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1992-
textile and visual artist

STUDIES

2008-10
JAMK's Teacher Education College, pedagogical qualification for teaching

1988-92
Kuopio Academy of Crafts and Design, Diploma in Crafts and Textile Design

1987-88
Varkaus Arts and Crafts College

1985-86
Kuusamo College, Graphic Design

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022
Fragile, Gallery Ars Libera, Kuopio

2021
Floral Bride, Shopping Center Apaja, Kuopio

2020
HOPE, Tarja Wallius 60 years Anniversary Exhibition, Varkaus Art Museum PopUp, Varkaus Library Exhibition Space, Varkaus, Finland

2019
HOPE, Tarja Wallius 60 years Anniversary Exhibition, Art Center Ahjo, Joensuu, Finland

2015
DREAM, Gallery G12, Kuopio, Finland
DREAM, Peltola, Varkaus, Finland

2006
CODE, Tarja Wallius Design 10 years, Gallery Sitruuna, Kuopio, Finland

2005
CODE, Tarja Wallius Design 10 years, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland

2000-01
Nomad, Varkaus Art Museum, Finland

1991
Linen batik, Taitemia Gallery, Kuopio, Finland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (main exhibitions)

2022-23
Craft Activism, CraftCorner, Taito Gallery, Helsinki, Art and Culture Center Kalevan navetta, Seinäjoki and Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä (juried)

2022
Luonnollista - Natural, Artmylly exhibition, Lieksa Culture Center
Gallery G12, Helsinki
Ars Libera Takeaway, Gallery Ars Libera, Kuopio
Artcaching, Kuopio

2021

Pehmeitä tekoja ilmastonmuutoksen hillitsemiseksi, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä
M_itä? Biennale of Contemporary Art, Mikkeli Art Museum, Mikkeli (juried)
Täällä taas! Here again!, Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio
Poikkeus, Artmylly exhibition, Varkaus Library, Varkaus

2020

MYLLY X ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION, Apaja Shopping Center, Kuopio

2019

Summer Guest, Mylly Summer Exhibition, Kylätoimintakeskus Kukko, Vuonilahti

2018

PISTOT2018, Taitoliitto, CraftCorner, Helsinki (juried)
Kalahari highway, Gallery Valo, Arktikum, Rovaniemi
MUUTOS - Members of Creative Centre Mylly, Kellarikalleria, Suonenjoki

2017-19

Finnishmaiden100, collective textile artwork together with Multicultural Center Kompassi/Setlementti Puijola, Main Library and Pyörö Library, Kuopio and Multicultural Center Kompassi, Kuopio

2017-18

Women living on the edges of the world, Helinä Rautavaara Museum, Espoo

2017

Mylly Summer Exhibition, Old Kuopio Museum
Dream, Kuopio Art Museum

2016-17

Women living on the edges of the world, Every margin tells a story, Arktikum, Rovaniemi
Narrative Thread - 10th TEXO's Textile Art Triennial, Museum Centre Vapriikki, Tampere (juried)

2016

Everyday, Mylly Annual Exhibition, Poleeni, Pieksämäki
Everyday, Mylly Summer Exhibition, Taitemia Gallery, Kuopio
Creative Madness!, Finnish Designers Ornamo from Eastern Finland, Taitemia Gallery, Kuopio, Finland

2015

Mylly Summer Exhibition, Creative Centre Mylly, Kuopio, Finland
Creative Madness!, Finnish Designers Ornamo from Eastern Finland, Mikkeli, Finland (juried)
My Dream World, Helinä Rautavaara Museum, Espoo, Finland

2014

My Dream World, Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland

2013

Handicraft in Life, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä (juried)

2012

Lost in Katutura, Helinä Rautavaara Museum, Espoo, Finland

2010-11

Preesens, Finnish Designers Ornamo 100 Years Anniversary Exhibition, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä, The Northern Ostrobothnian Museum, Oulu, Finland, The North Karelian Museum, Joensuu, Finland (juried)

2008-09

Dance&Design Exhibition, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä, Metso Library, Tampere, Finland

2007

7x10 Design and Handicraft Anniversary Exhibition, Gallery Campus, Turku, Finland (juried)
Batik Loading Station, Finnish Batik Artists, Art Brewery, Lahti, Finland

2005

Regional Design Exhibition, Kuopio Airport, Finland

2003

Heads&Hands Design from Finland, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland

2002

Cobweb, Finnish Batik Artists, Kouvola Art Museum, Finland

2001
Happiness, Textile Artists Ornamento Exhibition, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä (juried)
Joy, with Tiina Wallius, Wakta Arts&Crafts Centre, Varkaus, Finland

