

## Ulla Pohjola

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

2018 Icon painting course, Valamo Lay Academy  
2004,05,06,08 Courses in gold embroidery, Valamo Lay Academy  
1988-95 Masters of arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki UIAH, textile design  
1994 Kunsthandvaerkerskolen, Kolding, Denmark, 5 months, Nordplus scholarship  
1993 The National College of Art and Design, Dublin, Ireland, 5 months, Erasmus scholarship  
1985-87 Handicraft School of Tammela, Weaving  
1982 Secondary School of Juuka, Graduate

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2016 The Jury Prize 2016, 18<sup>th</sup> International Minitextile Exhibition, Bratislava, Slovakia  
2006 Art Prize of the Year, Arts Council of Pirkanmaa  
1996 Young Textile Artist of the Year

### PUBLIC WORKS

2004 Antependium of Nupuri Chapel, Espoo  
2000 Design work for a Municipality-rug, Juuka  
1999 Textile art work in the parish meeting hall of the Kytäjä church, Hyvinkää

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

**2024 Studio Laikku, Culture House Laikku, Tampere 31.8.-6.10.2024**  
**2024 Tahmela's Villa, Tampere 9.1.-19.2.2024**  
**2023 Roots, Community gallery Komuutti, The Finnish Labour Museum Werstas, Tampere 18.10.-19.11.2023**  
2023 Small Art Gallery, Tukkatteekki, Tampere  
2023 Suvantotila, Ortodox Church of Tampere  
2022 Thin Places, Ulla Pohjola and Metta Savolainen, gallery Duetto, Helsinki  
2021 Small Art Gallery, Tukkatteekki, Tampere  
2020 Täky gallery, Lappeenranta  
2020 Virkki Museum, Helsinki  
2019 Legacy, gallery Ronga, Tampere  
2019 Works, Café-Gallery Tahmelan Huvila, Tampere  
2019 Works, Tampere Artists Associations' gallery Laikku, Tampere  
2018 Memento, Ulla Pohjola and Kaija Poijula, Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä

2017 Landscape of Changing Mind, gallery Duetto, Helsinki  
 2016 Nature Observations II, gallery Colmio, Porvoo  
 2016 Nature Observations, gallery Jänis, Turku  
 2015-16 Hidden Thoughts, RIISA, Orthodox Church Museum of Finland, Kuopio  
 2013 Colour is cover, gallery Duetto, Helsinki  
 2013 The Distance Covered, Joensuu Art Museum, Studio  
 2012 Cache, Hiekka Art Museum, Tampere  
 2011 gallery Becker, Jyväskylä  
 2011 Library House, Nurmijärvi  
 2010 Caput Mortuum, gallery Johan S, Helsinki  
 2010 Embroideries, Art Park, Forssa  
 2008-09 Embroideries, Glims House Museum, Espoo  
 2008 Embroideries, gallery Mältinranta, Tampere  
 2007 In shadow and light, embroideries, Salo Art Museum  
 2006 Embroideries and painted objects, Ulla Pohjola and Diana Brunstein, Kemi Art Museum  
 2005 Embroideries, Rovaniemi Art Museum  
 2005 Embroideries, Gallery Bakeliittibambi, Project Room  
 2005 Embroideries, Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä  
 2004 Embroideries, Paper Room, Hämeenlinna  
 2004 Embroideries, Studio of Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma  
 2003 Spring hands, embroideries, Gallery Bakeliittibambi, Helsinki  
 2001 Embroideries, Art Centre Ahjo, Joensuu  
 2000 Embroideries 1993-2000, Mältinranta Artcenter, Tampere  
 2000 Marked with a star, embroidery works, Gallery Bakeliittibambi, Helsinki  
 2000 Embroidery works, Studio of the Kunsthalle, Helsinki  
 1998 The Journey of the Soul, embroidery works, Gallery Bakeliittibambi, Helsinki  
 1997 Embroideries, Center of visual arts, Oulu  
 1997 Books and embroideries, Malmi-house, Helsinki  
 1997 Embroideries, Gallery Pictor, Nummela  
 1996 The secret depths of the heart, embroideries, Gallery Oma Huone, Helsinki, Gallery Rääkkälä, Kankaanpää  
 1995 Bone Orchard, embroideries, Crypt of the Museum of Applied arts, Helsinki  
 1993 Dublin-exhibition, embroideries, University of Art and Design, Helsinki

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

2017 The Jury Prize 2016 (18<sup>th</sup> International Minitextile Exhibition), galleria Umelka, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 2004 Embroideries, Tampere House, Tartu, Estonia  
 1999 Broderad skulptur, Textilia-center, Göteborg, Sweden

