



## **RIITTA NELIMARKKA**

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Professor Riitta Nelimarkka's multifacetedness makes her one of the most exciting Finnish visual artists. Her art is characterized by a fearless use of colour and form, as well as virtuoso drawing skills.

She has studied painting in Paris, animation and photography in Stockholm, art history and music theory at the Helsinki University and piano performance at the Sibelius Academy. She has a doctorate degree in arts (AALTO university Helsinki 2001). Nelimarkka has received the honorary title professor from the president of Finland 2008. She has held several positions of trust a.o. been the chairman of Nelimarkka-foundation since 1987.

During years Riitta Nelimarkka has written 20 books: art books, children books, poetry, made several films, f.i. the first feature animation of Finland, Seven Brothers, has had major exhibitions at venues including: Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki; Kunsthalle Helsinki; Wäinö Aaltonen museum, Turku, Hallwyl Museum, Stockholm, Museo de la Nacion, Lima, the Russian Academy of Arts' Tsereteli Art Gallery, Moscow, the fortress&art museum of st Petersburg, EXPO 2000 in Hannover, FIDM Museum, Los Angeles, La Maison de l'Amérique de Monaco and Maison de l'Europe', Paris. Bonga Castle, an aristocratic building, renovated to a Gesamtkunstwerk with her husband Jaakko Seeck in Loviisa, near Helsinki, houses a permanent exhibition of three hundred works.

The latest bigger works are the 13 m long glass painting »Without too much thinking« at Hietaniemi pavilion 2016, a huge triptych "rug" Omnipotentia to AALTO EE university and the same year the visualization for Debussy's 5 Preludes for the Radio Symphony Orchestra and an art film Per aspera ad astra 2017, 2019 BARDO BARDO an extensive exhibition at Kimmo Pyykkö art museum and 2020 a book Antti&Neles about his father, an engineer and inventor. Spring 2020 the new serie of GNOMES & CUPIDOS and group & private exhibitions in Milan, London, Durbach, Helsinki and New York. Fall 2020 a big exhibition La SCALA at Helsinki Music Centre and ETUDES, oil paintings.

In 2016 she was awarded by the Order of France with the distinction of Officier des Arts et Lettres.

Riitta Nelimarkka lives in Helsinki. She is married to Jaakko Seeck. They have three sons and five grandchildren.