

Curriculum Vitae

KIRSTI KAROLIINA TAIVIOLA

MA, glass artist, designer, educator. b. 1976
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EDUCATION:

2001 Master of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki UIAH, Department of Ceramics and Glass
1998-99 Danish Design School, Nordplus -scholar, Institute of Product Design/Ceramics and Glass, Copenhagen, Denmark
1995 Matriculation examination, Helsinki Visual Arts High School

SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

2015 Diploma in Art, Design and Architecture Pedagogy (60 ECTS), Aalto University / The University of Tampere
2021 Valo ja Ihminen. (Light & Human -course, part of a lighting design education), OSAaValo – Valaistusosaaminen pohjoisen vetovoimana -project. University of Oulu (10 ECTS)
2015 Diploma in Art, Design and Architecture Pedagogy (60 ECTS), Aalto University & The University of Tampere

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014→ Teacher; Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Department of Design; Helsinki, Finland
2010-2014 Senior lecturer, substitute position; Aalto University School of Art, Design and Architecture, Department of Design; Helsinki, Finland
2007-08 Senior lecturer in Product Design, substitute position; University of Art and Design; Degree Program of Ceramics and Glass Design; Helsinki, Finland
2003-09 Lecturer, substitute position; University of Art and Design Helsinki UIAH, Degree Program of Ceramics and Glass Design; Helsinki, Finland
2004→ Freelance designer & artist: SULA Design, Helsinki, Finland
2003 Personal assistant to artist Raija Siikamäki; assembling a public art piece in Arabianranta, Helsinki, Finland
2001-03 Research assistant, KIMOKELA - The Utilization of End-of-Life Cathode Ray Tube Glass in the Ceramic and Glass Industry; University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
2001 Designer, designing ceramic tabletop products; Masters Craft Co, Gifu, Japan & Miyama Co, Ltd., Gifu, Japan
2001, 00 & 99 Designer/craftsman, blowing & assisting in studio glass production & designing collections; Inferno Glassworks, Bornholm, Denmark
1999-07 Youth leader of textile workshop for children of 8-18 years; Helsinki Youth Center, Helsinki, Finland

COMMISSION WORKS & CLIENTS

2022 Commission work: "Paju" (Willow) – a baptismal tree sculpture for Tapiola Church in Espoo. Client: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Espoo, Finland
2021 Commission work: "Kenno" (Honeycomb) - a public light artwork to "Opintoputki" at Helsinki University Metro Station, Helsinki, Finland. Collaboration with Granlund Oy. Client: HKL/Helsinki City Transport
2020-21 Commission work: "Auringon laulu - Solsången" (The Canticle of the Sun) - an altarpiece to Söderkulla Church. Client: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sipoo, Finland
2019 "Echo seasons" Commission work to design of bespoke lights & projections to the new passenger terminal of Helsinki-Vantaa Airport. Client: Finavia Oy
2017-22 Commission work: "Loisto"- a public artwork based on the use of glass lenses & projections to Aleksanterinkaari residential area in the city of Porvoo. Client: The Art Museum of Porvoo, Finland
2015 Commission: design for a unique table lamp as a gift to the King of Sweden. Client: The President of The Republic of Finland
2014-15 Commission: creating glass lenses & projections for House of Elemis Spa, London & Miami. Collaboration with Imagination Ltd., London
2014-17 Development and design of the visual identity of the Silmusalaatti brand. Client: Snafu Oy
2012-13 Commission work: "Earth", "Air", "Water", "Fire", "Aurum" & "Origami" - Designing & producing the Ceremonial chains and their packaging for the Deans of six different Schools of Aalto University. Client: Aalto University
2011-12 Designing the concept of a glass brick to be used in the foyer wall of Wuxi Grand Theatre in Wuxi, China. Client: PesArk Oy, Finland & China
2012-2014 Unique lamp designs for the Finnish embassies in Washington D.C, U.S.A., Seoul, Korea and Berlin, Germany. Client: The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland.
2011 Artemide s.p.a., Italy. Designs of wall lamps
2011 Cariitti Oy, Finland. Design of a suspension lamp
2009 Designing & producing a printed fabric and costumes for The Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra for a concert in The Republic of Benin, West Africa. The Fabric was printed in Ghana and the costumes sewn in Ghana & Benin

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 "EMPIRIA", 20-year artist anniversary exhibition, 31.10.-31.12.2021, The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
2016 "Out of the Box", Lighting designs & artworks, Rupla Kallio 8.-21.11.2016, Helsinki, Finland
2016 "Showroom 2016" –Fair by Helsinki Design Week, Lighting design, 7.-9.9.2016, Messukeskus Helsinki, Expo and Convention Centre
2016 "Kuvajaisia" Glass art & design, 4.1.-4.2.2016, FYI Kallio Contemporary, Helsinki Finland
2007 "Jeunes designers: Kirsti Taiviola", Glass design 7.11. -15.12.07, Institut Finlandais, Paris, France
2007 "Designer of the Month", Glass design & jewellery, 11.1. -14.2.07, Design Forum Shop & Design Shop at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, Helsinki, Finland

