

IMPRESSIONS IN MY MIND

works 2000-2005



Impression: Freedom
2004



Impression: Sea
2004



His impression are not born only above the surface of Lake Pyhäjärvi, but also below the surface. Timo-Olavi Jalkanen has snorkeled in the Pispala bay for years.



TIMO - OLAVI JALKANEN
romantic of the 3rd millenium

Introduction:
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Timo-Olavi Jalkanen deliberately distances himself from copying the beauty of nature. Instead his works are images of his inner emotions transferred on canvas.

He doesn't make pictures of people or culture at all, nor pictures of landscape itself. The objects in his art, like an insignificant leave on the surface of a lake, or a lonely stone, are mediators, symbols, that he uses to give his thoughts a visible form. At the same time, his plain and unpretentious works are his manifests against harshness and screaming aesthetics of today's world.

I described him to be a Romantic artist. "Post-tech Romantic maybe", he replied. Specifying that his 3rd millennium romanticism is an extreme contrast to his decades long, active hitech career (he worked as a computer and microprocessor designer e.g. in Nokia Corporation). His need to escape from that aggressive, technological life, was so strong that, now in his art, man-made objects do not exist at all.

Many of his works are reliefs, where the picture frames are made of wood he collected from lake Pyhäjärvi in the photo locations. Broken rowboats, pieces of oars, and sunken boards of old jetties are now used as a material to form symbolic window frames into forgotten world of peace and harmony.

In his recent, large works, there are no frames at all. These works force spectators to step into the image space without any given hints. So the spectators face the emotions of their own, alone. Now the artwork of Jalkanen functions as a mirror to primal mind.

For me, his art reflects inexplicable inner perception, calmness, openness, eternity. Seeing these images generates a good feeling. The tools he uses in his work are a camera and the strand-strip of the lake Pyhäjärvi in Pispala, Tampere. All the works are unique. There are no copies of them.

Jari Niemelä
Editor-in-chief
City newspaper Tamperelainen

Cover page: In the Still of the Time, 2004



Morning Dew Sonata Opus 2
 2004
 pigment colour on canvas



Aventura Náutica
 2004
 pigment colour on canvas

Jalkanen is very skilled in expressing water element. In his works, water is usually completely calm. When it is stormy, it is often goldened by the afternoon sun shining through a mist, with a colour palette similar to many maritime landscapes of Aivazovski.

Works of Jalkanen draw spectators close by the water, into the space that extends forward and backward of the spectator. From that space Jalkanen often shows a lonely element as a mediator, symbol, through which he describes longing to eternal remoteness. Rather than presenting natural landscapes, his original works show artist's emotions; so at the mental level you may see similarities to the expression of the 1800's romantic Caspar David Friedrich.

Militza Joki
Gallerist, Helsinki

By knowing the artist's background and motives, I conclude that compensation to the stressful hitech life has caused him to create images that reminds to Japanese or Zen- Buddhist silent philosophy and spirituality. At the same time the works are very Nordic and Finnish; like moments from the Finnish national-romantic epic, Kalevala.

Ulrich Haas-Pursiainen
Curator for Nykyaiika and Backlight, Tampere
(in the opening words of "When Time Stands Still" -exhibition in Valokuvakeskus Nykyaiika)

This is a philosophical exhibition. These images are from public places that many of us who are here in this exhibition know, but now we see those places the way that the artist has seen them. Because of pigment colour that is used to create these works, they are technically somewhere between paintings and photographs. When this collection was taken to the exhibition first time, there was some confusion what is actually the category for it.

Dr. Lassi Saressalo
Director of Cultural Affairs in the City of Tampere
(in the opening words of the "When Time Stands Still" -exhibition in Gallery Amanda)

In these works the spirit-of-wilderness of North-Pirkkala rises up from its sleep of centuries.

Tiina Nyrhinen
Art Critic (In the article of Aamulehti -newspaper)

The original photos are not manipulated.
 The works are created using pigment colours that will last more than 200 years.



