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education

- 2018 MA, Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Visual Culture and Contemporary Art, ViCCA
2014 BA, Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Fine Arts
1987 Kuopio Institute of Art and Design, Textile designer

selected solo exhibitions

- 2022 POVA, Ostrobothnian Photography Center
Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti (FI)
2021 MUU Helsinki Contemporary Art Centre
GalleriaKONE, Hämeenlinna (FI)
2019 Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä (FI)
2018 Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti (FI)
2017 GalleriaKONE, Hämeenlinna (FI)
2016 Gallery Katariina Studio, Helsinki (FI)
2015 Soft Galleri, Oslo (NO)
Varikkogalleria, Seinäjoki (FI)
2014 Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä (FI)
2012 SODA, Istanbul (TR)
Hälsinglands Museum, Hudiksvall (SE)
2011 Galleria Katariina, Helsinki (FI)
2010 Stoa Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
The Finnish Institute in Estonia, Tallinn (EE)
LA GALERIA, Barcelona (ES)
2009 Textile museum, Borås (SE)
Art Centre Ahjo, Joensuu (FI)
2008 Galleria Titanik, Turku (FI)
2007 Galleria Katariina, Helsinki (FI)
LA GALERIA, Barcelona (ES)
2006 Belgrade Cultural Centre Art Gallery (RS)
2005 Galleria Mältinranta, Tampere (FI)
2004 LA GALERIA, Barcelona (ES)
Galleria G, Helsinki (FI)
Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä (FI)
2001 Galleria Sitruuna, Kuopio (FI)
2000 Galleria 5, Oulu; The gallery of Hämeenlinna Cultural Centre (FI)
1999 Galleria Bau, Helsinki (FI)
1994 VANTAG, Oporto (PT)
1993 Vapauden Aukio, Helsinki (FI)
1991 Ixia Galleria, Tampere (FI)

collective exhibitions in finland (selection)

- 2022 *Überhund – the Fascinating Dogs of Art*, Salon taidemuseo
Sprains, Strains, Fractures, Illukka–Puranen–Vesänen-Laukkanen, Gallery Mältinranta, Tampere
2021 *Oijoihoi, Contemporary circus festival – Circus films*, Tampere
Sprains, Strains, Fractures, Illukka–Puranen–Vesänen-Laukkanen, Heinola Art Museum
2018–20 *Sprains, Strains, Fractures*, Gallery Vanha Kappalaisentalo, Porvoo; Gallery Uusikuva, Kotka;
Galleria Moletti; Forssa; Gallery Mustanapa, Rovaniemi; Black Wall Gallery, Vaasa; Porginal
Gallery, Pori
Arthouse Disclosures, Aalto University, Espoo
Keeping a Hold on Things – The life of Mary Gallén, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo

