SEVERI AALTONEN

Private investigator in the fields of subcultures and parasitic fine art
Severi Aaltonen is a media artist whose works emerge from archives. He has history in subcultures that sample sound (electronic music), appropriate imagery (graffiti), and inhabit empty spaces of the cityscape (squatting). These motifs are dominantly present in how he works and confronts archival footage as an artist. Severi's artistic interest is in subverting authorities; his research investigates how authority resides in different infrastructures of society. Severi's recent body of work combines video, audio, and installation. Processing different archives is central to his studio practice, often calling for diverse ways to expose them in presentation. He assembles compositions of the archival footage and finds a suitable container for them in recycled technology. The final installation supports the context of the archive and the composition, becoming almost like a logical residue of equipment, cabling, scaffolding, and other constructs. Severi researches how authority shifts in contemporary society. In particular, he is interested in how power is regulated in technology, where the authority prevails in obscurity. Big Tech and the artificial intelligence industry are rearranging global infrastructure and leaving behind a trail of destruction. Through his manual artistic labour in the data sphere, Severi is refusing the commercial logics of the tech industry and reclaiming technology for sustainable and humane processes.

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/severi44ltonen/

MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

GAP

EDUCATION

2024 - 2026 MA Artistic Research Den Haag, Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

2019 - 2023 BA Fine Art Groningen, Minerva diploma

EXHIBITIONS

2026 European media art festival Hase29 Osnabruck, Germany Media art exhibition in Germany www.emaf.de/en/
Group

2026 Marginal Evidence SIGN project space Groningen, Netherlands Curated group exhibition, production of new work, Groningen sign2.nl/websign/
Group

2026 Gogbot Sickhouse Enschede, Netherlands
Group

2026 Tweede Bouwput Amsterdam, Netherlands A small self organized exhibition amongst friends.
Group

2025 Chroniques Biennale La Friche la belle de Mai Marseille, France Art and technology biennale in France chroniques-biennale.org/en/
Group

2024 The new current / rotterdam art week Brutus Rotterdam, Netherlands Art and technology exhibition for emerging artists, Rotterdam www.thenewcurrent.org/ Group

PROJECTS

2021 Ghost of Padangstraat groningen archiven Groningen A research on an found archive of documents belonging to a dead gay rights activist. The archive was saved to groningen archiven.

COMMISSIONS

2019 Scenery, Pieni prinssi aurinkobaletti Turku, Finland Scenery / mural / marketing material for contemporary dance production www.aurinkobaletti.fi/en/front-page/ finished

2019 Series of murals in Vantaa vantaa art museum Vantaa, Finland Series of murals with Street art Vantaa, supported and funded with and by, Vantaa art museum Artsi www.artsimuseo.com/ finished

PUBLICATIONS

2026 Blue Hour Book The Hague, Netherlands A reader of articles, group publication

2026 DECADE Book Self, group Turku, The Hague, Netherlands Photography of graffiti, 200 pages book, images and text

2026 Viivi Book Jukka Aaltonen Turku, Finland Cover art for a novel

2025 Extra Violet Book The Hague, Netherlands Essays, group publication

2023 Postma Vastgoed Book me Groningen and abroad, Netherlands Risoprinted photobook, analog photography. Edition of 40.

REVIEWS

2024 Best of graduates Magazine Metropolis M Groningen, Netherlands Article

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024 GAP kunstraad Groningen, Netherlands Municipality funding for an audiovisual experimental event in Groningen

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

2026 - --



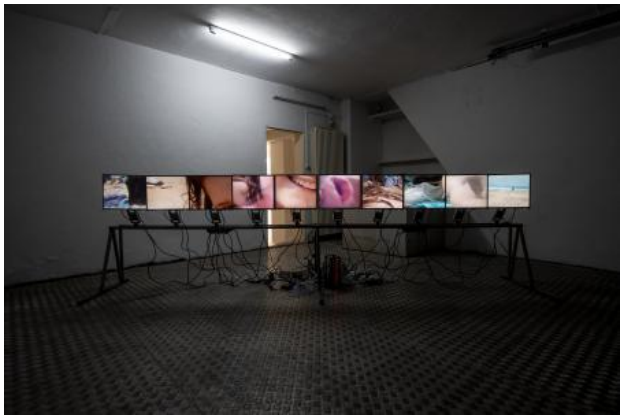
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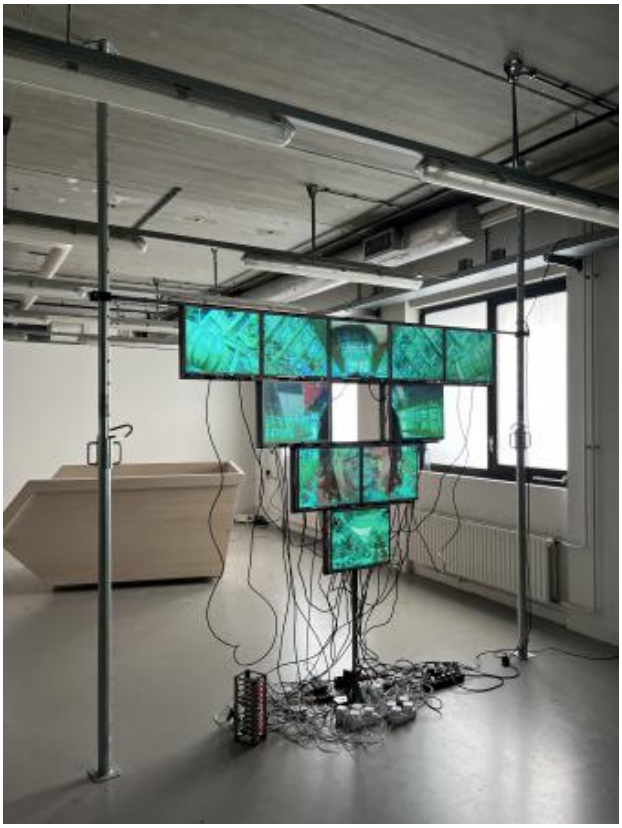
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Spectator LIVE, 2026
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Spectator, 2026
Media, installation, video, sound, 4 x 2 m



Interceptor, 2026
Media, installation, video, audio, 3.5m x 4.5m



Hoarder, 2025
Media, installation, video, audio, 2m x 0,5m



Hoarder, video, 2025
6:41



oceanwave.zip, 2025
Media, installation, video, audio, dimensions variable



Disney Realms, 2024
Media, installation, video, audio, Dimensions variable



Disney Realms, 2024
receipt print, Dimensions variable