

HOSTLER BURROWS

KIRSI KIVIVIRTA

b. 1959, Finland

Kirsi Kivivirta constructs minimalist wall mosaics from porcelain and stoneware tiles arranged in subtle, gridded compositions. The simplicity of her forms defines each overall configuration, which offers the viewer a sense of pensive, introspective stability. At the same time, Kivivirta's work contains the rhythmic, shifting quality of life in motion: light and shadows passing across a geometric forms, water flowing along river stones or dripping in rivulets, and the natural cracks which develop on the surface of rocky mineral deposits are referenced in her work. Every tile is individually sized and glazed in shades of white, off-whites, and metallic oxides. This allows minute adjustments to each element to create visual deviations in the overall design. Kivivirta is fascinated by precision and variety. Her subjects include everyday spaces, human tools, and natural landscapes. These fundamental forms reference utilitarian objects like bowls and ceramic vessels as well as architectural and human-made structures. Her patterns often mirror the intricate crisscross of textile bonds found in weaves, knits, knots, and loops.

Kivivirta graduated from the University of Art and Design in Helsinki, Finland in 1985 after receiving her training in ceramic production at the Arabia Ceramic Factory. Her work has been exhibited internationally, including in solo exhibitions at the Mark Rothko Art Center in Daugavpils, Latvia, the Kunsthalle Helsinki, and the Adamson-Ericu Museum in Tallinn. In addition, her work has been included in exhibitions at the Kunsthall Grenland, the Gustavsberg Porcelain Museum, the CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art Denmark, and the Yingge Ceramics Museum. She has completed site-specific installations at the Annantalo Arts Centre and numerous schools, and has been recognized with grants and scholarships from the Finnish Cultural Foundation, the Greta and William Lehtinen Fund, the Swedish Culture Fund, and a Cross of Merit from the Order of the Lion of Finland.

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EDUCATION

1985 Master of Arts, University of Art and Design Helsinki, UIAH

1983 Practical training, Arabia Factory

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *White Light*, Täky Galleria, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2022 *Crypt*, Helsinki Cathedral, Helsinki, Finland
- 2019 Mark Rothko Art Center, Daugavpils, Latvia
- 2017 Vellikello Art Gallery, Järvenpää, Finland
- 2015 Galleria Nuovo, Lahti, Finland
- 2014 Galleria Pictor, Vihti, Finland
- 2012 Solveig Lindqvist Projects, Helsinki, Finland
- 2011 Galleria Nuovo, Lahti, Finland
St. Henry's Ecumenical Art Chapel, Turku, Finland
- 2009 *Artist of the Month*, Artists O, Designmuseum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 Galleria 5, Oulu, Finland
Hyllygalleria, Rikhardinkatu Library, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004 Aralis Library, Helsinki, Finland
- 2000 *Time Present*, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
- 1989 Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 1994 Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1989 Adamson-Ericu Museum, Tallinn, Estonia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *A Little Fun at My Work: Women in Design and Craft*, Wells Fargo Center, Minneapolis, MN
Kirsi Kivivirta & Bente Skjøttgaard, HB381, New York, NY
- 2023 *AfterGlow Remix*, Køppe Contemporary Objects, Rønne, Denmark
Landscapes on Clay, Galleria A2, Helsinki, Finland
Pause, Lokal Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

- Under the Surface*, HAA Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2022 *AfterGlow: New Nordic Porcelain*, Kunsthall Grenland, Porsgrunn, Norway; Gustavsberg Porcelain Museum, Gustavsberg, Sweden; CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art Denmark, Middelfart, Denmark
- Ahokainen – Blåfield – Kivivirta – Rytökölä*, Imatra Art Museum, Imatra, Finland
- 2021 *Northern Lights*, Villa Streccius, Landau, Germany
- On the Edge*, Korundi, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Rovaniemi, Finland
- 2020 *Dialogi (Dialogue)*, Galleria G12, Helsinki, Finland
- From Form to Surface*, Vantaa Art Museum Artsi, Vantaa, Finland
- 2019 *Blås & Knåda*, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2018 *About Clay*, Fiskars, Finland
- Contemporary Touch*, IAC Finnish Members, Taiwan
- IAC Members Exhibition*, Yingge Ceramics Museum, New Taipei City, Taiwan
- Black Wall Gallery, Vaasa, Finland
- 2017 *Avata*, Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
- Ceramic Art*, Institute V-ogljje, Voglje, Slovenia
- Cheongju International Craft Biennale*, Cheongju, South Korea
- Memory Box*, Mark Rothko Art Centre, Daugavpils, Latvia
- Public Art Now*, Dipoli, Espoo, Finland
- White Noise*, Riga Porcelain Museum, Riga, Latvia
- Stroganov State Academy of Design and Applied Arts, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 *IAC Members Exhibition*, Museu del Disseny de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- Finnish Institute, Paris, France
- Galleria Katariina, Helsinki, Finland
- Gölcük Seramik, Kocaeli, Turkey
- 2015 *Anu Pentik Gallery*, Posio, Finland
- 2014 *Ceramics and Space*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- White*, Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
- Concours International Limoges, Ville de Limoges, Limoges, France
- Galleria Arabia, Helsinki, Finland
- Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
- IAC Members Exhibition*, Dublin, Ireland
- Schloss Ludwigsburg, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2013 *Cheongju International Craft Biennale*, South Korea
- Pyhäniemi Art Exhibition*, Hollola, Finland
- Toinen Kattaus (Second Ceiling)*, Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 *Ceramega*, Voipaala Art Center, Sääksmäki, Finland
- IAC Members Exhibition*, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM
- Kotona 7*, Fiskars, Finland
- Metamorfoosi (Metamorphosis)*, Lahti City Museum, Lahti, Finland

