

***silja puranen curriculum vitae***

Born 1961 in Elimäki, Finland  
 Lives and works in Tuusula, Finland  
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***education***

- 2018 MA, Aalto University, School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Visual Culture and Contemporary Art, ViCCA  
 2014 BA, Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Fine Arts  
 1987 Kuopio Institute of Art and Design, Textile designer

***selected solo exhibitions***

- 2023 Art Centre Itä, Lappeenranta (FI)  
 Gallery Pimento, Oulu (FI)  
 2022 POVA, Ostrobothnian Photography Center  
 Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti (FI)  
 2021 MUU Helsinki Contemporary Art Centre  
 GalleriaKONE, Hämeenlinna (FI)  
 2019 Galleria Becker, Jyväskylä (FI)  
 2018 Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti (FI)  
 2017 GalleriaKONE, Hämeenlinna (FI)  
 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)***

- 2023 *The Alchemy of Time* – The 10th exhibition of Wiurila Summer, Wiurila Manor, Salo  
 2022-24 *Überhund – the Fascinating Dogs of Art*, SaloArt Museum; Jyväskylä Art Museum; Mikkeli Art Museum; Kuopio Art Museum  
*Sprains, Strains, Fractures, Illukka–Puranen–Vesanen–Laukkonen*, Gallery Mältinranta, Tampere;  
 Gallery Ars Libera, Kuoio; Art Centre Ahjo, Joensuu  
 2021 *Oijoiroi, Contemporary circus festival – Circus films*, Tampere  
*Sprains, Strains, Fractures, Illukka–Puranen–Vesanen–Laukkonen*, Heinola Art Museum  
 2018–20 *Sprains, Strains, Fractures*, Gallery Vanha Kappalaisentalo, Porvoo; Gallery Uusikuva, Kotka;

- Galleria Moletti; Forssa; Gallery Mustanapa, Rovaniemi; Black Wall Gallery, Vaasa; Porginal Gallery, Pori  
*Arthouse Disclosures*, Aalto University, Espoo  
*Keeping a Hold on Things – The life of Mary Gallén*, Gallen-Kallela Museum, Espoo  
2017  
*UrbanApa X Ateneum 2017 – Waste Waltz*, 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  
*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  
*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  
2013  
*Out and About*, Gamla Kaplansgården, Porvoo  
*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 konsthantverk, tr1, 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  
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  
*Avoi 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)**

- 2023      *Textila Skikt / Textile Layers*, Textilmuseet, Borås (SE)  
2019      *Sprains, Strains, Fractures*, Galerie Pleiku, Berlin (DE)  
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, Schöneweide, 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 Kunstabanken*, 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*, Academija 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*

### **memberships**

Artists' Association MUU

### **public collections**

Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma (FI)  
Aalto University Foundation (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)

#### **awards**

2023	Supplementary artist pension
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

#### **grants (selection)**

2022	Taike, The Arts Council of Uusimaa 4 -month artist grant
2020	Finnish Cultural Foundation, 6 -month Artist Grant
2013, 19	Public Display Grant for Visual Artists
2013	Kone foundation (team Allonen, Puranen, Syrjälä)
2010	3 Year State Grant to Artists
2006	Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1-year Artist Grant
2000, 04	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

#### **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, Kaunas (LT)
	Jury member for WCC Europe Contemporary Crafts Award
2004-05	Jury member, project leader for Northern Fibre 6 , International textile art workshop and exhibition