2000
Silence, arts & crafts & design exhibition, Taitemia Gallery, Kuopio, Finland (juried)
Batik variations, Handicraft Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland
Handicraft Summer 2000, Rantakasarmi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland (juried)
Batik – Pictures on Cloth, Myllysaari Museum, Valkeakoski, Finland

1999
Woman's Look, Women Artists from Kuopio, Varkaus Art Museum, Finland
The Department Store of Art, Kuopio City Theatre, Finland

1998
Finnish Batik Art, Varkaus Art Museum, Finland
Arts & Crafts Designers Arto, 20 Years Anniversary Exhibition, Into Gallery, Helsinki, Finland (juried)

1996
Creative Hands 1996, arts & crafts major event, Kerava Art Museum, Finland (juried)
Batik Art Exhibition, Tillari Gallery, Nivala, Finland
Valiojoukko, Kuopio Arts & Crafts Summer Exhibition, Kuopio Former Dairy, Finland

1995
Woman's Laugh, multi artistic art event, Turku Culture Centre, Finland

1993-94
A Span's Length, Eastern Provinces 3rd Art & Design Exhibition, Taitemia Gallery, Kuopio, Finland, Gallery Artteli, Joensuu, Finland, Library, Punkaharju, Finland (juried)

1993
Ceramics and Batik, with Tiina Wallius, Gallery Septaria, Helsinki, Finland

1992
Day After Tomorrow, Arts & Crafts Designer's Arto Exhibition, Gallery Vapauden Aukio, Helsinki, Finland (juried)

1991
Ulkotaipale, Site Specific Art Event of Varkaus City, Finland

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

2021
SCYTHIA - the 10th International Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Mini Textile Art, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine (juried)

2020
SCYTHIA - the 13th International Biennial of Contemporary Textile Art, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine (juried)

2019
Garden of Eden, Schloss Neuhaus, Haslach, Austria (juried)

2018
Women living on the edges of the world, Platform Gallery, Port Augusta and Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery, Australia

2014
Memes & Tatis, Shanghai, China
My Dream World, Windhoek, Namibia
My Dream World, World Design Capital 2014, Cape Town, South Africa

2013
RicCAA2013, International Biennial of Environmental Art and Eco-Design, Padova, Italy (juried)

2005
Wax Eloquent Exhibition, World Batik Conference Boston, USA (juried)
Finsk Form, Svendborg, Denmark

2004
Heads&Hands Design from Finland, Pistoia, Italy

2003
Batik 2003 – Art in Motion, Museum for Industrial Archaeology and Textiles, Gent, Belgium (juried)

2002-04

Design from Finland, Lake Biwa Museum, Biwako, Japan

1999

Creative Woman – Project Exhibition, European Parliament, Bryssel, Belgium

1997

Textiles, Gallery Ida, Stockholm, Sweden

1996

17 Designer Craftsmen from Finland, Kuopio Province's Arts&Crafts Exhibition, Loja do Design, Porto, Portugal (juried)

1994-95

Eastern Provinces' Arts & Crafts Exhibition, Vory, Estonia (juried)

1994

26th International Fine Art Symposium, Győr, Hungary

1991

L'aurora Boreale, 4th Year Textile and Clothing Students, Primo Liceo Artistico, Rome, Italy

1989

Art Camp Final Exhibition, Menföcsanak, Hungary

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE

2017

Trash Art Project, Kimberley and Upington, South-Africa

2016-17

Women living on the edges of the world, workshops and exhibitions, Fowlers Bay and Port Augusta, Australia, Murmansk, Russia and Rovaniemi, Finland

2014

My Dream World, workshop and exhibition, World Design Capital 2014, Cape Town, South Africa

2013

My Dream World, workshops, Keetmansoop, Namibia and Kimberley, South Africa

2012

HALOO! GLOW! T-shirt Workshop, ANTI-festival, Kuopio, Finland

2010

Recycle Workshop, Penduka, Windhoek, Namibia

2009

Textile Workshop, Pambili, Windhoek, Namibia

2001

GOIG Society Handicraft School 10 Years Anniversary, Sewing Workshop, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

1997

GOIG Society Handicraft School Introduction Video, designed and filmed with Jukka Horsmanheimo, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

1991

GOIG Society Handicraft School, start up and batik technique familiarisation, practical training 3 months, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PUBLIC ART WORKS

2000

Blooms, Varkaus Congress and Culture Centre, Finland

1999

Clasping-leaf Pondweed, Varkaus Congress and Culture Centre, Finland

1997

Filix Femina Vertex and Filix Femina Horizontalis, Old Post Sauna, Tampere, Finland

