



Janne Gallen-Kallela-Sirén

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Janne Gallen-Kallela-Sirén has served since 2007 as Director of the Helsinki Art Museum. One of the largest cultural institutions in the Nordic region, the Museum manages the City of Helsinki's art museums, public art projects and visual arts policies.

Dr. Sirén has worked with senior staff to redefine the Helsinki Art Museum's mission and the strategic objectives of its collection policy and exhibition program. He has initiated and overseen an extensive process of administrative reorganization that resulted in the creation of an executive cabinet and four new independent departments dedicated to museum education, customer services, Kluuvi Gallery management and technical services. Dr. Sirén is engaged with diverse aspects of museum work and over the past years has participated in a curatorial capacity in the organization of several international exhibitions, most recently *Georg Baselitz: Remix; Surrealism and Beyond: Masterpieces from the Israel Museum; Defiance and Melancholy – German Painting from the Dresden Albertinum/Galerie Neue Meister* and *Helsinki School – Photography and Video Now*.

From 2004 until 2007, Dr. Sirén was Director of the Tampere Art Museum, located in the center of an old industrial city that is now a bustling cultural hub in the lake district of southern Finland. Prior to his Tampere appointment, Dr. Siren worked for four years as visiting assistant professor at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Art History, teaching courses in modern and contemporary art, aesthetics, museology and critical theory.

Dr. Sirén holds a B.A. degree in Art History from the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA). His M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, also in the field of Art History, are from New York University's Institute of Fine Arts. Dr. Sirén has published and lectured extensively on modern and contemporary art and is currently working on a survey of Finnish art from early modernism to the art of our time. He sits on the boards of several Finnish cultural organizations, including the Design Museum in Helsinki, the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts and the Visual Arts division of the Arts Council of Finland.