

## Co-curators Lise Coirier & Kati Laakso

**Lise Coirier** has been living and working in Brussels for more than 25 years. She is running her Creative Design Consultancy Pro Materia, which actively promotes contemporary art and design. She is a founder, publisher and editor-in-chief of TL Magazine, dedicated to curating and capturing the collectible art and design culture. Coirier is also the driving force behind many specialist projects in her field of expertise, such as Human Cities and Glass is Tomorrow. In 2016, she opened Spazio Nobile Gallery in Brussels together with her partner Gian Giuseppe Simeone. Spazio Nobile has organized around forty exhibitions and has actively participated to local and international fairs. The gallery represents a selection of more than 20 emerging and renown artists and designers and develops a curated collection of unique and limited editions of sculptural furniture and objects with a particular sensibility to everything connected to nature and minerality.

Since 2018 **Kati Laakso** has been the Director of the Finnish Cultural Institute for the Benelux in Brussels. Through her work at the Finnish Cultural Institute, Laakso acts as a liaison between artists, art institutions, companies and governmental institutions. Before arriving in Brussels/Europe, Laakso has been a driving force in fostering collaborations, projects and networks for over a decade between Finland and New York/the US and Tokyo/Japan. Her approach is multidisciplinary and her passion lies in the hidden possibilities between disciplines, cultures and creation; especially within the visual and performative arts. During her career Laakso has initiated numeral culture projects, commission, artist-in-residence program collaborations, exhibitions, and societal research projects. Laakso believes that co-creation, kindness, and interdisciplinary thinking are tools for a better tomorrow. She is an active speaker at events and conferences, and has been part of several art jury's and non-profit boards.

Photographer: Serge Leblon





# Laura Laine

**Laura Laine (born 1983)** is a Helsinki-based visual artist and illustrator with her own distinct and recognizable style. She is particularly known for her surrealistic hand-drawn female figures. In addition to illustration, she has also been working with glass since 2013 in Finland, the Netherlands and Czech Republic. Her works are unique pieces of art, made of hand-blown glass that enhances the colour of materiality and immateriality.

Her works have been exhibited in Dubai, Tokyo, New York, London, Los Angeles and Helsinki, among other locations. Laine's CV lists a great deal of work for international magazines and companies such as Vogue, Givenchy, Elle, The New York Times, The Guardian, Harvey Nichols and more. She also collaborates frequently with Nick Knight's SHOWstudio, and has received multiple awards. Laura Laine is represented by Spazio Nobile, Brussels.

[lauralaine.net](http://lauralaine.net)

[spazionobile.com](http://spazionobile.com)

Photographer: Diana Luganski



# Kustaa Saksi

***Kustaa Saksi (born 1975)*** is a Finnish artist and designer based in Amsterdam. Kustaa specialises in graphic storytelling through patterns, textile art, and installation. Ideas of nature seen from the abstracted edge of perception pervade all of Saksi's work. Combining organic qualities with detailed textures, rich colour palettes and experimental material use, Saksi creates contemporary spaces, objects, and atmospheres. He has spent the past seven years at TextielLab in Tilburg, The Netherlands, where he has been developing weaving techniques, experimenting with materials and finding his own unique weaving processes that he describes as "action-painting with warp and weft".

Saksi's works have been exhibited at Victoria & Albert Museum, Cooper Hewitt Museum, San Jose Museum of Art, TextielMuseum, Design Museum Helsinki, and more. He has held solo exhibitions at galleries in New York, London, Paris, Hong Kong, Taipei, Madrid, Brussels, Helsinki, and Amsterdam. Saksi has also produced commissioned artworks for companies such as Nike, Issey Miyake, Ferragamo, Lacoste, Bergdorf Goodman, Marimekko, and Swedese. Kustaa Saksi is represented by Spazio Nobile, Brussels.

[kustaaasaksi.com](http://kustaaasaksi.com)  
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Photographer: Jussi Puikkonen



# Kim Simonsson

***Kim Simonsson (born 1974)*** is an award-winning Finnish-Swedish sculptor living and working in Finland. His life-size creations evoke an imaginary world entirely populated by children. Seized by ice, covered with moss, these figures gradually transform into elements of nature. His sculptures can be found in many public and private collections, such as the Victoria & Albert Museum, the Arario Museum, the Pizzuti Collection and the Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art.

Kim Simonsson is represented by Galerie NeC Nilsson et Chiglien in Paris, Galerie Forsblom in Helsinki and Jason Jacques Gallery in New York.

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