- 2017 *UrbanApa X Ateneum 2017 – Waste Waltz*, with Armas Lintusaari, Ateneum-Hall, Helsinki
Tales and places, Galleria Saskia, Tampere
State of the Art, Old Glass Factory, Riihimäki
Ars Sippola 2017, Galleria Antares, Kouvola
Out and About, Art Museum of Varkaus
- 2016 *POLARIZED! Vision film festival*, Rovaniemi
Fracture, Almintalo, Loviisa
Narrative Thread – the 10th TEXO triennial of textile art, Museum Vapriikki, Tampere
- 2015 *Out and About*, Gallery K, Vantaa
Rebellion, World of Tango Festival, Tampere
Sanomista, Gallery Mältinranta, Tampere
- 2014 *Sanomista*, Gallery Huuto Jätkäsaari, Helsinki
Circus Pinnala, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma
Sanomista, Poriginal Gallery, Pori; Brinkkala Gallery, Turku; Napa Gallery, Rovaniemi
Out and About, Gamla Kaplansgården, Porvoo
- 2013 *Garden Party*, Halosenniemi Museum, Tuusula
Spark, Fiskars Granary
Black Horse, Laaja Gallery, Äänekoski
Who's talking? Gallery Oyoy, Lahti
WHA?, Art Museum of Oulu, Joensuu Art Museum
- 2012 *WHA? The 9th Finnish Triennial of Textile Art*, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku
Pyhäniemi 2012, Pyhäniemi Manor, Hollola
Street Gallery, Unioninkatu&Siltasaarenkatu, Helsinki,
Parafest exhibition, Art Centre Ahjo, Joensuu
- 2011 *XVI Mänttä Art Festival*, Pekilo, Mänttä
UPM – Museum of New Generation, Säynätsalo industrial house, Säynätsalo
NYT I I contemporary art in Naantali and Raisio, The Raisio Museum Harkko
Oon kaupungissa, - Street art exhibition, Helsinki
Perceptions, Minna Kangasmaa, Merja Miettinen, Silja Puranen, Salo Art Museum
- 2010 *Power of Everyday Life*, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo
Textile Art Now, The museum of Raisio (FI)
- 2009 *8. Triennial of Textile Art*, Design Museum, Helsinki
It is Beautiful Here, Fiskars
- 2008 *OTTO*, Vantaa Art Museum
NYT08 Contemporary Art Summer of Naantali and Raisio, The Raisio Museum Harkko
- 2006 *Works*, nordiskt konstnätverk, trl, tampere; design forum, helsinki
7th National Textile Triennial, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki
REMIX, Copper Smithy, Fiskars
- 2005 *Turku Biennial 2005*, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku
- 2001 *Onni*, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä
- 2000 *Artistic life in Halosenniemi*, Halosenniemi Museum, Tuusula
105th Finnish Artists' Exhibition, Helsinki Kunsthalle
- 1999 *Aikasauma- Finnish textile art at the turn of the Millennium*, Art Museum of Kerava
- 1999 *Textile triennial 5*, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki
- 1998 *5 roses*, Porvoo Kunsthalle
- 1997 *Section 102, Finnish Artists' Exhibition*, Helsinki Kunsthalle
- 1996 *Woman as Artist - Breaking the Borders of Fine Arts*, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma
Ajantajut, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä
- 1995 *5 roses*, Art Museum of Joensuu
Northern Fibre Exhibition, Voipaala Art Centre
- 1994 *Avoim Kenttä*, 26th Jyväskylä Winter Culture Festival
- 1993 *MATERIA*, Helsinki Kunsthalle
- 1991 *3rd National Textile Triennial*; Tampere; Espoo
- 1991 *Tosiasioista käsin*, Art Museum of Kouvola

collective exhibitions abroad (selection)

- 2023 *Textila Skikt / Textile Layers*, Textilmuseet, Borås (SE)
- 2019 *Sprains, Strains, Fractures*, Galerie Pleiku, Berlin (DE)
- 2017 *Everyday Matter*, Textilmuseet, Borås (SE)
Ledtråd – Narrative Thread, Rydals museum, Rydal (SE)
- 2016 *Alltogether*, Arteground Art Festival Baltic 2010-2016, Viljandi City Gallery (EE)
Recycling and upcycling, Haenggungjae Gallery, Suwon (KOR)
- 2015 *Human Era* -video screening, Landscape – Metropolis, Schöneweide, Berliini (DE)
- 2014 *Screengrab 6. International Media Arts Award*, Pinnacles Gallery, Townsville (AU)
Nordisk Salong, Dunkers kulturhus, Helsingborg (SE)
- 2013 *Rijswijk Textile Biennial*, Rijswijk Museum (NL)
Out and about, Tallinn Museum of Applied Art (EE)
- 2012 *Every Picture Tells a Story*, Rhösska Museum, Gothenburg (SE)
- 2011 *Kaunas art biennale TEXTILE'11*, Kaunas (LT)
Between tradition and future – Finland in Cheongju international craft biennale (KR)
7th Triennale Tournai 2011, Tournai (BE)
COLLECT (Galleria Norsu), Saatchi Gallery London (GB)
Exempla 2011 – Craft and Innovation, Munich (DE)
- 2010 *Dartboard for the Witches*, Aberystwyth Arts Centre (GB)
ARTEGROUND ART FESTIVAL, The Exhibition of Finnish Arts, Viljandi (EE)
ForoSur 2010 (La Galeria), Cáceres (ES)
- 2009 *OTTO*, Circulo de Belles Artes, Madrid (ES)
TEXTILE 09, Kaunas Art Biennial, Kaunas Picture Gallery (LT)
Know How, 5. Tallinn Applied Art Triennial, Tallinn Applied Art Museum (EE)
- 2008 *Treasury of Digital Form*, Galerie Handwerk Munich (DE)
CLOTH AND CULTURE NOW, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich (GB)
- 2007 *Kaunas Art Biennial TEXTILE 07*, Kaunas (LT)
3rd European Triennial Textile and Fibre Art, Tradition and Innovation, Riga (LV)
Works Kunstbanken, Hamar, (NO)
Zauber des Fadens –Fibre Art Today, Galerie Handwerk Munich (DE)
- 2005 *Supercraft*, MIAAO, Kunsthalle per le Arti Applicate, Torino (IT)
About life, Akademija Gallery, Vilnius (LT)
Prepared soil, The art museum of Jaroslavl (RU)
- 2004 *2nd European Triennial Textile and Fibre Art, Tradition and Innovation*, Riga (LV)
- 2003 *4th International Textile Art Exhibition*, Kaunas (LT)
Digital Delight, Kansas City (US)
- 2002 *Masterpieces*, Turin (IT)
- 2000 *Possession* Tallinn Applied Art Triennial, Tallinn Applied Art Museum (EE)
5th International Betonac Prize Competition, Sint-Truiden (BE)
Pornainen – Roquebrun 2000 / Tête à tête, Pornainen; Roquebrun (FR)
- 1999 *Northern Fibre lii – Hidden Treasures*, Textilforum, Herning (DK)
Attraktion FILZ, Munich (DE)
The newest in Finnish textile arts, Finnish Institute, Stockholm (SE)
- 1998 *Nets*, Madrid (ES)
Northern Vibrations, Madrid (ES)
- 1997 *3rd International Textile Triennial*, Tournai (BE)
Naisten kuvia, Akademija Gallery, Vilnius (LT)
- 1996 *FLEXIBLE 2* pan-european art, Tilburg (NL); Wroclaw (PL); Manchester (GB)
- 1995 *Art in Finnish Textiles*, Finnish Institute, London (GB)
- 1992 *3rd International Textile Competition - Kyoto* (JP)
- 1990 *International Contemporary Felt Art Exhibition*, Aarhus (DK)
- 1989 *5th Nordic Textile Triennial*

