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COMPANY is Aamu Song & Johan Olin, a design duo based in Helsinki.  
COMPANY work as artists, designers, and producers, running their own shop Salakauppa in Helsinki.

#### **Aamu Song**, Designer

MA, University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland (1998–2006). BA, Seoul National University (1994–1998)

#### **Johan Olin**, Designer

University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland (1995–2001)

#### **Work history**

2015 Open COMPANY X SALAKAUPPA (Work X Shop) in Helsinki (add. Laivurinkatu 10, 00150 Helsinki).  
2009–2015 Continuing the search and design of own Secret production based on various manufacturing traditions around the world.  
2008 Open own shop Salakauppa (Secret Shop) in the center of Helsinki (add. Postikatu 1, 00100 Helsinki).  
2007 Start Secret production. A collection inspired by local manufacturing traditions.  
2002 Founding members of Anteeksi group (a group of approx. 20 architects and designers).  
2000 Start COMPANY design practice.

#### **Selected projects:**

##### Secret projects:

SECRETS OF FINLAND -a product family with ever growing number of Finnish manufacturers (est. 2007)  
SECRETS OF JAPAN -a spirited collection of products with traditional manufacturers in Northern Japan (est. 2015)  
SECRETS OF ESTONIA -a collection of new items with Estonian manufacturers (est. 2013)  
SECRETS OF RUSSIA -a product family with great, grand Russian manufacturers (est. 2012)  
SECRETS OF HELSINKI -a collection with manufacturers inside the Helsinki city borders (est. 2012)  
SECRETS OF BELGIUM -a collection of products with local manufacturers in Belgium (est. 2010)  
SECRETS OF CENTRAL FINLAND -a product family with manufacturers in Central Finland (est. 2010)  
SECRETS OF KOREA -a collection of shoes, bags and accessories with local makers (est. 2008)

##### Selected public art projects:

ATENEUM FURNITURES meeting space / lobby furnitures for The Finnish National Gallery ATENEUM, Finland (2013)  
SAMMEN / TOGETHER a multicultural foyer furniture for museum lobby. Trondheim Kunstmuseum, Norway (2012)  
SOUNDS OF SEA a set of nine stainless steel sculptures for the The City of Auckland, New Zealand (2011)  
Mt. HELGA a public sculpture (for children). City of Kongsberg, Norway (2011)  
CITY PETS a family of sittable concrete animals for Poltinaho housing area, Hämeenlinna, Finland (2010)  
KAIDE-TAIDE & COLOUR CURTAINS art for residential blocks in Toukoranta, a new housing area in Helsinki (2009)  
CONCERTS IN WOODS outdoor concert space/installation for Our Festival, Finland (2009, 2010 & 2013)  
PICASSO'S LIVINGROOM a space in the spirit of Picasso for The Finnish National Gallery ATENEUM, Finland (2009)  
MACHABANG a spatial installation for IAS Art Space. Seoul, Korea (2008)  
MINI-SCHOOL a set of sittable concrete sculptures for Koulutanhua school Helsinki (2007)  
REDDRESS a dress/concert space (in co-operation with Kvadrat and Louisiana Modern Art Museum, 2004–)

##### Other selected projects:

VALOPALLO a wooden lamp for Aarikka, Finland (2014)  
MAAILMAN MEKOT / GLOBAL DRESSES Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum, Finland (2014)  
AHEAD AREENA for Habitare Furniture Fair, Helsinki (2014)  
SAUNA STOOL a new stool for Kulttuurisauna, Helsinki (2013)  
RUDI-KARI STOOL (12 Designs for Nature) for Nikari, Finland (2012)  
GUIDING HATS a collection of hats using trad. bamboo weaving techniques. Gwangju Design Biennale, Korea (2011)  
FARMERS' GOLD by Editions in Craft, Sweden. A collection of items using trad. straw weaving techniques. (2010–)  
LISN TO FINLAND: TUOKKU –a portable incense holder. Shiheido. Kyoto, Japan (2007)  
KENTAURI furniture collection for Piironen and Marimekko, Finland (2005)

