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education

- 2015- MA program in Visual Culture and Contemporary Art, ViCCA, Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture
2014 BA, Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Fine Arts
1987 Kuopio Institute of Art and Design, Textile designer

selected solo exhibitions

- 2017 GalleriaKone, Hämeenlinna (FI)
2016 Gallery Katariina Studio, Helsinki (FI)
2015 Soft Galleri, Oslo (NO)
Varikkogalleria, Seinäjoki (FI)
2014 Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä (FI)
2012 SODA, Istanbul (TR)
Hälsinglands Museum, Hudiksvall (SE)
2011 Galleria Katariina, Helsinki (FI)
2010 Stoa Gallery, Helsinki (FI)
The Finnish Institute in Estonia, Tallinn (EE)
LA GALERIA, Barcelona (ES)
2009 Textile museum, Borås (SE)
Art Centre Ahjo, Joensuu (FI)
2008 Galleria Titanik, Turku (FI)
2007 Galleria Katariina, Helsinki (FI)
LA GALERIA, Barcelona (ES)
2006 Belgrade Cultural Centre Art Gallery (RS)
2005 Galleria Mältinranta, Tampere (FI)
2004 LA GALERIA, Barcelona (ES)
Galleria G, Helsinki (FI)
Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä (FI)
2001 Galleria Sitruuna, Kuopio (FI)
2000 Galleria 5, Oulu; The gallery of Hämeenlinna Cultural Centre (FI)
1999 Galleria Bau, Helsinki (FI)
1994 VANTAG, Oporto (PT)
1993 Vapauden Aukio, Helsinki (FI)
1991 Ixia Galleria, Tampere (FI)

collective exhibitions in finland (selection)

- 2018 *Sprains, Strains, Fractures*, Leena Illukka – Silja Puranen – Virpi Vesänen-Laukkanen, Gallery Mustanapa, Rovaniemi; Black Wall Gallery, Vaasa; Porginal Gallery, Pori
2017 *UrbanApa X Ateneum 2017 – Waste Waltz* in collaboration with Armas Lintusaari, Ateneum-Hall, Helsinki
Tales and places, Galleria Saskia, Tampere
State of the Art, Old Glass Factory, Riihimäki
Ars Sippola 2017, Galleria Antares, Kouvola
Out and About, Art Museum of Varkaus
2016 *POLARIZED! Vision film festival*, Rovaniemi
Fracture, Almintalo, Loviisa
Narrative Thread – the 10th TEXO triennial of textile art, Museum Vapriikki, Tampere
2015 *Out and About*, Gallery K, Vantaa
Art Fair Suomi 2015, Helsinki

- Rebellion, World of Tango Festival, Tampere
 Sanomista, Gallery Mältinranta, Tampere
 2014 Sanomista, Gallery Huuto Jätkäsaari, Helsinki
 Circus Pinnala, Rauma Art Museum, Rauma
 Sanomista, Poriginal Gallery, Pori; Brinkkala Gallery, Turku; Napa Gallery, Rovaniemi
 Out and About, Gamla Kaplansgården, Porvoo
 2013 Garden Party, Halosenniemi Museum, Tuusula
 Spark, Fiskars Granary
 Black Horse, Laaja Gallery, Äänekoski
 Who's talking? Gallery Oyoy, Lahti
 WHA? , Art Museum of Oulu, Joensuu Art Museum
 2012 WHA? The 9th Finnish Triennial of Textile Art, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku
 Pyhäniemi 2012, Pyhäniemi Manor, Hollola
 Street Gallery, Unioninkatu&Siltasaarenkatu,Helsinki,
 Parafest exhibition, Art Centre Ahjo, Joensuu
 2011 XVI Mänttä Art Festival, Pekilo, Mänttä
 UPM – Museum of New Generation, Säynätsalo industrial house, Säynätsalo
 NYT11 contemporary art in Naantali and Raisio, The Raisio Museum Harkko
 Oon kaupungissa, - Street art exhibition, Helsinki
 Perceptions, Minna Kangasmaa, Merja Miettinen, Silja Puranen, Salo Art Museum
 2010 Power of Everyday Life, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo
 Textile Art Now, The museum of Raisio (FI)
 2009 8. Triennial of Textile Art, Design Museum, Helsinki
 It is Beautiful Here, Fiskars
 2008 OTTO, Vantaa Art Museum
 NYT08 Contemporary Art Summer of Naantali and Raisio, The Raisio Museum Harkko
 2006 Works, nordiskt konstnätverk, trl, tampere; design forum, helsinki
 7th National Textile Triennial, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki
 REMIX, Copper Smithy, Fiskars
 2005 Turku Biennial 2005, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku
 2001 Onni, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä
 2000 Artistic life in Halosenniemi, Halosenniemi Museum, Tuusula
 105th Finnish Artists' Exhibition, Helsinki Kunsthalle
 1999 Aikasauma- Finnish textile art at the turn of the Millennium, Art Museum of Kerava
 1999 Textile triennial 5, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki
 1998 5 roses, Porvoo Kunsthalle
 1997 Section 102, Finnish Artists' Exhibition, Helsinki Kunsthalle
 Annual exhibition of the Union of visual arts associations in Finland, Art Museum of
 Hyvinkää
 1996 Woman as Artist - Breaking the Borders of Fine Arts, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma
 Ajantajut, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä
 1995 5 roses, Art Museum of Joensuu
 Northern Fibre Exhibition, Voipaala Art Centre
 1994 Avoim Kenttä, 26th Jyväskylä Winter Culture Festival
 1993 MATERIA, Helsinki Kunsthalle
 1991 3rd National Textile Triennial; Tampere; Espoo
 1991 Tosiasioista käsin, Art Museum of Kouvola

