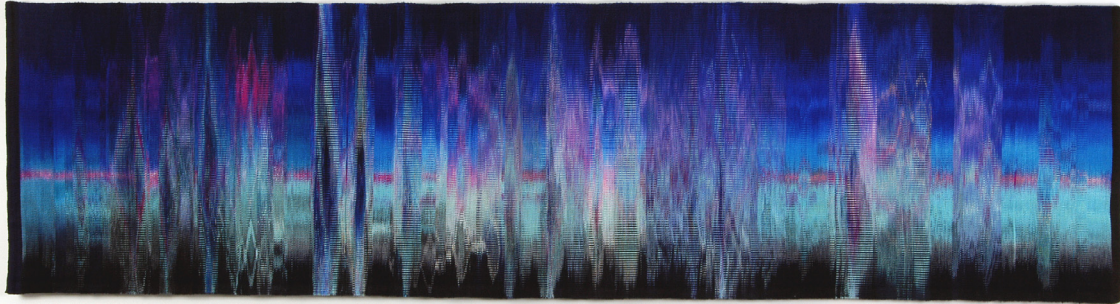


# **Artwork 14 - Southern Lights**

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*Silk weaving 81 cm x 306 cm*

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Southern Lights is my imagined interpretation of the aurora australis as experienced from the remote, hostile and uninhabited wilderness of Antarctica. It reads from left to right starting with nightfall and ending with dawn. The base rock is partially covered by 'tracks' that are formed by wind blown snow and ice. On the horizon line there is the suggestion of fog where the warmer water of the Atlantic meets the colder Southern Ocean. The shimmering light made by charged particles ejected from flares on the sun reach into the night sky tracing patterns and lighting up the landscape of the highest, coldest and windiest continent.