

## ***silja puranen curriculum vitae***

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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**

- 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)**

- 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

- 2014 *Sanomista*, Gallery Mältinranta, Tampere  
*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  
*7<sup>th</sup> 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  
*105<sup>th</sup> 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)  
*7<sup>th</sup> 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)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> 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 *2<sup>nd</sup> European Triennial Textile and Fibre Art, Tradition and Innovation*, Riga (LV)
- 2003 *4<sup>th</sup> 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)  
*5<sup>th</sup> 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 *4<sup>th</sup> International Textile Art Exhibition*, Kaunas (LT), 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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