

## Maija Blåfield

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### Introduction

Maija Blåfield's works have a creative documentary perspective with strong storytelling and subtle humour. She works with experimental documentary film, photography, writing and collective processes. Recent works include short films *On Destruction and Preservation* and *Golden Age*. She was granted the Finnish State Prize for the Media Arts in 2014 and nominated for Ars Fennica award in 2017.

### Website:

[www.maijablafield.com](http://www.maijablafield.com)

### Links to films and trailers:

*On Destruction and Preservation* (33 min, 2018)

Link to the film:

<https://vimeo.com/233974536>

Password: ts\_elokuva

Link to the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/237014838>

*Golden Age* (19 min, 2015)

Link to the film:

<https://vimeo.com/99567623>

Password: goldenage

Link to the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/116165958>

## CV

### Art education

1998-2004 Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki MFA  
1994-1997 Tampere School of Art And Media BA  
2004-2005 Drama-Academy for screenwriters, Finnish National Television YLE

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### Exhibitions, film screenings and other public presentations (selection)

2019

Ann Arbor Film Festival, MI, (USA)

2018

Visions du Réel Documentary Film Festival, (CF)

Aesthetica Short Film Festival, York (GB)

59th Festival Dei Popoli Documentary Film Festival, Florence (IT)

Corsica Doc, Corsica (FR)

Appendix of Time (groupshow), Van Eyck Academy, Maastricht (NL)

2017

Ars Fennica, KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki (FI)

2016

Moving Image Art Fair, New York (USA)

Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, Durham, NC (USA)

2015

DOCPOINT Helsinki Documentary Film Festival (FI)  
Brooklyn Film Festival, New York (USA)  
Huesca 43rd International Film Festival (ES)  
Oberhausen International Film Festival (DE)  
EMAF 28th European Media Art Festival, Osnabruck (DE)  
HLEF Helsinki Short Film Festival, Helsinki (FI)  
Love and Anarchy Film Festival, Helsinki (FI)  
Artova Film Festival, Helsinki (FI)

2014

*Golden Age 1-6 (Solo)* at the Museum of Photography, Helsinki (FI)  
*Nine Lives Museum*, Gallery Sinne /Pro Artibus, Helsinki (FI)  
*Nine Lives Museum Guidebook* (editor and writer), Gallery Sinne /Pro Artibus, Helsinki  
*Matters of Time* (groupshow), Frankfurter Kunstverein (in collaboration with Frankfurt Bookfair) (DE)  
Documentary film *Print and Rescue* about the pilot project of Checkpoint Helsinki  
Love and Anarchy Film Festival, Helsinki (FI)

2013

*Seoul, Seoul, Seoul* (groupshow), Changdong Studio/ National Museum of Contemporary Art of Korea (KR)  
*Talouselämä | Financial Times* (groupshow), Mustarinda, Hyrynsalmi (FI)  
*Stranger*, (groupshow), Gallery Loop, Seoul (KR)  
*Valon houkutus*, Annual exhibition of Photography, Lahti Art Museum (FI)

2012

Soloshow at Gallery Huuto Uudenmaankatu, Helsinki (FI)  
*I See* (groupshow), Studio 44, Stockholm (SE)  
*Löytäjä saa pitää*, Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä, (FI)  
*Aaargh! 10 vuotta myöhemmin* (groupshow) Galleria Huuto Jätkäsaari L3, Helsinki (FI)

2011

*Beautiful* (solo) at Photographic Gallery Hippolyte Studio, Helsinki (FI)  
*Greetings from Another Side*, (groupshow), Galleria Huuto Uudenmaankatu, Helsinki (FI)  
28th Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival (DE)  
Media City Festival, Windsor, ON (CA)

- 2010 and before (Selection)

Groupshow at AtelierFrankfurt, Frankfurt Am Main (DE)  
Festart08, (groupshow), Tampere Film Festival, Tampere (FI)  
*Sight Album* (artist's book) S.M.A.K Museum of Contemporary Art of Gent (BE)  
*When the Heavens Fall...remake* (solo, collaborative artwork) KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art (FI)  
*Fantasy* (solo) Kluuvi Gallery / Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki (FI)  
*Sight* (solo), Helsinki Kunsthalle Studio (FI)  
Mänttä Art Festival, Mänttä (FI)  
*Wild Men in the Looking Glass* (groupshow), Art 2102, Los Angeles (USA)  
*Saving the World* (documentary film) 2005, screened at: S.M.A.K Museum, DokumentART Neubrandenburg,  
MadeInVideo Kopenhagen, Belfort International Film Festival Entre Vues, Nordic Glory, Fondazione Pesaro  
Nuovo Cinema and others.  
*Suspend Disbelief*, Sparwasser HQ, Berlin (DE)  
*Maija Blåfield's Lost and Found Office* (solo) Galleria Huuto, Helsinki (FI)  
Small Heaven, Biennale for Young Artists, Helsinki Kunsthalle (FI)  
*Here's to Life! a retrospective*, Academy of Fine Arts (FI)  
*Nuoret 03* (groupshow), Helsinki Kunsthalle (FI)  
*Some whereabouts related matters* at Mänttinrannan taidekeskus, Tampere (FI)

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### Prizes and awards

Nomination for Ars Fennica (2017-2018)  
Critic's choice, DOCPOINT Helsinki Documentary Film Festival (2015)  
The Finnish State Prize for Media Arts (2014)  
Main Prize for ARTdocumentary, MadeInVideo Festival, Kööpenhamina, Denmark (2006)  
Audience's Choice Documentary, Entrevues Festival du Film Belfort, France (2006)  
Main Prize at Nordic Glory Film Festival (2005)  
Mecenaes guild Prize, Nuoret 03 exhibition at Kunsthalle Helsinki (2003)

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### Artist's residencies

Mustarinda, Hyrynsalmi, Finland (2019)  
Finnish Cultural Institute of New York (2015)  
MMCA Chandong, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art of Korea, Seoul, South Korea (2013)  
City of Frankfurt, Germany (collaboration with HIAP) (2010)  
Villa Karo, Benin, West Africa (2007)  
AIR Antwerpen, Belgium (collaboration with HIAP/Frame) (2006)

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### **Current posts**

Jury member of the committee for Audiovisual Arts, The Arts Promotion Centre Finland  
Part time lecturer at Academy of Fine Arts, University of the Arts Helsinki

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### **Memberships**

Av-Arkki Distribution Centre for Finnish Media Art  
Galleria Huuto  
Muu ry  
Wift Women in Film Finland ry  
Finnish Documentary Filmmakers Guild Dokumenttikilta Ry

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### **Works in Collection**

National Gallery Finland  
State of Finland  
Hämeenlinna Art Museum