

MELITINA BALABIN

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born 1982 Helsinki, Finland

ART EDUCATION

- 2006 Specialization studies in Jewellery Art (20 credit units), South Karelia Polytechnic, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2005 Supplementary working skills training for artists, artisans and designers (16 c.u.),
Adult Education Centre of Tampere City, Finland
- 2004 The Vocational School of Jewellery and Metalwork Design, Tampere College of Crafts and Design, Finland
- 2003 Fine arts studies (17 c.u.), Adult Education College, Anjalankoski, Finland
- 2002 Jeweller's chains and mechanisms (2 c.u.), Lahti College of Crafts and Design, Finland

COURSES

- 2015 Relief printing, graphics studio of The Artists' Association of South Karelia, Lappeenranta
- 2015 Wet watercolour painting, studio of artist Anna Tereshenkova, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2009 Enamel technics, studio of artist Anna Tereshenkova, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2009 3D-modelling and wax casting (3 c.u.), Saimaa University of Applied Sciences, Lappeenranta, Finland

WORKING

- 2005 - jewellery designer-maker, jewellery artist
- 2007 - work practice trainer of jewellery design students

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017-18 **Three Paths**, Koli Nature Center Ukko, Koli (8.12.17-2.5.18)
- 2017 **Lace Inscription**, Täky-Gallery, Lappeenranta
- 2016 **House by the Sea**, jewellery intallation, Imatra Art Museum, Imatra, Finland
- 2016 **Breath from the Sea, Bits of the Past**, A-Galerii, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2015 **Letters from The Island**, Kuressaare Town Hall Gallery, Kuressaare, Estonia
- 2012 **Letters from The Island**, The Russian Ethnographic Museum, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2012 **Collected Tales** (with Nikolai Balabin), A-Galerii, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2010 **Unknown Path**, The Russian Ethnographic Museum, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2010 **Crossing**, Gallery Uusikuva, Kotka, Finland
- 2009 **Different Stories** (with Johanna Halme), Craft Museum's Gallery, Jyväskylä, Finland
- 2009 **Different Stories** (with Johanna Halme), Very Small Gallery, Library at Richardinkatu Street, Helsinki
- 2009 **Desert Paths**, Masters' Guild Art Gallery, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2008 **My Park** (with Nikolai Balabin), Gallery Iron Inc., Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2007 **Park** (with Nikolai Balabin), Gallery Norsu, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 **Once upon a time**, JonkGallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 **Garden**, Gallery O!, St.-Petersburg, Russia

JOINT AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 **Finnish Archipelago**, Gallery Karaija, Inkoo
- 2017 **Wood**, Täky Gallery, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2017 **Art Sales Exhibition of The Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo**, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2017 **Smiling Birds**, Imatra cultural center Virta, Imatra, Finland
- 2016 **Image and Form**, The Russian Ethnographic Museum, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2016 **Art Sales Exhibition of The Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo**, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2016 **Jewellery Art and Miniature Forms**, BULTHAUP Design Gallery, St.Petersburg, Russia
- 2016 **KORU 2016**, Gallery Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki
- 2015 **Treasures of St.Petersburg**, jewellery art exhibition, House of Architects, St.Petersburg, Russia

