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Rita Vargas

25.09.1981, in Évora, Portugal.

Academic Education

2010 – 2016 - Ph.D. Art History (International artists-in-residence 1990 - 2010: mobility, technology and identity in everyday art practices) <https://jyx.jyu.fi/handle/123456789/52174> , Dpt. of Music, Art and Culture Studies, University of Jyväskylä, FIN.

2001 – 2006 - Master of Fine Arts (Sculpture) and Artistic Education, University of Évora, PT.

2004 – 2005 - Erasmus Program in Winchester School of Arts, University of Southampton, UK.

Upcoming

2026

– Solo exhibition, Malmintalo Galleria, Helsinki, FIN.

– Solo exhibition, Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2027

– Solo exhibition, Galleria Katriina, Helsinki, FIN.

– Artistic Residency, Department of Stone Sculpture, Cultural Centre (Pó de Vir a Ser), Évora European Capital of Culture, PT.

Solo Exhibitions

2025 – *Rites of Silence – Selected Artworks*, Studio G (Galleria G), Helsinki, FIN.

– *On Disquiet*, Vallilan Panimon Galleria, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Merkintöjä syrjäisiltä paikoilta - Notes from the Margins*, Galleria G12, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Cracked Open: Echoes of a Strange Fruit*, Galleria Joella, Turku, FIN.

2024 – *Works-on-paper*, Myymälä2 Gallery, Helsinki, FIN.

2022 – *Turning Point*, Bar 10 Gallery, Helsinki, FIN.

2021 – *Torn*, Myymälä2 Gallery, Project Room, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Omenan Syytä*, Café Bar9 Gallery, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Affection Adrift*, Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2020 – *The Artist of the Month*, Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2019 – *A Room with a View*, Rööm Gallery, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Porto de Abrigo / Learning Curve*, Grupo Pro-Évora, Évora, PT.

2018 – *The Artist of the Month*, Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä, FIN.

– *Solo*, Vegan Coffee and Beans venue, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2017 – *The Lure of the Contemporary*, Kunst Kiosk, Hamburg, DE.

– *Solo*, Vegan Coffee and beans venue, Jyväskylä, FIN.

– *Lines of Displacement*, Jade Gallery, Helsinki, FIN.

2016 – 2019 - *Yläkaupungin Yö Festival*, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2014 – *La Raison du Plaisir*, Galleria Becker, FIN.

2012 – *Love Jungle*, Galleria Gloria, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2010 – *BANG BANG*, Kunst Kiosk, Hamburg, DE.

– *BANG BANG*, Villa Magdalena K., Hamburg, DE.

– *Teardrops*, Grupo Pro-Évora, Évora, PT.

– *Teardrops*, Galleria Hoppa, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2009 – *Still Close*, Ilokivi, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2008 – *Nishiaizu International Art Village (NIAV)*, Shingo, JP.

2007 – *Private View*, Gallery Space S, Tokyo, JP.

2006 – *Espaços Íntimos*, Galeria 21, Évora, PT.

Group Exhibitions

2026

– *Signs of Storm*, Helsingin Taiteilijaseura, Helsinki, FIN.

2025

– *Pubblica Lab*, Sant'Omero, IT.

– *Säihkyvää! Let It Shine!*, Helsingin Taiteilijaseura, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Babel Project*, Niihama City Museum of Art, JP.

– *Babel Project*, Gallery Ålgården, Borås, SE.

– *Herääminen / Awakening* at Toinen Silmä Galleria, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Kotien taidetta*, Jyväskylä Taidemuseo, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2024 – *Works-on-Paper*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, FIN.

2024 – 2025 – *Summer Prints*, Galleria G, Helsinki, FIN.

– *On Poetry, Mythology and Allegory*, Instituto Iberoamericano de Finlandia, Madrid, ES.

– *Babel Project*, Galleri Valdal, Copenhagen, DK.

– *Yö in Berlin*, Galerie Toolbox, Berlin, DE.

– *Babel Project*, Constellations Studios, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

– *Babel Project*, Galleria Ratamo / Jyväskylän Art Museum, Jyväskylä, FIN.

– *TAIDEMYNTI VOL. 2*, Galleria Toinen Silmä, Helsinki, FIN.

2022 – *Hope*, Helsingin Taiteilijaseura, Helsinki, FIN.

– *BOOKED*, Galleria Muu, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Meri*, Malmitalon Galleria, Helsinki Artists Association with Estonian Painters Association, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Mail Art*, B-Galleria, Turku, FIN.

2021 – *Kanakorianteri*, Café Bar9 Gallery, Helsinki, FIN.

– *International Festival of Manuports*, Galleria Kohta, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Amália Rodrigues*, Galeria António Prates, Lisbon, PT.

2020 – *2084*, Catalysti Transcultural artists, curated by Anne Klontz, Cable Factory, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Rakkaus*, Galleria Tavastia, Jyväskylä, FIN.

