20th Dokufest, Prizren, Kosovo, WASTE Vol.1 (Int. premiere)
 XXII SHORTS Int. Film Festival, Trieste, Italy, NY, NY and WRECK
 19th Tirana International Film Festival, Albania, WASTE Vol.1
 49th La Cabina International Film Festival, Valencia, Spain, Belgrade Forest Incident
 8th USAK Winged Seahorse, Izmir, Turkey, Belgrade Forest Incident
 41st "Autumn in Voronet" International Film Festival, Romania, Absolute Street
 CINEMANCIA, Medellin, Columbia, Belgrade Forest Incident
 2020 IFFR International Film Festival Rotterdam, New York, New York, (premiere)
 IndieLisboa-International Independent Film Festival, Portugal, Absolute St., How Great (double premiere)
 17th CURTOCIRCUITO International Short Film Festival Santiago de Compostela, Spain, How Great
 19th LUFF Lausanne Underground Film & Music Festival, Switzerland, NY, NY
 62nd Nordische Filmtage Lübeck, Germany, NY, NY
 31^o Sao Paulo ISFF, Brazil, New York, New York
 28th Curtas Vila do Conde, Portugal, New York, New York
 Shorts Mexico, Mexico City, New York, New York
 FIBUEU'S, Bueu, Spain, New York, New York
 11.MakeDox, Skopje, Macedonia, , New York, New York
 Szczecin Film Festival, Poland, New York, New York
 Nordisk Panorama, Library Program, Malmö, Sweden ,New York, New York, How Great
 Go Short Film Festival, Nijmegen, NY, NY, Money

Tampere International Film Festival, NY, NY , GHOSTS
 18th Festival international Signes de Nuit, Berlin, Germany, NY, NY
 XX Arktisen Upeeta, Jyväskylä, Finland, NY, NY
 2019 Visions du Reel, Int.comp. Nyon, Switzerland, The Art of Set Design (premiere)
 38th Uppsala Film Festival, Wreck
 11th DMZ Docs, South Korea, On the Art of the Set Design
 Leiden, Short Film Experience, Netherland, The Art of Set Design
 16th Curtocircuito International Film Festival, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, On the Art of the Set Design
 9th Cairo Video Festival, Egypt, On the Art of the Set Design
 43rd Open Air Filmfest Weiterstad, Germany, On the Art
 Night Visions, Helsinki, Finland, On the Art of the Set Design
 2018 IndieLisboa-International Independent Film Festival, Portugal, Medusé
 40th Tampere International Film Festival, Finland, Boom
 27th Dokumentart Film Festival, Neubrandenburg, Germany, Boom
 15th Piriapolis Film Festival, Uruguay, Money
 46th Huesca Int. Film Festival, Spain, Money
 11th Lviv International Short Film festival Wiz-Art, Ukraine, Money
 32nd Filmski Festival Herceg Novi, Montenegro, Money
 33rd Midnight Sun Film Festival, Sodankylä, Finland, BOOM
 NEMAF Seoul International NewMeida Festival, South-Korea, Money
 66th Trento Film Festival, Italy, Boom
 10th GO Short, Nijmegen, Money
 Espoo Ciné, Finland, Social Connection
 Rencontres Internationales Festival, Paris and Berlin, Social Connetion
 15th FIFEQ, Quebec, Kanada, Wreck
 7th Kyiv International Short Film Festival, Kiev, Ukraine, Money
 7th Ecofalante Environmental Film Festival, São Paulo, Brazil, Wreck
 8th AAVE (Alternative Audiovisual Event) Helsinki, Money
 Red Carpet Film Festival, Finland, Meduse
 CUT TO THE CHASE – R&A SHORTS, Helsinki, Finland, Money
 Pori Film Festival, Finland, Boom
 42nd Open Air Filmfest Weiterstadt, Germany, Money
 ON ART Film Festival, Warsaw, Poland, Medusa
 2017 28th FID Marseille, France, Money, Wreck and Boom
 17th WATCH DOCS, Warsaw, Poland (5 parts from Waste series)
 Nordisk Panorama, Malmö, Sweden, Social Connection
 17th Nice Short Film Festival, France (Retrospective screening)
 Rakkautta & Anarkiaa, Helsinki, Social Connection
 14th Kurz.Film.Spiele, Kontanz, Germany, Social Connection
 55th Gijon International Film Festival, Spain, Waste no.1 Money
 8th Cinemigrante, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Wreck
 21st PriMed, Int. Competition, Marseille, France, Wreck
 IFFR International Film Festival Rotterdam, Wreck
 45th Huesca Int. Film Festival, Spain, Social Connection
 65th Trento Film Festival, Italy, Time Capsule

