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Membership:

NBK - Association of Norwegian Visual Artists, NTK - Norwegian Textile Artists and NK- Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts

Education

1981 – 85 National College of Art and Design, Oslo, Norway
Institute for textile, Diploma
1981 Apprenticeship with visual- and textile artist Grete Balle, Denmark
1980 Holbaek Art-school, Denmark

Solo Exhibition

2002 Gallery 9, Regional Art Center, Kristiansand/Agder, (NO)
2002 Sandnes Art Association, Sandnes, (NO)
1999 RAM gallery, Oslo, (NO)
1995 Regional Art Center, Bergen/ Hordaland, (NO)
1996 Regional Art Center, Svolvær/ Northern Norway, (NO)
1995 Hå Gamle Prestegard, Rogaland, (NO)

Selected group exhibitions

2024 FLACH, 23th Internationale Mini Textile Exhibition, Bratislava/Slovakia
2023-24 Scholarship Exhibition/Regional Art Center, Skien
2022-23 12th Baltic Mini Textile in Gdynia (PL)
«Zeitgenössische Textilkunst», LOFT – Raum für Kunst & Gegenwart (D)
2021 NKs Temautstilling 2021 SKOG at Regional Art Center Telemark/Spriten Art Gallery, Skien
Greenlightdistrict 2021
2019 11th Baltic Mini Textile in Gdynia (PL)
2019 FRISK PUST, Agder Art Center
2018-22 Scholarship Exhibition, Regional Art Center Telemark, Skien
2018 Christmas Exhibition, Vestfold Art Center
2017 «Det store mjuke øyeblikk på Finnskogen», Røgden Bruk, (NO)
2017 Nearby – Faraway, 19th International Minitextile Exhibition in Bratislava, Slovakia
2017 Bispegårdsgruppen, Kalundborg Art Association, (DK)
2016 Scholarship Exhibition/Regional Art Center, Skien
2016 Face to Face, 18th Internasjonale Minitextile Exhibition in Bratislava, Slovakia
2016 10th Baltic Mini Textile in Gdynia, (PL), Lodz (PL) and Nurnberg (D)
2015-14-13-12-11 Scholarship Exhibition, Regional Art Center, Skien (NO)
2014 Telemarkutstillinga, touring exhibition, Skien Art Association (NO)
2013-11-09-08 Group Arr. NK- Sør, Telemark Art Center, Agder Art Center, Næs Iron Works Museum (NO)
2012 Sommerutstilling, Gallery Fasteraune, Nissedal (NO)
2005 – 06 «En rose er en rose er en...», Gallery FOLD, (NO)
2003 Tekst, Tekstur, Tekstil, Risør Art Association/ Flekkefjord Museum, (NO)
2002 Nye verk, The Art Museum of Sørlandet, (NO)
2000 NY ARENA, The Art Museum of Sørlandet, (NO)
2000 TEXTILE, Huset i Asnæs, (D). Søgne Gamle Prestegård, (NO)
1999 GARDIN, RAM gallery, Oslo, (NO)
1997 ANNO, contemporary textile art, Bomuldsfabrikken Kunsthall, Arendal, (NO)

1998	ANNO, Södermanlands Museum, Nyköping, (SE)
1997	SE og RØR, Travel Exhibition, arr. Regional Art Center, Porsgrunn/Telemark, (NO)
1997	Med himmelen som tak og andre hjerter, Regional Art Center, Buskerud, (NO)
1994	Fysstepremi, Skien Art Association, Skien, (NO)
1993	Telemarksårer, Skien Art Association, Skien, (NO)
1992	RAM gallery, Oslo, (NO)
1991-98-00	POTPURRI, Regional Art Center, Porsgrunn/Telemark, (NO)
1990	12 from Telemark, Slot Zeist, (NL)
1989	Tekstil, Gallery NK, Regional Art Center, Stavanger/Rogaland, (NO)
1988	Tekstil og Tegning, touring exhibition, Regional Art Center, Porsgrunn/Telemark, (NO)
1988	Tre tanter med følge, The Oslo Museum of Applied Art, (NO)

Selected Annual and National Exhibition

2010	Annual Exhibition of Art Crafts, National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design, Oslo, (NO)
2006	TRIENNALE 06, textile-fibre-leather, Oslo Art Association, (NO)
2007	TRIENNALE 06, Røhsska Museum of Fashion, Design and Decorative Arts, Göteborg, (SE)
1999	SVINGNINGER, Telemark Art Gallery, Drammen Museum, The Art Museum of Vestfold, (NO)
1990	I en by, I en hage, I et hus, I et rom, Tromsø, (NO)
1989	Annual Exhibition of Art Crafts, The Oslo Museum of Applied Art, (NO)
1989	AGDER / TELEMARK, Travel exhibition, Skien- and Kristiansand Art Association, (NO)
1989	Tingenes tilstand, Gallery M/Åsgårdstrand, Regional Art Center, Vestfold, (NO)

Official Commissions

2012	Gimle Primary School, Fyresdal, (NO)
2008	Feiselveien low-threshold housing, Porsgrunn, (NO)
2006	Veslefrikk kindergarten, Kristiansand, (NO)
2005	Haugsåsen Residential care home, Skien, (NO)
2002	Sørlandet Hospital, Arendal, (NO)
2001	Iglemyr Primary School, Sandnes, (NO)
2000	Hellemyr Primary School, Kristiansand, (NO)
1997	Østfold Hospital, Sarpsborg, (NO)
1996	Telemark University College, Health and Social Studies, Porsgrunn, (NO)
1991	Kragerø Upper Secondary School, (NO)

Collected by

2002	The Art Museum of Sørlandet, (NO)
2000-1995-92	The County of Vest-Agder, Hå municipality, Skien Billedgalleri, (NO)
1999-95-94	Norwegian Council of Culture
1988	The County of Telemark, (NO)
1987	The Oslo Museum of Applied Art, (NO)

Scholarships

2024	The Telemark scholarship, Scholarship Exhibition 2024/Telemark Art Association
2018	Scholarship from the Relief Fund for Visual Artist
2016	Main Scholarship from the Relief Fund for Visual Artist
2011	Travel Grant from the Relief Fund for Visual Artists
2008	The National Guaranteed Minimum Income for Artists
2007-01-1990	The National Scholarship for Artists, materials
2000-1998	Norwegian Council of Culture, Exhibition support
1996 – 98	The National 3 Year Scholarship for Artists
1995	Norwegian Council of Culture, debut support
1990	National Scholarship for Artists, materials

1987 The National Scholarship for Young Artists
1985 Strays Legacy

Prices

2022 12th Baltic Mini Textile in Gdynia. The jury's award for the work «Brunt, litt blått, kommende grønt»
2016 From Marshall of the Pomeranian Voivoship (PL) for the work «Soft»

Related experiences and activities

1989 – 90 Chairman, Regional Office, Telemark, NK-Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts
1991 – 96 Board-member, NK-Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts
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1992 – 95 Board-member, Gallery FORMAT
1994 – 96 NKKK, the Nordic Committee for Art and Applied Art
1994 Member of Ministry of Cultural Affairs committee for establishing of National Touring Exhibitions
1994 – 97 «The Thinking Eye», is a national research and educational project regarding the essence of a work of art
2000 – 06 Board-member, National Touring Exhibitions,(NO)
2018 – 20 Telemark Art Center, board, deputy chairman