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Studies

2001 – 08 University of Art and Design Helsinki UIAH, Art Education, MA
1991 – 94 University of Art and Design Helsinki UIAH, Art Pedagogy
1978 – 83 University of Art and Design Helsinki UIAH, Degree in Textile Design
1977 – 78 Institute of Design Lahti, Fashion Design

Solo Exhibitions

2011 *Stoa Gallery* Helsinki, *Gallery in Harakka Island* Helsinki **2008** *Gallery in Harakka Island* Helsinki
2007 *Finnish Institute* Stockholm (SE), *La Galeria* Barcelona (ES), *Gallery 5* Oulu, *The Craft Museum of Finland* Jyväskylä, *Pessi and Toteemi* Vantaa **2006** *Vyhod Media Center* Petrozavodsk (RU), *Gallery in Harakka Island* Helsinki **2005** *Gallery D-137* St Petersburg (RU), *Draakoni Galerii* Tallinn (EE)
2004 *Laterna Magica* Helsinki **2003** *Gallery in Harakka Island* Helsinki **2000** *Gallery in Harakka Island* Helsinki **1995** *Kanneltalo* Helsinki **1990** *Kluuvi Gallery* Helsinki (with Aino Favén)

Group Exhibitions

2011 *Muotoseikkoja* Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art Turku, *Between tradition and future* Cheongju International Craft Biennale (KR), *ArtHelsinki 2011* Fair Centre Helsinki *Oon kaupungissa* Helsinki, *Art Exhibition and Sale Event* Kaapelitehdas Helsinki
2010 *13th International Triennale of Tapestry* Central Museum of Textile, Lodz (PL), *Points of departure* Stockholm (SE), *Luksus* Artothèque de Caen (FR), *Gl'amour* Oulu Museum of Art, *Demons and Darlings*, Oulu Museum of Art, *Textile Art Now!* Raisio Museum Harkko, *Naturalia* Villa Roosa, Orimattila, *Säättö* Copper Smithy, Fiskars
2009 *Finnish Designer Awards 08* Palacio de Altamira Madrid (ES) & Dutch Design Week Strijp S Eindhoven (NL) & Design September Wiels - Centre d'Art Contemporain Bryssel (BE), *OTTO* Circulo des Bellas Artes Madrid (ES), *Art Fair Suomi* Cable Factory, Helsinki, *8th Triennial of Textile Art* Design Museum, Helsinki, *Luksus* Design Forum, Helsinki, *Summer Exhibition* Villa Roosa, Orimattila
2008 *Pirum, parum, corpus marum*, Järnboden i Harg Hargshamn (SE), *OTTO*, Vantaa Art Museum, *Trash Art* Hyvinkää Art Museum, *Shoes* The Tikanoja Art Museum, Vaasa, *Yhdessä*, Villa Roosa Orimattila
2007 *Chicago Sofa* (US), *Open* Annantalo Helsinki, *Seascape* Harakka Island, Helsinki, *Auringon alla* Villa Roosa Orimattila, *The Inexpensive Fun Exhibition* Post Museum, Helsinki
2006 *Art Moscow* (RU), *Mänttä Art Festival*, *7th Triennial of Textile Art* Amos Andersson Art Museum, Helsinki, *Sugar on Bottom* Rauma Art Museum, *Kunnon tunteet* Villa Roosa Orimattila, *Paperilla* Verkaranta Tampere, *Poison* Harakka Island Helsinki
2005 *Yllinkyllin* Villa Roosa Orimattila
2002 – 03 *6th TEXO Triennial* Museum of South Karelia Lappeenranta, Oulu Museum of Art, *Present – Terez* Central Museum of textiles, Lodz (PL)
2001 *Happiness*, Keski-Suomen museo Jyväskylä, *Flower* Harakka Island Helsinki
1998 *Aika Harakassa* Harakka Island Helsinki
1997 *40th Jubilee Exhibition of TEXO* Lönnström Art Museum Rauma, *Metreittäin* Verkaranta, Tampere
1996 *Ajantajut* Museum of Central Finland, Jyväskylä, *40th TEXO Jubilee* Texo Gallery, Helsinki, *Luovat kädet* Kerava Art Museum, *Finnish Lines* John Holden gallery Manchester (GB)
1994 *Harakan korut* Harakka Island, Helsinki
1993 *Harakka* Kanneltalo, Helsinki
1991 *100th Jubilee Exhibition* Gallery Ixia, Tampere
1989 *2th Triennial of Textile Art* Gallery Otso, Espoo & Kouvola Art Museum
1987 *Metaxis* Design Museum Helsinki **1986** *Suomi haaveilee* Helsinki Art Hall
1983 *7 Young Textile Artists* Kluuvi Gallery Helsinki

Collections State Art Collection Finland, Röhsska Museum (SE), The Craft Museum of Finland

Comissions Tervaväylä School Oulu 2010, Santasalo Vaihteet Karkkila 1997, Vapaala Parish Community Center Vantaa 1992, Golf Talma Sipoo 1990

Awards Finnish Designer Awards Artist of the Year 2008