

## IRIA LEINO

b. 1932, Helsinki, FI

d. 2022, New York, NY

## EDUCATION

- 1965 Art Students League of New York, NY
- 1957 École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, FR
- 1957 Academy André Lhote, Paris, FR
- 1955 Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, FI

## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1977-8 Amos Anderson Museum, Helsinki, FI
- 1965-6 Scholarship, Ford Foundation, New York, NY

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Iria Leino: In Two Parts—The Suomen Suo and Colorfield Series*, Harper's, New York, NY
- Iria Leino*, Larsen Walker, Stockholm, SE
- Iria Leino*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, FI
- 2024 *Iria Leino: 1968–1970*, Harper's, New York, NY
- c.2008 Integral Yoga Institute, New York, NY
- 2005 Chamot Gallery, Jersey City, NJ
- 1999 Integral Yoga Institute, New York, NY
- 1998 Artfaber Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- Integral Yoga Institute, New York, NY
- 1995 Ruoho Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- 1991 Artfaber Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- 1988 Multimedia Arts Gallery, New York, NY
- 1987 Kathy Malatesta, New York, NY
- 1986 New York Restaurant School, New York, NY
- 1978 Finnair Terminal, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, NY
- 1977 Amos Anderson Museum, Helsinki, FI
- Pohjola Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- Painters Theater Gallery, New York, NY
- 1976 ML Gallery of Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 1970 Painters Theatre Gallery, New York, NY
- 1966 Panorás Gallery, New York, NY
- New York Atelier International, New York, NY
- 1965 Edvin Aderer, New York, NY

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 NADA New York, Harper's booth, New York, NY
- 2024 *Women in Construction*, Art Students League of New York, NY
- The Armory Show, Harper's booth, New York, NY
- 2010 *A Book About Death*, Museu Brasileiro da Escultura, São Paulo, BR
- 2008 *Election 2008*, Art Gotham, New York, NY

- 2007 Finland Center Foundation, New York, NY
- 2005 Finland Center Foundation, New York, NY
- 1999 *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Loft Pioneer Show*, Puffin Room, New York, NY
- 1998 *New American Art Show: Perspectives on Our City by a Group of International Resident Artists*, Tweed Gallery, New York, NY
- IRIA, Julie Betts Testwuide, Nada Severdija*, Sai Gallery, New York, NY
- Gallery Artists*, Chamot Gallery, Jersey City, NJ
- 1997 Merita Bank, New York, NY
- 1996 Ruoho Gallery, Helsinki, FI
- 1994 *Three New York Artists*, Unibank Gallery, New York, NY
- 1992 New England Center for Contemporary Art, Brooklyn, CT
- Sporting Art, Helsinki, FI
- 1990 Amos Anderson Museum, Helsinki, FI
- 1988 *New Images in American Art*, 112 Greene Street, New York, NY
- Orpheus*, Grecian Heritage Foundation, New York, NY
- Alex Gallery, Washington, DC
- 1987 Leonarda di Mauro Gallery, New York, NY
- 1986 Now Gallery, New York, NY
- 1985 *1 Minute Street Performances*, Now Gallery, New York, NY
- 1984 A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY
- 1982 *Selection*, American Scandinavian Foundation, New York, NY
- 1981 Cicchinelli Gallery, New York, NY
- 1980 Museum of Modern Art, Guadalajara, MX
- 1978 Didrichsen Art Museum, Helsinki, FI
- 1977 *Finsk bild: aktuell skulptur, måleri och grafik*, Liljevalchs konsthall, Stockholm, SE
- Arte Fiera, Bologna, IT
- Kesanayttely, Savonlinna, FI
- Tallinvintti, Helsinki, FI
- 1974 *New Talent Festival*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
- 1973 *Contemporary Reflections*, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT
- Women Choose Women's Painting and Sculpture*, New York Cultural Center, NY
- 1972 A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY
- Art Students League of New York, NY
- 1967 *Young Artists 2<sup>nd</sup> International Art Exhibition*, Union Carbide Hall, New York, NY
- Columbia University, New York, NY