– *Arising*, (with Yoko Yono) Fundação Serralves, Porto, PT.

2019 – *40 em 100 - A Coleção do Grupo Pro – Évora*, Galeria da Casa de Burgos, PT.

– *Vernissage*, Vargas Print Studio, FIN.

– *Connecting Provincial Workshops and International Printmakers*, Galleria Ratamo, FIN.

2019 – 2020 – *Ornamon Teosmyynti*, Helsinki, FIN.

2019 – 2025 – *Teosvälitys*, Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki, FIN.

2018 – *Connecting Provincial Workshops and International Printmakers*, Härnösand Konsthall, SE.

– *Connecting Provincial Workshops and International Printmakers*, CAT Art Gallery, PT.

– *Mobile Nordic*, Centre of Photography, Galleria Ratamo, FIN.

– *Printmakers from Ratamo*, Galleria Joella, Turku, FIN.

– *WAH We Are Here*, Centro de Arte e Cultura, Fundação Eugénio de Almeida, Évora, PT.

2017 – *Suomi Tänään*, Taidekeskus Järvinen, Vihtavuori, FIN.

– *Virkamiehen Uni*, Jyväskylän Taiteilijaseura, Punnonen talo, Keuruu, FIN.

– *Jyväskylä Design Tori*, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2016 – *Print Up Gallery*, Jyväskylä, FIN.

– *71th anniversary of Jyväskylän Artists Association*, Museum of Central Finland.

– *Muutos*, Jyväskylän Taiteilijaseura, Vaajakosken Wanhalla Voimala, FIN.

– *Bridges Finland*, University of Jyväskylä, FIN.

– *Mitä Kaikeä!*, Galleria Patina, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2015 – *Connections North*, International Printmaking Project, Ratamo Printmaking and Photography Centre (Finland), Algarden Printmaking Centre (Sweden), Highland Print Studio (Scotland).

– *Taidehankitoja Ksshp*, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2014 – *Hilpeä ja Huoleton*, Galleria Patina, FIN.

2013 – *O Tempo e o Modo*, Museum of Évora, PT.

– *Ihmiselämä*, Galleria Artika, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Global Print*, Douro, PT.

– *PopUp*, Galleria Artika, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Artists and Founders of Printmaking Workshop (OBS)*, Casa das Artes de Tavira (CAT), PT.

– *Portas Abertas*, Fórum Eugénio de Almeida (Contemporary Art Museum), Évora, PT.

– *Periferi*, Contemporary Art Museum, Säärijärvi, FIN.

– *PopUp*, Galleria Hoppa, Jyväskylä, FIN.

2010 – 2013 - 9th - 12th *Lessedra World Art Print Annual*, Lessedra Gallery&Contemporary Art Projects, Sofia, Bulgaria.

2012 – 2018 – *Teosvälitys*, Contemporary Art Museum of Jyväskylä, FIN.

2012 – 2014 - 6th & 7th *International Printmaking Biennial of Douro* (by invitation), Alijó, PT.

2012 – *Graphica Creativa, Taidetta. Haittaakse?* Höyry Galleria, Korpilahti, FIN.

– *What Remains*, Galleria Nunes, Helsinki, FIN.

2005 – 2011 - *Iniciativa X*, Galeria Artecontempo, Lisbon, PT.

2011 – *Gravadores dos Leões*, Palácio D. Manuel, Évora, PT.

– *Kuriositeettien Kabinetti*, Galleria Broms, Helsinki, FIN.

– *What Remains*, Palácio D. Manuel, Évora, PT.

– *Multicoloured Dreams*, Street Art Peace Project, Helsinki, FIN.

– *Os Gravadores de Tavira*, OBS, Casa das Artes de Tavira (C.A.T.), PT.

– *V/VII Printmaking Festival*, Évora, PT.

- *Siirtolapuutarha*, Höyry-Galleria, Korpilahti, FIN.
- 2010 – *Arjen Taide*, Art Forum, 65th Jyväskylä Taiteilijaseura, Jyväskylä, FIN.
- *Taitenpaikka*, Fund Raising Exhibition, University of Jyväskylä, FIN.
- *Jyväskylä Artists Association - 65 Years*, Central Finland Museum, FIN.
- *Video-Performance*, Festival Escrita na Paisagem, Évora, PT.
- *5th International Biennial of Arts*, Sesimbra, PT.
- *Keski-Suomen Valokuvataiteen 9*, Luovan Valokuvauksen Keskus, Galleria Harmonia, FIN.
- *Camisa: Area DOS3DOS* José de Ibarra, Barcelona, ES.
- 2008 – *Artists-in-Residence*, PT Embassy, Camões Institute, Tokyo, JP.
- 2007 – *Public Art in 4th Satoyama Art exhibition*, Toyomi, Niigata Prefecture, JP.
- *Design Festa*, Tokyo, JP.
- Nishiaizu International Art Village & Gallery Space S, Tokyo, JP.
- *Évora Printmaking Association*, Galeria 21, Évora, PT.
- 2005 – *XIII International Art Exhibition Vila Nova de Cerveira*, PT.
- 2003 – *Museu do Esquecimento*, Fine Arts National Society (SNBA), Lisbon, PT.