#### SELECTED NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

**2024 gallery Saskia, Tampere 22.11.-11.12.2024**  
 2023 Summer Exhibition, Taidesalonki Talvio, Hartola  
 2022-23 Red Yarn – Textile art exhibition, Art Museum Saarijärvi  
 2020-21 Line of Life, Rovaniemi Art Museum Korundi  
 2020-21 Mad Love – The Seppo Fränti Collection at Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki  
 2020 With the Naked Eye, HAA-gallery, Suomenlinna, Helsinki  
 2020 Valamo Cultural Center, Heinävesi  
 2020 Merry Things – from Wihuri Foundation Collection, Rovaniemi Art Museum Korundi

2019 OXYGENUM, exhibition by Nordic Art Association in Finland, Vetelin Taidekartano, Veteli

2018 Passion, gallery Ronga, Tampere

2018 Knitted Visions, Kajaani Art Museum

2016-17 Knitted Visions, Art and Museum Centre Sinkka, Kerava

2016 Olo – Maerkbart, The Joint Nordic Art and Design Travelling Exhibition in Finland and Denmark, Kouvola Art Museum Poikilo

2016 Pyhäniemi 2016 - art exhibition, Pyhäniemi Manor, Hollola

2016 Faces of Christ, Lahti Art Museum

2015 Make Yourself at Home, 6th Triennial of Pirkanmaa 2015, Regional Exhibition of Pirkanmaa Area

2014-15 Exhibition of the Year 2014, Union of Finnish Art Associations, the Imatra Art Museum

2014 Artist without Name, Mältinranta Artcenter, Tampere

2013 Wha' ? - 9. Textile Art Triennial, Joensuu Art Museum

2012 Wha' ? - 9. Textile Art Triennial, Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku

2011 Pyhäniemi 2011 - art exhibition, Pyhäniemi Manor, Hollola

2011 Kuopio Art Museum

2011 Exhibition by Union of Finnish Art Associations, Saarijärvi Museum

2010 90<sup>th</sup> jubilee exhibition of Tampere Artists' Association, Mältinranta Artcenter, Tampere

2010 Summer art exhibition, Art Centre Honkahovi, Mänttä

2010 Anna-Maija Aarras, Klaus Haapaniemi, Ulla Pohjola, Caroline Slotte, Virpi Vesanen-Laukkanen. Art Museum of Oulu

2010 Red, The Display of the Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art EMMA, Finland

2009 Textile art now, Textile Triennial 8, Designmuseum, Helsinki

2009 "Kasvinkumppanit" – group exhibition: Maija Albrecht, Johanna Kiivaskoski, Inari Krohn, Ulla Liuhala, Pirkko Nukari, Ulla Pohjola and Metta Savolainen. Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova Museum, Turku

2009 "Minun pohjoiseni" – exhibition organized by the Nordic Art Association in Finland, Jetty Barracks gallery, Suomenlinna, Helsinki

2008-11 Entre chien et loup - at Dusk, The Display of the Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art EMMA, Finland

2008-09 R.ASIA – art exhibition, Kuparipaja, Fiskars

2006 Hands and all, Textile Triennial 7, Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki

2004-06 Stream of Seeing, Far Eastern Influences in Finnish Contemporary Art: Voipaala Art Centre, Sääksmäki (2006), Kiskon Kivimakasiini (Kisko Stone Storehouse), Toija (2005), Amos Anderson Art Museum, Helsinki (2004)

2002-03 Textile Artists of the Year 1992-2002:  
Central Museum of Textiles, Lodz, Poland (2003)  
Art Museum of Oulu (2003)  
Museum of South-Carelia, Lappeenranta (2002)

2002 Findesignnow 02, Design Forum, Helsinki

2001 Hokkarikukkia, works from the Collection of Jenny and Antti Wihuri's Fund in Rovaniemi Art Museum, Kunsthalle Helsinki