1992

Parasol – wall painting with Leena Järvinen, Restaurant Emigrants' Terrace, Kuopio, Finland

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Kuopio Art Museum, Finland
The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä, Finland
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, North Savo, Kuopio, Finland
Navitas, Varkaus, Finland
Savon Sanomat, Kuopio, Finland
Ingmanedu, Siilinjärvi, Finland
City of Győr, Hungary
Private collections

PRIZES

2008
Silver Achievement Award, Taito: The Finnish Craft Organisation

2004
The Taito Award, The National Craft Entrepreneur of Finland – honorary award, Taito: The Finnish Craft Organisation

2003
The Taito Award, The Craft Entrepreneur of Northern Savo, Finland, Taito: The Finnish Craft Organisation

PUBLICATIONS

2007
Great Handicraft Magazine, design and manual for batik pillow case

2003
Käden Taidot, handicraft book series, contributor: batik techniques, with Jukka Horsmanheimo

GRANTS

2021
Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, artist grant 4 months
City of Kuopio, artist grant 4 months

2020
The Finnish Cultural Foundation, North Savo Regional Fund, artist grant 4 months

2019
Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, TOIVO - HOPE 60 years anniversary exhibition, artist grant 6 months

2018
Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, Kalahari highway artist grant

2017
Arts Promotion Centre, Artist in residence, Trash Art Project in South Africa, The South African San Institute (SASI)
City of Kuopio, Finland100 project support, 100 years old Finnish Maiden through the eyes of immigrants -textile art work

2016-17
Kone Foundation, Women living on the edges of the world workgroup, workshop and exhibition project, Australia, Russia and Finland

2014
Kordelin Fund, My Dream World workgroup, exhibition, Helinä Rautavaara Museum, Espoo, Finland
The Finnish Cultural Foundation, North Savo Regional Fund, DREAM-installation and My Dream World workshop and exhibition project, South Africa, artist grant 4 months
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, My Dream World workgroup, workshop and exhibition project, Namibia and South Africa

2013
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Katutura workgroup, workshop and exhibition project, Namibia and South Africa
The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Katutura workgroup, workshop and exhibition project, Namibia and South Africa

2012
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, design artform, Katutura workgroup, workshop and exhibition project, Namibia and South Africa
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, design artform, recycle workshop concept, marketing costs

2011
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, travel grant to Namibia and South Africa

2010
Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Katutura workgroup, travel grant and workshop materials in Namibia
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Katutura workgroup, travel grant and workshop materials in Namibia

2009

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, North Savo Regional Fund, artist grant 1 year

2008

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, artist grant 3 months

2007

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, designing printed fabrics and trade fair costs

2005

Kuopio Culture Board, World Batik Conference Boston, USA, exhibition

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, artist grant 6 months

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, NewYork2005, workgroup grant

2004

Arts Promotion Centre Finland, design artform, Tarja Wallius Design 10 Years Exhibitions

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, Tarja Wallius Design 10 Years Exhibitions

2002

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, North Savo Regional Fund, exhibition, Gent, Belgium

2001

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, North Savo Regional Fund, designing silk batik ties and scarfs

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, dyeing tools

Arts Promotion Centre Finland, industrial washing machine

2000

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, artist grant 6 months

1999

Kuopio Culture Board, batik art conference in Belgium

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, designing interior fabrics

1997

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, artist grant 6 months

1996

Kuopio Culture Board, exhibition in Stockholm, Sweden

1995

The Finnish Cultural Foundation, North Savo Regional Fund, linen batik textiles, material costs

1993

Kuopio Culture Board, exhibition space costs

Arts Promotion Centre North Savo, exhibition

1991

Finnish National Board of Education, travel grant to Tanzania

Varkaus Culture Board, exhibition, Rome, Italy

1990

Varkaus Culture Board, art camp, Menföcsanak, Hungary

RESIDENCES

2021

Artists' Residence Hupeli, Vuonismahti, Lieksa, 4 days, installation design

2019

Artists' Residence Hupeli, Vuonismahti, Lieksa, 1 week, Trash Art Project

2018

Artists' Residence Hupeli, Vuonismahti, Lieksa, 1 month, Trash Art Project

2017

Kimberley and Uppington, South Africa, 2 weeks, Trash Art Project

2012

Arenys de Mar, Spain, 2 weeks, experiencing street art

MEMBERSHIPS

Finnish Designers Ornamo Association www.ornamo.fi
Textile Artists TEXO Association www.tekstiilitaiteilijattexo.fi
The Kuopio Artists' Association Ars Libera www.arslibera.com
Creative Centre Mylly Association www.artmylly.com
Copyright society for artist working in the field of visual art www.kuvasto.fi