FiSH - Filmfestival im Stadthafen Rostock, Germany, Wreck
 9th Go Short Film Festival, Nijmegen, Wreck
 6th KISFF Kyiv Film Festival, Kiev, Ukraine, Time Capsule
 Docpoint, Helsinki, Finland, Wreck
 11th Punto de Vista, Pamplona, Spain, Wreck
 Kettupäivät, Helsinki, Finland, BOOM, Money
 Antartcis Film Festival, Wreck
 2016 IDFA, The International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Time Capsule
 Doc Lounge, Tampere, Finland, Retrospective screening
 20th Jihlava IDFF, Czech Republic, Wreck
 26th Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wreck
 Polarized, Vision Film and Media Art event, Rovaniemi, Finland, Wreck
 16th Seoul International NewMedia Festival, Korea, Two Islands, Sweet Mov(i)e
 Love & Anarchy Film Festival, Helsinki, Finland, WRECK
 Artova Film Festival, Helsinki, Finland, WRECK
 10th International Short Film Festival – PSAROKOKALO, Greece, WRECK
 25th SEFF, Szczecin European Film Festival, Szczecin, Poland, WRECK, Time Capsule
 6th FARCUME, Faro, Portugal, WRECK
 26th Message to Man, St. Petersburg, Russia, WRECK
 KISFF Kinemastik, Malta, WRECK
 15th Concoritto Film Festival, Piacenza, Italy, WRECK
 70th Edinburgh International Film Festival (official selection), UK, WRECK
 Kraljevski Filmski Festival, Kraljevo, Serbia, WRECK
 20min/max, International Film Festival, Ingolstadt, Germany, WRECK
 Tampere International Films Festival (International competition), Finland, WRECK
 Tampere International Films Festival, (Special program), GHOSTS, Speктаakkeli, Two Islands
 2015 Tampere International Film Festival, Retrospective screening + Carte Blanche
 17th VIDEOEX International Experimental Film & Video Festival, Zürich, Switzerland, (Two Islands)
 Festival Internacional de Cine Documental Punto de Vista, Pamplona, Spain, (Two Islands)
 2014 Dias Nordicos, Madrid, Spain, (Two Islands)
 Festival Silhouette de Paris, France, (Two Islands)
 Rencontres Internationales Festival, Gaîté Lyrique and Palais de Tokyo Paris, France, (Two Islands)
 Leiden International Short Film Experience, Netherlands, (Two Islands)
 Oslo Screen Festival, Oslo, Norway, (Two Islands)
 Akbank Short Film Festival, Istanbul, Turkey, (Two Islands)
 VIS, Vienna Int. Short Film Festival, PopPornReloaded, Austria, (Sweet Mov(i)e)
 MOVING_IMAGE, a contemporary ABC, Paris, France, (Two Islands)
 2013 Tribeca Film Festival (int. competition), New York, USA, (Two Islands)
 Rooftop Films, New York, USA, (Two Islands)
 X CURTOCIRCUITO International Short Film Festival Santiago de Compostela, (Two Islands)
 26th Love & Anarchy Helsinki International Film Festival, Finland, (Two Islands)
 32nd Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden, (Two Islands)
 13. Oldenburg Short Film Days, Germany, (Two Islands)
 X FENACO, Lambayeque, Perú, (Solitude in Year Zero)
 5th Cairo Video Festival, Egypt, (Solitude in Year Zero)