#### **Awards/Grants**

2010 The State Prize for Design. The Art Council of Finland  
2009 World Changing Award (Attention Grant, for Company production), U.S.  
2008 Special Mention Award (for Company Secret Shop). Milan Furniture Fair, Salone Satellite, Italy  
2007 The Finnish Labour Association. Diploma for Top Secrets of Finland -project, Finland  
2004 Golden Award. Blickfang Design Fair, Zurich, Switzerland (together with Anteeksi group)  
COMPANY has received artist grants from:  
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, The Finnish Cultural Foundation, The Korean Ministry of Commerce,  
Frame Fund Finland, Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland and The City of Helsinki.  
Residency grants from: Villa Waldberta (Germany), Ssamzie Space (Korea), Finnish Institute in New York (U.S.)

#### **Collections**

COMPANY's works belong to the permanent collections of: Design Museum Finland, Helsinki Art Museum, The Islandic Design Museum, The Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen Germany, Trondheim Kunstmuseum Norway, V&A Museum of Childhood UK.

#### **Lectures / workshops / talks**

Aalto University, Finland. AXIS gallery Tokyo, Japan. Auckland City hall, New Zealand. Boisbuchet (by Vitra Design Museum & Centre Pompidou) France. Designmuseum, Finland. 'Design Radicals', Lume center, Finland. Estonian Academy of Arts, Estonia. Forsberg Design School Stockholm, Sweden. Iceland Design Academy. Sibelius Hall, Lahti, Finland. The Finnish Embassy in Tallin, Estonia. The Finnish Institute in St. Petersburg. Helsinki University, Finland. The Kennedy Center Washington, US. Konstfack University College of Arts, Crafts and Design, Stockholm, Sweden. London Design Festival, UK. 'New Finnish Design City' -event, New York, US. Nizhniy Novgorod University, Russia. Reykjavik Art Museum, Iceland. Rovaniemi University, Finland. Sofia Design Week, Bulgaria. Stockholms Arkitektförning, Sweden. Ssamzie Space, Korea. Tallinn Design Night, Estonia. Virginia Commonwealth University, US. University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland.



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**Exhibitions** (COMPANY's works have been presented in several museum and commercial fairs, such as)

21\_21 Design Sight Tokyo, ATENEUM / Finnish National Gallery, Aomori Museum of Art Japan, AXIS gallery Tokyo, Castello Sforzesco Milan, D+A museum Los Angeles, Danish Design Center, Design Museum Finland, Design Forum Finland, Design Museum Holon Tel Aviv, Estonian Museum of Art and Design, Form Design Center Sweden, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Hafnarborg museum, Iceland, INSA Art Space Seoul, The Kennedy Center Washington, KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art Helsinki, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Kulturhuset Stockholm, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art Denmark, Matadero Madrid, MOCA Shanghai, Raathaus Galerie Munich, Spazio Rossana Orlandi Milan, Temporary Art Museum Bangkok, Trondheim Kunstmuseum Norway, Museum Vandalorum Sweden, Wanås Konst Sweden.

Also in Finnish Cultural Institutes in Berlin, Brussels, London, Paris, Oslo, St. Petersburg and Washington D.C.

In fairs: Blickfang Designfair Zurich, Bucharest Design Week, Brussels Design September, DMY Berlin, Designblok Prague, Formex Fair Stockholm, Gwangju Design Biennale Korea, Habitare Furniture Fair Helsinki, ICFF New York, London Design Festival, Milan Furniture Fair, Saint Étienne Design Biennial, Sofia Design Week, Stockholm Furniture Fair, Tokyo Design Week, Venice Architecture Biennale.

