

Janna Erkkilä-Hill



Ask the Animals, 2022



Ask the Animals - Birds and other creatures, 2022, lino print



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The work is a visual reflection on what we might ask the animals about life and death. I have worked on black and white woodcuts and linoleums, printed the blocks on various surfaces and made the prints in a collage glued on a wall or made them into large patch work.

My way of thinking is through artistic practice. I hope to find new insights and ways of seeing by making unexpected combinations of the body of my work. Animals do not speak through my work, but I try to listen to what the art tells about my attitudes, values, hopes and fears concerning human relationship with the non-human animals and other natural creatures. Listening may open new ways to relate with our companion species.

Biography

Janna Erkkilä-Hill is the Vice Rector for Research at the University of the Arts Helsinki. She also holds a Professorship in Fine Art at the University of Lapland. She graduated with Master of Fine Arts from the Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki and a Doctor of Arts from Aalto University. Her research interests lie in artistic research in the field of artistic thinking, interaction between human and non-human world, and artist pedagogy. In addition to her academic career she is active as an artist. Her work is held in several public and private collections.

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