

**Kari Dyrdal** Norway b. 1952

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'All my works place themselves between representation and abstraction, reality and illusion.'



*Lingo*, 2010, Mixed Fibre Materials, 160H x 230W cm

## Kari Dyrdal Biography

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As a little girl, Kari Dyrdal learned embroidery from her grandmother and so began a lifelong interest in textiles. As an adult, she studied textile design at both Bergen Kunsthåndverkskole and at Croydon College of Art and Technology, London. Creating large-scale woven pieces, Dyrdal exposes the traditional methods and techniques of weaving while at the same time using new digital tools both in the research and production of her work. For this artist, theme and concept are researched through construction, both visually and materially in the loom with her starting point being her photographs, which are transformed to woven surfaces. The challenge is to give content to the technique and textural quality to the surface, to create work with a strong tactile presence that also has an intellectual dimension.

Kari Dyrdal's work is included in a number of public collections including the National Museum, Oslo; the Museum of Fine Arts Boston and the KODE/Vestlandske Kunstindustrimuseum, Bergen. She lives and works in Norway where she is also professor in the Faculty of Art, Music and Design at the University of Bergen.

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### Education

- 1978            Post Grad Textile Design, Croydon College of Art and Technology, London, UK
- 1974 - 77     Tekstil, Bergens Kunsthåndverksskole, Bergen, Norway

### Selected Collections

- 2022            The National Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Trondheim, Norway
- 2020 & 2012   The National Museum Oslo, Norway
- 2015 & 2007   KODE/Vestlandske Kunstindustrimuseum, Bergen, Norway
- 2023 & 2020   Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, Kristiansand
- 2011            Museum of Fine Art Boston MA, USA
- 2010            Museum of Art, Riga, Latvia
- 2000            Telenor Art Collection
- 2009 & 2000   The National Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Trondheim, Norway
- 1992/90/1987 KODE/Vestlandske Kunstindustrimuseum, Bergen, Norway
- 1987            The National Museum Oslo, Norway
- 1990 & 1983   Art Council Norway

### Selected Exhibitions | Solo

- 2024            Format Oslo
- 2019            KRAFT Gallery Bergen
- 2016            Oseana Art & Culture Center, Os, Norway

2015	Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall, Arendal, Norway
2013	Bømlo Kunstlag, Bømlo, Norway
2012	Format Oslo, Norway
2012	Kunstnerforbundet Oslo, Norway
2012	Salhus Tricotagefabrik, Bergen, Norway
2011	Ørsta Kunstlag
2010	Hå Gamle Prestegaard, Stavanger
2010	Osterøy Museum
2007	Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway
2000	Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway
1996	FORMAT, Oslo, Norway
1991	Trøndelag Kunstnersenter, Trondheim, Norway
1990	Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway
1983	Vestlandske Kunstindustrimuseum, Bergen, Norway

### Selected Exhibitions | Group

2023	<b>artgenève [presented by Taste Contemporary], Geneva, Switzerland</b>
2021	<b><i>Odd and Even – A Collection, Maison Louise Carré, Paris, France [presented by Taste Contemporary]</i></b>
2021	Annual Fall Exhibition Oslo
2020	Jubilee Bomuldsfabrikken <i>26 artists - 26 years, Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall, Arendal, Norway</i>
2019 – 2020	<i>Forces, Sørlandets Kunstmuseum Norway</i>
<b>2019</b>	<b><i>Five Cubed, [presented by Taste Contemporary] Fonderie Kugler, Geneva, Switzerland</i></b> <b><i>artgenève, [represented by Taste Contemporary] Geneva, Switzerland</i></b> <i>Det lyser i Vann Trondhjems Kunstforening, Norway</i> <i>Forces, KODE Bergen, Norway</i> <i>NOMAD, St. Moritz, Format Oslo, Norway</i>
2018 - 2019	<i>Forces of Nature, Sèvres, Cité de la Ceramique, Paris, France and KODE, Bergen, Norway</i>
<b>2018</b>	<b><i>artgenève, [represented by Taste Contemporary] Geneva, Switzerland</i></b> <i>125 gjenstander, valgt, fortellinger, Nordenfjeldske Kunstindustrimuseum</i> <i>Ode til en vaskeklut Hymne til en tiger, Kunsthall Stavanger, Norway</i>
2017	<i>Multiply, Gallery Haa Gamle Prestegaard / Gallery Kraft Bergen, Norway</i> Norwegian Textile Artists: 40 years Jubilee Exhibition
2016	Annual Fall Exhibition Fine Art Oslo, Norway <i>Binary Codes Almgräns Sidenveveri, Stockholm</i>
2015	<i>Soft Monuments, KODE Bergen, Norway</i> <i>100% Jacquard, Vilnius, Lithuania</i>
2014	SOFA, Chicago, USA SABOTasje, Innvik, Norway
2013 - 2014	<i>Tusen Tråder, Lillehammer Art Museum</i>

