

Artists announced for the XXX Mänttä Art Festival. Over 30 artists explore the dimensions of existence.

The artists for the 2026 Mänttä Art Festival have been announced. Twenty-nine individual artists and one collective of five have been invited to participate in the exhibition titled *On Being*.

“The emphasis is on the significance of observation, pausing, and wondering. Noticing what is close by but often overlooked – as meanings often arise from something small and seemingly insignificant. Art is akin to poetry; when we encounter it, something inexplicable happens in us,” describes curator Leena Kuumola.

The exhibition will feature plenty of moving-image and sound works, spatial works, paintings, drawings, and black-and-white photography. The artists participating in the XXX Mänttä Art Festival are united by their timelessness and minimalism, and by the fact that their works reflect on and explore existence and sensations from various dimensions. The exhibition will also feature works by two late artists.

“Originality, independent thinking, making observations and crystallising them are characteristics that unite the artists I have selected. The exhibition will feature quiet works that gently open possibilities for new ways of seeing. Poetic, ephemeral, fragile art that almost doesn't exist – but still does,” says Kuumola.

Artists of the XXX Mänttä Art Festival

- Stig Baumgartner
- Kari Cavén
- Petri Eskelinen
- Forest Camp (Juha van Ingen, Pasi Erik Karjula, Antti Keitilä, Markku Kivinen & Marko Vuokola)
- Georg Grotenfelt
- Hepa Halme
- Risto Heikinheimo (1955-2010)
- Marjatta Holma
- Martti Jämsä
- Marja Kanervo
- Shoji Kato
- Philip von Knorring (1948-2016)
- Heta Kuchka
- Mikko Kuorinki
- Minna Leinonen
- Mikko Maasalo
- Inka Nieminen
- Taneli Rautiainen
- Seppo Renvall
- Catarina Ryöppy
- Pekka Sassi
- Alli Savolainen
- Päivi Siren
- Emilia Tanner
- Göran Torrkulla
- Senja Vellonen
- Marko Vuokola
- Sofia Vuorenmaa
- Denise Ziegler
- Charlotta Östlund

The Mänttä Art Festival, celebrating its 30th anniversary next summer, is Finland's largest summer exhibition of contemporary art and has been awarded the Finland Prize, among others. The XXX Mänttä Art Festival will be open daily from June 14 to August 31, 2026.

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