

CV

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Education

2003-2005 MFA Photography, Bergen National Academy of the Arts, Norway
Spring 2004 Exchange student Cleveland Institute of Art, OH, USA
Fall 2002 Exchange student Konstfack, Stockholm, Sweden
2000-2003 BFA Photography, Bergen National Academy of the Arts, Norway
1999-2000 Assistant to photographer Arne Persson at Varbergs Museum, Sweden

Solo shows and events

2022 Solo show, **Tenthaus Oslo** (upcoming)
2018, 19 Got it for cheap, Golsa Gallery, Oslo
2018 Bjørka 20 years, anniversary event, Fotogalleriet
2018 Stranger in Motherland, solo show, **Varbergs Konsthall**, Sweden
2017 Stranger in Motherland, book launch and exhibition, Podium, Oslo
2017 Stranger in Motherland, book launch, Entrée, Bergen
2017 Stranger in Motherland, book launch, Rogaland Kunstsenter, Stavanger
2008 I Recognize You, solo show, **kjubh Kunstverein**, Cologne, Germany
2008 Stranger in Motherland, solo show, **Arendal Kunstforening**, Arendal, Norway

Selected group shows

2021 *Juniutstillingen, Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo (upcoming)*
2021 *Group show 10 year anniversary, KNIPSU, Bergen (upcoming)*
2020 Christmas show, Oppland Kunstsenter
2020 Tenthaus market, Oslo
2019 The annual Autumn Salon (Høstutstillingen) part of WDLND by Lars Kjemphol, Oslo
2019 The Spring Exhibition (Vårutstillingen), Fotogalleriet, Oslo
2018 Supplemental Light, Gallery SíM, Reykjavik, Iceland
2018 Sailing Stormy Waters, Cabin Economy Contemporary, OCG / Stena Line
2018 Forbannelsen, Telemark Kunstsenter, Skien, Norway
2015 Utopia, Kreuzberg Pavillion, Berlin
2014 Die Schwelle, Gallery Toolbox, Berlin
2013 KNIPSU + Ytter: The Threshold, BOA, Oslo
2012 KNIPSU + Ytter: Parataxon, KNIPSU, Bergen
2011 Stories, in between, Gallery 3,14, Bergen. Curated by Johan Lundh and Aileen Burns
2011 Blackout, Galleria Huuto, Helsinki (curated by J.Moisander&M.Suoniemi)
2010 Flaggfabrikken Presenterer, Kulturhuset Sermermiut, Ilulissat, Greenland
2008 RYKK TILBAKE TIL START, 0047, Oslo. Curated by Jan Christensen
2007 Reiseblikk, Oslo Kunstforening & Halden Kunstforening. Curated by Anne Szefer Karlsen
2006 New Nordic Photography, Hasselblad Center, Gothenburg, Sweden
2005 XXVII Hovedfagsutstillingen 2005, VK, Bergen
2004 Vestlandsutstillingen
2004 Den Nordnorske Kunstutstilling (with Åse Løvgren)
2003 Høstutstillingen 2003
1999 Framtidstro, Varbergs Museum, Sverige

Collections

2020 KODE Art Museum, Bergen, Norway
2018 Halland Art Museum, Halmstad, Sweden
2018 Private collection, Oslo, Norway
2017 Private collection, Oslo, Norway
2017 The National Norwegian archive for queer history (Skeivt arkiv), Bergen, Norway (donation)

Published artworks

2017 Maya Økland, Stranger in Motherland, photo book, Teknisk Industri, ISBN 978-82-93281-20-7
2012 A collection of scores, Palais de Tokyo workshop with Pavillon. Invited by Rakett
2011 Shaping Time – Time and the city, workshops in Bergen and Lodz
2009 Cover photo of an anthology for gender studies called "Norske Seksualiteter" (Norwegian Sexualities). Edited by Wencke Mühleisen and Åse Røthing.