collective exhibitions abroad (selection)

- 2017 Everyday Matter, Textilmuseet, Borås (SE)
 Ledtråd – Narrative Thread, Rydals museum, Rydal (SE)
 2016 Alltogether, Arteground Art Festival Baltic 2010-2016, Viljandi City Gallery (EE)
 Recycling and upcycling, Haenggungjae Gallery, Suwon (KOR)
 2015 Human Era -video screening, Landscape – Metropolis, Schönevide, Berliini (DE)
 2014 Screengrab 6. International Media Arts Award, Pinnacles Gallery, Townsville (AU)Nordisk
 Salong, Dunkers kulturhus, Helsingborg (SE)
 2013 Rijswijk Textile Biennial, Rijswijk Museum (NL)
 Out and about, Tallinn Museum of Applied Art (EE)

- 2012 *Every Picture Tells a Story*, Rhösska Museum, Gothenburg (SE)
- 2011 *Kaunas art biennale TEXTILE'11*, Kaunas (LT)
Between tradition and future – Finland in Cheongju international craft biennale (KR)
7th Triennale Tournai 2011, Tournai (BE)
COLLECT (Galleria Norsu), Saatchi Gallery London (GB)
Exempla 2011 – Craft and Innovation, Munich (DE)
- 2010 *Dartboard for the Witches*, Aberystwyth Arts Centre (GB)
ARTEGROUND ART FESTIVAL, The Exhibition of Finnish Arts, Viljandi (EE)
ForoSur 2010 (La Galeria), Cáceres (ES)
- 2009 *OTTO*, Circulo de Belles Artes, Madrid (ES)
TEXTILE 09, Kaunas Art Biennial, Kaunas Picture Gallery (LT)
Know How, 5. Tallinn Applied Art Triennial, Tallinn Applied Art Museum (EE)
- 2008 *Treasury of Digital Form*, Galerie Handwerk Munich (DE)
CLOTH AND CULTURE NOW, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich (GB)
- 2007 *Kaunas Art Biennial TEXTILE 07*, Kaunas (LT)
3rd European Triennial Textile and Fibre Art, Tradition and Innovation, Riga (LV)
Works Kunstbanken, Hamar, (NO)
Zauber des Fadens –Fibre Art Today, Galerie Handwerk Munich (DE)
- 2005 *Supercraft*, MIAAO, Kunsthalle per le Arti Applicate, Torino (IT)
About life, Akademija Gallery, Vilnius (LT)
Prepared soil, The art museum of Jaroslavl (RU)
- 2004 *2nd European Triennial Textile and Fibre Art, Tradition and Innovation*, Riga (LV)
- 2003 *4th International Textile Art Exhibition*, Kaunas (LT)
Digital Delight, Kansas City (US)
- 2002 *Masterpieces*, Turin (IT)
- 2000 *Possession* Tallinn Applied Art Triennial, Tallinn Applied Art Museum (EE)
5th International Betonac Prize Competition, Sint-Truiden (BE)
Pornainen – Roquebrun 2000 / Tête à tête, Pornainen; Roquebrun (FR)
- 1999 *Northern Fibre Iii – Hidden Treasures*, Textilforum, Herning (DK)
Attraktion FILZ, Munich (DE)
The newest in Finnish textile arts, Finnish Institute, Stockholm (SE)
- 1998 *Nets*, Madrid (ES)
Northern Vibrations, Madrid (ES)
- 1997 *3rd International Textile Triennial*, Tournai (BE)
Naisten kuvia, Akademija Gallery, Vilnius (LT)
- 1996 *FLEXIBLE 2* pan-european art, Tilburg (NL); Wroclaw (PL); Manchester (GB)
- 1995 *Art in Finnish Textiles*, Finnish Institute, London (GB)
- 1992 *3rd International Textile Competition - Kyoto* (JP)
- 1990 *International Contemporary Felt Art Exhibition*, Aarhus (DK)
- 1989 *5th Nordic Textile Triennial*