- Makuja ja Muotoja (Flavors and Shapes)*, Makasiini, Fiskars, Finland
 Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
 The International Museum of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
- 2011 *Cheongju International Craft Biennale*, Cheongju, South Korea
 LB Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 *European Ceramic Context*, Bornholm, Denmark
Feuer und Eis (Fire and Ice), Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany
Five Year Anniversary Exhibition, Galleria Norsu, Helsinki, Finland
Muotoilijat (Designers), Finnish Designer Awards, Design Forum, Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Muotoilijat (Designers), The Finnish-Norwegian Institute, Oslo, Norway
The Masters Exhibition, Cudgegong Gallery, Gulgong, Australia
 Gallerie Oljemark, Helsinki, Finland
 Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
- 2009 *Ceramics from Finland*, Galleria Besson, London, UK
Journey, Galleria Norsu, Helsinki, Finland
Otto, Artists O, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain
Seven Views, Koskisto Art Center, Ruotsinkylä, Finland
 Iparművészeti Múzeum, Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest, Hungary
- 2008 *Eighth International Ceramics Exhibition*, Mino, Japan
Otto, Artists O, Vantaa Art Museum, Finland
Signs of the Times, Helsinki Artists' Association, Helsinki, Finland
 FuLe International Ceramic Art Museums, Fuping, China
 Gallerie Oljemark, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 *Open*, Annantalo Arts Centre, Helsinki, Finland
- 2006 *Reinterpreting Nature*, Design Forum Finland
- 2005 *54° Concorso Internazionale della Ceramica d'Arte*, Faenza, Italy
- 2004 *Ceramega*, Voipaala Art Center, Valkeakoski, Finland
Syvällä Savessa (Deep in the Clay), The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä, Finland
- 2003 *Ilhmeiden Puutarha (Garden of Miracles)*, South Carelian Art Museum, Lappeenranta, Finland
The Successors of Alfred William Finch: A Century of Finnish Ceramics, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2002 *Findesignnow*, Design Forum, Helsinki, Finland
Hot Line, Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Hot Line, Kajaani Art Museum, Kajaani, Finland
Hot Line, Salo Art Museum Veturitalli, Salo, Finland
- 2001 *Hot Line*, Kouvola Art Museum, Kouvola, Finland
Neighbors II, Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland
 Céramique Contemporaine de Châteauroux, Châteauroux, France
- 2000 *Hot Line*, Savonlinna Art Museum, Savonlinna, Finland
Neighbors, Mukhina Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia

- 1999 *Hot Line*, Lönnström Art Museum, Rauma, Finland
Hagelstam Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1998 *Hot Line*, Keuruu Art Museum, Keuruu, Finland
Taiko, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 1996 *Ceramega*, Voipaala, Sääksmäki, Finland
Ceramic Route 96, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki, Finland
Ceramics and Glass Faculty Profiles, Into Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1995 *Junge Kunstszene Finnland*, Hetjens-Museum, Dusseldorf; Karlsruhe, Germany
Pro Natura, Ltd Martela, Helsinki, Finland
- 1994 Arioso Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1993 *Helmenkalastajat (Pearl Divers)*, Otso Gallery, Espoo, Finland
Materia (Matter), Helsinki Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland
- 1992 *Lasia Keramiikkaa (Glass Ceramics)*, Bellarte, Turku, Finland
North, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Pro Patria, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Rajoilla Regional Exhibition, Kaapelitehdas, Helsinki, Finland
- 1991 *Summer Exhibition*, Alajärvi, Finland
Ixia Gallery, Tampere, Finland
Opri Gallery, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 1990 *Decade*, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki, Finland
East Meets North, Posio and Helsinki, Finland
Finnische Keramik (Finnish Ceramics), Gallery Uta Goppelsröder, Bretten, Germany
- 1989 *Forty Years Jubilee Exhibition of Interior Designers*, Helsinki, Finland
Inside-Outside, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki and Alajärvi, Finland
L'Europe des Ceramistes (The Europe of the Ceramicists), Auxerre, France
Figo Gallery, Joensuu, Finland
- 1988 *Coincidence*, Kluuvi Gallery, Helsinki and Vaasa, Finland
- 1987 *Finnish Form*, traveling exhibition, Finland
Metaxis, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki, Finland
- 1986 *Outlines of Thought*, Arabia Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1985 *De Nieuwe Generatie (The New Generation)*, Inart Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Final Examination, Museum of Applied Arts, Helsinki, Finland
- 1983 *Pieces*, Gallery Vanha, Helsinki, Finland

