

# LAURA BLAKE

## Art Education

MFA in Applied Arts and Design	HDK Steneby, Göteborgs University, Sweden	2016 - 18
Level 2 Diploma In Bench Joinery	Hackney Community College, UK	2014 - 15
Level 1 Diploma In Carpentry And Joinery	Manchester College, UK	2013 - 14
BA(Hons) Broiderie	Manchester School of Art, UK	2008 - 11
Foundation Diploma In Art & Design	Wensum Lodge, Norwich, UK	2007 - 08
NCFE Level 1 in Life Drawing	Wensum Lodge, Norwich, UK	2007 - 08

## Selected Exhibitions

Gläntan	Världskulturmuseet, Göteborg	2024-25
Dada Dag Surreal Natt	Galleri 2, Lofoten, Norway	2024
Something In-Between (SOLO)	Slöjd & Formcenter, Luleå	2024
Dada Dag Surreal Natt	Not Quite, Sweden	2024
PLUSH	Form Center Väst, Göteborg	2023
Surprise Lab International	Grönhögen, Öland, Sweden	2023
Resonans	Southern Swedish Design Days, Lokstallarna, Malmö	2023
Sensory Art Room	Bibu Theatre Festival, Dunkers Kutlurhus, Sweden	2022
A Family of Sardines	Not Quite, Sweden	2022
First & Last (SOLO)	Form Design Centre, Malmö, Sweden	2022
Amber by Kåda	Porten, Stockholm Craft Week	2021
En Träd, Ingen Skog	Nora Bryggeriet, Nora	2021
The Water & The Boat (DUO)	Not Quite, Sweden	2021
Trätemplet	Västarvet, Göteborg (moved online)	2020
FAQ, member show	Not Quite, Sweden	2020
Sinnerligt	Gävle Lansmuseet, Sweden	2019
Sinnerligt	Frölunda Kulturhus, Göteborg	2019
Sinnerligt	Hälsinglands Museum, Sweden	2018
Examensutställning HDK	Frihamnen, Göteborg, Sweden	2018
Synthesis	Steneby Konsthall, Dals Långed, Sweden	2017
Haptik (SOLO)	Nääs Konsthantverk, Floda, Sweden	2017
3m Squared	Konsthallen, Dals Långed, Sweden	2017
The Aural Looms Project	Quarry Bank Mill, Chester, UK	2015
The Aural Looms Project	Queen Street Mill, Burnley, UK	2014
The Reader	Museum Of Science & Industry, Manchester, UK	2013
Handmade Future	Contact Theatre, Manchester, UK	2013

## Workshops and Teaching

Non-musical instrument barn workshop	Galleri 2,Loftoen, NO	2024
Guest Lecturer	HDK-Valand Textile Programme, SE	2024
Inclusive Craft lecture	Slöjd & Form Center, Lulea, SE	2024
Schools Workshops	Young V&A Museum, London ,UK	2023-24
External Tutor	HDK-Valand Wood Design Programme, SE	2023
Sensory Art Lecture	HDK-Valand Design Department, SE	2022
Artist Talk & Panel Discussion	'Spiralens Mitt' Seminar lecture, Gothenburg, SE	2022
Sensory Art Lecture	HDK-Valand Design Department, Gothenburg, SE	2021
Taktil trä	Koster Skulpturpark, Koster Islands, SE	2021
CPD Sensory inclusion training	Museum of Childhood, V&A, London, UK	2021
Sensory Art Lecture	HDK-Valand Design Department, Gothenburg, SE	2020
Touch - an online panel discussion	Oily Cart Sensory Summer School, UK	2020
Textile Art Workshops and Commission	Synskasadaes Riksförbund, around Sweden, SE	2019-20
Accessibility in public spaces	Dalsland Libraries, Sweden, SE	2019
Art beyond sight workshop	Gothenburg Design Festival, Sweden, SE	2018
BodyBuilders	Walthamstow Garden Party, London, UK	2018
Lets Talk with Laura Blake	HDK Steneby, Dalsland, SE	2018
Craft and It's Natural Inclusion	Scen:se Inclusive Arts Festival, Hälsinglands Museum, SE	2018
Joakim Koester Workshop	Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK	2016

