

BIO



TAPIO ANTILA DESIGN

BIOGRAPHY

The interior architect and designer Tapio Anttila (b. 1962) is a versatile freelance designer based in Lahti, Finland. Anttila works extensively in the fields of product design, concept design and interior architecture. He is particularly interested in Finnish wood and the modern ways of working with it, whilst still respecting tradition. In furniture design, he focuses on functional pieces for the home and public spaces.

After years of working as an in-house designer, Anttila established his own business 'Tapio Anttila Design' in 2005. Anttila's clients include numerous Finnish companies and also Italian companies such as Riva 1920. His products are available in design stores throughout Finland and around the world, for instance at the MOMA Design Store in New York.

Recent developments in Tapio Anttila's career include the 'Tapio Anttila Collection', his own product concept, and a collaboration with the finest Chinese furniture brands together with Finnish designer Jonas Hakaniemi under brand 'Anttila & Hakaniemi'.

Anttila's designs have received several high-profile international design awards, including eighteen Good Design awards for various products, two Green Good Design awards and two EcoDesign awards for sustainable design. In 2012 Anttila was awarded the Furniture Designer of the Year by Ornamo, the Finnish Association of Designers, and in 2018 Kaj Franck Design Prize by Design Forum Finland.

The ecological aspects of design are the core values for Tapio Anttila. Simplicity, aesthetic form, language and functionality are the best words to describe his designs... and not forgetting subtle humor.

CV

SELECTED AWARDS AND PRIZES

2020	IF Design Award (with Jonas Hakaniemi)
2019	Good Design Award (three awards)
2018	Pro Finlandia Medal
2018	Good Design Award
2018	Kaj Franck Design Prize
2018	Good Design Award (two awards)
2017	Top Designer Award (China)
2017	Rantasalmi Award (Finnish wood design award)
2017	Good Design Award
2016	Good Design Award (two awards)
2016	Iconic Awards: Interior Innovation Award
2015	Green Good Design Award
2015	Good Design Award (three awards)
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2014	Interior Innovation Award
2014	UPM Grada Designer of the Year
2013	Good Design Award
2012	Furniture Designer of the Year, Ornamo
2012	Good Design Award
2011	Good Design Award
2011	Interior Innovation Award
2011	A'Design Award
2011	EcoDesign Award
2010	Green Good Design Award
2010	EcoDesign Award
2008	Design Plus
2005	Good Design Award

SELECTED GRANTS

2018	Asko Foundation
2016	Furniture Foundation
2015	Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2013	Furniture Foundation
2011	The Finnish Cultural Foundation of Päijät-Häme
2009	Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2006	Arts Promotion Centre Finland
2007	Ornamo Design Award
2002	The Finnish Foundation of Visual Arts New York

SELECTED CONFIDENTIAL POSTS

2010–	Memberships or chairman posts in Finnish design competitions such as EcoDesign, Slow Wood, South Wood Project, Euro Modo, Between Tradition and Future, and the Estonian Design Award 2012
2012	Member of the Lahti Design Advisory Board and World Design Capital steering group
2006–08	Member of the government of the Finnish Association of Interior Architects

EXHIBITIONS

Numerous internationally renowned solo and group exhibitions, design weeks and export initiatives including: Milan, New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, Tokyo, Seoul, Shanghai, Paris, Cologne, Berlin, Stockholm, Oslo, Budapest, St Petersburg, Shenzhen, Fukuoka and London.

PRODUCTS IN MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

The Chicago Athenaeum, Museum of Architecture and Design
Minneapolis Institute of Art
The Design Museum, Helsinki

