

Curriculum vitae



MERJA KESKINEN

Born 3.9.1959, Turku
Master of Arts, Textile Artist TEXO

EDUCATION

1982-88 University of Art and Design Helsinki, (Aalto University), Master of Arts 1988
1980-82 Turku University

SOLO AND JOINT EXHIBITIONS

2021 *solo exhibition, Gallery Pirkko-Liisa Topelius*
2020 *solo exhibition, Forssa Museum*
2019 Pop up, Alma House, Helsinki
2018 "Crossroads", Gallery Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki
2017 Together Merja Keskinen and Kirsi Kivivirta, Vellikello, Järvenpää
2016 Gallerygallery, Kyoto, Japan
2014-15 Pop up Merja Keskinen, DesignDesk, Helsinki
2014 "Ruudukko / Kesisim" (Bijlenga, Jokinen, Keskinen, Steihaug), Mügsf Ana Galeri, Marmara Universitesi, Istanbul, Turkey
2013-14 EFG Toimistokalusteet Showroom, Helsinki
2013 "Tosivärejä – True Colors", Gallery Johan S, Helsinki
2012-17 Selected works in Ornamo office, Helsinki
2011 "Vain muutaman värin tähden – For a Few Colors More", Gallery Johan S, Helsinki
2008 Colmio gallery, Oulu
2007 "Värikirjo" (The Color Spectrum), Punavuori Design Studio Gallery, Helsinki
2007 Housing fair, Hämeenlinna
1988 The University of Art and Design, Helsinki
1986 Finlayson Exhibition Villa, Forssa
1985 Gallery Atski, the University of Art and Design Helsinki

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 Pistot, CraftCorner, Helsinki
2017 Art goes Kapakka TSIIIGAA, Helsinki
2017 Ledtråd – Narrative Thread, Rydals Museum, Sweden
2016 Yhes – Together, Lokal, Helsinki
2016-17 Johtolanka, 10th Finnish Textile Triennial, Vapriikki Museum Centre, Tampere
2016 15th International Triennial of Tapestry, Lodz, Poland
2015-16 Miniature Textiles, Verkaranta, Tampere and the Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä
2012 Ornamentti, Exhibition of Miniature Textiles, Gallery Lasipalatsi, Helsinki and the Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä
2011-12 Preesens art-craft-design, Ornamo 100 years, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä, The Northern Ostrobothnia Museum, Oulu and The North Karelian Museum, Joensuu
2011 ArtHelsinki, O-gallery, Helsinki
2010 Harkko Museum, Raisio
2009 Tekstiilitaide nyt! 8. Finnish Textile Triennial, Designmuseum, Helsinki
2006 Metrini juhlaa - uudet kuviot kankaalla, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä and Textile Museum Tyyki, Forssa

2002 Findesignnow02, Fiskars
1996-97 Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma
1996 4th Finnish Textile Triennial, Texo 40 years Vanha kirkkopuisto, Helsinki
1989 2th Finnish Textile Triennial, Näyttelytila Otso, Espoo

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland / Svenska kulturfonden
2019 Arts Promotion Centre Finland / Taiteen edistämiskeskus
2017 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland / Svenska kulturfonden
2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland / Taiteen edistämiskeskus, a 3-year state grant (2016-2018)
2016 Finnish Cultural Foundation / Suomen Kulttuurirahasto, working group Favén, Keskinen
2015 The Ornamo Foundation / Ornamo säätiö, working group Nisonen, Keskinen, Syvänoja
2015 Arts Promotion Centre Finland / Taiteen edistämiskeskus
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2014 Finnish Cultural Foundation / Suomen Kulttuurirahasto
2014 The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland / Svenska kulturfonden
2013 Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation
2010 Arts Council of Finland / Taiteen keskustoimikunta
1991 Finnish Cultural Foundation / Suomen Kulttuurirahasto

AWARDS

2019 Textile Artist of the Year 2019 / The Finnish Association of Textile Artists TEXO, Tekstiilitaiteilijat TEXO ry

CUSTOM ARTWORKS

2011-12 "Kind of Blue", Work of Textile Art, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Finland's Embassy in Paris
1986-87 City of Helsinki / Taivallahden leikkipuisto: Installation, First Prize in Competition together with University of Art and Design Helsinki and City of Helsinki, work group Keskinen, Niinimäki, Seppä

WORKING EXPERIENCE

2002- Own studio, working as a textile artist in Helsinki
2012-14 Oy Nordalm Ab, Almedahls collection of textiles for public spaces, marketing and expert work
2007-08 Almedahls Oy, Design work for roller blind collection
2003-09 Oy Nordalm Ab, Almedahls collection of textiles for public spaces, marketing and expert work
2003 The University of Art and Design Helsinki, Teacher of weaving
1996-2002 Finlayson Oy, Designer, design work with collection of textiles for public spaces
1988-91 Triarte Ay Suunnittelutoimisto / Design firm, Design work
1988 Wetterhoff Arts and Crafts College, Teacher of planning
1985 Finlayson Oy, Studio and factory training
1984 Valvilla Oy, Studio and factory training
1984- Freelance textile design

MEMBERSHIPS

Ornamo ry, Ornamo Art and Design Finland
Tekstiilitaiteilijat TEXO ry, the Finnish Association of Textile Artists
Nordic Textile Art NTA
Helsingin Taiteilijaseura HTS / Helsinki Artists Association HAA
Kuvasto ry

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