#### Selected solo exhibitions

2015 SECRETS OF NORTHERN JAPAN  
Aomori Museum of Art, Japan  
2015 SALAPALATSI / ART KIOSK  
Helsinki Art Museum (Tennispalatsi)  
2013 SECRETS OF ESTONIA  
Estonian Museum Of Applied Art And Design  
2013 SECRETS OF RUSSIA  
Borey Art Center. St Petersburg, Russia  
2011 REDDRESS & COMPANY  
York Hall, London Design Festival, UK  
2011 COMPANY in Coffice  
Stockholm Designweek, Sweden  
2011 COMPANY Secret Shop  
Spark | Design Space. Reykjavik, Iceland  
2010 Secrets of Central Finland  
The Craft Museum of Finland  
2008 SALAKAUPPA / Secret Shop (on-going)  
Postikatu 1, 00100 Helsinki, Finland  
2008 COMPANY Secret Shop  
Finnish Cultural Institute, Oslo, Norway  
2008 REDDRESS in Designmai  
Elizabeth Church Berlin, Germany  
2008 MACHABANG  
COMPANY in INSA Art Space. Seoul, Korea  
2007 TOP SECRETS OF FINLAND  
KIASMA Museum of Contemporary Art, Finland  
2007 REDDRESS + COMPANY  
Design Museum. Helsinki, Finland  
2006 COMPANY Homeland  
Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland  
2005 REDDRESS World Premier  
Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark  
2005 AAMU LAND  
+Laboratorium. Copenhagen, Denmark

#### Selected own shows in fairs

2011 COMPANY Secret Shop  
DMY Design Festival Berlin, Germany  
2010 COMPANY 'Made in Belgium'  
(touring exhibition at) Brussels Design September  
2009 COMPANY Mobile  
Milan Furniture Fair, SaloneSatellite, Italy  
2008 COMPANY Secret Shop  
Milan Furniture Fair, Salone Satellite, Italy

#### Selected group exhibitions

2016 Zakka. 21\_21 Design Sight. Tokyo, Japan  
2015 Century of the Child. Design Museum, Finland & Denmark  
2015 Anthology of Finnish fashion. Design Museum, Finland  
2015 We Live Here. Stockholm Design Week, Sweden  
2014 Kimpassa. Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum, Finland  
2014 Play Nordic. Nordic Embassies, Berlin  
2013 Shop Show. Form Design Center, Sweden & Design Museum, Finland  
2013 Nordic Cool. The Kennedy Center. Washinton DC, US  
2013 Finnish Form. Design Museum. Helsinki, Finland  
2012 12 Designs for Nature. Kellohalli, Finland. STHLM Fair, Sweden  
2012 Camouflage (SECRETS OF RUSSIA). Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland  
2012 Sammen/Together. Trondheim Kunstmuseum, Norway  
2012 Farmer's Gold. Spazio Rossana Orlandi. Milan, Italy  
2012 ULTRABODY. Castello Sforzesco. Milan, Italy  
2012 DesignWorld. Design Museum. Helsinki, Finland  
2011 Gwangju Design Biennale. Gwangju, Korea  
2011 The History of Future (2050). Ggool space. Seoul, Korea  
2011 New Olds. Design Museum Holon. Tel Aviv, Israel  
2010 13798 grams. Lambretto Art Project, Milan Fuori Salone, Italy  
2010 Heroes. Krehky Gallery, Prague, Czech  
2010 Children's Sizes. Hafnarborg museum, Iceland  
2009 FinDesign. Matadero Central de Diseño. Madrid, Spain  
2009 My Perfect Neighbours. London Design festival, UK  
2008 Singletown by Droog Design. Venice Architecture Biennale, Italy  
2008 SuperStructures. Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam  
2008 Night on Earth. Showroom Berlin, Myymälä2 Helsinki, Moca Shanghai  
2005-09 Sauma Design as Cultural Interface. Washington DC, New York, Los Angeles, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Oslo and Stavanger  
2008 Ssamzie Space. 'Made in Korea'. Seoul, Korea  
2007 Liss to Finland. Helsinki, Kyoto and Tokyo, Japan  
2007 Sparkling design, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Finland  
2006 Blueberry shop-play. Finnish Cultural Institute. Paris, France  
2006 Freispiel. Raathaus Galerie, Munchen, Germany  
2006 Remix-retouch. Fiskars smithy, Finland  
2006 Cool Dozen -chair exhibition. Toronto, Canada  
2006 Soi Sabai Temporary Museum. Bangkok, Thailand  
2005 Fiction hotel. Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden  
2005 Parallel life. Frankfurt Kunstverein, Germany  
2005 ICFF Furniture Fair. New York, U.S.  
2004 Blickfang Design Fair, Zürich, Switzerland  
2004-13 Milari, Annual Furniture Fair. Finland  
2003-10 Fäsäri, Annual Fashion show. Finland  
2001-03 Lightplatform. Habitare Fair Helsinki & Stockholm Furniture Fair

