

Ulla-Maija Vikman

Born 1943 in Oulu, lives and works in Helsinki
e-mail ulla-maija.vikman@welho.com

Education

University of Arts and Design, Helsinki, (industrial designer) 1964-1968

University of Arts and Design, Helsinki, (textile artist) 1970-1974

University of Arts and Design, Helsinki, (Master of Arts) 2002

Memberships

Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo

Finnish Painters' Union

Artists O

Textile Artists Texo

Works in Collections

International Museum of Applied Art, Turin, Italy

Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Rovaniemi Art Museum

Design Museum, Helsinki

Mint Museum of Art + Design, Charlotte NC, USA

Museum of Arts and Design, New York

Court of Justice of the European Communities, Luxembourg

European Parliament, Strasbourg

Finnish State Art Collection: Embassies of Finland in Washington, Djakarta and Katmandu,

Residence of the Consul General in New York, Foreign Service in Shanghai, Micronovo,

Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of the Justice, Residence of the Governor in the

Province of Southern Finland, University of Lapland

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Embassy of Finland in Abuja, dar es Salaam, Sophia and

Stockholm, Residence of the Finnish Ambassador in Berlin, Bratislava and Dar es Salaam,

Department of Development Co-operation, Helsinki, National Institute for Health and
Welfare, Helsinki.

Centre of the Environment, Helsinki

The National Public Art Council Sweden

Fritz Meyer Collection, Saint-Prex, Switzerland

Technical College at Espoo-Vantaa

Umeå University

City of Espoo

City of Helsinki

City of Lahti

Lohja City Library

Skellefteå Municipality

Örnsköldsvik Municipality

AstraZeneca Oy, Espoo

Handelsbankens konstförening, Stockholm

Haka Auto Co, Helsinki

Kiilto Co, Tampere

Läshivakuutus Insurance Company, Espoo and Kiukainen

Telia-Sonera Co, Helsinki

Solo Exhibitions

Aulanko Silk House 1986

Nokia-Nitec, Helsinki 1987

Kluuvin Galleria, Helsinki 1988
Galleria 25, Helsinki 1989
Design Centre of Western Finland, Vaasa 1990
The Appleton Gallery of Art, Appleton WI, USA 1990
Konsthantverkarna, Stockholm 1991
Textile Artist of the Year 1992, Design Forum, Helsinki 1992
Rovaniemi Art Museum 1994
Porkkatörmä, Kuusamo 1995
Gallerí Úmbra, Reykjavík 1995
Embassy of Finland, Washington DC 1995
Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery, Canada 1996
Hordaland Kunstnersentrum, Bergen, Norway 1996
New Brunswick Museum, Saint John, Canada 1996
Culture House in Åsane, Norway 1996
Culture House in Austevoll, Norway 1996
Mo School, Modal, Norway 1996
Culture House of Landås and Lövstakken, Norway 1996
La galerie d'art Stewart Art Gallery, Pointe-Clarie, Canada 1997
Moose Jaw Art Museum, Canada 1997
Leaf Rapids National Exhibition Centre, Canada 1997
Red Deer District Museum, Canada 1997
Grand Forks Art Gallery, B.C. Canada 1997
Rista Konsthantverk, Umeå, Sweden 1998
Museum Schloss Rheydt, Mönchengladbach, Germany 1998
Into Gallery, Helsinki 1999
Galleri Inger Molin, Stockholm 1999
Kloster Schloss Bentlage, Rheine, Germany 2003
Lohja Museum 2007
Laterna Magica, Helsinki 2007

Collective Exhibitions

Inspiracje 78, Gdynia, Poland 1979
Finnish Design 1, Museum of Applied Art, Helsinki 1979
The Fresh in Marimekko, Helsinki 1979
Opexpo '80, Savonlinna 1980
Finnish Design 3, Museum of Applied Art 1980
Finnish Textile Art 1956-1981, Museum of Applied Art, Helsinki 1981
Dot - Textiles, Finnish Design Center 1981
Opexpo '81, Savonlinna 1981
Finnland Gestaltet, Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Karlsruhe 1982
Opexpo '82, Savonlinna 1982
Standing Table, Galleria Bronda, Helsinki 1982
Finnish Crafts, Oslo 1982
Mostra internazionale dell'arredamento, Milan 1982
Opexpo '83, Savonlinna 1983
Filare, Art of Soft Material, Alvar Aalto Museum, Jyväskylä 1983
Finnish Design 4, Museum of Applied Art 1983
Artisaani på Puckeln, Stockholm 1983
Finnish Crafts, House of North, Reykjavík 1984
TAIKO 1 Year - Newborn Objects, Finnish Design Center, Helsinki 1984
Finnish Design 5, Museum of Applied Art, Helsinki 1985
May 85, Itäkeskuksen monitoimitalo, Helsinki 1985
Nordic Textile Triennale, Moss, Reykjavik, Torshavn, Herning, Tampere, Luleå 1985-1986

