



CROSSWORKS

An Art Exhibition by Oulu's International Christians

OVERVIEW

Organisers

The International Christian Fellowship of Oulu (ICFO, <http://www.church.fi/oulu>) organises an art exhibition named CROSSWORKS (RISTITEOKSIA) from 05.08.-12.08.2006 in the exhibition room of Oulu City Library (Kaarlenväylä 3, 1st floor).

See also <http://www.church.fi/oulu/crossworks>.

Bastian Fähnrich (bastian@theprisoners.org; 045-1382381; Puulinnankatu 5 C 23; 90570 Oulu;) & Yve Thorn (yveoulu@hotmail.com; 044-3678348; Hanhitie 17 J b 13; 90150 Oulu) organise the art exhibition on the whole, Patrick Dickson (patrick.dickson@evl.fi; 040-5747182; toimisto Öbergin talossa, Kirkkokatu 5; 90100 Oulu) functions as the host.

Objectives

- (1) Bringing international Christians, including Finns (i.e. Christians living in and around Oulu, irrespective of age, gender, nationality & denomination) together and displaying their art works. The art works should have an international Christian focus (see *Art Works*).
- (2) Celebrating Oulu's international Christians' talents to express & share their faith by artistic means.
- (3) Increasing the local knowledge about worldwide Christian traditions and new ideas and practices in the arts through the art works of international Christians living in the area of Oulu.
- (4) Reaching out to people (living in or travelling to Oulu) who are interested in different arts and its relations to Christian faith.

Place, Duration & Opening Hours

Place: Exhibition room of Oulu City Library (Kaarlenväylä 3, 1st floor, see *map* below)

Duration: Sat 05.08.2006 - Sat 12.08.2006

Putting up the exhibition: Fri 04.08.2006 from 16-20

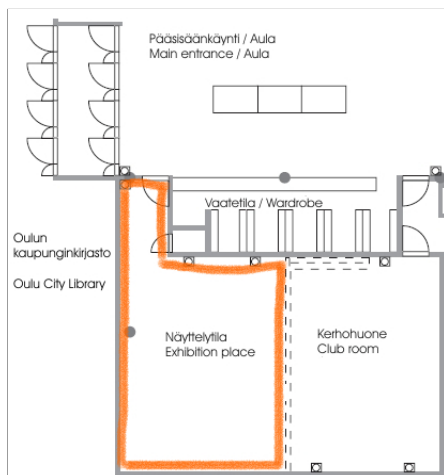
Taking down the exhibition: Su 13.08.2006 from 12-15

Opening event: Sat 05.08.2006 from 12-14 (in the entry hall and exhibition room of the library)

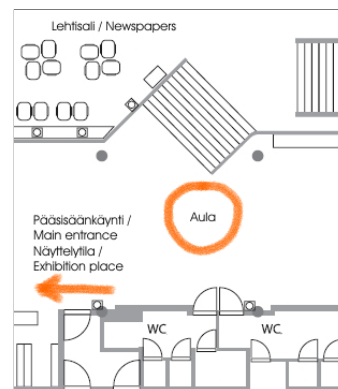
Closing event: Sat 12.08.2006 from 12-14 (in the entry hall and exhibition room of the library)

Opening hours: Mon-Fri from 10-20, Sat from 10-15, Sun from 12-16

Map:



Measures (exhibition room): 62 m²
(6,3 m x 8,27 m x 3,4 m)



Opening & Closing Event

In the opening event will be a speaker from ICFO and the City of Oulu. In addition, Bryan Dopp, ICFO's guitarist, will perform songs & hymns that he has translated from Finnish into English. The closing event will include a speaker from ICFO and performances from the Christian theatre & dance group Elliots (<http://www.elliots.org>), the Israelian dance group Kinneret and Oulu's Sudanese dance & drummers' group. In addition, there will be an auction during the closing event in order to sell the art works (with the permission of the participating artists; see <http://www.church.fi/oulu/crossworks/eform.doc>). The money raised will be used for a good purpose, i.e., for the support of ICFO's God-child in Kenya (Mercy Jebet Kimeli) and its missionaries in Namibia (Niina and Helmuth Garoeb). ICFO's members will provide free snacks & soft drinks during the opening and closing event.

Art Works

The art works that take part in the exhibition must have an *international Christian focus*. Christian artists, both Finns and foreigners (i.e. Christians living in and around Oulu, irrespective of age, gender, nationality & denomination), who want to participate with their own art works, can suggest short texts in different languages, paintings, drawings, photographs, postcards, installations, embroideries, textiles etc.

Suggestions of art works must be sent by *e-mail* both to Bastian Fährnich (bastian@theprisoners.org) and Yve Thorn (yveoulu@hotmail.com) using a standardised *e-form* (<http://www.church.fi/oulu/crossworks/eform.doc>) by Sat 24.06.2006. Artists who suggest their art works for display will be notified about the acceptance of the art works and participation in the exhibition by Sat 01.07.2006. The organisers of the exhibition have the right to select and reject the suggested art works.

The accepted art works have to be delivered *personally* and *ready for display* (with a hook and eye or stand) to Arpad Kovacs' office in the Öberg-house (Kirkkokatu 5) by Fri 28.07.2006. Arpad Kovacs (arpad.kovacs@evl.fi; 040-5242778) must be notified about the time of delivery. Arpad Kovacs is the Pastor for International Work in Oulu. The organisers of the exhibition will put the art works on display in a meaningful way at the exhibition site. However, participants can join in and assist the organisers in putting up the exhibition on Fri 04.08.2006 from 16-20.

The exhibited art works have to be taken away *personally* after the exhibition on Sun 13.08.2006 between 12-14, if they weren't auctioned (or were not taking part in the auction) during the closing event on Sat 12.08.2006.

The *copyrights* of the art works remain with the participants. The works of art are *not covered by insurance*, but ICFO is dedicated to arrange surveillance at the exhibiton site during certain opening hours by means of voluntary workers.

Material

Poster in English & Finnish (by Bastian Fährnich); catalogue in English & Finnish (with the list of the participants & their art works, i.e. title, price, maybe a short description, verses from the Bible etc.; by Bastian Fährnich & Yve Thorn); guest book at the exhibition site; sandwich-boards to advertise the art exhibition on the streets & before churches; movable boards (6 p.), showcases (6 p.), tables (2 p.) and chairs (2 p.) for the exhibition site.

Funding

There are no renting costs for the exhibiton room at Oulu City library. ICFO (in practice the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church) takes over the costs for the printing and copying of the posters and catalogues. ICFO-members distribute the posters in the area of Oulu voluntarily and provide free tea/coffee & titbits during the opening and closing events of the art exhibition.

Marketing

The organisers and ICFO-members approach the media (local & regional newspapers, radio, e.g. Rauhan Tervehdys, Kaleva, Oululehti, 65 Degrees North, Forum 24, Radio Dei) and tell the public (possible audience and participating artists; e.g. Elliots, The Prisoners, Huutomerkki, Word Art School in Nuku, Oulu's Art School etc.) about the exhibition. The organisers are putting ads (free of charge) in some of the newspapers to announce the art exhibition and to get in touch with possible participants. The organisers establish a web page to advertise the art exhibition etc.: <http://www.church.fi/oulu/crossworks> (with basic & contact information and download possibilities for the poster, catalogue, postcard and e-form for the suggestions of art works).