1999 Princess - a dream come true, Hämeenlinna Art Museum and Tikanoja Art House, Vaasa

1999 Pyhäniemi Manor House, Hollola

1999 Textile Triennial 5, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki

1998 Finnish Design 10, Design Forum, Helsinki

1996 Creative hands, Art Museum of Kerava

1996 Woman as an artist - breaking the barriers in fine arts, Art Museum of Lönström, Rauma

1995 48th exhibition of the Young Artists, Art Hall, Helsinki

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FINLAND

- 2023 Summer Exhibition, Kivikeskus, Juuka
- 2022 Herbarium 22: Leena Lehti, Katja Luoto, Paola Pipoca, Ulla Pohjola, Johanna Rossi, Maija Saksman and Anne Savitie. Pispala Hirvitalo the Centre of Modern Art, Tampere
- 2019 The Birth and Origin - Synnöve Dickhoff, Helena Kaikkonen, Kaija Poijula ja Ulla Pohjola, gallery Vanha Kappalaisentalo, Porvoo
- 2017 Connotations - Synnöve Dickhoff, Helena Kaikkonen, Kaija Poijula ja Ulla Pohjola, gallery Saskia, Tampere
- 2017 Connotations - Synnöve Dickhoff, Helena Kaikkonen, Kaija Poijula ja Ulla Pohjola, gallery Valve, Oulu
- 2016 Connotations - Synnöve Dickhoff, Helena Kaikkonen, Kaija Poijula and Ulla Pohjola, Malmitalo gallery, Helsinki
- 2016 Miracles of the Moment - Minna Eloranta, Kiti Miller, Mekku Osanen and Ulla Pohjola, gallery Ronga, Tampere
- 2015 Connotations - Synnöve Dickhoff, Helena Kaikkonen, Ulla Pohjola and Kaija Poijula, Poriginal gallery, Pori
- 2014 Tuula Ahonen, Ulla Pohjola, Juha Taskinen and Jarmo Vellonen, Norppa Art-gallery, Haukiniemi, Savonlinna, Finland
- 2009 Summer art exhibition, Villa Roosa, Orimattila
- 2008 Avec, Kerava Art Museum
- 2008 Together, textile- and visual art exhibition, Villa Roosa, Orimattila
- 2008 Textile art exhibition, Villa Roosa, Orimattila
- 2006-07 On the edge - Synnöve Dickhoff, Sari Hedman, Helena Kaikkonen, Riikka Kokko, Tarja Pitkänen and Ulla Pohjola:  
Kouvola Art Museum (2007) and Jetty Barracks gallery, Helsinki (2006)
- 2006-07 "Käspaikka", art exhibition, Joensuu Art Museum
- 2006 Works, Nordic Handicraft:  
Exhibition Centre TR 1, Tampere and Design Forum, Helsinki
- 2006 "True feelings", textile art exhibition, Villa Roosa, Orimattila
- 2004-05 Maija Albrecht, Inari Krohn, Ulla Liuhala, Ulla Pohjola and Metta Savolainen:  
Gallery Saskia, Tampere (2005), Tikanoja Art House, Vaasa (2004), Gallery Vanha Kappalaisentalo, Porvoo (2004)
- 2004-05 Six points of view. Synnöve Dickhoff, Sari Hedman, Helena Kaikkonen, Riikka Kokko, Tarja Pitkänen and Ulla Pohjola:  
Järvenpää House (2005) and Haihara Art Centre, Tampere (2004)
- 2002 IHA KUI VAA, Seinäjoki Art Hall, Seinäjoki
- 2002 Art Circle 2002, 15 textile artists at the centre quarters of the town, Kankaanpää
- 1997 Textile art in the crypt, Crypt of the Dome Church, Helsinki
- 1997 The memory of the angel, Handicraft Museum of Laura Korpikaivo-Tamminen, Lappeenranta

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- 2018 Connotations - Synnöve Dickhoff, Helena Kaikkonen, Kaija Poijula ja Ulla Pohjola, Tampere-maja gallery, Tartu, Estonia
- 2017 Visioning Future through Craft and Design, Cheongju International Craft Biennale, South Korea
- 2017 Olo – Maerkbart, The Joint Nordic Art and Design Travelling Exhibition in Finland and Denmark, Oregaard Museum, Hellerup, Denmark
- 2017 Mini-textile art exhibition, Grote Kerk, Veere, Netherlands