- ISBN 9788202292386
- 2007 The Meaning of Sex, Edited by Christel Sverre and Wencke Mühleisen
Maya Økland and Jan Freuchen: Tableau #1-4, p. 97-104
ISBN 9788253029849
- 2007 Langford's Basic Photography, 8th edition, Chapter 8: *Organizing the picture, page350*
ISBN 0240520351
- 2002 Heartbeat (a music fanzine)
- 2001 Historien och Framtiden i Halland, Varbergs Museum Yearbook 1999-2000
Hallänningar om framtiden, porträtt och texter s. 47-66
ISBN 9189570014

Selected published texts

- 2020 Fett #2, Contemporary art or crafts? Discussion on textile art
- 2019 Fett #4, Text on my visit to Brazil in July 2019
- 2019 Debate on museums, Klassekampen national newspaper
- 2019 Fett #2, Interview with Marianne Heier and article on female monuments in public space
- 2019 Fett #1, Yo mama!, text on Tracey Emin's sculpture *The Mother* coming to Norway
- 2018 Fett #3, Something's at stake in Sápmi, text on art and activism
- 2014 Fett #1, Women's Year in the Art Scene, text about equality and art
- 2013 Fashion Week of Contemporary Art, debate about Bergen Assembly in the local newspaper BT
- 2013 Fett #2 (Norwegian feminist culture magazine) Presentation of artist Joanna Rytel

Editorial experience

- 2018- Photo editor, Fett
- 2016 Co-editor, Judith Bernstein RISING, Mousse Publishing / Kunsthall Stavanger
- 2013- Editorial board, Fett

Artist residencies

- 2021(?) *Capacete, OCA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, three months*
- 01.09.2019 Kunstnarhuset Messen, Hardanger, Norway, one month
- 02.12.2018 SíM residency, Reykjavik, one month
- 03.2013 Deelstaat, Extrapool, Nijmegen in Netherlands, two weeks
- 03-04 2012 Berlin Mitte with KNIPSU, OCA, one month
- Feb. 2009 Berlin Mitte, Office for Contemporary Art Norway (OCA), one month
- 04-05 2006 Nordic AiR, NIFCA, Konstpedemin in Gothenburg, Sweden, two months

Grants and project support as an artist

- 2021 Billedkunstnernes vederlagsfond, 1 year working grant for artists**
- 2021 Statens Kunstnerstipend, diversestipend
- 2020 Statens Kunstnerstipend, covid work grant
- 2020 Fritt Ord, project support
- 2020 Statens Kunstnerstipend, diversestipend
- 2020 Arts Council, project support
- 2020 Oslo City, Project support
- 2019 Billedkunstnernes Vederlagsfond, project support
- 2019 Freedom of speech foundation, Oslo (Fritt Ord)
- 2019 Billedkunstnernes vederlagsfond, 1 year working grant for artists**
- 2017 Statens Kunstnerstipend, diversestipend, State production grant
- 2016 Norwegian Photography Fund (NOFOFO), publishing support
- 2016 Fond for lyd og bilde, Norwegian Arts Council, publishing grant
- 2016 Norwegian Arts Council, publishing support
- 2016 Fritt Ord, Freedom of Speech Foundation, Norway, publishing support
- 2015 City of Bergen project support for photo book dummy
- 2014 Statens kunstnerstipend, 2 year State working grant for young artist photographers**
- 2014 Billedkunstnernes vederlagsfond project support
- 2013 City of Bergen international support
- 2013 Billedkunstnernes vederlagsfond, 1 year working grant for artists**
- 2012 City of Bergen cultural grant
- 2008 City of Bergen exhibition support
- 2008,12 Culture Point North –Travel support
- 2007 Norwegian Arts Council –Exhibition support for young artists
- 2007 City of Bergen establishing grant
- 2006,08,10,12 Office for Contemporary Art Norway
- 2006 NIFCA

