



Mammu & Pasi Rauhala: Bears All Things

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- Humorous artistic examination of the topic of marriage
- Lovingly arranged publication on a lifelong art project of an artist couple
- Reflection on different stages of human relationship given the passage of time

Bears All Things (from the Finnish “Kaiken se kestää”) is a lifelong art project by the artist couple Mammu and Pasi Rauhala. The project, which has taken place every year since 2013, comprises photographs of the artists going about their daily lives, from renovating their home, to gardening – always in the same getup: their wedding attire. Their gestures and appearance, always very serious, are a nod to the tradition of the family portrait. With a generous dose of humour, the works encourage the audience to reflect on the institution of marriage and issues of interpersonal relationships, both on the individual and the societal level.

Mammu and **Pasi Rauhala** have been working together since 2010. *Bears All Things* is their most important joint project, which they have been working on since 2012. Parts of the project have been on display at the Paikkari Performance Festival 2013, Galleria Forum Box 2014, Galleria Lapinlahti 2016 and Riga Art Space, Latvia, 2016. Love Never Fails has been seen at Galleria Huuto 2016 and at the Pyhäniemi Manor summer exhibition 2018. *Hanging in There* was seen at Mänttä Art Festival 2019 and at ARS Kärsämäki 2020.

