

Kari Dyrdal Norway b. 1952

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



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

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Kari Dyrdal Biography

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 arts and crafts 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 is a former professor in the Faculty of Art, Music and Design at the University of Bergen and lives and works in Norway.

Education

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

Selected Collections

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| 2024 | Norges Bank, the Central Bank of Norway |
| 2024 | City of Oslo |
| 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 |

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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
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1996	FORMAT, Oslo, Norway
1991	Trøndelag Kunstnersenter, Trondheim, Norway
1990	Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway
1983	Vestlandske Kunstindustrimuseum, Bergen, Norway

Selected Exhibitions | Group

2024	Annual Craft Exhibition, Trondheim, Norway <i>Wasser – Wagen – Wirbel</i> , Handwerk, Munchen, Germany <i>Jubilee USF</i> , Bergen, Norway
2023	The Fabulous Fem [5], Cromwell Place, London, UK artgenève [presented by Taste Contemporary], Geneva, Switzerland
2021	Odd and Even – A Collection, Maison Louise Carré, Paris, France [presented by Taste Contemporary]
2021	Annual Fall Exhibition Oslo
2020	Jubilee Bomuldsfabrikken <i>26 artists – 26 years</i> , Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall, Arendal, Norway
2019 – 2020	<i>Forces</i> , Sørlandets Kunstmuseum Norway
2019	Five Cubed, [presented by Taste Contemporary] Fonderie Kugler, Geneva, Switzerland artgenève, [represented by Taste Contemporary] Geneva, Switzerland <i>Det lyser i Vann</i> Trondhjems Kunstforening, Norway <i>Forces</i> , KODE Bergen, Norway <i>NOMAD</i> , St. Moritz, Format Oslo, Norway
2018 – 2019	<i>Forces of Nature</i> , Sèvres, Cité de la Ceramique, Paris, France and KODE, Bergen, Norway
2018	artgenève, [represented by Taste Contemporary] Geneva, Switzerland <i>125 gjenstander, valgt, fortellinger</i> , Nordenfjeldske Kunstindustrimuseum

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	<i>Ode til en vaskeklut Hymne til en tiger</i> , Kunsthall Stavanger, Norway
2017	<i>Multiply</i> , Gallery Haa Gamle Prestegaard / Gallery Kraft Bergen, Norway Norwegian Textile Artists: 40 years Jubilee Exhibition
2016	Annual Fall Exhibition Fine Art Oslo, Norway <i>Binary Codes</i> Almgräns Sidenveveri, Stockholm
2015	<i>Soft Monuments</i> , KODE Bergen, Norway <i>100% Jacquard</i> , Vilnius, Lithuania
2014	SOFA, Chicago, USA SABOTasje, Innvik, Norway
2013 - 2014	<i>Tusen Tråder</i> , Lillehammer Art Museum
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

2026	Sentralbadet Art Theater, Bergen
2024	Sædalen New Church, Bergen
2022	The Rosenkrantz Tower, Bergen City Museum
2021	Verdal Bo-og Behandlingssenter
2020	Politiets Nasjonale Beredskapssenter, Taraldrud Ski (competition) Bømlo Town Hall, Bremnes
2019	Øygarden Local Medical Centre, Straume
2018	University of Bergen

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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 Nærmiljøsenters, Asker, Norway
2002	Akerselva Nursing Home, Oslo, Norway [competition]
1998	Polarmiljøsentret, 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 Psykiatriske Institusjon, 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