Biala 85, Galeri LAD, Warsaw 1985
On the Silk Road, Museum of Applied Art, Helsinki 1985
3th Finnish Minitextile Exhibition, Tampere Art Museum 1986
6th International Biennale of Miniature Textiles, Savaria Muzeum, Hungary 1986
New Finnish Arts and Crafts, Helsinki Art Hall, Frederikshavn Art Museum, Denmark 1986
Finnish Form & Function, Gallery Nexus, Brighton 1987
German-Finnish Arts and Crafts Triennale, Frankfurt am Main, Helsinki, Hannover 1987-1988
Magics - Art and Crafts, Galleria Otso, Espoo 1988
Summer Exhibition, Taidehovi, Hauho 1988
5th Nordic Textile Triennial 1989-90
4th Finnish Minitextile Exhibition, Galleria 25 1989
Finnish Design 7, Museum of Applied Art 1989
7th International Biennial of Miniature Textiles, Savaria Muzeum, Hungary 1990
Pyhäniemi '90, Hollola 1990
Finnish Design 90, Museum of Applied Art, Helsinki 1990
Le Genille de la Bastille, Paris 1990
Finland designs 8, Museum of Applied Art, Helsinki 1991
Galleria 25 Two Years, Helsinki 1991
Ornamento's 80 Years' Festival Exhibition, Merikaapelihalli, Helsinki 1991
Finnish Textile Triennial, Tampere Art Museum and Galleria Otso, Espoo 1991-1992
Fibers of Love, Threads of Life, Power's Townhouse, Dublin 1992
Le Primitif Noble, Institut Finlandais, Paris 1992
Shapeless, Kouvola Art Museum 1992
Summerworks, Design Forum, Helsinki 1992
15th International Biennial, Lausanne 1992
Selection of the Lausanne's International Biennial, Tilburg Textile Museum, Netherlands and Aalborg Art Museum, Denmark 1993
Finnish Design 9, Design Forum, Helsinki 1993
Colours, Kouvola Art Museum, Finland 1993
Materia, Helsinki Art Hall 1993
Crafts from Eastern Helsinki, Stoa Gallery, Helsinki 1994
Summer Exhibition of Pyhäniemi Estate 1994
Kunsthändler aus Finnland, Schlederhausen, Germany 1994
Aus Finnland, Osnabrück, Germany 1994
Nyckelgruppen, Galleri Rista Konsthantverk, Umeå, Sweden 1996
Handshake, Andersens Watertower, Copenhagen 1996
T3m, Savonlinna Art Museum 1996
L'Europe à Table, Musée des Ursulines, Mâcon, France;
Palais Abbatial, Saint Hubert, Belgium 1996, Galleria Brosch, Vevey, Switzerland;
Galerie Handwerk, Koblenz, Germany 1997
12. Symposium - Workshop 96, Internationale Textilkunst, Graz, Austria 1996
Flexible 2, Pan-European Art, Nederlands textielmuseum, Tilburg,
Gallery Awangarda, Wroclaw, Poland 1996; The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester 1997
Finnisches Kunsthandwerk, Neotechnik, Bielefeld, Germany 1996
Creative Hands, Kerava Art Museum 1996
Tracing Purpose, Leedy Voulkos Gallery, Kansas City MO, USA 1997
Triolog, Kunststation Kleinsassen, Kleinsassen, Germany 1997
Art and Design, Gallery Bau, Helsinki 1997
3. Triennale internationale de Tournai, Belgium 1997
Pyhäniemi '97, Hollola
Women in Craft and Design, Design Forum, Helsinki 1997
Trilogie, Finland Institute in Germany, Berlin 1997

