



Let's Vibrate The Mesh!

Welcome to CreArt European Month of Creativity in Oulu, Finland on 2-26 May 2025!

Isa Sanz – Catalina de Can Joan d'en Gall. **A tribute to the living memory of Ibiza's rural women and traditions.**

7-25 May 2025, Open Wednesday to Friday 13.00-18.00 and Saturday to Sunday 12.00-16.00, Torikatu 4, 90100 Oulu. Free entry.

The opening of the exhibition is celebrated on 6 May 2025 at 18.00-20.00.

Isa Sanz, originally from Valladolid, Spain, is an artist whose work delves into themes of identity, body politics, and personal transformation. Her project features portraits of Catalina Riera Escandell, a 100-year-old woman who embodies the essence and resilience of Ibizan culture. Catalina continues to wear traditional *pagesa* attire daily, making her one of the few women who still do so in Ibiza.

This project is an homage to Ibizan identity and the strength of its women. Through Catalina's portrait, the artist offers a perspective on the relationship between the individual, tradition, and territory during a crucial moment of global transformation.

[ISA SANZ - Catalina de Can Joan d'en Gall - MABD](#), [Instagram](#), www.isasanz.com

Quartet of Artists Exhibition in the Oulu Market Hall

7-25 May 2025, Open Monday to Friday from 8.00-18.00 and on Saturday from 8.00-16.00. Kauppatori, 90100 Oulu. Free entry.

The opening of the exhibition is celebrated on 7 May 2025 at 16.30-18.00.

Joint exhibition of four Oulu based artists in Kauppahalli Café. In May, art will surprise the visitors of Oulu Market Hall, who get to enjoy paintings by Hanna Holopainen, Marianne Kauppila, Aino Mikkonen and Aini Pihlajaniemi, during their coffee and food breaks. The exhibition is organized by Galleria MABD.

Hanna Holopainen is a visual artist from Oulu, known primarily as an action painter, whose colour scale is currently bursting with pink. Why? Because sometimes it would be nice to forget the dreariness and dive into pink cotton candy. www.hannaholopainen.com

Marianne Kauppila is a visual artist from Oulu who specialises in murals. Her recognisable style is based on graphic forms and strong, clean lines. In her works, nature merges with the human world, creating its own universe

suspended in time without humans. Her strongly two-dimensional pieces offer still, often expressionless depictions of life and the surrounding world. <https://www.kauppilamarianne.com/>

Visual artist **Aino Mikkonen** works in Pikisaari, Oulu, primarily focusing on painting, with occasional work in printmaking and ceramics. Her artistic style is characterised by an intuitive approach that seeks to capture both strength and sensitivity on the canvas simultaneously. Mikkonen finds it meaningful to create moods and to move or touch the viewer through her art. www.ainosofiart.net

Aini Pihlajaniemi is a visual artist from Oulu, Northern Finland. She primarily works with photography, utilising various methods and materials. In her art, Pihlajaniemi seeks to capture the essence of time by exploring themes of growth, decay, vulnerability, and mending. She believes there is profound beauty in the traces left by the passage of time and strives to reveal these stories through her creative process. Pihlajaniemi holds a bachelor's degree in Culture and Arts (Fine Arts) and is currently completing her master's studies at the LAB Institute of Design and Fine Arts in Lahti, Finland.

An artist Workshop on Saturday, 24 May 2025 at 11.00-15.00.

Three of these artists will offer an exciting workshop with unique activities: Hanna Holopainen will demonstrate bubble painting, Aino Mikkonen will engage in live painting, and Aini Pihlajaniemi will teach patching techniques.

When nature lost its voice - joint exhibition of seven artists at Pikigalleria

2-24 May 2025, Open Tuesday to Friday 12:00-18.00 and Saturday 10.00-16.00, Pikisaarentie 15 B1, 90100 Oulu. Free entry.

The opening of the exhibition is celebrated on 2 May 2025 at 18.00-20.00.

The exhibition **When nature lost its voice** offers viewers the opportunity to stop and think about the importance of preserving biodiversity. The exhibition considers the human footprint in nature, the relationships between planned and free-growing environments, and the feelings aroused by the treatment of nature in the face of society's harsh values. As nature is awakening to the growing season, the exhibition reminds us of the importance of connecting with nature. In their works, the artists reflect on the importance of the biosphere as an enabler and sustainer of life, our longing for the peace of nature, and how wildness will eventually take over everything created by humans.

The exhibition features artworks by seven Oulu based artists chosen by an open call: **Saija Candelin, Sirpa Heikkinen, Heidi Katajamäki, Tiina Mäki, Mervi Niemitalo, Silja Tilhi and Sirja-Erika Virpikari.**

[Pikigalleria](#) | [Kulttuurikiihdyttämö ry](#), [Instagram](#)

Oulu Edition of the CreArt European Month of Creativity also features artistic interventions TBA

Gallery Walk by Hanna Manninen the gallerist of Galleria MABD

Gallery Walk offers a relaxed evening with visual art. The gallery walk is organized by Galleria MABD and Neliö-Galleria. During the evening, you will be guided by artists and gallerists through the galleries' exhibitions. The May Gallery Walk will feature exhibitions by. Admission to the gallery walk is always free.

ArtUp: Urban artwork of young artists at the old wool factory courtyard of Pikisaari island

The ArtUp concept launched by Oulu Urban Culture Association is a next-generation funding concept supporting professional activities of young artists, offering opportunities to carry out their own art projects while learning project management skills emphasized in the arts and culture sector in Oulu, Finland.

These events will be published and promoted in social media of CreArt 3.0 Oulu channels in May.