

**IT IS BEAUTIFUL HERE, textile exhibition 2009**

**10.5.–27.9.2009**

The Granary, Fiskars, Finland

Daily from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

*It is Beautiful Here* -textile exhibition, the summer exhibition of 2009 of the Cooperative of Artisans, Designers and Artists in Fiskars, will continue the tradition of the material inspired exhibitions by presenting one material in all its variety. The exhibition concentrates on presenting the tradition and connotations associated with textiles and textile techniques, how and why artists and artisans of different genres use this material.

The relationship of the material with the makers and its environment, tradition and the present are presented with reference to textile art and crafts as well as visual art, media art and design. The exhibition seeks to create a dialogue between works focusing on the material in relation to man and time. The exhibition also aims at testing the boundaries of textiles as material. New interpretations, statements and experiences have been achieved by applying detailed or traditional techniques to new materials or in new scale. *It is Beautiful Here* is an international exhibition with invited participants. The invited artists, designers and artists have been chosen as representatives of different forms of textiles and conceptions and approaches on a broad basis, while also addressing the theme in a culturally bound manner.

The exhibition introduces 43 artists from more than 10 countries:

Soili Arha, Textile Artist, Finland  
Niran Baibulat, Artist, Finland  
Isabel Berglund, Artist, Denmark  
Frida Berntsson, Artist, Sweden  
Dave Cole, Artist, USA  
Helen Dahlman, Artist, Sweden  
Guillaume Delvigne, Designer &  
Ionna Vautrin, Designer, France  
Abigail Doan, Artist, USA  
Linda Hutchins, Artist, USA  
Severija Incirauskaite-Kriauneviciene, Artist,  
Lithuania  
Erkki Kannosto, Sculptor, Finland  
Erika Kelter, Artist/Designer, Finland  
Inka Kivalo, Textile Artist, Finland  
Irma Kukkasjärvi, Textile Artist, Finland  
Maija Lavonen, Textile Artist, Finland  
Beili Liu, Artist, China/USA  
Elina Makkonen, Jewellery Artist, Designer, Finland  
Outi Martikainen, Textile Artist, Finland  
Kirsi Mikkonen, Artist, Finland

Mums:  
Heath Nash, Adri Schütz, Outi Puro, South-Africa/Finland  
Timo Mustajärvi, Goldsmith/Designer, Finland  
Pia Nieminen, Textile Artist & Helena Kallio, Writer,  
Finland  
Kazuyo Nomura, Textile Artist/Designer, Sweden/Japan  
Ron Nordström, Artist, Finland  
Vík Þrjónsdóttir, artist group, Iceland  
Silja Puranen, Visual and Textile Artist, Finland  
Anu Raud, Textile Artist, Estonia  
Piia Rinne, Textile Artist & Miia Rinne, Artist, Finland  
Tiina Ripatti, Textile Artist/Graphic Designer, Finland  
Anneli Sainio, Ceramic Artist, Finland  
Rutsuko Sakata, Textile Artist, Finland/Japan  
Peteris Sidars, Artist, Latvia  
Howard Smith, Artist, Finland  
Fleur Swildens, Designer, Belgium  
Yukiko Terada, Artist, Japan/Germany  
Oona Tikkaola, Artist, Finland  
Helena Vaari, Textile Artist, Finland  
Tellervo Viitaniemi, Artist, Finland

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**Members of the exhibition working group:**

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