

## Curriculum vitae

### MERJA KESKINEN

Master of Arts, Textile Artist TEXO  
Born 1959, Turku

#### EDUCATION

University of Art and Design Helsinki (Aalto University), Master of Arts 1988  
Turku University 1980-82

#### SOLO AND JOINT EXHIBITIONS

Gallery Pictor, Nummela 2021  
Kallas SkärGård, Vårdö, Åland  
Gallery Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki 2021  
Forssa Museum 2020  
Alma House, Helsinki 2019  
Gallery Pirkko-Liisa Topelius, Helsinki 2018  
Vellikello, Järvenpää 2017  
Gallerygallery, Kyoto, Japan 2016  
DesignDesk, Helsinki 2014-15  
Mügsf Ana Galeri, Istanbul, Turkey 2014  
EFG Toimistokalusteet Showroom, Helsinki 2013-14  
Gallery Johan S., Helsinki 2013  
Gallery Johan S., Helsinki 2011  
Colmio gallery, Oulu 2008  
Punavuori Design Studio Gallery, Helsinki 2007  
The University of Art and Design, Helsinki 1988  
Finlayson Exhibition Villa, Forssa 1986  
Gallery Atski, Helsinki 1985

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Pistot, CraftCorner, Helsinki 2018  
Art goes Kapakka TSIIIGAA, Helsinki 2017  
Ledtråd – Narrative Thread, Rydals Museum, Sweden 2017  
Yhes – Together, Lokal, Helsinki 2016  
Johtolanka, 10th Finnish Textile Triennial, Vapriikki Museum Centre, Tampere 2016-17  
15th International Triennial of Tapestry, Lodz, Poland 2016  
Miniature Textiles, Verkaranta, Tampere and the Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä 2015-16  
Ornamentti, Exhibition of Miniature Textiles, Gallery Lasipalatsi, Helsinki and the Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä 2012  
Ornamo office, Helsinki 2012-17  
Preesens art-craft-design, Ornamo 100 years, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä, The Northern Ostrobothnia Museum, Oulu and The North Karelian Museum, Joensuu 2011-12  
ArtHelsinki, O-gallery, Helsinki 2011  
Harkko Museum, Raisio 2010  
Tekstiilitaide nyt! 8. Finnish Textile Triennial, Designmuseum, Helsinki 2009

Housing fair, Hämeenlinna 2007  
Metrin juhlaa, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä and Textile Museum Tyyki, Forssa  
2005-06  
Findesignnow02, Fiskars 2002  
Lönström Art Museum, Rauma 1996-97  
4th Finnish Textile Triennial, Texo 40 years Vanha kirkkokuisto, Helsinki 1996  
2nd Finnish Textile Triennial, Näyttelytila Otso, Espoo 1989  
Metaxis, Taideteollisuusmuseo, Helsinki 1987

#### GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Arts Promotion Centre Finland / Taiteen edistämiskeskus, a 5-year state grant 2022-26  
The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland / Svenska kulturfonden 2021, 2019, 2017, 2014  
Greta and William Lehtinen Foundation 2021, 2013  
Alfred Kordelin Foundation / Alfred Kordelinin säätiö 2020  
Arts Promotion Centre Finland / Taiteen edistämiskeskus, a 3-year state grant 2016-18; 2019,  
2016, 2015, 2014, 2010  
Finnish Cultural Foundation / Suomen Kulttuurirahasto 2016, 2014, 1991  
The Ornamo Foundation / Ornamo säätiö 2015

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Artist professor 2022-26  
Textile Artist of the Year 2019 / The Finnish Association of Textile Artists TEXO

#### CUSTOM ARTWORKS

Finnish Centre for Pensions, textileartwork 2020  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Finland's Embassy in Paris, textileartwork 2012  
City of Helsinki / Taivallahden leikkipuisto, installation, work group Keskinen, Niinimäki, Seppä  
1987

#### COLLECTIONS

State Art Collection, Finland  
Finnish Art Society (Art Lottery)  
Private collections

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Ornamo ry, Ornamo Art and Design Finland  
Tekstiilitaiteilijat TEXO ry, the Finnish Association of Textile Artists  
Nordic Textile Art NTA  
Helsingin Taiteilijaseura HTS / Helsinki Artists Association HAA  
Kuvasto ry

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