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THE STRUCTURE OF SLEEP (2014) FROM THE TRILOGY SHINE ON YOU, EEVALIISA

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The Structure of Sleep (2014) is a video work about the senselessness of everyday life and its distanced fragility, a beauty of sorts. The world depicted in the video happens in a single house where a group of people moves as if choreographed. Together, the objects, surfaces and signs in the depicted space combined with the people create a kind of internal structure, a sort of order. Using magic, laconicism, melancholia and humour, the work explores human homelessness, our interpretations of the world and attempts at survival – constructions of sorts – while viewing them all with a self-critical, yet bemused gaze.

The Structure of Sleep is one part of a video trilogy entitled *Shine On You, Eevaliisa (2014)*, which investigates the human condition. Another part, *The Revolt (2014)*, depicts human struggle, particularly from the perspective of super-individualistic contemporary reality, while the title piece, *Shine on You, Eevaliisa (2013)*, focuses on the complex and humanly challenging event of assigning meaning to perception. The videography, set design, directing and editing of the trilogy is by Johanna Ketola, sound design is by the composer and musician Pasi Salmi.

Johanna Ketola (b. 1978) is a Finnish visual artist working with video, photography and installation. Ketola is a graduate of both the Department of Photography at the Institute of Design and Fine Arts in Lahti and the Department of Time- and Space-Based Art at the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts. Ketola has exhibited her work in Finland and abroad, including the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Mänttä Art Festival and the Amos Anderson Art Museum.

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