ARTISTIC RESIDENCIES

- 2025 – Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Villa Lante al Gianicolo, Rome, IT. 7–27.10.25.
- 2024 – Guest artist at Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, New México, USA.
- 2022 – Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, Villa Lante al Gianicolo, Rome, IT. 3–16.10.22.
- By invitation, Platform of artistic residency, Vaasa, FIN. 7. – 13.3.2022.
- 2021 – By invitation, Saari Summer Well of Residency Researchers at the Saari Residence, FIN. 18 – 22.8.2021.
- 2010/2019 – By invitation, Pó-de-Vir a Ser Association, Department of Stone Sculpture, Évora, PT. (2 months)
- 2010 – Villa Magdalena K., Werkstattprojekt, Hamburg, DE. (2 months)
- 2007 – 2008 – Nishiaizu International Art Village (NIAV) in collaboration with Camões Institute/Cultural Centre of Tokyo, JP. (1 Year)

GRANTS / PRIZES

- 2024 – 2026 – SKR, Working Grant (2 years), FIN.
- 2025 – 2027 – KONE Foundation. Project Grant (1 year), FIN.
- 2023 – TAIKE, Arts Promotion Finland (1 year), FIN.
- 2022 – TAIKE, Arts Promotion Finland, Korona Grant (2 months), FIN.
- 2021 – TAIKE, Arts Promotion Finland, Korona Grant (3 months), FIN.
- TAIKE, Arts Promotion Finland, Project Grant (2 months), FIN.
- Honourable Mention (Amália Rodrigues Prize), António Prates Gallery, Lisbon, PT.
- 2020 – TAIKE, Arts Promotion Finland, Korona Grant (2 months), FIN.
- 2019 – Swedish - Finnish Foundation, Project grant, SE – FIN.
- 2018 – TAIKE, Arts Promotion Central Finland, Project grant (1 month), FIN.
- 2017 – Nordisk Kulturfond, Handmade project, DK.
- 2011 – 2015 - Ph.D. Research Grant from the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), PT.
- 1st Prize from Multicoloured Dreams, Street Art Peace Project, Helsinki, FIN.
- 2009 – 2010 - International Traineeship at Jyväskylä Centre for Printmaking (FIN), in partnership with INOV– Art Program, an initiative from Direcção-Geral das Artes, Ministry of Culture (PT).
- 2007 – 2008 - Nishiaizu International Art Village (NIAV), Nishiaizu/Shingo, in collaboration with Camões Institute/Cultural Centre of Tokyo, JP. (1 year)
- 2004 – 2005 - Merit Scholarship, University of Évora, PT.
- 2004 – Erasmus Scholarship Program at Winchester School of Arts, University of Southampton, UK.
- 2002 – 2004 - Merit Scholarship by the University of Évora, PT.

VOLUNTEERING & COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- Member of Yö Ry Artists Association, FIN. 2023–2025.
- National Representative of Finnish Printmakers Association, FIN. 2022–2023.
- Member of the exhibition committee at Finnish Printmakers Association, FIN. 2021–2022.
- Member of the Finnish Printmakers Association, FIN. 2018 – .
- Member of People of Print, UK. 2020–2022.
- Volunteer, Art Fair Suomi, Galleria Muu, FIN. 2019–2021.
- Member of Catalyisti Transcultural Artists Association, FIN. 2019–2023.
- Member of Muu's Artists Association, FIN. 2019 –2022.
- Member of Helsinki Artists Association, FIN. 2019–.
- Member of Ornamo Finnish Designers Association, FIN. 2018–2020.
- Member of Luovan valokuvauksen keskus ry, FIN. 2018– .
- Founder associate OBS (Printmaking Workshop - Oficina Bartolomeu dos Santos), PT. 2016–.

Member of the Jyväskylä Artists Association, FIN. 2011–.

Collaborations / Art Fairs / Design Fairs

Rural Art Publica Lab (IT)
Kiasma Art Museum
Art Fair Suomi
Design on Tampere
Ornamo Association
Helsinki Design Market
Teurastamo
MUJI Finland
Design Kaverit
Rytmikorkaamo Designsunntai, Seinäjoki

Public collections

HUS, Helsinki University Hospital, Finland.
Finnish Art State Collection, Finland.
Jyväskylä Art Museum, Finland.
Jyväskylä Hospital Art Collection, Finland.
University of Jyväskylä Art Collection, Finland.
City Härnösand Municipality, Sweden.
City of Évora Municipality, Portugal.
Fundação Eugénio de Almeida, Évora, Portugal.
Private collections in Portugal, Dubai, Spain, France, Germany, Sweden, Italy, New Zealand, Japan, USA (California, San Diego and Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM), UK.

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