

# SASKIA NEUMAN GALLERY



**Saskia Neuman Gallery is thrilled to present textile Emma Jönssons at the gallery, with the exhibition *Väntan - Waiting*, opening on Thursday the 12th of January, 17 - 20**

Saskia Neuman Gallery is excited to start the new year by hosting Emma Jönsson at the gallery for a project exhibition throughout January and early February. Emma Jönsson (b.1961) lives in and works in Floda, Sörmland in Sweden. She holds an MA in Fine Art from HDK Valand in Gothenburg.

In a meeting between traditional craft and contemporary expression artist Emma Jönsson's embroidery can be perceived as elusive, enchanting even. At a more measured gaze the images the artist depicts are of great gravitas, as she engages in social commentary with every stitch. Enormously affected by the recent migrant crises in Europe, the artist took to her work as a tool in which to manage her feelings of hopelessness and despair. Emma confronted the rising death toll in relation to the millions of people fleeing the war in Syria. As the migrants and asylum seekers made their way to Europe and started arriving in Sweden, Emma's mind and hand meandered towards imagery, material and color scale that reflected the feelings evoked by the sheer magnitude of distress and misery the people fleeing had to endure. She has created images with discrete annotations to a non-descript afterlife that many of the refugees and migrants were met with due to the hazardous conditions in which they fled.

*Waiting* combines delicate imagery of harrowing images that are imprinted into our collective memory, with more abstract embroidery. Emma Jönsson creates a tableau, akin to a renaissance painting, each color of string embodies a new brush stroke of color. These abstract amalgamations of color and form are almost small composites of the unknown, and as a viewer we are encouraged to interact with these splashes of consciousness, through color, the suggestion of texture and a sense of bewilderment.

*Waiting / Väntan* is on view at Saskia Neuman Gallery 12.01.23 - 11.02.23

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