memberships

Artists' Association MUU

public collections

Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma (FI)
Aalto University Foundation (FI)
Hälsinglands Museum (SE)
Abecita Corsettfabrik Konstmuseum (SE)
Borås Textilmuseet (SE)
Åbo Akademi Foundation (FI)
Museum of Fine Arts and Lace, Calais (FR)
The state art collection (FI)
Oulu City Art Museum (FI)
MIAAO, Museo Internazionale Delle Arti Applicate Oggi, Torino (IT)
Helsinki city Art Museum (FI)
Aune Laaksonen Art Foundation (FI)
Employment Service Agency of Tuusula (FI)
Musée du Feutre, Mouzon (FR)
Kouvola Art Museum (FI)
County of Tuusula (FI)

awards

2009 Nordic Award in Textiles
2007 Kaunas Art Biennial TEXTILE 07, (LT), Diploma
Tradition and Innovation, Riga (LV), Special prize
2006 Arttex, Triennale Textilu 2006, Special prize(SK)
2003 4th International Textile Art Exhibition, Kaunas (LT), 3rd prize
2000 WCC-Europe Award for Contemporary Crafts

grants (selection)

2022 Taike, The Arts Council of Uusimaa 4 -month artist grant
2020 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 6 -month Artist Grant
2013, 19 Public Display Grant for Visual Artists
2013 Kone foundation (team Allonen, Puranen, Syrjälä)
2010 3 Year State Grant to Artists
2006 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1-year Artist Grant
2000, 04 Public Display Grant for Visual Artists

confidential posts

2017-18 The Arts Council of Uusimaa
2011-13 The Committee for the Purchase of Works for the State Art Collection
2007-09 The Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Artists, alternate member
2007 Member of the Board for Artists O
2006 Chairman for Artists O
2004-05 Chairman for the Association of textile artists TEXO
2002-05 Member of the board for the Association of textile artists TEXO

other professional activities

2012 Curator for TORI (Market Place), environmental art exhibition, Lahti (FI)
2010 Jury member for Arteground Art Festival 2011, Viljandi (EE)
2009 Curator for the Finnish participants for 13th International Triennial of Tapestry, Lodz (PL)
2008 Mater Class conductor, Cloth and Culture NOW, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester(GB)
2007 Jury member for the Competition of liturgical textiles for the Cathedral of Espoo (FI)
2005 Curator and member of prize awarding jury for TEXTILE 05, Kaunas (LT)
Jury member for WCC Europe Contemporary Crafts Award
2004-05 Jury member, project leader for Northern Fibre 6 , International textile art workshop and exhibition