8th Pravo Ljudski Film Festival, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, (Two Islands)
 INVIDEO 2013, Milano, Italy, (Solitude in Year Zero)
 22nd DokumentART, Neubrandenburg, Germany and Szczecin, Poland, (Two Islands)
 5th GogolFest, Kyiv, Ukraine, (Two Islands)
 7th Athens Avant-Garde Film Festival, Greece, (Two Islands)
 7th 2ANNAS Int Short Film Festival in Riga, Latvia, (Two Islands)
 REX – Recent European Experimental Short Films, Stockholm, Sweden, (Two Islands)
 FLUSSI Media Art festival, Avellino, Italy, (Two Islands)
 41st Festival de cine de Huesca, Spain, (Two Islands)
 XI DOKUFEST, The International Documentary and Short Film Festival, Kosovo, (Two Islands)
 Gindou Cinema, Gindou, France, (Two Islands)
 15. VIDEOEX, Experimental Video & Film Festival, Zürich, Switzerland, (Two Islands)
 Backup_Festival, Weimar, Germany, (Two Islands)
 25th EMAF, European Media Art Festival Osnabruck (int. competition), Germany, (Two Islands)
 5th Off and Free Film Festival (int. competition), Seoul, South-Korea, (Two Islands)
 11th IndieLisboa (int. competition), Portugal, (Two Islands)
 10th VIS Vienna Independent Shorts, Austria, (Sweet Mov(i)e)
 42nd Rotterdam International Film Festival, The Netherlands, (Two Islands)
 Tampere International Films Festival (int. competition), Finland, (Two Islands)
 9th International Directors Lounge, Berlin, Germany, (Sweet Mov(i)e)
 2012 WeArt Festival, Barcelona, Spain, (Sweet Mov(i)e)
 K3 Int. Short Film Festival, Villach, Austria, (Solitude in Year Zero)
 Signes de Nuit, Paris, France, (Two Islands)
 29th Kassel Dokfest, Kassel, Germany, (Two Islands)
 19th Barcelona Independent Film Festival l'Alternativa, Spain, (Two Islands, Sweet Mov(i)e)
 Young European Documentary Film Festival, Paris, France, (GHOSTS)
 Kunstfilmtag 012, Düsseldorf, Germany, (Solitude in Year Zero, Two Islands)
 IFF Message to Man XXII, St Petersburg, Russia, (Solitude in Year Zero)
 Kratkofil, Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina, (Sweet Mov(i)e)
 VIS Vienna Independent Shorts, Austria, (Two Islands)
 18th Regensburger Kurzfilmwoche, Germany, (SWEET MOV(I)E)
 Backup_Festival, Weimar, Germany, (SWEET MOV(I)E)
 2011 13th Maremetraggio – International Short Film Festival, Trieste, Italy (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 VOX Feminae Festival, Zagreb, Croatia, (Sweet Mov(i)e)
 13th Paris Festival of Different and Experimental Cinema, Paris, France, (GHOSTS)
 14th Guanajuato Int. Film Festival, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 Rushes Soho Shorts, London, UK, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 9th IN THE PALACE International Short Film Festival, Balchik, Bulgaria, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 La Boca Erotica, Madrid, Spain, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 Curtocircuito, Na Rúa, Spain, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 17th Aye Aye Film Festival, Nancy – Lorraine, France, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 2ANNAS Int Short Film Festival in Riga, Latvia, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 The International Short Film Festival of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 Tampere International Film Festival, Finland, (SWEET MOV(i)E)
 Una Finestra sul nord, Florence, Italy, (GHOSTS)

2010 Sleepwalkers Film Festival, Tallinn, Estonia, (GHOSTS)
 FISMÈC, International Film Festival, Beirut, Lebanon, (GHOSTS)
 IX Open St.Petersburg Film Festival Beginning, Russia, (GHOSTS)
 Doc Meeting Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, (GHOSTS)
 IMAGeIN'AIR film festival, Kosovo, (GHOSTS)
 BELEF, Belgrade, Serbia, (GHOSTS)
 8th International Festival Signes de Nuit, Paris, France (Spektaakkeli)
 20th IFF Message to Man Documentary Film Festival, St Petersburg, Russia, (GHOSTS)
 7th IndieLisboa Int. Independent Film Festival Lisboa, Portugal, (GHOSTS)
 38th International Film Festival Huesca, Spain, (GHOSTS)
 EXPO 2010, Shanghai, China, (GHOSTS)
 11th Tempo Documentary Festival, Stockholm, Sweden, (GHOSTS)
 Aubagne International Film Festival, France, (GHOSTS)
 Next Reel Film Festival, Singapore, (GHOSTS)
 6th European Short Film Festival MIT, Massachusetts, USA, (GHOSTS)

