

CURRICULUM VITAE**Reika Vesala****Hei!**

I'm Reika .

Textile art and design (BA)

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To think about an act of wearing is my source of inspiration in my artworks. Textile is part of human culture.

When a person come to the world, he/she is wrapped in the cloth. The most remarkable moments of our lives include wearing. We are worn on the way to the end.

EDUCATION**2012–2016**

Häme University of Applied Sciences, Degree Programme in Design, major subj. as textile, minor subj. as fashion

2006–2009

Forssa Vocational Institute (FAI), Vocational Qualification in Crafts and Design, Textile and Clothing Artisan

1992–1996

Private student of artist and emeritus professor Shozo Shimamoto, Japan

COURSES ia**2017**

Interart pedagogic course, Aalto open university

2014

Material Inspiration, material orientated intensive course by dr Nihikul Nimkulrat, Professor of Textile Design Estonian Academy of Arts

2013

Weaving Unusual-experienceorientated intensive course by dr Nihikul Nimkulrat, Professor of Textile Design Estonian Academy of Arts

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS ia**2016–2017**

International culture project Creative Connection Germany- Finland (Kulttuurin Kuvio ry)

2014

Woven Together-International art project Latvia-Finland (Art Itu ry)

2012

Grungtvig art orientated Transnational meeting Rethink It Belgium-Germany-Finland (Wahren Adult Education Center)

1993–2012

International happenings ia. performances, mail art happenings and exhibitions Japan, Finland, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, USA

ART PROJECTS ia**2018**

Private exhibition, Gallery 6, Kobe Japan
Art association Itu exhibition, Humppila
Ornamento Art & Design Sale 2018, Cable Factory Helsinki

2017

Community art projects "Dream Tapestry(Unelmaryijy)" and "Hidden Wishes (Kätketyt toiveet)" Tammela, Humppila and Forssa Facebook/Unelmaryijy, Kätketyt toiveet

Ryijy Residency Programme, Stoa Gallery, Helsinki
<http://ryijy.weebly.com/residency.html>

Avantgarde Fashion Show, Jokioinen

2015

Group exhibition "Elements", Talsi museum, Talsi, Latvia

2012

Group exhibition "Rag", Apsida gallery, Riika, Latvia

since 2012

Annual summer exhibitions
Artist association Itu, Humppila

2000

Group exhibition, Gallery Jangwa, Helsinki

1992–1998

Group and annual exhibitions, AU artists' association, Finland, Japan and Tokyo metropolitan museum

since 1998

Exhibitions with partner Tuomas Vesala
Finland and Japan

1998

The International Paper Art Exhibition
Hamburger, Germany

1994

Touch and Feel - exhibition for blind persons
Light House, Kyoto

1993

Ten Young Artists, Kyoto, Japan

1993–2012

Performances, mail art happenings, group exhibitions
Japan, Finland, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, USA

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WORK EXPERIENCES ie

since 2018

Grafic design
Forssa textile museum

2017

Planning group of the Avantgarde Fashion Show,
the wearable art happening, Kulttuurin Kuviot

2015

Finlayson atelier
internship

2014

Costume design
Hämeenlinna Mini theatre

2010

Afternoon club instructor
Forssa city

2009–2012

Substitute teacher
Forssa Vocational Instutute, Textile and Clothing Artisan

2008

Archieve documentation, Forssa Museum and Culture
Councillor Ulla Nummikoski, internship

2008

Costumedesign group for Anna Karenina
Forssa theatre

since 1998

Part-time teacher
Adult Education Centers and Community Collages
(lectures, experimental art, temari-handywork,
Japanese language, cooking etc.)
Finland

1994–1997

Artist association AU office
Kid's Art Club instructor
Wokrshops instructor
co-operated with companies and organisations
Japan

1996

Stage design
Osakan Done-hall, Japan

1995

Stage and costume design,
Karakuri-theatre, Japan

DESIGN PROJECTS ia

2018

Winner of the Product Design Competition
Kuvio r.a.

2017

Graffic design
Kulttuurin kuviot r.a.

2016

Throw blanket design
Finlayson Oy

2015

Temari-paperyarn kit design, research and development
Pirkanmaan kotityö Oy

“Luonnon helmi (Pearl of nature)” teble runner design,
research and development

Urkin Piilopirtti Oy

2014

Slogan t-shirts design and prototype production
Kauppavalmennus Co., Ltd.

T-shirts design
Kobe Spa, Japan

2013

Mummolalla (at the Granny's Home) stool design and
prototype production, Rasinmäki Ky

2012

Logo design
Jarda Co., Ltd.

GRANTS

2017

1/2 years artist grant, Art Promotion Center

1998

For group exhibition Gallery Jangwa, Helsinki
Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse

MEMBERSHIPS

The Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo
The Finnish Association of Textile Artists TEXO
Art Itu (board member, web master)

The Finnish Dyers' Guild

JOY Teachers' Associat. of Japanese language and culture