

Curriculum Vitae NIINA HILTUNEN

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Education 2020–2021 Textile Art, University of Lapland, Faculty of Art and Design **2020–2021** Master of Culture and Arts Turku Arts Academy **2013–2015** Textile Artisan, Vocational school Tavastia, Hämeenlinna **2009–2010** Spanish Philology, University of Tampere **1998–2003** MA, University of Jyväskylä, German language and culture, English philology, Teacher education / Pedagogics **1986–1996** Basic art education in violoncello, Music Institute Ylivieskan seudun musiikkiopisto, Ylivieska

Solo exhibitions

Upcoming 2027 Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä

Upcoming 2026 *Sound Anatomy* Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Lahti

2024 *Pieces of Reality* Tampere Hall Winter Garden (FI)

2023 *Todellisuuksia / Realities* Gallery Moletti Forssa

2023 *Todellisuuksia / Realities* Gallery G12 Helsinki (FI)

2022 *Kädet kertovat / Talking Hands* Kalevan Navetta Seinäjoki, Vaasa City Theatre (FI)

2021 *Kädet kertovat / Talking Hands* premiere Kokkola Winterdance Festival (FI)

2019 *Tekstiilitaidetta* Loftet Vaasa (FI)

2018 *Tekstiilitaidetta* Vindängen Espoo (FI)

2017 *Valoa ja varjoja väreissä* Taidetila Terra Kangasala (FI)

Juried group and joint exhibitions in Finland and abroad

2026 *I like it!* Children's Cultural Centre Rulla Tampere

2025 *On Senses, Artists O group exhibition* Craft Museum of Finland Jyväskylä (FI), *Valo Pirkanmaa muotoilee IX* Gallery Saskia Tampere (FI) and Pikigallery Oulu (FI), *Kaavaton*, Raisio Museum Harkko (FI)

2024 *Väritarinoita TEXO Minitextile exhibition* Gallery Ronga, Tampere (FI), *Contextile 2024 Contemporary Textile Art Biennial* Guimarães (PT), *The VIII International Triennial of Textile Arts Savaria Museum* Szombathely (HU), *Verba Creant International Contemporary Art Exhibition* Firenze (IT), *Uute ry 10th Anniversary* Haihara Art Centre Tampere (FI)

2023 *The 7th Riga International Triennial of Textile and Fiber Art* Museum of Decorative Arts and Design Riga (LV), *Sattuman vaara* Voipaala Art Centre Valkeakoski (FI), *Masuuni-tekstiili on rautaa*, V2 gallery Strömfors Ruotsinpyhtää, *Vapaus - Pirkanmaa muotoilee VIII* Terde Finlayson Area Tampere, Taito Craft Corner Gallery Helsinki (FI)

2021 *Kaari*, Gallery Laikku Tampere, Galleria2 Pirkkala (FI)

2020 *Pirkanmaa muotoilee VII*, Vooninki Finlayson Area Tampere (FI)

2019 *Wool Works* Craft Corner Gallery Helsinki, Craft in the Bay Gallery Cardiff Wales (UK)

Selected group and joint exhibitions in Finland and abroad

2026 *Kukkian vesikansa* Jyvämakasiini Luopioinen; *Liikahtaa* Täky Gallery Lappeenranta **2023** *No Past – Funny Future*, Hämeenlinna, *Jatkuvuus* Galleria2 Pirkkala

2022 *Reflections* Georgian Gallery Newtownards Northern Ireland (UK), *Jatkuvuus* Terde Finlayson Area Tampere & Gallery Paperihuone Hämeenlinna, Gallery Patina Jyväskylä

2021 *Katoavaisuus* Höyry Gallery Korpilahti, Varikko Gallery Seinäjoki, Teijon Masuuni

Memberships Tampere Artists' Association, Artists O (Member of Board 2023-), Finnish Association of Textile Artists TEXO, Ornamo, Finnish Association of New Textile Art UUTE, The Finnish Colour Association SVY, Kuvasto

Grants **2026** Auno and Mauri Riuttu Foundation, Finnish Art and Culture Agency **2024** Ornamo Foundation, Nordic Culture Point (short-term networking fund for a group of 5) **2023** Finnish Cultural Foundation Pirkanmaa Regional Fund (1-year grant for artistic work), The Association of Finnish Non-Fiction Writers, Björkqvist Fund **2022** Arts Promotion Centre Finland **2020** Arts Promotion Centre Finland (for a group of 4), Björkqvist Fund **2018** Tekstiilikulttuuriseura ry, Björkqvist Fund **2015** Stipend for the best graduating textile artisan Wetterhoff Foundation

Rewards **2015** Finalist in the Artisan of the Year Competition, Finnish Craft and Design Fair

Works in collections Savaria Museum, Szombathely Gallery (HU)

Publishings and catalogues

2026 KOKO KIRJO, Maria Rivera-Pessi (Ed.), Finnish Association Of Textile Artists TEXO ry

2024 *International Textilkunst* 4/2024

2024 *In Touch, Contextile* 2024, Ideias Emergentes (PT)

2024 *tolerance limit, VIII International Triennial of Textile Arts*, Cultural Foundation of the Textile Arts (HU)

2023 *Quo vadis? The 7th Riga International Textile and Fibre Art Triennial*, Latvian National Museum of Art (LT)

2023 *Vapaus – Pirkanmaa muotoilee VIII*, Modus ry (FI)

2020 *Pirkanmaalaista muotoilua ja taidekäsityötä & KAARI juhlanäyttely*, Modus ry (FI)

2019 *Wool Works 2019–2020* Modus ry (FI)

Selected teaching and lectures **2024** *Weaving in Secondary School Curricula*, University of Turku, Dept. of Teacher Education **2022** *Art & Well-being – Feel the weave*. Craft NI Gallery, Belfast and Georgian Gallery Newtownards Northern Ireland (UK), *Tekstiilitaiteilija Kirsti Rantasen teosten ilmaisuvoima* Finnish Craft Museum Jyväskylä **2021** *Teacher of weaving* Helsinki and Uusimaa Visually Impaired Association, *Design and making of online weaving courses* for LuovaKudonta™ **2018** *Art & Accessibility - How to reach out to special audiences and beyond galleries?* Makers Guild Wales Cardiff (UK) **2017–** Teacher of weaving Helsinki Adult Education Centre and Ahjola Tampere

Work experience / Community art projects **2018, 2020, 2023** *freelance textile designer and DIY instructions* for Taito Magazine **2021** *Community weaving workshop* for dementia patients Kontukoti, Tampere **2020** *Community Weave Project* Finlayson Area, Tampere (FI) **2019** *Mikä kauneus mikä vapaus*, Aines dance and music improvisation group Tampere Hall (FI) **2019** *Community engaged art project* Tampere YMCA (FI), *Feel the Weave* Community Weave Project Craft in the Bay Gallery, Cardiff, Wales (UK) **2018– 2020** *Wool Works exhibition coordinator* Pirkanmaa Design & Craft Association **2015–** Ashford Wheels and Looms official dealer