

Lifelong Learning Mississauga (LLM)

GREAT MODERN ARCHITECTS – Marta O'Brien

week 3: ALVAR AALTO (1898-1976)

AINO AALTO (1894-1949)

ELISSA AALTO (1922-1994)

BUILDINGS SHOWN (*all in Finland unless noted*)

Viipuri Library, Vyborg, Russia (town was in Finland when built) 1927-35

Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Paimio 1929-33

Aalto Residence & Studio, Helsinki 1935-36

Villa Mairea, Noormarkku 1938-39

Baker House, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA 1946-49

Säynätsalo Town Hall 1949-52

Experimental Summer House, Muuratsalo 1952-54

Church of Three Crosses, Vuoksenniska 1956-58

Mount Angel Library, One Abbey Dr, Mount Angel, Oregon, USA 1970

Finlandia Hall, Helsinki 1962-75

GLOSSARY

ARTEK

- company founded 1935 by Alvaro, Maire Gullichsen, & Nils-Gustav Hahl
- name combo of art & technology: technology to include science & industrial production methods, while art to encompass architecture & design

Congrès Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne (CIAM)

- founded by 24 architects in 1928 (last meeting 1956)
- maintained building & city design must be standardized
- included strict zoning of cities to separate living, working, etc.
- Alvar attended CIAM's 1929 meeting but disagreed with their approach of *Existenzminimum* (Minimum Existence)

flexible standardization

- Alvar believed standardized building elements could be combined in multiple ways to satisfy various environments & users' needs