- 2003 "Light Shapes", Glass Art & Light Installations, Design Center Langenthal, Langenthal, Switzerland
 2003 "Heijastuksia – Reflexionen", Glass Art & Light installations, Galerie im Werkstatt-Laden, Winterthur, Switzerland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS FROM LAST 10+ YEARS

- 2023 "Wasser und wein", 26.2.-10.4.2023 / Kunststiftung des Landes Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany
 2023 "Gravur on tour 2023", 19.03. – 09.09.2023 / LWL-Museum Glashütte Gernheim, Germany
 2023 "MIX, 17.2.-31.8.2023, Savio Temporary, Klondyke-talo, Kerava, Finland
 2022 "Glass – hand formed matter", 5.5.-14.8.2022 Bröhan Museum, Berlin, Germany / 20.8.-20.11.2022 The Glass Factory, Boda, Sweden / 10.2.-23.4.2023 The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
 2022 "Lasin aika – The Glass Age", Contemporary Finnish Glass Art, 29.5.-14.9.2022, Nuutajärvi Glass Village, Finland
 2019-> "Back on Tour, Riihimäki to Coburg 2019-2020"; contemporary glass engraving, 30.8.-31.12.2019 The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki / 8.3.-8.11.2020 European Museum of Modern Glass, Coburg, Germany
 2019 "Why Not - Finnish American Glass Art" / 31.5.-1.9." / Nuutajärvi glass village, Finland
 2018 "The Craftsman Showcase"; Lighting designs & artworks, 30.3.-1.6.18 / Ideaworks, London, U.K.
 2017-2018 "Scandinavian Glass Starting All Over", contemporary Scandinavian Glass Art & Design, The Glass Factory, Boda, Sweden 30.9.-29.10.2017 / Finnish Glass Museum 24.11.-31.12.2017 / Glasmuseet Ebeltoft, Denmark
 2017 "Visioning Future through Craft and Design", Cheongju International Craft Biennale, 10.-28.8.2017, South Korea
 2017 "Monaco Yacht Show Collaborate Event", Lighting designs & artworks, 27.9.2017 / Ideaworks Ltd., Showroom, Monte Carlo, Monaco
 2017 "ECHOES 100 years in Finnish Architecture & Design", Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN, Warsaw 13.1. – 23.2.2017 / Ministry of Culture of Slovakia, Bratislava 2.3. – 28.3.2017 / FUGA Budapest Center of Architecture, Budapest 29.6. – 17.7.2017 / Exhibition Hall Manes, Prague 19.10. – 30.10.2017 / Felleshuis, Berlin 9.11.2017 – 28.1.2018
 2017 "Puun valo", Lighting designs & artworks using wood as the core material, Pro Puu -galleria 6.11.-1.12.2017, Lahti
 2016 "Peep Show – Other Realities", Glass art 29.5.-14.8.2016 Nuutajärvi Glass Village, Finland
 2015 "Suomen lasi elää – Finnish Glass Lives", Contemporary Finnish Glass Art, Finnish Glass Museum 13.2.-10.5. Riihimäki, Finland
 2014-15 "Keramiikka Tilassa" Finnish Contemporary Ceramic Art, 10.10.2014-11.1.2015 Design Museum, Helsinki
 2014-15 "European Glass Experience", Contemporary European Glass Art, 17.4.14 - Museo del Vetro, Murano, Italy / 13.12.14-22.2.2015 Museum of Glass, Marinha Grande, Portugal / 29.7.-15.11.2014, Fundación Centro Nacional del Vidrio – Real Fábrica de Cristales de La Granja, Spain / 28.3.-8.6.2014, Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki
 2014 "Licht & Schatten", Contemporary Lighting Design from Finland. GET Nord 2014 - Trade fair for Electrical Engineering, Sanitation, Heating and Air-Conditioning. 20.–22.11.2014 Hamburg, Germany
 2014 "Nordic Lights – Phillips after 5", Design lamps, The Phillips Collection, 6.2.2014, Washington DC, U.S.A
 2013 "The Nordic Effect – Finland, Views on Clay", 28.3-17.5.2013 National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland
 2012 "Glass Design from Finland – Land of Forests and Lakes", 21.11.-20.1.2013 Suntory Museum of Art, Japan
 2012 "Die Finnische Dunkelheit oder wie gestaltet man Licht", Contemporary Lighting Design from Finland, 22.11.-7.12.2012 Lessingbad, Germany
 2012 "Design Colours Life – Contemporary Finnish Design and Marimekko" 26.10.-4.11.2012 Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA), Shanghai, China
 2012 "The Spirit of the Material", contemporary glass art from Finland and China, 12.10.-24.10.2012 White Box Museum of Art, Beijing, China
 2012 "Everyday Discoveries", Miniature World Expo on Design, SuviLahti, 9.-16.9.2012, Helsinki
 2012 "Pyhäniemi 2012", contemporary art & design; 30.6.-14.8.2012 Pyhäniemi Manor, Hollola, Finland
 2012 "Glass etc. – From Carafe to Cardboard", Finnish contemporary design; 1.6.-23.9.2012 The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
 2012 "Sculpted Light", lighting designs by Taiviola & Isopahkala, 9.12.-31.12.2012 Highlight Valaistus galleria, Helsinki
 2011 "Superposition" Juried exhibition of Sculptural glass and glass related art, June 2001, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, U.S.A.
 2011 "Finnische Dunkelheit", exhibition of Finnish contemporary lighting design; 13.9.-28.10.2011 Felleshuis, Berlin, Germany
 2011 "LUX CRAFT", juried exhibition of contemporary lighting that combines craft techniques with latest lighting technology; Origin: The Contemporary Crafts Fair, Spitalfields Market; 21.9.-28.9.; London, U.K.
 2011 "Taiviola & Isopahkala", lighting design of K. Taiviola & M. Isopahkala; Salone Satellite, Milan Fairgrounds, Rho (Milan), 12.-17.4.2011, Italy
 2011 "(im)materia", glass & jewelry exhibition with artist Janne Hirvonen; Galleria Johan S.; 23.2.-13.3.2011; Helsinki. Finland