2012	Vevring
2011	<i>Shot Through</i> , Hordaland ArtCenter Bergen, Norway [curated Glen Adamson V&A] <i>GRAFT</i> , Galleri Format Oslo, Norway Norwegian Craft 2011, Nasjonalmuseet Oslo, Norway <i>New Works</i> – Visningsrommet USF Bergen, Norway Collect, Saatchi London
2010	4th Riga International Textile and Fiber Art Triennale Lodz Polen - International Textiltriennale Norwegian Craft National Museum Oslo +, Norway <i>ESSENS</i> Kunstbanken Hamar, KUBE Ålesund
2009	Fall Exhibition / Høstutstillingen, Oslo, Norway <i>UTSTILLING09</i> , NationalMuseum Oslo, Norway International Textile Symposium, Graz, Austria
2008 - 2009	<i>SKILL</i> – ThinkTank, Tyskland, England and Finland
2008	<i>Treasures of Digital Form</i> , Handwerkskammer München Radøy Artcenter, Germany
2007	Daegu Textile Art Documenta 2007, Korea
2005	International Textile Symposium, Graz, Østerrike Norwegian Craft, Galleri Flow, travelling exhibition, UK
2003	Annual Fall exhibition/ Høstutstillingen, Oslo, Norway
2002	Fiber - Nordenfjeldske Kunstindustrimuseum, Trondheim, Norway

### **Selected Public Commissions**

2023	Sædalen New Church, Bergen
2022	The Rosenkrantz Tower, Bergen City museum
2021	Verdal Bo-og Behandlingscenter
2020	Politiets Nasjonale Beredskapssenter, Taraldrud Ski (competition) Bømlo Town Hall, Bremnes
2019	Øygarden Local Medical Centre, Straume
2018	University of Bergen
2017	Gjerdrum Nursing Home Gjerdrum Norwegian Foreign Ministries Oslo, Norway
2016	Gard, Insurance Arendal, Norway Norwegian Embassy New Dehli India Gartnermarka Nursing Home Bergen, Norway
2015	Bergen University, Norway [competition] New Bjønnes Nursing Home, Nøtterøy, Norway
2014	HiB, University College Bergen, Norway TUI, Mein Schiff 3, International Corporate Art Kulturfabrikken Sortland
2009	Norwegian Police University College, Kongsvinger, Norway

	Nidaros DPS, Trondheim, Norway
2004	Søreide Nursing Home, Bergen, Norway
	Borgen Ungdomsskole og Nærmiljøsentet, Asker, Norway
2002	Akerselva Nursing Home, Oslo, Norway [competition]
1998	Polarmiljøsentet, Tromsø, Norway
	Central station, Gardermobanen, Oslo, Norway
1992	Nysæter Church, Stord, Norway
1991	Bjørnstjerne Bjørnsons Plass, DNS, Bergen, Norway [competition]
1989	Eidfjord Kommunehus, Eidfjord, Norway
1988	Statens Biltilsyn, Hønefoss, Norway
	Ligningskontoret, Bergen, Norway
1987	St. Magnus Cathedral, Orkney Islands [competition]
1986	Modalen Samfunnshus
1985	Fjell Sjukeheim, Sotra, Norway
1984	Undervannsteknologisk Institutt, Bergen, Norway
1982	Helsetunet, Vik i Sogn, Norway
	Bømlo Nursinghome, Norway
1981	Knappen Psychiatric Institution, Bergen, Norway

### Selected Awards

2011	Art and Crafts, BKH 2011
2010	Special Prize Latvian Art Museum, Riga Latvia
	Silvermedal 13. International Textiletriennale, Lodz, Polen
2004	Oslo Community Architectural Prize, OsloS Gardermobanen
1991	Landsforbundet Norsk Form

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