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Activity: Evolution of Arts in Europe – Pekka Halonen - Biography

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Name: PEKKA HALONEN
Born in Lapinlahti/Finland on September 23 rd , 1865
Died in Tuusula/Finland on December 1 st , 1933
Nationality: Finnish
Profession: Painter
Art Movement: Realism and National Romantic style

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Pekka Halonen was a Finnish painter whose favorite subjects were Finnish landscape and people.

Pekka's father was an amateur artist and Pekka often accompanied him on his trips as a decorative painter on commissions from churches in neighboring districts. This was his first introduction into the craft of painting.

After studying at the Art Society's Drawing School in Helsinki, he went to Paris in 1890. He studied there at the Académie Julian, Académie Vitti and under Paul Gauguin, who impressed his work deeply. Later he made several other trips to Europe, mainly to Italy.

In 1895 he married a young music student Maija Mäkinen and they had eight children. The family settled down in Tuusula in a villa, which Pekka designed himself with his brother Antti. The villa is known as Halosenniemi and its landscape was an important source of inspiration for him. Many of his works describe simple scenes from his everyday surroundings.

In Tuusula there was a wide circle of artist friends, which helped them to develop a sense of Finnish national identity and national pride through interpretations of the Finnish landscapes, when Finland's existence was threatened at the beginning of the 20th century.

Pekka Halonen is considered as a notable figure of the Golden Age of Finnish Art. In 1910's he painted many works that were focused on his home, his home environments at different times of the year and his children. He was one of the Finnish artists who began to experiment with colour painting in the 1900's.

Pekka Halonen died in Tuusula in 1933 at the age of 68.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pekka_Halonen

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