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| 2006 | Ingrid Lindbäck Langaard Foundation |
| 2005, 06 | City of Bergen project support 5000kr |
| 2005 | Norwegian Photography Foundation |
| 2002, 03 | Trafo.no |

Grants and project support as a curator

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| 2021 | Fritt Ord, project support <i>Benkene til Kim</i> |
| 2021 | Arts Council Norway, project support <i>Benkene til Kim</i> |
| 2020 | KORO, LOK midler <i>Benkene til Kim</i> |
| 2015 | Norwegian Arts Council, KNIPSU+the Syrian Cultural Caravan |
| 2015 | Fritt Ord, KNIPSU+the Syrian Cultural Caravan |
| 2014 | Office for Contemporary Art |
| 2014 | EEA grants with MOCAK & Off Plus Camera Film Festival, Krakow |
| 2014,15,16,17 | Annual operational support from Bergen City to KNIPSU |
| 2014 | Bergen kommune international support |
| 2013 | Hordaland Fylkeskommune project support 100år! |
| 2013 | Bergen kommune project support in collaboration with Fett |
| 2013 | Bergen kommune eventrekken 100år! |
| 2013,14 | Bergen kommune project support KNIPSU* |
| 2013,14 | Norsk Kulturråd project support KNIPSU* |
| 2013 | Fritt Ord debattsamarbeid med Fett |
| 2013 | Norsk Kulturråd for eventrekken 100år! |
| 2013 | Fritt Ord for eventrekken 100år! |
| 2012 | Norsk Kulturråd prosjektstøtte for KNIPSU** |
| 2011,12 | Bergen Kommune prosjekt og driftsstøtte til KNIPSU** |
| 2010 | Norway Grants EØS-midler for Flaggfabrikken Presenterer* |
| 2010 | Kulturkontakt Nord – Langvarig nettverksstøtte til Nordic Art Express* |
| 2010 | Norsk-finsk kulturfond for Flaggfabrikken Presenterer* |
| 2009,10,11 | Norsk Kulturråd for Flaggfabrikken Presenterer/KNIPSU* |
| 2009,10 | Bergen Kommune for Flaggfabrikken Presenterer* |
| 2008 | Kulturkontakt Nord–Kortvarig nettverksstøtte til Fatal Nordic Attractions* |

*with Hilde Jørgensen

**with Hilde Jørgensen og Kristin Tårnesvik

Memberships

FFF, UKS, NBK, BONO, Atelierfellesskapet Bjørka

Boards

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| 2021- | Vice boardmember, Kunstnernes Hus |
| 2020- | Boardmember, Stiftelsen Bjørka |
| 2019- | Boardmember, Fellesverkstedet |
| 2017- | Chairwoman, Vestlandsutstillingen |
| 2017-2019 | Vice boardmember, UKS |
| 2013-2014 | Chairwoman of the comitee of working grants for Interdisciplinary artists (andre kunstgrupper), Statens Kunstnerstipend (State art grant) |
| 2013-2015 | Nomination comitee, BKFH |
| 2012-2014 | Nomination board, FFF & Fotogalleriet in Oslo |
| 2011-2017 | Chairwoman, KNIPSU |
| 2010-2011 | Chairwoman, Flaggfabrikken Center for photography and contemporary art |
| 2007-2012 | Boardmember, Forbundet Frie Fotografer and Fotogalleriet in Oslo |

Selected curatorial work and artist run positions

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| 2021 | <i>Benkene til Kim</i> , curating art performances with Linn Cecilie Ulvin, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Nayara Leite and Nils Bech in collaboration with Bergen Pride Regnbuedagene, Bergen |
| 2020/21 | Art photographer mentor for young talents, Henie Onstad Art Centre |
| 2020/21 | Art Advisor and Project Manager, public monument for Kim Friele, Bergen |
| 2020 | Curator for the KMD student MFA show at Bergen Kunsthall KODE Art Museums |
| 2018 | Team member, Coast Contemporary |
| 2018 | Curator for the group show The Only Way is Up, Varbergs Konsthall |
| 2017- | Working Chairman for Vestlandsutstillingen (The West Land Exhibition) |
| 2017 | Coordinator 50% at Kunsthall Stavanger |
| | Freelance Process Manager, Art Made This, the municipality of Varberg, Sweden |
| 2016 | Interim Director 100% at Kunsthall Stavanger |
| 2015 | Curatorial assistant 50% at Kunsthall Stavanger – kunsthallstavanger.no |