## SELECTED PRESS

- 2025 Timo Valjakka, "New Yorkin taidemaailman ytimestä," *Helsingin Sanomat*, April 3, 2025
- Molly Warnock, "Iria Leino," *Artforum*, January 2025, 116
- 2024 Linda Yablonsky, "Iria Leino, Fashion Icon Turned Forgotten Artist, Finally Gets Her Due," *W Magazine*, Fall Fashion Issue, Vol. 4, 2024, 102
- Casey Lesser, "6 Artists We Discovered at the Armory Show and Frieze Seoul," *Artsy*, September 7, 2024
- Roosa Oksanen, "The New York Times praises the mysterious Finnish artist who died in 2022," *Helsingin Sanomat*, September 5, 2024
- Julie Lasky, "A Finnish Artist and the Apartment and Paintings She Left Behind in SoHo," *New York Times*, September 2, 2024
- Robert Saasto, "Exhibit Features Finnish Abstract Artist," *Finnish American Reporter*, June 2024
- 2000 Varpu Sihvonen, "A Vedette's Comeback," *Pinta – Aamulehden Muotilehti*, September 5, 2000

- 1999 Traci Kampel, "Puffin Room's Loft Show Looks Backwards, and Forwards," *The Villager*, Vol. 81, No. 41, September 15, 1999, 9-10, 21  
"With Gratitude," *Integral Yoga Institute*, Spring 1999
- 1997 "Textured Bedrock of Color," *Huvustadsbladet*, May 5, 1997
- 1989 "From New York to Helsinki for a Solo Show," *Suomen Silta*, June 1989, 26
- 1988 Ann Markovich, "A Tower of Babel as a Creative Stimulus," *Form Function Finland*, Vol. 4, 1988  
Matti Jappinen, "IRIA, A Former Top Fashion Model Continues Her Artistic Career With a 3D Painting Show," *Ilta-Lehti*, March 17, 1988
- 1986 Television Interview, *MTV Finland*, 1986
- 1982 Elaine Wechsler, "Cornucopia of Art: Notes from a Peripatetic Reviewer," *Art Speak*, No. 15, February 4, 1982
- 1977 "IRIA's Paintings," *Jaana*, No. 37, September 9, 1977  
J.O. Mallander, "IRIA's Painting in Amos Andersen Museum—A Splendor of Colors," *Huvustadsbladet*, May 25, 1977  
Kaarina Timonen, "I Want My Paintings to be Looked Upon as Colors," *Ilta Sanomat*, May 16, 1977  
P.S. Lehti, "A Dream Job as a Sideline," *Suomen Kuvalehti*, May 1977
- 1975 Ilse Von Hellens, "Irja, A Lonely World Traveler," *Jaana*, No. 39, September 23, 1975
- 1974 Eero Korpivaara, "IRIA: Finnish Export Extraordinary," *The Finnish-American*, February 1974
- 1973 April Kingsley, "Women Choose Women," *Artforum*, March 1973, 69-73  
James R. Mellow, "Focusing on Works by Women," *New York Times*, January 14, 1973, 57
- 1967 "New York International: Paintings by Iria Leino with Corbusier Furniture," *Ottogono*, July 1967  
Television Interview, *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, Season 5, Episode 105, February 21, 1967
- 1966 Airi Weijola, "Surprising Irja Leino," *Kuvastin*, No. 6, 1966  
Clively Stokes, "An Artist's Model World," *Manhattan East*, December 22, 1966  
Carol Taylor, "Paris Model has a Brush with Art," *World Journal Tribune*, December 1966
- 1961 "Two Faces of a Model," *Kuvastin*, August 1961
- 1958 "From Finnish Art Student to a Top Model in Paris," *Uusi Kuvalehti*, October 17, 1958

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1977 Seppo Hilpo and Martti Yliaho, *Finsk bild* (Stockholm, SE: Liljevalchs konsthall, 1977)
- 1973 Larry Aldrich, *Second Annual Contemporary Reflections 1972-1973* (Ridgefield, CT: Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, 1973)  
Lucy Lippard, *Women Choose Women* (New York, NY: New York Cultural Center, 1973)

## SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
Amos Rex, Helsinki, FI  
Didrichsen Art Museum, Helsinki, FI  
Kansailis-Osake-Pannkki, New York, NY  
Merita Bank, New York, NY  
New England Center for Contemporary Art, Brooklyn, CT  
Pohjola Insurance Company, Helsinki, FI  
UNICEF, United Nations, New York, NY