

KERTTU SIPLANE

ARTIST · DESIGNER

SHORT CV AND CREATIVE PRACTICE · 2026



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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Kerttu Siplane (b. 1976, Kuressaare) is an Estonian artist and designer based in Tallinn, whose practice has expanded from fashion design toward material- and process-based visual art. She works with natural, found and waste materials, creating objects, spatial installations and photographs, and making handmade paper, pigments, bioplastics and composite materials. Her work has been exhibited in Estonia, Europe, Asia and North America.

EDUCATION

2007 **Estonian Academy of Arts** Fashion design, MA
2004 **Estonian Academy of Arts** Fashion design, BA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017– **Freelance artist and workshop facilitator** material- and process-based artistic practice and creative workshops
2006–2017 **Sole proprietor (FIE)** fashion design, commissioned work, product development and sales

MEMBERSHIPS AND RECOGNITION

2022– **Estonian Artists' Association** member
2015– **Association of Estonian Fashion Designers** member
2008 **SuperNoova Fashion Competition** 2nd place, senior category
2005 **Kristjan Jaak Scholarship**

Creative practice SELECTED

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

10.2026 **AED** Palm Gallery, Rotermann Quarter, Tallinn. Upcoming
2026 **Kaante vahelt välja III (Beyond the Covers III)** The Under and Tuglas Literary Institute, Tallinn
2025 **Kaante vahelt välja II (Beyond the Covers II)** Harku Parish Library, Tabasalu
2025 **Kaante vahelt välja (Beyond the Covers)** Saaremaa Art Studio Õ Gallery, Kuressaare
2020 **Rohi (Grass)** Stella Soomlais Studio, Tallinn

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 **Kihnu kuumad kleidid (Kihnu Hot Dresses)** Association of Estonian Fashion Designers fashion show, Kihnu Museum
2025–2026 **Võlumets (Enchanted Forest)** 13th international reuse exhibition „Anna uus elu (Give a New Life)“, Museum of New Art, Pärnu
2025 **Sügav põhi (The Deep Below)** Association of Estonian Fashion Designers annual exhibition, Pärnu Museum
2024 **Talisman (Talisman)** Association of Estonian Fashion Designers 30th anniversary exhibition, Vabaduse Gallery, Tallinn. Curator A. Hint
2024 **Liivamerelainetus (Sand Sea Ripple)** Kuressaare Town Gallery, Kuressaare. Curator K. Siplane
2023–2024 **Mets vastab, allikas kõnetab (The Forest Responds, the Spring Speaks)** Estonian National Museum, Tartu. Curator K. Summatavet

2021	Desert Beauty Art Hub Gallery, Abu Dhabi WTC, United Arab Emirates
2021	Tulvab olemisse (Flooding into Being) 8th Estonian Miniature Sculpture Exhibition, Gallery Pallas, Tartu. Curator H. Kulmar
2021	Eesti rookroonid – traditsioonid ja visioonid (Estonian Straw Crowns – Traditions and Visions) Estonian Open Air Museum, Tallinn. Curator U. Veersalu
2020	Juurte juurest (From the Roots) Association of Estonian Fashion Designers annual exhibition, Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn. Curator A. Hint
2019	Metsa moodi (Like a Forest) Association of Estonian Fashion Designers annual exhibition, Kastellaanimaja Gallery, Tallinn. Curator A. Hint
2017–2018	Külatänavalt punasele vaibale. 100 aastat rahvuslikku moodi (From Village Street to Red Carpet. 100 Years of National Fashion) Estonian National Museum, Tartu. Curator R. Reivelt

RESIDENCIES AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

2026	Säde loovisiku arenguprogramm (Säde Creative Practitioner Development Programme) University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy Creative Entrepreneurship Centre CAMP
2026	Kunstnikud on kohal (Artists Are Present) Narva Art Residency (NART) school residency
2021	Estonian Art Month II in Abu Dhabi Al Khateem Art Hub, United Arab Emirates

SELECTED PROJECTS AND ART EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

2026	S-ilma-piir-itu (Boundless) artists' meeting on nature and/or borders, NART
2026	Meie mustrid (Our Patterns) exhibition by 5th–7th grade students of Narva-Jõesuu School, NART school residency
2025	Jõulukroon „Kuusk“ (Christmas Crown “Kuusk”) Estonian Television Christmas ident 2025
2024	Liivamerelainetus (Sand Sea Ripple) curatorial project, Kuressaare Town Gallery
2017	Mobiilide näitus (Mobiles Exhibition) curatorial project, Kullo Children's Gallery, Tallinn

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Estonian National Museum · private collections in Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Scotland, the United Arab Emirates and the United States

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Photo series in imQuadrat magazine, Ausgabe 13, Germany — 2026

ETV jõulusoovid on sündinud koos Eesti kunstnikega (ETV Christmas Greetings Made with Estonian Artists) — ERR, 23.12.2025

Galerii: Pärnus avati metallikunstnike liidu ja moekunstnike ühenduse aastanäitused (Gallery: Metal Artists' and Fashion Artists' Association Annual Exhibitions Opened in Pärnu) — ERR Kultuur, 20.06.2025

Rebane, Katariina. Kui raamat saab uue tähenduse ehk „Kaante vahelt välja“ (When a Book Gains New Meaning, or “Beyond the Covers”) — Harku Valla Teataja, 11.09.2025

Pihl, Lennart. Kerttu Siplane avas isikunäituse „Kaante vahelt välja“ (Kerttu Siplane Opened the Solo Exhibition “Beyond the Covers”) — Saarte Hääl, 5.05.2025

Eesti Moekunstnike Ühenduse 30. juubeli näitus Vabaduse galeriis (Estonian Fashion Artists' Association 30th Anniversary Exhibition at Vabaduse Gallery) — Sirp, 10.10.2024

Tüür, Piret. Kerttu Siplane: looduslike materjalidega töötamine on minu vastureaktsioon kiirustavale maailmale (Kerttu Siplane: Working with Natural Materials Is My Reaction against a Hurried World) — Loovgraaf.com, 15.12.2021

Tulk, Mehis. Kunstnik Kerttu Siplane põimis kõrbe ilu kõrbekividesse (Artist Kerttu Siplane Wove Desert Beauty into Desert Stones) — Saarte Hääl, 7.12.2021

Hint, Anu. Rahvuslik mood (National Fashion). Tallinn, 2019, pp. 68–69

Puppart, Piret. Eesti rahvarõivas ja mood (Estonian Folk Costume and Fashion). Tallinn: TEA Kirjastus, 2011, pp. 28–29, 65, 97, 116–119