Kunst und Kunsthandwerk aus Finnland, Burg Kniphausen, Wilhelmshaven, Germany 1997
Nothorn Vibrations, Scuola de Arte "la Palma", Madrid 1998
Sculpture Objects Functional Art, Seventh Regiment Armory, New York 1998

Finnish Ceramic, Textile and Paper Art, Greifswald University Exhibition Centre, Germany 1998
Nature as Object: 3rd Australian International Crafts Triennial, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth 1998
33 m2, Artek, Helsinki 1998
Textiles of Scale from the Brown/Grotta Collection, Montclair State University, Montclair NJ, USA 1998
Sculpture Objects Functional Art, Navy Pier, Chicago 1998
TAIKO:s 15 Years Festival Exhibition, Verkaranta Craft Center, Tampere 1998
New European Art - Finland, Kunst- und Kulturverein, Aschersleben 1998, Chemnitz 1999
Textile Triennial 5, Museum of Applied Art, Helsinki; Finland Institute, Stockholm 1999
Buttercup's Dream, Animal Theme in the Collection of Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation, Wäinö Aaltonen Art Museum, Turku 1999
Sculpture Objects Functional Art, Seventh Regiment Armory, New York 1999
Living Waters, Contemporary European Fibre Art, Jetty Barracks Gallery, Helsinki 1999
Nothorn Textile Art, Rovaniemi Art Museum 1999
Finnish Arts and Crafts, Fredericia Kunstsalen, Denmark 1999
Pyhäniemi 2000, Hollola
Scandinavian Sensibility, browngrotta arts, Wilton CT; North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks ND, USA 2000
Finnish & Norwegian Craft, St. Fergus Gallery, Wick, Scotland 2000
Norrút, Art Museum ASÍ, Reykjavík; Bryggens Museum, Bergen; Museum of Arts and Design, Helsinki 2000; Nordic Embassies, Felleshus, Berlin; National Museum of Art, Kaunas 2001
Visions from Nature, Fashion Center Korea; Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Soul 2001
Sculpture Objects Functional Art, Seventh Regiment Armory, New York 2001
Triolog, Ostholstein Museum, Eutin, Germany; Gothic Gallery, Stettin, Poland 2001
Kankaan päät, Kankaanpää 2002
Wood of the World, Designmuseo, Helsinki 2002
Sculpture Objects Functional Art, Navy Pier, Chicago 2002
Torino 2002: Masterpieces, Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin 2002
6. kotimainen tekstiilitriennaali N-Y-T, Lappeenranta Art Museum 2002, Oulu Art Museum; Central Museum of Textiles, Łódź, Poland 2003
The Common Thread: Finding Fiber in Contemporary Art, Westport Arts Center, Westport CT, USA 2003
Konsthantverk 2003, Röda sten, Gothenburg, Sweden
A Touch of Finland, Flow Gallery, London; Clotworthy Arts Centre, Antrim, Great Britain 2004
Region and Identity, Gammelgaard, Herlev, Denmark 2004
11th International Triennial of Tapestry, Central Museum of Textiles, Łódź, Poland
Finnish arts and crafts, The Artisaani Phenomenon, Jugend-sali, Helsinki 2004
Journey, Kankaanpää Church 2004
Vaivihkaa, Villa Roosa, Orimatila 2004
Sculpture Object Functional Art, Navy Pier, Chicago 2005
MIAAO's Supercraft, International Museum of Applied Art, Turin, Italy 2005
Female Form, Designmuseo, Helsinki 2006
Daughters of Forest, Forest Museum, Punkaharju 2006
Beyond Weaving: International ArtTextiles, Flinn Gallery, Greenwich CT 2006

