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
1954	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	Frieze Masters, Harper's booth, London, UK
	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	Panoras 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
Finland Center Foundation, New York, NY
2007 Finland Center Foundation, New York, NY
2005 Finland Center Foundation, New York, NY
1999 *4th 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 2nd 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 Aritsts 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 Santomat*, 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
Finnish National Gallery, Helsinki, FI
Heino Art Foundation, 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