awards

- 2009 Nordic Award in Textiles
- 2007 Kaunas Art Biennial TEXTILE 07, (LT), Diploma
Tradition and Innovation, Riga (LV), Special prize
- 2006 *Arttex*, Trienále Textilu 2006, Special prize(SK)
- 2003 *4th International Textile Art Exhibition*, Kaunas (LT), 3rd prize
- 2000 WCC-Europe Award for Contemporary Crafts

memberships

Artists' Association MUU
 Finnish Painters' Association
 World Crafts Council - Europe, honorary member

public collections

Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma (FI)
Hälsinglands Museum (SE)
Abecita Corsettfabrik Konstmuseum (SE)
Borås Textilmuseet (SE)
Åbo Akademi Foundation (FI)
Museum of Fine Arts and Lace, Calais (FR)
The state art collection (FI)
Oulu City Art Museum (FI)
MIAAO, Museo Internazionale Delle Arti Applicate Oggi, Torino (IT)
Helsinki city Art Museum (FI)
Aune Laaksonen Art Foundation (FI)
Employment Service Agency of Tuusula (FI)
Musée du Feutre, Mouzon (FR)
Kouvola Art Museum (FI)
County of Tuusula (FI)

grants (selection)

2013 Public Display Grant for Visual Artists
Kone foundation (team Allonen, Puranen, Syrjälä)
2012,10 FRAME
2010 3 Year State Grant to Artists
2008, 03 Ornamo Award
2006 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1-year Artist Grant
2004 FRAME
2004, 00 Public Display Grant for Visual Artists

confidential posts

2017-18 The Arts Council of Uusimaa
2011-13 The Committee for the Purchase of Works for the State Art Collection
2007-09 The Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Artists, alternate member
2007 Member of the Board for Artists O
2006 Chairman for Artists O
2004-05 Chairman for the Association of textile artists TEXO
2002-05 Member of the board for the Association of textile artists TEXO
1995-05 Member of the representative body for the Association of Industrial Art ORNAMO

other professional activities

2012 Curator for TORI (Market Place), environmental art exhibition, Lahti (FI)
2010 Jury member for Arteground Art Festival 2011, Viljandi (EE)
2009 Curator for the Finnish participants for 13th International Triennial of Tapestry, Lodz (PL)
2008 Mater Class conductor, Cloth and Culture NOW, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester(GB)
2007 Jury member for the Competition of liturgical textiles for the Cathedral of Espoo (FI)
2005 Curator and member of prize awarding jury for TEXTILE 05, International Art Biennial, Kaunas (LT)
Jury member for WCC Europe Contemporary Crafts Award
Workshop conductor, conference speaker, 13th ETN conference, Izmir (TR)
2004 Jury member for Northern Fibre 6, International textile art workshop and exhibition
2002 Workshop conductor, Tilburg (NL)
2000 Workshop conductor, International felt Festival, Bergen (NO)
1994 Workshop conductor, Felt Directions Conference, Glasgow (GB)
1989- Part-time teacher, Annantalo Cultural Centre for Children