

RAIJA RASTAS

Textile artist

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Studies

1980 University of Art and Design (Aalto University), Textile Art and Design, Helsinki
2017 Professional teacher education, HAMK

Work experience

1991 - textileartist, own studio, Vantaa
1984 – 1991 textileartist, The Friends of Finnish Handicraft, Helsinki
1980 – 1983 knitdesigner, Kutomo ja Neulomo Oy, Lahti

Memberships

Ornamo Arts and Design, Textile artists TEXO, Artists O, Artists Association in Vantaa, Viborg artists Society, Kuvasto ry

Works in collections

Art collection of the State of Finland, Brita Maria Renlunds stiftelse, BTM Picture Gallery/International Contemporary Collection/Budapest Hungary, The Bank of Finland, Designmuseum Helsinki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland Brussels, City of Vantaa, private collections

Selected public artworks

2013 The Kvs Foundation Helsinki, 2005 KPMG Helsinki, 2005 Pinja Vantaa, 2005 Mellunkylä church, 2004 KPMG Helsinki, 2003 KPMG Helsinki, 2001 VVO Helsinki, 2001 Nokia Salo, 1999 The Bank of Finland Saariselkä, 1999 Tapiola Insurance company Espoo, 1998 Fingrid Helsinki, 1998 Kojamo Helsinki, 1998 SOK Saariselkä, 1996 District court of Vantaa, 1996 Veikkaus Oy Helsinki, 1995 Forest Industry association Helsinki, 1995 Suomen Vientiluotto Oy Helsinki, 1993 Finnish Newspapers Association Helsinki, Kiinteistövästuu Oy Helsinki, 1991 Varma Oy Helsinki, 1991 Electrolux Helsinki, 1991 SOK Helsinki, 1991 Tapiolan Lämpö Espoo, 1990 Emergency Call Center Helsinki, 1990 Rakennus Ruola Turku, 1989 Stora Enso Hamburg, 1988 KOP Helsinki, 1987 Alko Vuoranta Helsinki, 1987 Tietotehdas Espoo, 1985 KOP New York, TLK Helsinki

Selected public church textiles

2013 Oulunkylä old church Helsinki, 2012 Naantali, 2011 - 2012 Hanko, 2009 Kallio, 2007 Käpylä, 2006 Hanko, 2004 Yli-Ii, 2004 Asola Vantaa, 2003 Olari chapel, 2002 - 03 Roihuvuori, 2002 Renko, 2002 Lammi, 2001 Bulevardi chapel Helsinki, 2000 - 2001 Tottijärvi Nokia, 2000 - 2001 Pihlava Pori, 2000 Vartiokylä Helsinki, 1998 Kotka, 1998 Keski - Pori, 1997 Huopalahti, 1997 Maikkula Oulu, 1996 Inkoo, 1995 Kellonummi Cemetery Chapel Espoo, 1995 Hakunila Vantaa, 1994 Pirkkala, 1994 Sammonlahti Lappeenranta, 1994 Hakunila Vantaa, 1994 Kaarina, 1993 Neulamäki Kuopio, 1992 Myllypuro Helsinki, 1992 Olari chapel Espoo, 1992 Sammonlahti Lappeenranta, 1992 Kellonummi Espoo, 1991 Huopalahti Helsinki, 1988 Rekola Vantaa, 1988 Kankaanpää, 1986 Ulvila, 1985 Loviisa chapel, 1984 Perho, 1983 Bishop of Oulu, 1983 Oulujoki

Grants

2018, 2016, 2009, 1997, 1993, 1989, 1979 City of Vantaa Artist grant, 2008 and 1993 Arts promotion centre Finland, 2002 and 1999 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1995 Alfred Kordelin Foundation, 1993 Arts promotion centre Finland/artist group, 1990 Koruko grant/ artist group, 1984 Ornamo, 1980 Tampella

Awards

1991 Miniature artwork competition TKO, redemption, 1987 Kankaanpää invitation competition of church textiles 1. p, 1985 Design of Finland 5 honorary mention, 1984 Church Textile competition Helsinki/ redemption, 1979 The Friends of Finnish Handicraft 100 year anniversary rug competition 3. p

Artists in residence

2019 Budapest, Hungary

Study visits

1989 India (Vantaa Artist grant), 1981 New York, 1980 London and Leicester (Tampella grant), 1979 Calvisson France (Vantaa Artist grant)

Selected solo exhibitions

2019 "From one to another" Kiskép Gallery, Budapest, Hungary / Duo exhibition with ceramic artist, sculptor Pálma Babos

2018 "Babos & Rastas" Gallery U, Helsinki / Duo exhibition with ceramic artist, sculptor Pálma Babos

2018 Virkki museum Helsinki

2018 Oskari Vantaa

2017 "Rastas & Rytkölä", Gallery K Vantaa / Duo exhibition with ceramic artist, sculptor Johanna Rytkölä