- 2015 **Jewelry • Boundless**, 2015 Beijing International Jewelry Art Exhibition, Innovation Park of Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology, Beijing, China
- 2014 **Artisaani Pop-Up**, Helsinki Design Week, Helsinki
- 2014 **20th anniversary Exhibition**, A-Galerii, Safe, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2014 **Art Sales Exhibition of The Finnish Jewellery Art Association**, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2013 **Marked for design & kunsthåndværk 2013**, Design Fair, Aalborg, Denmark
- 2013 **JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES**, Design Forum Shop, Helsinki
- 2013 **Saint-Petersburg's Jeweller 2013**, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2013 **Art Sales Exhibition of The Finnish Jewellery Art Association**, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2013 **Finnish Fashion and Design at New York Fashion Week**, Paloni pop-up-shop, Ivana Helsinki Concept Store, New York, USA
- 2012 **Jewellery Art**, Täky-Gallery, Lappeenranta
- 2012 **Rara Avis Group**, Kouvola Art Museum, Gallery, Kouvola
- 2012 **Rara Avis Group at Tampere Art Fair**, Tampere Sports and Exhibition Centre, Tampere
- 2012 **Frue Plads Marked 2012**, Design Fair, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2012 **korUral II - Scandinavian Art Jewellery at Urals (kutsu)**, The Stone Cutting and Jewellery Art History Museum, Ekaterinburg; Cheljabinsk Art Museum, Cheljabinsk, Russia
- 2012 **Saint-Petersburg's Jeweller 2012**, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2011 **ArtHelsinki Contemporary Art Fair** (represented by The Finnish Jewellery Art Association), Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre
- 2011 **pro.KORU3**, 21 finnish jewellery designers, Täky-Gallery, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2011 **30th Anniversary of Lappeenranta Saskias**, Gallery Kaakaopapu, Lappeenranta
- 2011 **SAGĖ UNISEX**, Galerija Meno Niša, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2011 **Rare Bird** (group), Gallery Laura, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2011 **The Apple Doesn't Fall Far**, Gallery Norsu, Helsinki
- 2011 **Art Sales Exhibition of The Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo**, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2011 **PARKS - TAKAS - VĒJŠ** (with Nikolai Balabin and Anna Fanigina), Cēsis City Exhibition Hall, Cēsis, Latvia
- 2010 **1 gr. Au**, Galerija Meno Niša, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2010 **korUral**, finnish jewellery art, Chelyabinsk Art Museum, Chelyabinsk, Russia
- 2010 **ArtHelsinki Contemporary Art Fair** (represented by The Finnish Jewellery Art Association), Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre
- 2010 **FINNISH JEWELRY**, Fitchburg Art Museum, Massachusetts, USA
- 2010 **HOLOWNIA**, The 19th International Silverart Competition MINIMUM, Corner Gallery, Legnica, Poland
- 2010 **KORUT**, Gallery Norsu, Helsinki
- 2010 **NOW HERE Finland** Design Exhibition 2010 (jury), Exhibition Hall of Seinäjoki, Finland
- 2010 **WHITE**, Exhibition Hall of the Moscow State Academy Art Lyceum, Moscow, Russia
- 2010 **New Members**, Täky-Gallery, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2009 **Saint-Petersburg's Jeweller 2009**, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2009 **GOOD WOOD** within St-Petersburg's Jeweller 2009, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2009 **FINNISH JEWELLERY 1600-2009**, Design Museum, Helsinki
- 2009 **The 3th International Biennale of Amber Art "Alatyr 2009"**, Amber Museum, Kaliningrad, Russia
- 2009 **GOOD WOOD**, Gallery Vavilon, Samara, Russia
- 2009 **GOOD WOOD**, Exhibition Hall of Moscow Art College, Moscow, Russia
- 2009 **Insideout**, Galleri Elverket, Tammissaari, Finland
- 2009 **GOOD WOOD**, Geological Fair, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2009 **GOOD WOOD**, Show Room of Parguet-Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2009 **Three paths** (group), Täky-galleria, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2008 **Saint-Petersburg's Jeweller 2008**, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2008 **Helsinki Art Fair** (represented by The Finnish Jewellery Art Association), Wanha Satama, Helsinki
- 2008 **Jewellery Transit Helsinki-Saint-Petersburg-Moscow** (group), Exhibition Hall of Moscow Art College, Moscow, Russia

