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## TIINA KIVINEN

Born 1971 in Kuusankoski, Finland - currently lives and works in Finland

The large scale works of graphic artist Tiina Kivinen (born 1971) are produced by the means of metal graphic artform. Kivinen uses an exertive and slow mezzotint medium, which enables the creation of completely black tint.

Kivinen started her career by depicting abstract landscapes using mezzotint method. The characteristics of mezzotint method are deep, voluptuous black tint and slow, laboursome working process. The method can be described as a subtle rebellion against the haste of modern way of living. In Kivinen's art, white and especially black emphasise a few colours. Physical and delicate drypoint lines bring balance to mezzotint surfaces.

The distinction of Kivinen's art works is the small size of her prints. One reason for small print series is the artist's work tempo. After the plate has been used a few times it often starts its own life - the artist changes the plate and uses it in her next work. Kivinen is fascinated by transience and uniqueness, without the ballast of repetitiveness often associated with graphic art.

Nature has been and still is on the centre stage of Kivinen's art, in a clear and minimalistic form. A homage for Finnish landscape acts as a carrying force for the art pieces - latest artworks have also introduced humans as explorers to the landscape. However, nature remains as the main pictorial motif in a meditative and reduced form.

## ARTISTIC EDUCATION AND STUDIES

1989 Helsinki High School of Arts, Torkkeli, Finland

1990 Kuusamo Peoples College - Study line of printmaking and Graphic Art, Finland

1994 North Karelia College of Arts, Major in Printmaking and Graphic Art, Finland

## EXHIBITIONS (SOLO)

2012 Bronda Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

2011 Gallery Himmelblau, Tampere, Finland

2011 Galerie Arktika, Marktoberdorf, Germany

2010 Finnish Institute in Estonia, Tallinn

2009 WeeGee, Aarni gallery, Espoo, Finland

2009 Gallery Harmaja, Oulu, Finland

2008 La Galeria, Barcelona, Spain

2006 Bronda Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

2005 The Art Museum of Kouvola, Finland

## INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS (GROUP)

2012 Affordable Art Fair Amsterdam, Holland

2012 BLEKEN, BJERTNÆS, OPDAHL, STANA, NUPEN, KIVINEN, Haugesund Billedgalleri, Norway

2012 Kunstverket galleri, Fire Grafiske Fortellinger, Oslo, Norway  
2012 19. Triennale Grenchen, Switzerland  
2012 Art Karlsruhe, Germany  
2011 BERLINER LISTE fair for contemporary art and photography, Berlin, Germany  
2011 3rd Guanlan International Print Biennial, China  
2011 X International Biennial of Engraving Acqui Prize, Italia  
2009 The 15th SPACE International Print Biennial, Seoul, Korea  
2008 IX Biennial of Graphic Art of the Baltic States "Kaliningrad-Koeningsberg"  
2007 Aomori International Print Triennial, Japan  
2004 BIN-2004, 2nd Independ International Biennial of Graphic, St.Petersburg, Russia  
2002 Grafinnova 02, International Graphic Art Exhibition, The Art Museum of Vaasa  
2001 International Print Triennial of Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2000 International Print Triennial Cracow, 3rd International Print Triennial, Poland

### **EXHIBITION (GROUP)**

2012 Art Centre Salmela, Artist of the summer, Mäntyharju, Finland  
2010 Helsinki Contemporary Art Fair  
2010 The Retretti Art Centre Summer Exhibitions, Punkaharju, Finland  
2010 Argos Art, Stockmann, Helsinki  
2005 The 110th Finnish Artists` Exhibition, The Kunsthalle Helsinki  
2005 Graphica Creativa`s 30th Anniversary Exhibition, The Art Museum of Jyväskylä