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Call for Papers

“Aesthetics Today”, March 1–2, 2012, Helsinki, Finland, House of Science and Letters

The Finnish Society for Aesthetics will celebrate its 40th anniversary by organizing a two-day seminar on the theme “**Aesthetics Today**” on the **1st and 2nd of March 2012 at the House of Science and Letters in Helsinki**. The keynote speaker of the seminar is **Professor Richard Shusterman** (Florida Atlantic University).

During the last forty years there have been some radical new developments within the field of aesthetics. In form of, for example, environmental aesthetics and everyday aesthetics the scope of aesthetic research has broadened significantly. At the same time more traditional questions concerning the philosophy of art have taken new directions partly because of the new philosophical developments and partly because of the development of new art forms. Thus, during the last forty years, there has been a serious re-evaluation and questioning of the nature of philosophical aesthetics.

The organizers welcome papers reflecting these developments, and the “current state” of aesthetics. Also, papers reflecting the future and the forty coming years of aesthetics are welcome.

The organizers invite people interested in theme of the seminar to send an abstract of their paper to the secretary of the Finnish Society for Aesthetics ([petteri.kummala \[at\] helsinki.fi](mailto:petteri.kummala@helsinki.fi)). One of the two days of the seminar will be in English. It is also possible to offer a presentation in the form of an artistic presentation or a performance. In this case the presenter is advised to keep in mind that the venue is a lecture hall. The abstract should include the name of the presenter, the title of the presentation and an abstract of approximately 300 words. **The deadline for abstracts is the 15th of January 2012.** Notification of acceptance/rejection will be sent by the 31st of January.