- 2008 **Kokoelma**, Jewellery Collection of the Finnish Jewellery Art Association, The Art Museum of Lahti, Finland
- 2008 **On the borderlines – Jewellery Art**, Gallery 5, Oulu, Finland
- 2008 **pro.KORU II**, finnish jewellery design, Gallery Iron Inc., Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2008 **Winter Exhibition**, Gallery Alternatives, Rome, Italy
- 2007 **pro.KORU II**, finnish jewellery design (juried), Täky-Gallery, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2007 **Container 2007**, contemporary finnish jewellery, Simonkatu 2, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 **Image and Form 2007** Contest, The Russian Ethnographic Museum, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2006 **Bijoux de Noël**, jewellery, Gallery Johan S., Helsinki
- 2006 **Saint-Petersburg's Jeweller 2006**, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia
- 2006 **Garden**, jewellery and paintings (group), Täky-gallery, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2006 **Familiar unknown**, students of jewellery art specialization studies, Gallery Rantapaja, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2006 **The 2nd International Amber Artwork Prize of the Baltic Sea Countries**, The German Amber Museum, Ribnitz-Damgarten, Germany
- 2006 **Silmukoin** (juried), Craft and Arts Centre Verkaranta, Tampere, Finland
- 2005 **Saint-Petersburg's Jeweller 2005**, Manege Exhibition Hall, St.-Petersburg, Russia

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

The Finnish Jewellery Art Association, The German Amber Museum, Ribnitz-Damgarten, Germany
Private collections: Finland, Russia, USA, Sweden, The Netherlands, Danmark, Australia

CATALOGUES

Jewellery Art and Miniature Forms, BULTHAUP Design Gallery, Saint-Petersburg, 2016
korUral II - Scandinavian Art Jewellery at Urals, Cheljabinsk Art Museum, Cheljabinsk, Russia, 2012
pro.KORU III, Association of Southeast Finland designer-makers TÄKY, Lappeenranta 2011
KORURAL, Suomalaista korua Uralilla, Saimaan ammattikorkeakoulu, Imatra 2010
Jewelry Olympus 2008-09, The World of Stone, Saint-Petersburg 2010
ALATYR 2009, Catalogue of the Third International Biennial of Amber Works of Art, Kaliningrad 2009
GOOD WOOD, Natalia Koigorodova, Parguet-Hall, Saint-Petersburg 2009
pro.KORU II, Association of Southeast Finland designer-makers TÄKY, Lappeenranta 2007
KONTTI, Korutaide ry (Jewellery Art Association), Lappeenranta 2007

PERIODICALS:

Stop in Finland, no 2, March 2014, p. 28, St.-Petersburg
Baltic Jewellery News (20), 2010, Vilnius, Lithuania
Baltic Jewellery News (18), 2009, Vilnius, Lithuania
TAITO Magazine 2/2009, pages 12-16, Finland
Saint-Petersburg's Jeweller 1/2009
Russian Diamonds & Jewellery 4/2008

AWARDS, GRANTS

2016 Finnish Cultural Foundation, one year working grant
2013 National Council for Architecture, Design and Environmental Art, travel grant (work group)
2013 National Council for Design, one year state grant for artists
2012 Finnish Cultural Foundation, South Karelia Regional Fund, half a year working grant
2011 Arts Council of Finland, Public Display Grant
2011 Arts Council of Southeast Finland, half a year working grant
2009 Finnish Cultural Foundation, South Karelia Regional Fund, half a year working grant
2008 1st prize, Jewellery Olympus 2008 Competition, nomination "Jewellery virtuosos / Innovation", Saint-Petersburg, Russia
2008 Oleg Orkin's prize, Jewellery Olympus 2008 Competition, Saint-Petersburg, Russia
2008 National Council for Design, travel grant (work group)
2008 National Council for Design, quality support for design (work group)

- 2007 Finnish Cultural Foundation, grant
2007 Arts Council of Southeast Finland, subsidy for a group exhibition
2006 28th prize in The Second International Amber Artwork Competition of the Baltic Sea Countries, The German Amber Museum, Ribnitz-Damgarten, Germany
2006 Arts Council of Southeast Finland, subsidy for a group exhibition

MEMBERSHIP

Artists' Association of South Karelia (2018-), Artists O (2016-), Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO (2008-), Korutaide ry (The Finnish Jewellery Art Association) (2006-14), Southeast Finland Designer-Makers TÄKY (2006-)