2015 Pakilakoti Helsinki

2014 PISTO gallery Vantaa

2011 Linder Exhibition Hall Lohja

2010 Raija Rastas & Johanna Rytkölä, duo exhibition, Rantasipi Airport Congress Center Vantaa

2009 Peijas Hospital Vantaa

2007 Raija Rastas & Hannu Sillanpää, duo exhibition, Gallery ART CRT Vantaa

2005 "On the sources", Yli-li

2004 Gallery Gjutars Vantaa

2000 Gallery BE`19 Helsinki

1998 Gallery BE`19 Helsinki

1993 Lumme Hall Vantaa

1993 Lohtaja Church Music Festival

1988 Naantali

Selected group exhibitions

2021 VITAS 90 Cable Factory Helsinki, 2021 Ornamo Art and Design Sale Cable Factory, 2021 "Syksyn satoa" Vantaa Artists Association Järvenpää, 2020 Ornamo Art and Design Sale Cable Factory Helsinki, 2020 "Dash to Dash" Salzburg Austria, 2019 "CROSSROADS" Oulu, 2019 Ornamo Art and Design Cable Factory Helsinki, 2019 Vantaa Artists Association 25 years Gallery K Vantaa, 2019 "8/9 Exhibition" Gallery U Helsinki, 2018 "PISTOT" Craft Corner Helsinki, "URBAN NATURE" Napa gallery Rovaniemi, 2015 Street gallery of Kivistö Art City of Vantaa, 2013 "WITH HANDS" Pisto gallery Vantaa, 2012 "Hands that draw the future", 2012 Polarteknik Vantaa, 2012 ORNAMO 100 years Helsinki, 2012 Ornamo Art and Design Sale Cable Factory Helsinki, 2011 "FINNISH ART MIX" Vantaa Artists Association Salzburg Austria, 2011 "Around" Vantaa Artists Association Flamingo Vantaa, 2009 "MINNE SINNE" Vantaa Artists Association Huddinge Sverige, 2009 "ONE SPACE – MANY DIMENSIONS" Helsinki, 2006 "PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART CRAFT SHOW" USA, 2006 "Contrasts" Rauma, 2006 "With new eyes" Minitextiles Helsinki, 2006 "Dove and lamb" 2005 Designmuseum Helsinki, 2005 "Eyes open" Art Museum of Vantaa, "KANKAALLA" Lusto Punkaharju, 2005 "Church textiles" Berlin, "Art from grace" Mellunkylä church, 2003 "Textiles in Holy Place" Culture Institute of Finland Berlin, 2002 "Textiles of Devotion", 2001 "HAPPINESS" Museum of Central Finland, 2001 "RYA RUG THROUGH CENTURIES" Tampere, 1999 "SIDOS" 120 v anniversary of The Friends of Finnish Handicrafts Helsinki, 1998 "NORTHERN VIBRATIONS" Madrid, 1997 "3. TRIENNALE INTERNATIONALE DE TOURNAI" Belgium, 1996 "CREATIVE HANDS" Kerava Art museum, 1996 "REFINED WOOD" Design Forum Finland Helsinki, "CONCEPTION OF TIME" Jyväskylä, 1996 Ornamo Summer exhibition Poleeni Pieksämäki, "Many faces of rya rug" Lappeenranta, 1995 "IMAGES DE LA NATURE- LA RYIJY" Paris, 1995 Art exhibition Kerava Art Museum, 1994 "Flame and Sandcastle" 125 Anniversary of the Friends of Finnish Handicraft Helsinki, 1991 "3. Finnish Textile Triennale" Tampere, Espoo, 1991 "MUODON TÄHDET" Helsinki, 1990 "Design in Finland" Helsinki, 1990 "NORDIC METAL AND JEWELLERY ART" Göteborg Sverige, 1990 "NUEVAS FORMAS DE FINLANDIA" Madrid, Bilbao, Gijon, Barcelona Spain, 1990 "KORUKO" Helsinki, 1990 "DECADE" Designmuseum Helsinki, 1989 SIO 40-years Designmuseum Helsinki, 1989 "RYIJY 1989" Retretti Punkaharju, 1989 "Church textiles" Århus Denmark, 1988 "NEW FORMS OF FINLAND" Edinburgh Scotland, 1988 "INDOOR PICTURES" Design Forum Helsinki, 1988 "FINNISH DESIGN 1988" Design Forum Helsinki, 1987 "2. International minitextile triennale" Strasbourg, 1987 Finland – Germany Arts and crafts Triennale, Frankfurt, Hannover, Helsinki 1987-88, 1987 "FINNISH FORM AND FUNCTION" Brighton, 1987 "METAXIS" Designmuseum Helsinki, 1986 "Textileart 86" Espoo, Borås, Norrköping, 1982 "FINLAND GESTALTET" Hamburg, Dusseldorf, Karlsruhe, 1979 100 years Anniversary of the Friends of Finnish Handicrafts Helsinki

Artworkshops, Community art, teaching

2007 - Artworkshops, teaching and lectures/ Adult education centres in Vantaa, Helsinki and Espoo

2017 - 2018 Artist godparent– workshops, Artists O Helsinki

2009 - 2020

2019 - 2020 Art workshops for families, Gjutars, Artists Association Vantaa

2019 - 2020 "With Hands" Iiris Helsinki

2018 Textileart workshop/ Eszter Bornemiza and Raija Rastas, Galleria U Helsinki

2016 - 2017 ILO - JOY Community artworkshops Vantaa

2014 - 2015 "OHO - Opitaan yhdessä!" artworkshops, Artists O Helsinki

2007- artworkshops for companies

1999 -2003 "Finnish Oak" rya rug workshops Designmuseum Helsinki