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HEINI RIITAHUHTA (Finnish, b.1975)

Passion Flora, 2017

ceramic

45.75" diameter, 41" H

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Heini Riitahuhta is a Finnish designer working at the Arabia Art Department. Expressing her artistry with decorative unique works, Riitahuhta is inspired by traditional Finnish embroidery and cross-stitch work; she is also influenced by nature in her practice, particularly her childhood memories of her grandmother in her garden, surrounded by the smells of the earth and the perfume of the flowers. As a result, her works blend Finnish flora with creations from her imagination. Ceramic hexagons create a fascinating composition that grows piece by piece, containing a tiny cosmos in each of numberless fragments which, when taken together, form an expanding universe.

Riitahuhta studied at the ceramics and glass department of the University of Art and Design Helsinki and Sint-Lucas Visual Art Institute in Ghent before earning her Master of Arts in 2002 at Taiki in Japan. During the same year she received the Honorable mention in Mino, Japan. She was a founding member of the Arabia Art Department Association and its first president. She has participated in exhibitions in Finland, Japan, China, Switzerland, France, and the Nordic countries. This year, her work will be featured in the Finnish Design Exhibition, which will later circulate to five major Japanese museums.

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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
- 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
- 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 with Mikko Järvenpää, 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, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland (forthcoming)
Ornamon Teosmyynti 2018, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland
Mix & Match, Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
Nordic Art Gallery, Antibes, France
- 2017 Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
Heini Riitahuhta x Kristiina Uusitalo, Nordic Art Gallery, Antibes, France
New Ceramic Artists, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Finnish Design 2017, Traveling Exhibition in Japan: Fukuoka City Museum, Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Fukui City Museum, Fuchu Art Museum, Miyagi Museum of Art
Signals, Habitare, Helsinki, Finland
Jasmin Anoschkin ja Heini Riitahuhta, Porignal Gallery, Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
Kisses and Popcorn, Litala & Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland
Kasuko No Mori No Titityy, Case Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

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- 2016 Arabia Art Department Society, Habitaré Messukeskus, Helsinki, Finland
NID + Finnish Designers NOW!, Le Off @ Paris Design Week, Paris, France
Ligne du Temps, Gallerie Helenbeck, Nice, France
9 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
- 2013-14 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
- 2012-13 The Essence of Finnish Design and Culture, Produced by Curators Inc., Traveling
Exhibition in Japan
- 2012 Arabia Art Department 9th 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 at Finland, Expo 2010 Shanghai, China
- 2009 Arabia Art Department Art & Design, Danmarks Keramikmuseum Grimmerhus
Middelfart, Denmark
Arabia: 135 years, Designmuseum Helsinki, Finland
Tammerkoski 100 years - Graduates from the School, Tampere, Finland
- 2008 Fennofolk, Designmuseum 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, 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, Finland
- 2002 The Sixth International Ceramics Fair, Mino, Japan
k'2000, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 2000 Uusia Jälkiä: Juried Exhibition by 5 regional art committees of Finland, Pirkanpohja,
Ähtäri
- 1997 Kutani International Ceramics Fair, Japan
- 1996 Witte Saal, Sint Lucas Gent, Belgium
- 1990 Art at J.L.S., Palo Alto, CA

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COMPETITIONS

- 2010 1st Prize: Finland's Mint Gala: Competition, Design of coins, The Series of Peace,
With M. Järvenpää
2008 3rd Prize: Vuores Sound Barrier Competition, With M. Järvenpää
2002 Honorable Mention: the 6th 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
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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