

# Laura Merz

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1982 Born in Lohja, Finland  
2015 MA textile design and art 2015, Aalto University,  
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## Exhibitions

2019: Chart Art Fair Copenhagen, Bologna Children's book fair Illustrators Exhibition  
2018: Beasties, Kuvitus gallery, Helsinki, Finland. Little Citizens, Hyundai Museum of Kids Books & Art, Korea. Nami Concours exhibition, Korea  
2017: Tallinn Illustrations Triennial, Estonia. Bratislava Illustrations Biennial, Slovakia. Mikkeli Illustrations Triennial, Finland.  
2016: Tuhat ja yksi otusta, Helsinki Museum of Natural History, Finland.  
2015: Menagerie, Myymälä 2, Helsinki, Finland. 15th China Textile Conference, Tsinghua, Peking, China.  
2014: Animal, Lokal, Helsinki, Finland.  
2013: Sustainable and Innovative Fashion, Lume gallery, Helsinki, Finland.  
2012: Mutual Weirdness, Stoa Gallery, Helsinki, Finland. Premier Vision Indigo, Paris, France. Koru minussa, Kalevala koru flagship store, Helsinki, Finland.  
2011: Bookmark2, Zirkumflex, Berlin, Germany.  
2009: Hey, das ist mein Joghurt, WIR Gallery, Berlin, Germany.

## Publications

Otusten joukossa, illustrated children's book published by Etana Editions, 2019  
Tuhat ja yksi otusta, illustrated children's book published by Etana Editions, 2016  
Kanirukka project presented in Finnish Design Yearbook 2014 - 2015  
Kanirukka project presented in Sustainable Fashion: New Approaches, 2014

## Prizes and awards

2019: Japan Illustration Awards bronze award, Grafia Best Finnish Creative Design silver award, honorary award in Rudolf Koivu competition  
2018: Ibbby Honours List, Nami Concours shortlist  
2017: Top 10 shortlist for Rudolf Koivu award, Little Hakka shortlist, White Ravens, International Youth Library, Third prize in Mikkeli Illustration Triennial, Grafia Best Finnish Creative Design shortlist, Finnish Institute for Children's Literature's Punni prize: honorary award, Tallinn Illustrations Triennial: honorary award  
2016: Finnish Book Art Committee's Most Beautiful Books of 2016 award

## Arts funding from:

2014 - 2019: Finnish Cultural Foundation, Alfred Kordelin Foundation, Ornamo Foundation, The Finnish Association of Illustrators, Arts Promotion Center Finland, Olga & Vilho Linnamo Foundation, Grafia – Association of Visual Communication Designers in Finland, The Finnish Association, Kone Foundation