**Press** (articles in following magazines such as)

+81 (Japan), ABITARE (Italy), ARK (Finland), ARKITEKTEN (Denmark), ART (Germany), ART IN CULTURE (Korea), AXIS (Japan), BLUEPRINT (UK), BRUTUS (Japan), CASAMICA (Italy), DAMN° (Belgium), DESIGN REPORT (Germany), EL MUNDO (Spain), EL PAIS (Spain), ELLE DECORATION (Germany), ELLE DECO (Italy), ELLE DECOR (Japan), EXIBART (Italy), FORM (Sweden), FRAME (Netherlands), FINANCIAL TIMES (UK), GOOD MAGAZINE (U.S.), GUARDIAN (UK), HELSINGIN SANOMAT (Finland), HUFVUDSTADS BLADET (Finland), ICON (UK), IDEA (Japan), IDN (Hong Kong), INTERNI (Italy), I.D. (U.S.), MARIE CLAIRE (Italy), METROPOLIS (U.S.), MONITOR (Ger/It), MONOCLE (UK), THE NEW YORK TIMES (U.S.), OTTAGONO (Italy), PLAZA (Sweden), POLITIKEN (Denmark), PRINT (U.S.), SPUR (Japan), VELVET (Italy), VOGUE (Italy), VANITY FAIR (Italy), WALLPAPER (UK), WASHINGTON POST (U.S.).

**Press** (books) & FORK (Phaidon, U.S. 2007), 20+12 (WSOY, Finland 2011), CHILL-OUT SPACES (Tectum, Belgium 2004), CRAZY GIFTS (Brandstätter Verlag, Germany 2010), DESIGNED FOR THE FUTURE (Princeton Architectural Press, US 2015), DESIGNKUPLIA (Aalto Arts Books 2013), FINNISH DESIGN YEARBOOK (DFF 2006-2015), FORMS WITH A SMILE (Stichting kunstboek, Belgium 2008), GOING PUBLIC (Gestalten, Germany 2012), IDEOLOGY/FORM/MATERIAL (Designmuseum, Finland 2013), NEW OLDS (Avedition 2011), NORDIC DESIGNERS (Arvinus Förlag, Sweden 2011), PLAY ALL DAY (Gestalten 2009), PURE FINLAND (Garden City Publishers 2007), ONCE UPON A CHAIR (Gestalten 2009), REDDRESS (TAIK publications 2007), SHOP IMAGE GRAPHICS IN SCANDINAVIA (PIE Books, Japan 2010), SUOMALAINEN MUOTOILU I & II (WSOY 2008 & 2009), SUOMALAISEN DESIGNIN UUDET MIELENTILAT (Otava, 2007), ULTRABODY (Corraini Edizioni, Italy 2012), WHAT DO YOU LOVE ? (IDN, Hong Kong 2007)