## Scholarships & Prizes

Konstnärsnämnden two year work scholarship	2024
KKV Bohuslän Materialbaserad Residens & Stipendium	2024
Göteborgs Stad Projekt Pronto	2023
Konstnärsnämnden Travel Grant	2023
Västra Götalands Region Kulturstipendium	2023
Västra Götalands Region Travel Grant	2023
Konstnärsnämnden Project Grant	2023
Konstnärsnämnden one year work scholarship	2022
Konsthantverkcentrum coaching programme	2022
VGR .com fusion community art programme	2021
Krisstipendium 2, Konstnärsnämnden	2020
Konstnärsnämnden one year work scholarship	2020
Finalist in The Brewhouse Award	2019
Theodor och Hanne Mannheimers Scholarship	2018
Examuställning Hantverk Pris	2018
Estrid Ericsson Scholarship	2018
Adlerbertska Stipendier	2017
Västvenska Kulturfonden Stipendier	2017

## Commissions & Projects

<b>Tactual</b>	<b>Folkteatern Gävleborg &amp; Estrad Norr</b>	<b>2024-26</b>
Lead artist on touring theatre show and art installation aimed at young neurodiverse and disabled theatre audiences		
<b>Public Art Commission</b>	<b>Dalheimers Hus &amp; Världskulturmuseet</b>	<b>2024</b>
Creation of interactive objects for the year-long exhibition 'Gläntan' på Världskulturmuseet, Göteborg		
<b>Tactile Books</b>	<b>Young Victoria &amp; Albert Museum, London</b>	<b>2023</b>
Creating a series of interactive objects interpreting the Victoria & Albert collection for visitors in their new Young museum.		
<b>PLUSH</b>	<b>Konstnärsnämnden, Sweden</b>	<b>2023</b>
Funding to develop further a tactile craft exhibition in collaboration with several makers and Oily Cart Theatre, delivered as an exhibition in Gothenburg 2023. Co-designed with visually impaired students in Gothenburg.		
<b>Baksidan</b>	<b>Kollaborativet &amp; Oxie Bibliotek, Malmö, Sweden</b>	<b>2023</b>
A project with theatre group Kollaborativet creating a sensory space in collaboration with students from a local special needs school in Southern Sweden, to test different ways of making Oxie bibliotek inclusive to more visitors.		
<b>Känner du?</b>	<b>Norrköpings Konstmuseum, Sweden</b>	<b>2021-23</b>
A commission interpreting sculptures in Norrköpings Konstmuseums collection into a series of sensory objects, that aim to make these objects more accessible to neurodiverse audiences.		
<b>Creative Inclusion Commission</b>	<b>Young Victoria &amp; Albert Museum, London</b>	<b>2021</b>
Three month creative consultancy project advising The Museum of Childhood upon neurodiverse inclusion.		
<b>Community Tactile Art Project</b>	<b>Synskadades Riksförbund, Stockholm</b>	<b>2019-21</b>
Freelance work running workshops around Sweden with the members of this charity. The work will be put together to create a large tactile artwork using Braille to protest over changes in Swedish care support.		
<b>Public Art Commission</b>	<b>Dalheimers Hus, Gothenburg, Sweden</b>	<b>2019</b>
I was commissioned to make a permanent public artwork, 'Blomma' for Dalheimers Hus in Gothenburg, Sweden. This building is a sensory centre used by people with special needs.		
<b>Designer</b>	<b>Pop Up Parks, Design Council, London</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
Delivering and designing pop up play areas around London in underused urban spaces.		

## Other

Registered for FA Skatt, full driving license.

Member of KRO, Not Quite, Konsthantverkscentrum, Konstnärscentrum Väst and Studio Växt.

Fluent in English and advanced in Swedish.