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Dear Artist,

We are a group of young Finnish arthistorians, artists and artcritics. What we all have in common is our interest in modern art and our concern for there not being a museum for contemporary art in Finland.

We have formed a group called PORKKANA (Carrot) to start a collection of international contemporary art that we hope to eventually donate to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Finland once it is built. Until then, we want the collection to act as a carrot for the decisionmakers. You might call what we are doing as a sort of guerilla warfare in the artworld.

Our aim is to further the founding of a museum. We are not aiming at any commercial profit. We are all putting in free work, and postage and shipping is being sponsored by the Helsinki University students body.

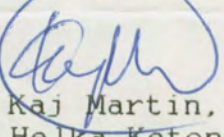
We are writing to you in the hope that you might be interested in donating a small, easily transportable work to our collection. It can just as well be a sketch, a restaurant-drawing or a signature scrawled on the back of an electricity bill. We will put up an extensive exhibition of the works in october 1988. We will also publish a catalogue of the artists represented in the collection. All this to show the decisionmakers that artists abroad are also concerned and ready to give their support.



We have been happily surprised at the positive reaction of artists all over the world towards our project. We have already received donations from such artists as Christo, Nancy Holt, Carl Andre, Keith Sonnier, Anthony Caro, Richard Long, Jiri Kolar, Ina Barfuss, Thomas Wachweger, Barbara Astman, Gary Stephan and Helion.

We are also grateful for any other kind of material to add to the collection and archive: posters, books, invitation cards etc. If you send a poster, please sign!

And when you visit Finland, do get in touch.  
On behalf of the Pro Museum of Contemporary art Collection

  
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