

Press release

Jussi Heikkilä

Exhibition

With the speed of sound

The Wing

26 January – 20 May, 2007

Information day is Thursday 25 January from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during which artist Jussi Heikkilä will be present. The Information event is open to the public on Friday 26 January at 12 noon. Exhibition opening is on Friday 26 January at 6 p.m. Welcome!

Jussi Heikkilä creates his first sound installation in The Wing at the Pori Art Museum. The soundscape of the work, which was recorded in Estonia, takes the thought of being free as a bird into a shattering cacophony in which the forces of nature once more demonstrate their might.

The art of Jussi Heikkilä is not limited to one medium, simple format, or material, even though his works are born out what arises naturally in the objects and their materials. His art offers us flashes of insight into a world of objects as created either by nature or man. Many people's way of looking only one step ahead of themselves gets a swift rebuke from Heikkilä's art. Humankind sees itself as omnipotent, yet without nature it is as nothing; whereas, nature in no way depends upon the existence of humankind, and this is made clear in various ways in Heikkilä's works. His works pay only a passing nod to sculpture, and are not bound by theories of conceptual art; they free the viewer to think about the world. Paying attention to changes and disturbances in nature is something that concerns every person living on this Earth. In his works, Heikkilä shows us a way to approach the nature around us – fragile yet strong – through the prism of his mind.

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Jussi Heikkilä was born in Jyväskylä, Finland, in 1952. He studied at the University of Art and Design Helsinki from 1973–77, and art history at the University of Helsinki from 1977–78. He has taught at the University of Art and Design Helsinki as well as at the University of Jyväskylä.

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