

# Textil / Juvel

## Contemporary Craft from West Sweden

Textil/ Juvel features the works of seven leading craft artists from West Sweden. Textile artists Annika Andersson, Linus Björnberg, Jessica Johannesson and Maria Ray Johansson explore both our perception of what textiles are and the role they play in our society. Karin Roy Andersson, Linda Marie Karlsson and Sanna Svedestedt are contemporary jewellery artists, who use traditional craftsmanship to explore wider themes: the passing of time is a recurring factor.

The artists in Textil/ Juvel weave together a high level of skill and story, combining traditional techniques and new technologies to explore our relationship with materials and our surroundings. The exhibition demonstrates how artists from West Sweden are taking their rich craft heritage to forge new ways of working, using natural materials—seeds, wood,

appropriated machine made objects and finely crafted metal and textiles, reflecting current trends in Swedish crafts. Textil/ Juvel is a snapshot of a dynamic craft movement in Sweden, concerned with the world around us and our impact upon it.

Textil/ Juvel is a joint initiative with Konsthantverkscentrum/The Crafts Centre and is the fourth of the Art Unpacked series of touring art exhibitions. Created by Chrysalis Arts, Art Unpacked brings the very best of contemporary art and craft to small and unique venues on your doorstep.

Konsthantverkscentrum is the largest crafts organisation in Sweden and represents over 800 active professional craft artists all over the country. Their mission is to promote the makers and their work.

Katarina Karlsson says: *“Konsthantverkscentrum/ The Crafts Centre is thrilled to be collaborating with Chrysalis Arts and the opportunity to show contemporary textiles and jewellery from West Sweden in Yorkshire and Lancashire . The participating designer-makers represent Swedish craft through several ways of working. We hope the exhibition will arouse curiosity about what is created in Sweden and lead to new experiences and ideas on crafts.”*

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