Fuga
 2001



Aqua Sail
 2001



Adagio
 2001



Elegia
 2003



Formalis II
 2004



Solitude
 2001



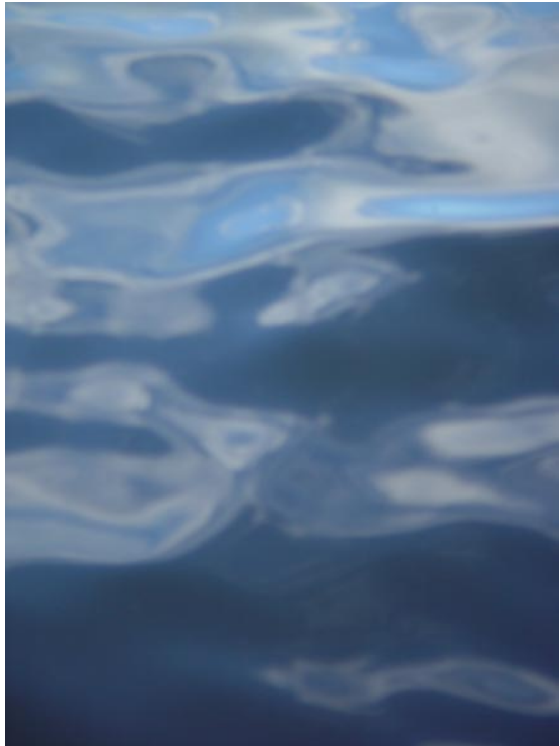
Morning Dew Sonata
2003



Visit to Eternity II
2003



Reflexiones II
2003



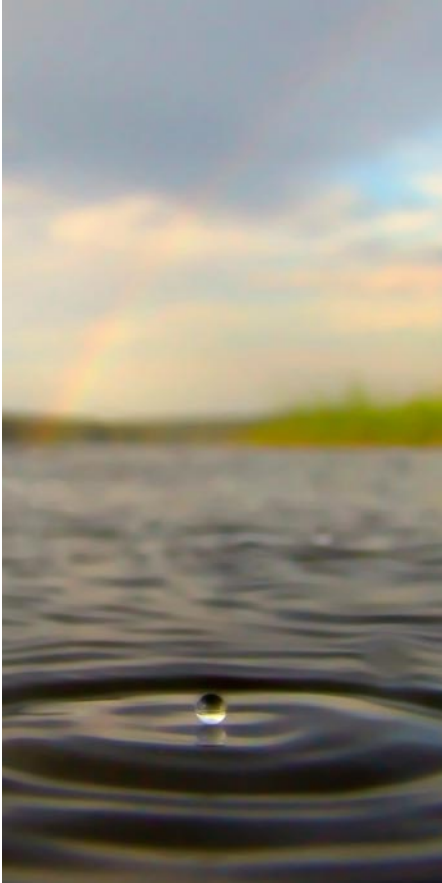
Aquarius II
2003



Status Quo
2003



Impression: Longing
2003



Impression: Rain
2004



Moment II
2004



In the Arms of Morpheus
2004



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Solo exhibitions

- 2001 Tampere, Nykyaika “When time stands still”
- 2002 Tampere, Gallery Amanda “When time stands still II”
- 2003 Tampere, Moreeninkartano “Satakaaren maa”
- 2004 Tampere, Moreeninkartano “Vierailu ikuisuuteen”
- 2004 Helsinki, Gallery 4-kuus “Visit to eternity”
- 2004 Tampere, The Tampere Theatre (100 years) ... “Impressions”
- 2004 Tampere Gallery Kuva “More impressions”
- 2004 Barcelona, Sala Barna “Visite a la Eternidad
- 2004 Madrid, The Finnish Institute in Madrid “Impresiones Nordicas”

Group exhibitions

- 2003 Barcelona, 30th Anniversary exhibition of Grupo Batik Art
- 2003 Helsinki, Wanha Satama Artfair
- 2003 Frankfurt, Kunsthalle im Frankfurter Buchmesse
- 2004 Marbella/Malaga, MAC 21, Arte Contemporáneo Internacional Feria
- 2004 Frankfurt, Kunsthalle im Frankfurter Buchmesse
- 2004 Miami, Latin American Art Museum
- 2004 Kangasala, Villa Keisarinharju “Arte & Psyke symposium”
- 2005 Düsseldorf, Collection Premiere Düsseldorf



Satakaari ilman lintu
 2001
 sculpture



Satakaaren maa
 2001
 photo installation



The Sailor in the Mist
 2004
 pigment colour on canvas



At the Frontier of Eternity
 2004
 pigment colour on canvas

Tampere 2001



Tampere 2004



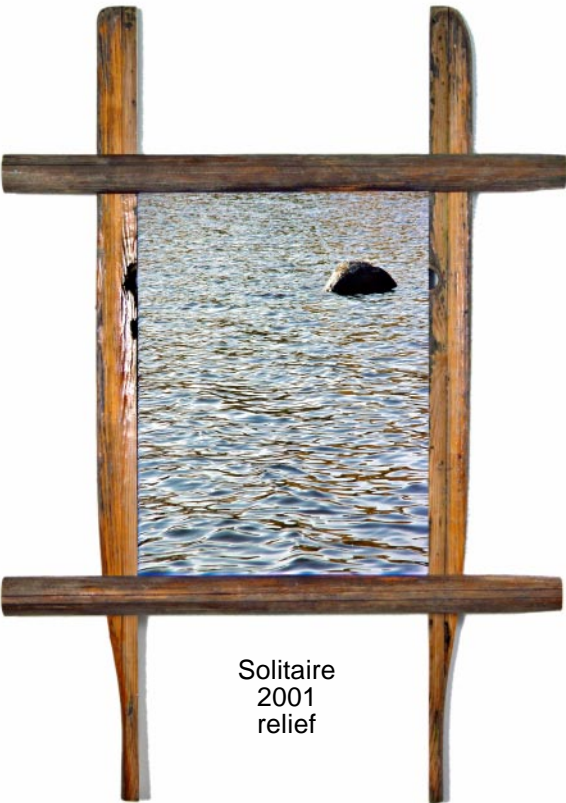
Helsinki 2004



Madrid 2004



Barcelona 2003



Solitaire
 2001
 relief



Recreo
 2001
 relief