

## Meiju Niskala

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**BIO** Meiju Niskala is a Finnish artist. Multidisciplinary works deal with human relationships to self, the other and the environment. Over the years, more than 130,000 people have participated in Niskala's works. Niskala speaks of his works as a functional philosophy through the means of art. Partners include Kiasma, Helsinki Festival Weeks and several other cultural institutions. Niskala leads his own artistic team, Meiju Niskala & people. Niskala has published 9 books.

**AWARDS**  
**2021** Kodiksamia Literature Prize for When Deep Breathing is Not Enough -book

**2020** Runeberg candidate and shadow Runeberg winner with One Hundred Letters to a Dead Mother -book

**2011** Finnish Prize, awarded by Minister of Culture Paavo Arhinmäki

**2011** Aesthetic act of the year, Finnish Aesthetic Society

### EDUCATION

**2015** Master of Arts, Aalto University, Medialab

**2002** Bachelor of Arts, Turku Arts Academy, live art

## SELECTED WORKS

- 2021:** It Occurred To My Mind But a Bit Too Late, commissioned work by Helsinki Biennial
- 2020:** When Breathing Is Not Enough, illustrated book, publisher WSOY
- 2019:** One Hundred Letters To a Dead Mother, auto-fiction novel, publisher WSOY
- IT CONTINUES- EXHIBITION**
- 2019:** Sculpture Exhibition based on One Hundred Letters to a Dead Mother - Book. The exhibition took place as part of Helsinki Design Week.
- 2015: PLAY 2.0** Commissioned work by Finnish Culture Foundation.. [www.leikki2.0.fi](http://www.leikki2.0.fi)
- 2014: ESSENTIALIZATION STATION** Commissioned work by city of Oulu.
- 2014: JUNK-A-TRON** Commissioned work by Finnish Contemporary Museum Kiasma
- 2013:DEAR FELLOW CITIZENS** Commissioned work by Helsinki Festival Weeks
- 2013: FINNA LIVES** Commissioned work by Finnish National Museum
- 2012:IHMEJUTTU** Commissioned work by Pro Arte
- 2011:TURKU365/32 SERIE ARTWORK IN A YEAR** Commissioned Turku European Cultural Capital
- BOOK FOR EVERYDAY EXPLORERS** Book and weekly radio serie made together with National Broadcast Company YLE. Book published by Like
- 2008: EXPERIMENTAL CITY CONSULT** Started from Helsinki Festival Week and toured around Finland
- 2006/2008: YOU ARE HERE-BOOKS** You Are Here (Turku) ja You Are Here(Helsinki) -books, publisher Avain.