

Curriculum Vitae

Reika Vesala

Hi, I'm Reika!

Textile art and design:
material oriented art works, experimental arts,
community arts, performances.
Born in 1972 in Fukuoka, Japan.



CONTACT

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EDUCATION

2012-2016

Häme University of Applied Sciences, Degree Programme
in Design, textile and 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, Aalto open university. 5 cr.

2014

Material Inspiration, material orientated intensive course
Dr Nihikul Nimkulrat, Professor of Textile Design
Estonian Academy of Arts, 3 cr.

2013

Weaving Unusual-experience orientated intensive course
Dr Nihikul Nimkulrat, Professor of Textile Design
Estonian Academy of Arts, 3 cr

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS ia

2016

International Culture Project Creative Connection
Germany- Finland (Kuvio Culture Assoc.)

2014

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

2012

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

1993-2012

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

WORK EXPERIENCES ia

Since 2018

Designer of Forssa Textile Museum
Self employment

2017

Planning group of the Avantgarde Fashion Show, the
wearable art happening: Kuvio Culture Association

2015

Finlayson atelier, internship

2014

Costume design and implementation for
drama Veli of Teuvo Pakkala, Hämeenlinnan Miniteatteri

2010

Instructor of Afternoon club of schools, Forssa city

2009-2012

Occasional supply teacher, FAI Textile and Clothing Artisan

2008

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

2008

Costume design group,
drama Anna Karenina, Forssa theater

From 1998

Part-time teacher in Adult Education Centers and Com
munity Collages in Forssa, Loimaa, Salo, Sastamala,
Somero and Muurla Loimaa. Teaching times are different.
Teaching subject: lectures, experimental and wearable
art, Japanese temari-handwork, origami, Japanese lan
guage, cooking

1994-1997

Artist's association AU office, Japan
Instructor of the Kid's Art Club, Japan
Instructor of workshops co-operated with post, associa
tions and organisations, Japan

1996

Stage design, Osakan Done-hall, Japan

1995

Stage and costume design, Karakuri-theatre, Japan

+ As a lecturer organised by schools and associations
+ Translation and interpretation works

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ART PROJECTS ia

2020 (already agreed)

Exhibitions in Helsinki (February), Germany (March), Fukui (July), Kobe (July) and Osaka (September)

2019

February: Ornamo Art & Design Sale
Cable Factory Helsinki, Finland

July: Solo exhibition and performance "Camouflage"

Gallery 8 Kobe, Japan

August: Group exhibition "Miniature Arts"

Lads' Gallery, Osaka, Japan

October: Group Exhibition "Color"

Poland

2018

Solo Exhibition "Mokomoko", Gallery 8 Kobe, Japan

Since 2017

Annual Exhibition Ornamo Art & Design Sale

Cable Factory Helsinki, Finland

2017

Community art projects for Finland 100 "Dream

Tapestory" and "Hidden Wishes"

Tammela, Humppila and Forssa

Ryijy Residency Programme, Stoa Gallery, Helsinki

Avantgarde Fashion Show, Tapulimakasiini, Jokioinen

2015

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

2012

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

since 2012

Annual summer exhibitions, Taide Itu ry

2000

Group exhibition, Galleria 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, German

1994

Touch and Feel- group exhibition specially for

blind persons, Light House, Kioto

1993

Ten Young Artists-group exhibition, Kyoto, Japan

1993-2012

Performances, mail art happenings, group exhibitions

Japan, Finland, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, USA

DESIGN PROJECTS ia

2019

Surface of Cleaning Truck Design

Forssa City, Finland

2018

Won the Product Design Competition

Kuvio Culture Assoc.

2017

Poster and leaflet design

Kuvio Culture Assoc.

2016

Throw blanket design

Finlayson Oy

2015

Temari-paperyarn kit design, research and development

Pirkanmaan kotityö Oy

"Luonnon helmi (Pearl of nature)"

Table runner design, research and development

Urkin Piilopirtti Oy

2014

Slogan t-shirts design and prototype production

Kauppavalmennus Oy

T-shirts design

Kobe Spa, Japan

2013

Mummolalla (at the Granny's Home) stool design

Rasinmäki Ky

2012

Logo design, Jarda Oy

GRANTS

2017

1/2 years artists grants, Art Promotion Center

1998

For group exhibition Gallery Jangwa, Helsinki

Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse

MEMBERSHIPS

The Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo

Textile Artists TEXO assoc.

Art Itu (board member)assoc.

JOY Teachers' Assoc. of Japanese Language and Culture