SITE-SPECIFIC PROJECTS

- 2017 Annantalo Arts Centre Courtyard (Team: Kirsi Kivivirta, Erja Mehto, Heli Niska, Harri Piispanen)
- 2012 Wäinö Aaltonen Primary School, Turku
- 2010 Kontula Primary School (In collaboration with Saana Murtti)
Soininen Primary School (In collaboration with Saana Murtti)

- 2009 Annantalo Arts Centre, Restroom Wall Tiles (In collaboration with Kirsi-Marja Siren)
2000 Brick Art, Somero Library Courtyard

RESIDENCIES & SYMPOSIUMS

- 2021 Norsk Teknisk Porcelen, Fredrikstad, Norway (New Nordic Porcelain Forum)
2019 Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center, Skælskør, Denmark (New Nordic Porcelain Forum)
2017 Twelfth International Colony of Art, Institute V-ogljje, Vogljje, Slovenia
2016 Sixth Gölcük Ceramic Symposium, Kocaeli Üniversitesi, İzmit, Turkey
2015 Arctic Ceramic Center, Posio, Finland
2008 Fuping, China
2000 Kultela Brick Factory, Somero, Finland

MEMBERSHIPS

Artists O
Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Arts
Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo
Helsinki Artists' Association
IAC, International Academy of Ceramics
Kuvasto
Ornamo Fund
The Art Division of Ornamo (Chairman)
Vice Chairman of Designer-Makers TAIKO

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Aalto University School of Business, Espoo, Finland
Arabianranta Residential Area
Arctic Ceramic Centre Collection
Daycare Soittaja, Helsinki, Finland
Design Museum Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
Embassy of Finland in Paris, France; Tallinn, Estonia; and Warsaw, Poland
Espoo Hospital, Espoo, Finland
Finnish Ministry of Education
Finnish Defense Forces
Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
FLICAM - FuLe International Ceramic Art Museums, Fuping, China
Fondazione Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy
Helsinki Music Centre, Helsinki, Finland
International Golcuk Ceramic Symposium Collection, Golcuk, Kocaeli, Turkey

Kocaeli University, İzmit, Turkey
Riga Porcelain Museum, Riga, Latvia
Mark Rothko Art Center, Daugavpils, Latvia
Mizunami City Library, Mizunami, Japan
Museu del Càntir d' Argentona, Argentona, Spain
OP Financial Group
Tapiola Group, Finland
The Finnish State Art Collection
The National Police School of Finland
San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
State Art Collections Ireland
Yingge Ceramic Museum / IAC Collection, New Taipei, Taiwan

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Taike, Arts Promotion Centre Finland (group)
2022–26 Artist Professor
2021 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
Taike (group)
2020 Artist Grant
The Cross of the Merit of Finnish Lion
2018 The Finnish Cultural Foundation (group)
2013–17 State Grant for Artists
2017 Frame
Greta and Alfred Runebergs Foundation
Memory Box Competition, Solo Exhibition Award at Mark Rothko Art Centre,
Daugavpils, Latvia
Ornamo, Gold Medal
Taike, Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Grant for Mobility
2014 Concours International de Création en Porcelaine, Finalist
Frame
Greta and Alfred Runebergs Foundation
Travel Grant
2012 Arts Council of Finland
Frame
Greta and William Lehtinen Fund
Svenska Kulturfonden
The Finnish Cultural Foundation
2011 Grant for Children's Culture
2010 Arts Council of Finland
Ceramic Artist of the Year, Ornamo

- National Council for Design
- The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- Travel Grant
- 2009 Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
- Travel Grant
- 2008 Art Council of Uusimaa
- Arts Council of Finland
- Eighth International Ceramics Exhibition, Mino, Japan, Two Honorable Mentions (Knot Tiles and White Mosaic wall piece)
- Ornamo Fund
- Travel Grant
- 2007 Journalists' Dozen, Habitare Fair (Cubitum stool)
- 2006–08 State Grant for Artists, National Council for Design
- 2004 National Council for Design
- 2002 National Council for Design
- Findesignnow, Honorable Mention (Vine tiles)
- Public Display Grant to Visual Artists
- 2001 Art Council of Uusimaa
- Arts Council of Finland
- 2000 Arts Council of Finland
- Greta and William Lehtinen Fund
- 1999 Ornamo Fund
- The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1998 Arts Council of Finland
- Ornamo Fund
- 1997 Art Council of Uusimaa
- 1995 Art Council of Uusimaa
- 1993 Art Council of Uusimaa
- 1992 Arts Council of Finland
- 1990 Arts Council of Finland
- 1989 Arts Council of Finland
- Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1988 Arts Council of Finland
- The Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1983 The Award of the Arts Council of Uusimaa