2009 23rd Leeds International Film Festival, UK, (GHOSTS)
 International Film Festival "Off Cinema", Poznan, Poland, (GHOSTS)
 Internatonial Master of Documentary Film (MIFID), Lyon, France, (GHOSTS)
 Encounters International Short Film Festival, Bristol, UK, (GHOSTS)
 26th Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Germany, (GHOSTS)
 28th Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden, (GHOSTS)
 16th Barcelona Independent Film Festival l'Alternativa, Spain, (GHOSTS)
 22nd Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy, Finland, (GHOSTS)
 11th Tinklai International short film festival Vilnius, Lithuania, (GHOSTS)
 15th Aye Aye Film Festival, Nancy – Lorraine, France, (GHOSTS)
 18th DokumentART, Neubrandenburg, Germany + Szczecin, Poland, (GHOSTS)
 Cinefest, Miskolc, Hungary, (GHOSTS)
 Nordisk Panorama, Reykjavik, Iceland (GHOSTS)
 Kratkofil International Film Festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina (GHOSTS)
 Midnight Sun Film Festival, Sodankylä, Finland (GHOSTS)
 Tampere International Film Festival, International Competition, Finland (GHOSTS)

2008 Iran International Documentary Film Festival, Tehran (Spektaakkeli)
 Shoot Me Film Festival, Den Haag, Int. Competition, Netherland (Spektaakkeli)

2007 Recontres Internationales Festival, Pompidou Centre, Paris, France + Madrid & Berlin (Spektaakkeli)
 24th Kassel Documentary Film Festival, Int. Competition, Germany (Spektaakkeli)
 Milan International Film Festival, Int. Competition, Italy (Spektaakkeli)
 Love & Anarchy Helsinki International Film Festival, Finland, (Spektaakkeli)
 Seoul International Film Festival, South-Korea (Spektaakkeli)
 IMAGO Film Festival, Int. Competition, Portugal (Spektaakkeli)
 Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival, UK (Spektaakkeli)
 Oberhausen International Film Festival, Int. Competition, Germany (Spektaakkeli)
 European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany (Spektaakkeli)
 AVANTO -Festival, Helsinki, Finland (A Film for Three Men And Industrial Elevator)

AWARDS

2023 Silvestre Award, IndieLisboa, Portugal, House of the Wickedest man in the World
2021 Special Mention, 19th International Festival Signs of the Night in Bangkok, Belgrade Forest Incident
2020 Special Mention, Tampere International Film Festival, Finland, New York, New York
Special Mention, 19th LUFF Lausanne Underground Film & Music Festival, Switzerland, NY, NY
2018 Danzante Award, Best Documentary, Qualified for Oscar-award shortlist, Huesca International Film Festival, Money
William Thuring –nimikkopalkinto, Suomen taideyhdistys
Amnesty International Award, IndieLisboa, Portugal, Medusa
Special Mention, On Art Film Festival, Warsaw, Poland, Medusa
Audience award, Love & Anarchy SHORTS, Helsinki, Finland, Money
2017 Best documentary film, Helsinki Short Film Festival, Finland, BOOM
2016 Best Short Documentary, European Film Festival, Szczecin, Poland, WRECK
2013 Best Short Documentary Nominee, Tribeca Film Festival, New York, USA, Two Islands
2012 Jury Award, Spring Exhibition 2012, Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Denmark, SWEET MOV(i)E
2011 Risto Jarva -Prize, Tampere International Film Festival, Finland, SWEET MOV(i)E
2010 Best Documentary Film, AFF (Artova Film Festival), Helsinki, Finland, GHOSTS
Special Mention, FICMÉC, Beirut, Lebanon, GHOSTS
Special Mention, Helsinki Short Film Festival, Finland, SWEET MOV(i)E
2009 Grand Prix, Kratkofil, Bosnia and Herzegovina International Short Film Festival, GHOSTS
Special Award, Tampere International Film Festival, Finland, GHOSTS
Special mention, Nordic Glory Film Festival, Jyväskylä, Finland, GHOSTS

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Copenhagen, Denmark
City of Jyväskylä, Finland
Finnish National Gallery
HAM, Helsinki Art Museum
Heino Art Foundation
Saarijärvi Mannila Art Foundation, Finland
Saastamoinen Foundation / EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art
Tribeca Film Festival, New York, USA
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

MEMBERSHIPS

MUU -Finnish interdisciplinary artist association
Association of Finnish Film Directors (SELO)
AV-arkki - The Distribution Centre for Finnish Media Art