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- The Finnish State Art Collection
 The Finnish Glass Museum, Riihimäki, Finland
 The Ceramic Museum of Grimmerhus, Middelfart, Denmark
 Royal Scandinavia Kunstforening, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Günther Raithel Stiftung, Germany
 Finnish Foreign Ministry: The Finnish Embassies in Berlin, Seoul & Washington D.C.
 The private collection of The Swedish Royal Family
 Private collections in Finland, China, Switzerland, Denmark & U.S.A.

PRIZES & AWARDS

- 2019 1st prize in the design competition for a glass altarpiece to Söderkulla Church in Sipoo, Finland
 2012 1st prize in the design competition of the Ceremonial chains for the Deans of Aalto University, Aalto University.
 2012 "Finnish Design top 12 – Editor's choices" –award for Illusia suspension lamp at Habitaté Fair: *The Association of Interiors Journalists, Finland*

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 "Artist-Student Collaboration as an Instrument of Art / Presentation at the Glass Art Society's 2020 Virtual Conference / 23.5.2020
- 2015 Kirsti Taiviola: Creating a glass lens – a metaphor for learning. SYNNYT/ORIGINS 2/2015, Special Issue: Higher Arts Education
- 2011 L. Karvonen, Y. Chen, A. Säynätjoki, K. Taiviola, A. Tervonen, S. Honkanen: SERS-active silver nanoparticle aggregates produced in high-iron float glass by ion exchange process. Optical Materials. 19.6.2011
- 2003 Raija Siikamäki & Kirsti Leppänen: KIMOKELA – Kierrätetty monitorilasi keramiikka- ja lasiteollisuuden raaka-aineeksi. (The Utilization of End-of-Life Cathode Ray Tube Glass in the Ceramic and Glass Industry) End Report. Keramiikka- ja lasiteollisuuden koulutusohjelman tutkimusohjelman tutkimusjulkaisu NO. 1, 2003, University of Art and Design Helsinki UIAH, Helsinki, Finland

ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPATIONAL, ARTISTIC AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES

- Member of The Finnish Light Art Society FLASH since 2023
- Member of the delegation of the Nuutajärvi Cultural Foundation since 2020
- Member of the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) of Finland since 2016
- Member of The Glass Art Society U.S.A since 2015
- Member of Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo since 2003

GRANTS

- 2021 Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation
- 2019 Arts Promotion Centre of Finland: 5-year working grant for 2020-2024
- 2018 Asko Foundation
- 2018 Arts Promotion Centre of Finland
- 2017 Arts Promotion Centre of Finland
- 2015 Arts Promotion Centre of Finland: 3-year working grant for 2016-2018
- 2015 Alfred Kordelin Foundation
- 2015 The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2015 Arts Promotion Centre of Finland
- 2014 Design Council of Finland
- 2012 AVEK: Crea Demo
- 2012 Kalevala Koru Cultural Foundation
- 2012 The Finnish Cultural Foundation / Uusimaa Regional Fund
- 2012 The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2012 The University of Art & Design Foundation
- 2012 Design Council of Finland
- 2011 FRAME Finnish Fund for Art Exchange
- 2011 Design Council of Finland
- 2011 Finnish Cultural Foundation: 1-year artist working grant
- 2011 Arts Council of Helsinki Metropolitan Region
- 2011 Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland
- 2011 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2010 Design Council of Finland
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- 2001 Alfred Kordelin Foundation