

**Mel Skluzacek** (they, she, her)

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## Education

MFA Sculpture / MA Modern and Contemporary Art History **Purchase College SUNY** Purchase, NY

BA, **St. Olaf College**, Northfield, MN

## Exhibitions, Screenings, Performances \*solo

- 2023**      *Mel Skluzacek Early Works: 1993-2003* Marvin Gardens Gallery, Queens, NY \*
- 2022**      Public art installation, Center for Performing Arts, Minneapolis, MN  
*Fine Arts Department Faculty Show* Schafler Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2021**      Installation *Judd Chair Assembly #2*, Marvin Gardens Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2020**      Flat file inclusion, Deanna Evans Project Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019**      *Terrestra*, B Shop Gallery, curator Alfredo Sanchez-Tauste, Alicante, Spain \*
- 2018**      *For a Day*, 1042 Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017**      *Tool Book*, artist Sarah Sharp book event, sound performance, SOHO20 gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
Video installation, Ivy Building, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015**      Video works screening, This Red Door at Westwerk Art Space, Hamburg, Germany  
This Red Door at BID Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2014**      Sound/video performance *Horizons*, video screening, This Red Door, Kunsthalle Galapagos Gallery, Brooklyn, NY \*  
*My Girl, It's All About Things* Gallery, curator Luis Maldonado, Port Chester, NY  
*School of Design Faculty Show*, Schafler Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2013**      *EOG's Door*, Engineers Office Gallery, NY, NY \*
- 2012**      Performance and video screening *Horizons*, Microscope Gallery, Brooklyn, NY \*
- 2011**      Bushwick Film Festival, curated by Microscope Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2010**      *Welcome To My House*, Beta Spaces, curator Marni Kotak Brooklyn, NY  
*Entropy Symphony*, Performance collaboration artist Zefrey Throwell, Whitney Museum, uninvited, New York, NY
- 2009**      *Let Them Eat Cake*, NY Studio Gallery, Manhattan, NY  
*Guggenfight*, Performance collaboration with artist Zefrey Throwell, Guggenheim Museum, uninvited, New York, NY
- 2008**      *Feel the Earth Move*, Arts Exchange Building Gallery White Plains, NY

**2007**

*Place Setting*, Supreme Trading  
Brooklyn, NY, curator Thom Collins, Director Barnes Foundation  
*Underscope*, Dolly Maass Gallery Purchase College  
*First Look II*, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, curator Marc Strauss, Peekskill, NY

**2006**

*Over and Out*, Dolly Maass Gallery, Purchase College, Purchase, NY  
Architectural Sound Events, with sound artists Maryanne Amacher, Liz Phillips and Miya Masaoka. Performance of  
"Brick Tap" a site specific sound work designed with Issue Project Room's 20 speaker surround sound system, Issue  
Project Room, Brooklyn, NY

**2005**

*10 - 4*, Dolly Mass Gallery Purchase College, Purchase, NY  
*Sound Art*, Pelham Arts Center, Pelham, NY curator Liz Phillips

**2004**

*All of the Above*, Dolly Mass Gallery, Purchase College, Purchase, NY \*

Party of One (experimental music group), Caught the Blast Tour, Fat Cat Records, Bristol, UK European and UK  
Tour, guitarist, keyboardist and bassist, 36 performances

**2003**

Party of One (experimental music group), Caught the Blast Tour, Fat Cat Records, Bristol, UK  
United States Tour, guitarist, keyboardist and bassist, 25 performances

**2002**

*Recent Work*, Clown Lounge Gallery, St. Paul, MN \*

**2001**

Public Art Installation *Dialogues*, Illusion Theater, Minneapolis, MN  
Permanent installation in Illusion Theater's theater lobby/Jerome Foundation Grant

**2000**

*Divided Spaces* No Name Exhibitions, The Soap Factory Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

### Discography

**2007**

Tenderwheel, *Wearever* EP, Minneapolis, MN

**2004**

Tenderwheel, *Tuning and Breaking* full length album, Minneapolis, MN

**2001**

Elada, *Suspensory* full length album, Minneapolis, MN

**2000**

Elada, eponymous 7-inch self-released record, Minneapolis, MN

### Lectures and Speaking Engagements

**2023**

Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ Lecturer

**2022**

SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY Lecturer

**2022**

St Olaf College, MN. Fine Art Dept Term in NYC, Lecturer

**2016**

St Olaf College, MN. Fine Art Dept Term in NYC, Lecturer

**2014**

St Olaf College, MN. Fine Art Dept Term in NYC, Lecturer

**2007**

Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, NY Panel Discussion, First Look II

**2005**

Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY, Works Lecture

**2005**

Pelham Art Center, Panel Discussion, Sound Art Exhibition

### Guest Critic

**2022-23**

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY Sculpture Department, Senior Thesis Exhibition

**2014-19**

## **Grants and Awards**

- 2009** Artist Residency at Rural Projects, Columbia County, NY  
**2008** Emerging Artist Fellowship, Westchester Arts Council  
**2004-06** Purchase College MFA Fellowship  
**2006-07** Purchase College MA Art History Scholarship  
**2003** MN State Percent for the Arts Grant, Mpls, MN  
**2001** Jerome Foundation Grant, Mpls, MN

## **Bibliography**

- 2017** *Tool Book* by Sarah G Sharp, artist book  
**2009** *Feel the Earth Move* by Jim Ormond, Westchester ArtsNews  
**2007** *Giving New Artists a Place to be Noticed* by Catherine Spaeth, The New York Times  
**2000** *The Illusion of Space* by Linda Mack, Minneapolis Star Tribune

## **Teaching**

- 2023-2013** Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY School of Art, Sculpture and Integrated Practices Department  
Adjunct Associate Professor
- 2022** CUNY LaGuardia Community College, Queens, NY Industrial Design Department  
Adjunct Assistant Professor
- 2019-2013** Pratt Institute Brooklyn, NY Industrial Design Department  
Visiting Assistant Professor