East, Vuotalo, Helsinki 2006
Material Difference, Chicago Cultural Center 2006
Works of Art from the Collections of the European Embassies in Sofia,
Sofia Art Gallery 2007
Sculpture Objects & Functional Art, Seventh Regiment Armory, New York 2007
Annual Exhibition, Laterna Magica, Helsinki 2008
Collect, Victoria&Albert Museum, London 2008
Artists of Vallila present, Gallery Kajava, Helsinki 2008
Sculpture Objects & Functional Art, Navy Pier, Chicago 2008
Art of the Table, Artifact Design Group, Wilton, USA 2008
Textile Art Now, 8th Finnish Textile Triennial, Design Museum, Helsinki 2009
Rug! – works from museums and private collections, Design Museum; Helsinki 2009
CUT – 25th Years Textile Art Graz, Reiffeisenhof, Graz 2009
European Prize for Applied Arts 2009, Anciens Abattoirs, Mons, Belgium 2009
browngrotta arts at Artpalmbeach 2010
Textile Art Now, Harkon museo, Raisio 2010
Eunique, Angewandte Kunst & Design, Karlsruhe Messe und Kongress-GmbH, Karlsruhe
2010
Weich hart finnish – Keramik Textil Holz Metall, Felleshus, Nordic Embassies,
Berlin 2010
Art of Materials, Ceramics Textile Metal, Åsa Hellman Ulla-Maija Vikman Merja Winqvist,
Vanha Kapalaisentalo, Porvoo 2011
Stimulus: art and its perception, browngrotta arts, Wilton Ct, USA 2011
B/5, Kaj Franck's students, Design Museum, Helsinki 2011
Stimulus: art and its inception, Wilton Ct, USA 2011
Retro/Prospective: 25+ Years of Art Textiles and Sculpture, Wilton, USA Ct, 2012
Spirit of things, Crosscurrents between Japanese and Finnish Crafts, Flow, Lontoo 2012
Kui? IX triennial of Textile Art, The Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Turku 2012,
Oulu Art Museum, Joensuu Art Museum 2013
Lighten, Bonhoga Gallery, Shetland Islands 2013
Sculpture Objects Functional Art, Navy Pier, Chicago 2014
Minitextiles, Verkaranta, Tampere 2015, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä 2016

Awards

Textile Artist of the Year 1992
Long Term State Grant for Artists 1993-2007
Art Competition for the Parliamentary Annexe Building, Helsinki, second prize 2005
Savcor Brilliant Surfaces Design Competition, second prize together with Hannele Grönlund
2006

Professional Societies

Crafts Committee in The Association of Finnish Designers ORNAMO, Chair 1979-1980
Board member of The Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO 1982-87, 1996-97
The Association of Artisans and Craftsmen TAIKO, President 1983-1988
World Crafts Council, Finnish National Delegate 1983-1988
Council of Representatives of ORNAMO 1978-1981, 1989-1995, 1999-
Finnish Foundation for the Visual Arts, Vice Chair 1990-1994
Board Member of the Association of Textile Artists TEXO, 1996-2001, 2009-2016

Professional Activities

Plastex Oy, designer: household articles 1969-1970
Virke Oy, designer: knit-wear 1973
University of Arts and Design, assistant teacher 1974-1976, lecturer 1976-1979

Own studio 1975-

University of Helsinki, course leader and planning officer 1980-1986

University of Arts and Design, planner: advanced studies in design 1986-1993

Selected bibliography

– *Ulla-Maija Vikman, töitä works*, Kustannus Oy Taide 2007

– *hands and all, Textile Artists TEXO 50 years* Tekstiilitaiteilijat TEXO 2006

– *Art Textiles of the World, Scandinavia*, vol. 1, Telos Art Publishing 2004.

– *11th International Triennial of Tapestry*, Central Museum of Textiles, Lodz 2004.

– Anna-Kaisa Huusko: 'Tekstiilitaiteilija Ulla-Maija Vikman – lankamaalauksen taitaja'. – *Taito* 4/2004

– Tuula Poutasuo (ed.): *Tekstiilin taidetta Suomesta*, Akatiimi ja Tekstiilitaiteilijat TEXO ry 2001.

– *An Inaugural Gift, The Founders' Circle*, Mint Museum of Craft + Design 2000.

– Anne Stenros (ed.): *Visioita. Moderni suomalainen muotoilu*, Otava 1999.

– *Ulla-Maija Vikman. Textilgemälde, Fiber Paintings*. Städtisches Museum Schloss Rheydt 1998.

– Carla Enbom: 'Ulla-Maija Vikman, Textiles flowing with colour.' – *Form Function Finland* 2/1997.

– *Ulla-Maija Vikman. Tekstiilimaalauksia – Fiber Paintings*. Rovaniemen taidemuseo 1994.

– *15th International Lausanne Biennial Contemporary Textile Art*, CITAM et Musée cantonal des beaux-arts, Lausanne, 1992.

– Kaija Ravantti: 'Painting yarn.' – *Form Function Finland* 4/1989.