- 2017 Mini-textile art exhibition, gallery HAWAR, Oldeberkoop, Netherlands
- 2016 Face to Face, 18th Minitextile Exhibition, Gallery SVU, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2015 Memory of Textile, 17th Minitextile Exhibition, Gallery Diamant, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2015 Memory of Textile, 17th Minitextile Exhibition, Gallery SVU, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2015 "Diversity & Unity", 5th Riga International Textile and Fibre Art Triennial, the Exhibition Hall Arsenal, Riika, Latvia
- 2014 Textiles over Gold, 16. Minitextile Exhibition, Gallery SVU, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2012 Banality and Grace, 14. Minitextile Exhibition, Gallery SVU, Bratislava, Slovakia and University Library of Bratislava
- 2011 Between tradition and future, Experimental craft and contemporary design from Finland, Cheongju, South-Korea
- 2010 Textilia, Röhsska museet, Göteborg, Sweden
- 2008 Käspaikka – art exhibition, Art Museum of Petroskoi, Soviet Union
- 2007 Works, Nordic Handicraft, Kunstbanken, Hamar, Norway
- 2004-05 International Lace Biennial, Contemporary art:  
Max Berk Museum, Heidelberg, Germany (2005) and King Bauduin Space, Bryssel, Belgium (2004)
- 2004-05 Fourth Fiber Art Biennial "Trame d'Autore":  
Textilemuseum, St. Gallen, Switzerland (2005) and Chieri, Italy (2004)
- 2004 2nd European Triennial Textile and Fibre Art "Tradition & Innovation", Riga, Latvia
- 2003 Fourth International Textile Art Exhibition, Kaunas, Lithuania
- 2002 Small Works in Fiber:  
LongHouse Reserve, New York. U.S.A.  
Sofa, Chicago, U.S.A.  
MDS (Issey Miyake's Gallery), Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 Visions from the nature, exhibition of Finnish textile art:  
International Fashion Center, Daegu and Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Soul, South Korea
- 1998 In Loco 1998, 4 fra Norden, Risor Kunstforening, Norway
- 1997 3 triennale internationale de Tournai, Tournai, Belgium
- 1997 Art of the stitch, Embroiderers' Guild Open Exhibition:  
Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, London and Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley, W. Yorkshire, England
- 1997 Useless Things, Tallinn Applied Art Triennial, Museum of Applied Arts, Tallinn, Estonia

#### MEMBERSHIPS

- 2006- Finnish Painters' Union
- 2005- Kuvasto, Copyright Organization for Visual Artists
- 1999- Tampere Artists' Association

#### SELECTED GRANTS

- 2023 Art Promotion Centre Finland, Pirkanmaa Region, 4-month grant for artistic work
- 2022 Art Promotion Centre Finland, Pirkanmaa Region, 2-month grant for artistic work
- 2022 Art Promotion Centre Finland, 2-month grant for artistic work
- 2021 Tampere Artists Association, grant for artistic work
- 2021 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Corona grant, 3-month grant for artistic work
- 2020 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Corona grant, 2-month grant for artistic work
- 2020 Kone Foundation, Home Recidency grant, 3-month grant for artistic work
- 2019 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Pirkanmaa Region, ½-year grant for artistic work
- 2019 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, group grant for exhibition costs

2017 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Pirkanmaa Regional Fund, 1-year grant for artistic work  
 2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, target grant for private exhibition costs  
 2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, group grant for exhibition costs  
 2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland, group grant for exhibition costs  
 2013 National Council for Design, target grant for updating the web site  
 2012-16 National Council for Design, 5-year grant for artistic work  
 2011 National Council for Design, target grant for private exhibition costs  
 2010 City of Tampere, for artistic work  
 2010 Ministry of Education, Board of Compensation Grants to Visual Artists  
 2008 Finnish Cultural Foundation, for artistic work  
 2006 Ministry of Education, Board of Compensation Grants to Visual Artists, for the group Kasvinkumppanit  
 2005-07 National Council for Design, 3-year grant for artistic work  
 2003 Finnish Cultural Foundation, for artistic work  
 2002 Greta and William Lehtinen Fund, for artistic work  
 1998 Finnish Cultural Foundation  
 1997, 2001 Ministry of Education, Board of Compensation Grants to Visual Artists

#### WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Kiasma, Finnish National Gallery, Art Collection of Seppo Fränti 2020  
 Art Museum of Sorland, Kristiansand, Norway 1998  
 Finland: Art museum of Oulu 2010  
 Hiekka Art museum, Tampere 2012  
 The Collection of Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi Art Museum 1998, 2000, 2006  
 The Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, Espoo Museum of Modern Art 1998, 2003, 2017  
 Art collection of the State 1997, 2010, 2013, 2017  
 Design museum Helsinki 1995  
 Art Museum of Lönnström Rauma 1996  
 Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä 1999, 2018  
 City of Tampere 2002  
 Art Collection of the City of Salo 2003, 2007  
 the Evangelic-Lutheran congregation of Tampere 2004  
 the Evangelic-Lutheran congregation of Joensuu 2006  
 the Municipal of Nurmijärvi 2011  
 Accountant's Office Pr-Systems, Helsinki 2016  
 private collections

#### RESIDENCIES

2015 Casa Finlandese, Florence, Italy, one month  
 2014 2-week residence in Berlin  
 2008 2-week residence in the Prague, in the premises of Arts Council of Pirkanmaa  
 2007 Casa Finlandese, Florence, Italy, two months  
 2006 Skandinaviska Föreningens Konstnärkollegium, Rome, Italy, one month  
 2001 2-week residence in the Prague, in the premises of Arts Council of Pirkanmaa  
 2000 Finnish-Swedish Cultural Fund, one week grant for visiting Stockholm