

Curriculum Vitae

Reika Vesala

Hi, I'm Reika!

Textile art and design. Finland-Japan:
material oriented art works, experimental arts,
community arts, performances.



CONTACT

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EDUCATION

2012-2016

Häme University of Applied Sciences, Degree Program in
Design, textile and fashion

2006-2009

Forssa Vocational Institute (FAI), Vocational Qualification
in Crafts and Design, Textile and Clothing Artisan

1992-1996

Shozo Shimamoto Art Research Institute, Japan

WORK EXPERIENCES i.a.

Current

Project worker, Forssa Museum

Self-employment designer and translator

Part-time teacher at education centers and Folk high
schools (experimental art for adult and children,
handicraft, Japanese language)

2017

Planning group of the Avantgarde Fashion Show, the
wearable art happening: Kuvio Culture Association

2015

Finlayson atelier, internship

2014

Costume design, Hämeenlinnan Minitatteri

2010

Instructor of Afternoon club, elementary schools

2009-2012

Occasional supply teacher, FAI Textile and Clothing Artisan

2008

Achieve documentation, Forssa Museum and Culture

Counciller and Textile Artist Ulla Nummikoski, internship

2008

Costume design group, Forssa theater

From 1998

Part-time teacher at several Adult Education Centers and
Community Colleges

Subject: culture lectures, experimental art, wearable art,
handicraft, origami, Japanese language

1994-1997

Shozo Shimamoto Art Research Institute, assistant, Japan

Instructor of the Kid's Art Club, Japan

Instructor of workshops co-operated with post, associa
tions and organizations, Japan

1996

Stage design, Osakan Done-hall, Japan

1995

Stage and costume design, Karakuri-theatre, Japan

+ As a lecturer organized by schools and associations

COURSES i.a.

2017

Interart pedagogic, Aalto open university. 5 cr.

2013-2014

Material Inspiration, material oriented intensive course and
Weaving Unusual-experience orientated intensive course
Dr Nihikul Nimkulrat, Professor of Textile Design
Estonian Academy of Arts, 6 cr.

COMPUTERSKILLS

Design: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign/Intermediate
3D modeling computer program: SketchUp/Intermediate
Office suites: Microsoft Office and Libre Office / Advance
Presentation software: PowerPoint, Impress/Advance
Spreadsheets: Excel/Intermediate

Comm. and collabor. Tools: Skype, Zoom, Meet/Intermediate
Social media/Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest
Homepage tool/Wordpress/Advance

INTERNATIONAL ARTPROJECTS i.a.

2019-2021

Kolor-Farbe-Väri Poland-Germany-Finland joint art project

2016

International Culture Project Creative Connection
Germany- Finland (Kuvio Culture Assoc.)

2014

Woven Together-International art project
Latvia-Finland (Art Itu Assoc.)

2012

Grungtvig art orientated Transnational meeting Rethink It
Belgium-Germany-Finland (Wahren Adult Educ. Center)

1993-2012

Performances, mail art happenings and exhibitions
Japan, Finland, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, USA

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EXHIBITIONS i.a.

2021

Kolor-Farbe-Väri-exhibition at Neckeroda, Germany,
(Poland-Germany-Finland joint art project)
Ornamo Art & Design Sale-Exhibition, Helsinki
Group Exhibition of Itu artist association, Humppila
Le Petit Festival, workshop and performance, Hanko
Community art exhibition at Bookvillan, Helsinki

2020

Ornamo Art & Design Sale-Exhibition, Helsinki
Kolor-Farbe-Väri-exhibition at Neckeroda, Germany

2019

Solo exhibition and performance, Gallery 8 Kobe, Japan
Group Exhibition "Color", Poland

2018

Solo Exhibition "Mokomoko", Gallery 8 Kobe, Japan

Since 2017

Annual Exhibition Ornamo Art & Design Sale
Cable Factory Helsinki, Finland

2017

Community art projects for Finland 100 "DreamTapestry"
and "Hidden Wishes" Tammela, Humppila and Forssa
Ryijy Residency Program, Stoa Gallery, Helsinki
Avantgarde Fashion Show, Tapulimakasiini, Jokioinen

2015

Group exhibition "Elements", Talsi museum, Talsi, Latvia

2012

Group exhibition "Rag", Apsida gallery, Riika, Latvia

since 2012

Annual summer exhibitions, Taide Itu ry

2000

Group exhibition, Galleria Jangwa, Helsinki

1992-1998

Group and annual exhibitions, AU artists' association
Finland, Japan and Tokyo metropolitan museum

since 1998

Exhibitions with partner Tuomas Vesala
Finland and Japan

1998

The International Paper Art Exhibition
Hamburger, German

1994

Touch and Feel- group exhibition specially for
blind persons, Light House, Kyoto

1993

Ten Young Artists-group exhibition, Kyoto, Japan

1993-2012

Performances, mail art happenings, group exhibitions
Japan, Finland, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, USA

DESIGN PROJECTS i.a.

2019

Surface of Cleaning Truck Design
Forssa City, Finland

2018

1st prize of the Product Design Competition
Kuvio Culture Assoc.

2017

Poster and leaflet design
Kuvio Culture Assoc.

2016

Throw blanket design
Finlayson Oy

2015

Temari-paper yarn kit design, research and
development, Pirkanmaan kotityö Oy
"Luonnon helmi (Pearl of nature)"
Table runner design, research and development
Urkin Piilopirtti Oy

2014

Slogan t-shirts design and prototype production
Kauppavalmennus Oy
T-shirt design
Kobe Spa, Japan

2013

Mummolalla (at the Granny's Home) stool design
Rasinmäki Ky

2012

Logo design, Jarda Oy

GRANTS

2017

1/2 years artists grants, Art Promotion Center

1998

For group exhibition Gallery Jangwa, Helsinki
Oskar Öflunds Stiftelse

MEMBERSHIPS

The Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo

Textile Artists TEXO

Art Itu (board member)

JOY Teachers' Assoc. of Japanese Language and Culture

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Japanese: Mother tongue

Finnish: Advanced

English: Intermediate