

HOSTLER BURROWS

HEINI RIITAHUHTA

b. 1975, Finland

Heini Riitahuhta is an artist and designer living and working in Helsinki, Finland. Taking inspiration from the natural world as well as from traditional Finnish folk crafts such as embroidery and cross-stitch, Riitahuhta makes detailed ceramic mosaic works. When examined individually, each of the hexagonal tiles in her works contains its own abstract cosmos, while from a distance, each plays a small role in the intricate overall composition, an expanding universe growing piece by piece. Her works are also a personal testament to childhood memories spent in her grandmother's garden surrounded by the scent of the earth and the perfume of flowers.

Riitahuhta studied at the ceramics and glass department of the University of Art and Design in Helsinki and Sint-Lucas Visual Art Institute in Ghent before earning her Master of Arts in 2002 in Taiki, Japan. During the same year, she received an honorable mention in Mino, Japan. Riitahuhta was a founding member of the Arabia Art Department Association and its first president. Riitahuhta's work has been exhibited widely internationally.

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EDUCATION

- 2002 MA, University of Arts and Design Helsinki, Department of Ceramics and Glass
- 1999 BA, Design/Ceramist Wetterhoff/Häme Polytechnical University
- 1997 Exchange at Swansea College of Arts, Wales, UK
- 1996 Exchange at Sint Lucas Visual Arts of Ghent, Belgium
- 1994 Matricular examination (yo) Tammerkosken Lukio
- 1990 Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School, Palo Alto, CA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Unelma*, Isetan Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan and touring exhibition in Japan produced by Case Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 *Spiral*, Wachoal Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 *Circus*, Isetan Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 B-Gallery, Beams, Tokyo, Japan
Case Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Toyama, Kakawa and Mie, Japan
- 2008 *SUSI*, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 2006 *SVFF*, Werkstattladen Gallery, Winterthur, Switzerland
- 2005 *Lava Artists from Finland and Denmark*, Kähler Ceramics, Næstved, Denmark
VERSOJA, Arabia Museum and Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Biennale Internationale Design, Saint-Etienne, France
- 2003 *Takana Final Work*, Litala Shop and Showroom, Esplanad, Helsinki, Finland
- 1999 *Pöydällä*, Galleria Ripustus, Hämeenlinna, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Design Miami/ Basel with Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
Ornamon Teosmyynti, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
Mix & Match, Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
Nordic Art Gallery, Antibes, France
- 2017 Design Miami/ with Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
Heini Riitahuhta x Kristiina Uusitalo, Nordic Art Gallery, Antibes, France

- New Ceramic Artists*, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Finnish Design, Traveling Exhibition at Fukuoka City Museum, Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Fukui City Museum, Fuchu Art Museum, and Miyagi Museum of Art, Japan
Signals, Habitare, Helsinki, Finland
Jasmin Anoschkin ja Heini Riitahuhta, Porignal Gallery, Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
Kisses and Popcorn, Littala & Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland
Kasuko No Mori No Titityy, Case Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2016 *Arabia Art Department Society*, Habitare Messukeskus, Helsinki, Finland
NID + Finnish Designers NOW!, Le Off @ Paris Design Week, Paris, France
Ligne du Temps, Gallerie Helenbeck, Nice, France
Nine Seasons, Embassy of Finland, Washington, DC
- 2014 *Lokal Sato at Konst & Form*, Gumbostrand Söderkulla and Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
Rajapinnat, Fiskars, Finland
Summer Love, Artek meets Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
- 2013–2014 *Arabia Art & Design*, Artium, Fukuoka, Japan produced by Curators Inc.
Nordic Passion, Seoul Museum of Art, South Korea
- 2013 *Arabia 140 & Arabia Art Department: 10 Years Collection*, Stockmann, Finland
Heini Riitahuhta & Yoko Namiki, Isetan, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012–2013 *The Essence of Finnish Design and Culture*, Produced by Curators Inc., Traveling Exhibition in Japan
- 2012 *Arabia Art Department: Ninth Floor*, Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Design Finland, Hangaram Design Museum, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011 *Arabia Art Department*, Art Fair Helsinki at Messukeskus, Finland
Love Communication, Isetan Shinjuku & Liitto, Case Gallery, Tokyo Design Tide, Japan
A-duuri, Gallery Angelo Pori, Pori Jazz Festival, Pori, Finland
- 2010 *Design Work Sama*, Finland Expo, Shanghai, China
- 2009 *Arabia Art Department Art & Design*, Danmarks Keramikmuseum Grimmerhus, Middelfart, Denmark
Arabia: 135 years, Designmuseum Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
Tammerkoski 100 years: Graduates from the School, Tampere, Finland
- 2008 *Fennofolk*, Designmuseum Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
Arabia Art Department Society and Pro Puu Society, Pro Puu Gallery, Lahti, Finland
- 2007 *Salaisuus as part of 5KULMAA*, 5 Corners, Helsinki, Finland
Nordic Exhibition Series, Röstrands Museum, Lidköping, Sweden
- 2006 *Kauneusvirhe*, Arabia Art Department Society, Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
European Ceramics Context, Young Artist Series, Representative of Finland, Bornholm, Denmark
- 2005 *The Stylish Scandinavian Design*, Shigaraki Ceramics Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan
- 2004 *Finnish Design*, University of Arts, Beijing, China
Masters of Arts, Designmuseum Helsinki, Finland

- Dream Team*, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Taru, Hehku Art Fair, Kankaanpää, Finland
 2003 *Suomen Keramiikan Vuosisata*, Designmuseum Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
 2002 The Sixth International Ceramics Fair, Mino, Japan
k'2000, Lappeenranta, Finland
 2000 *Uusia Jälkiä: Juried Exhibition*, Juried by 5 regional art committees of Finland, Pirkanpohja, Ähtäri, Finland
 1997 Kutani International Ceramics Fair, Kutani, Japan
 1996 *Witte Saal*, Sint Lucas Gent, Ghent, Belgium
 1990 Art at J.L.S., Palo Alto, CA

COMPETITIONS

- 2010 1st Prize, Finland's Mint Gala Competition, Coin Design: The Series of Peace (with M. Järvenpää)
 2008 3rd Prize, Vuores Sound Barrier Competition (with M. Järvenpää)
 2002 Honorable Mention, The Sixth International Ceramics Fair, Mino, Japan

GRANTS

- 2017 Alfred Kordelin Foundation, working grant
 2015 SKR Satakunta, working grant Taike, Travel Grant to Japan
 2012 National Design Board, Exhibition Grant
 2011 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Main, Exhibition Grant
 2010 National Design Board, Exhibition Grant
 2009 The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Main, One year working Grant
 2007 Art Council of Finland, A pilot project with ceramics

AFFILIATIONS

Arabia
 Arabia Art Department Society (Founding Member, Inaugural President)
 Lapuan Kankurit
 Scope Japan
 Kotonowa Maruwa Inc.
 Korujamatka
 Helena Orava Designprojects
 Case Inc
 Kotona design
 Kankaanpään Kaupunki
 Actus Japan
 Tampereen teknillinen yliopisto

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB), Helsinki, Finland

Housing area of Art & Design, City of Helsinki

Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park

Nagoya Children's Clinic, Japan

Collection of Curators Inc., Japan

City of Kankaanpää