

Press Release                      Veli Granö & Tuovi Hippeläinen  
Exhibitions                        RIEN - Is That All?  
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Press conference on Friday 4 June at 12.00. The artists will be present in the occasion. Welcome!

Exhibition opening on Friday 4 June at 18.00.

**The extensive joint exhibition RIEN - Is That all? Veli Granö and Tuovi Hippeläinen at Pori Art Museum explores worldviews and life stories filtered through ideas, images, narrations and memories.**

”Although the journey is shared, each one of us experiences it differently, looking at it from our own horizon. On the 14th of July 1789, when the French Revolution was already in full swing, Louis XVI wrote in his diary just one word, rien, nothing: the hunting expedition at Versailles had ended with no game bagged. At the very same moment, the revolution rolling through the streets of Paris was sucking up the King’s subjective sovereignty and destroying the structures of his power.” Writes art historian Arja Elovirta in the catalogue of the Veli Granö Tuovi Hippeläinen exhibition.

The exhibition looks at the ways in which people construct reality and create meanings around them as well as the transition of values and conceptions of the world. Individual and alternative ways to perceive reality are also examined in the exhibition.

The exhibition catalogue will be published in July. The book will document the exhibition at Pori Art Museum and include introductory essays on the exhibition’s themes and the artists’ works.

The exhibition is produced by Pori Art Museum and is part of the cooperation Project Visual Community Network between five European art institutions. The project aims to offer new approaches for exchange and cooperation between art institutions. After the presentation in Pori the exhibition will travel to project museums BALTIC in England and BildMuseet in Sweden in 2004-2005. For more information on the Visual Community Network project visit: [www.visualcommunitynetwork.com](http://www.visualcommunitynetwork.com).

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