

**JOANNE SOROKA**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

Born in Montreal, Canada, 1949. Citizenship: British and Canadian.

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**Employment:**

Artistic Director, Edinburgh Tapestry Company (Dovecot Studios), 1982-87.

Founded Ivory Tapestries, 1987.

Part-time tutor, Edinburgh College of Art, 1992-2010.

Part-time lecturer, University of Edinburgh, Office of Lifelong Learning, 2010-date.

**Education:**

BA, McGill University, 1970.

Diploma in Design, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1972.

Post-graduate diploma (with distinction), Edinburgh College of Art, 1976.

**Awards:**

Entrance scholarship to McGill University, Montreal, 1966.

John Noble Craft Award commendation, the Saltire Society, 1976.

Ontario Arts Council grant, 1980.

Judges Choice Award, Handweavers Guild of America, 1980.

Elected to the Ontario Society of Artists, 1980.

Scottish Development Agency Travel Award, 1987.

British Council travel grant, 1988.

Scottish Arts Council travel grant, 1989.

Elected Professional Member, Society of Scottish Artists, 1989.

Index of Selected Makers, Crafts Council, 1992.

Wingate Scholarship, 1997.

Theo Moorman Trust for Weavers grant, 2000.

British Council grant, 2000.

Hope Scott Trust grant, 2000.

Edinburgh College of Art Research Awards, 2000, 2001, 2003.

Scottish Arts Council Major Award for Individual Development, 2001.

Prize, Tallinn Print Triennial, Tallinn, Estonia, 2004.

J D Fergusson Arts Award, shortlisted, 2010.

**Collections and Commissions:**

Scottish Arts Council

Glenfiddich Distillery, Dufftown

Civil Aviation Authority, London

The City of Edinburgh Council

Okura Hotel, Tokyo

Okura Hotel, Kobe, Japan

Isetan Department Store, Tokyo

1st Quebec Corporation, Montreal

Laurence Rockefeller, Jr., New York

Royal Insurance, Inverness

and public and private collections in Great Britain, Canada, the USA and Japan

Amnesty International, London

Chase Manhattan Bank, Bournemouth

Weatherall, Green and Smith, London

Aberdeen Art Gallery

Arco, Berkshire, England

Baillie Gifford and Co, Edinburgh

Co-operative Insurance Society, Edinburgh

Central Office of Information, London

Art Museum of Estonia, Tallinn, Estonia

Intercontinental Hotels, London

Eleven solo and over 100 group exhibitions in Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, the USA, France, Finland, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, Italy, Hungary, the CIS, Ukraine, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia

**Other professional activities:**

Trustee, Lady Artists Club Trust, Glasgow, 1992-97

Board member, Scottish Arts Lobby, 1990-95

Secretary, Society of Scottish Artists, 2003-2006

Author of *Tapestry Weaving: Design and Technique*, Crowood Press, 2011.

Council member, Society of Scottish Artists, 1995-98

Crafts Committee, Scottish Arts Council, 1996-99

Secretary, Scottish Tapestry Artists Regrouped, 2008-