- Bergen City mentorship program. Mentor: Karin Hindsbo, then Director of KODE
- 2010-2015 **KNIPSU** Founder and co-director of artist run gallery located in Bergen. Full program: knipsu.no
Participating artists and galleries: Lindsay Foster (US), Sari Palosaari (FI), Jaakko Rustanius (FI), Juhana Moisander (FI), Minna Suoniemi (FI), Heta Kuchka (FI), Aleks Tolonen (FI), Inka Nieminen (FI), Kimmo Kumela (FI), Kasper Muttonen (FI), Maiju Salmenkivi (FI), Heidi Mortenson (DK), Ingrid Askeland (NO), Doris Frohnappel (DE), Tupajumi Foundation (NL), Petr Bystrov (RU), Anja Ulset (NO), Antonio Jose Guzman (NL), Åsmundur Åsmundsson (IS), Pedro Gómez-Egana (NO), Andrea Cszazni Rygh (NO), Daniel YI Andersson (SE), Jorunn Myklebust Syversen (NO), Galleria Huuto (FI), Finsk-norsk Kulturinstitutt (NO), Supermarket Art Fair (SE), Trajector Art Fair (BE), Pushkinskaya 10 (RU), Baltic tour (Klaipeda, Vilnius, Riga, Tallinn, St. Petersburg), Mona Nordaas (NO), Steingrimur Eyfjord (IS), Heidi Nikolaisen (NO), Joar Nango (NO), Monica Winther (NO), Ytter + KNIPSU (Anne Marthe Dyvi, Anngjerd Rustand, Julie Lillelien Porter, Maya Økland, Hilde Jørgensen), Marija Bozinovska Jones (MAC), Anja Carr (NO), Galleria KONE (FI), Yamile Calderon (NO), Liv Bugge (NO), Håkon Holm-Olsen (NO), Marte Gunnufsen (NO), Adriana Alves (NO), 100år! Bergen Assembly (NO), Textfukkers (NO), Extrapool (NL), Joanna Rytel (SE), Arne Skaug Olsen (NO), Gitte Sætre (NO), KHiB students (NO), Gallery FIST (NO/DE), Ane Lan (NO), Max Planck Institute for Empirical Aesthetics (DE), Prof. Dr. Winfried Menninghaus (DE), PhD. Mira Shah (DE), PhD. Christine A. Knoop (DE), Mattias Härenstam (NO), Iben Mondrup (DK), Jessie Kleemann (GL), Paula Muhr (DE), Perttu Saksa (FI), Rasmus Andreas Hungnes (NO), Kreuzberg Pavillon (DE), Pål Misje (NO), Wiam Alaridi (NO), Amanda Abi Khalil (LEB), Dona Timani (LEB), Omar Nicolas (SY/DE), Mohamad al Roumi (SY/FRA)
- 2015 **KNIPSU + the Syrian Cultural Caravan** presenting Syrian art in public space of Bergen, Norway
Contributing with texts to Fett magazine. Curating Etel Adnan in Fett.
Political Propaganda. Co-publisher and launch of the Russian magazine Political Propaganda. Edited by Petr Pavlensky and Oksana Shalygina.
- 2014 **Anonymous Nationalist – Petr Pavlensky** at the Museum of Contemporary Art Krakow
Curated by Maya Økland, Hilde Jørgensen (KNIPSU) & Delfina Jalowik (MOCAK)
- 2013 **100 years with womens suffrage in Norway –so why are the artists shutting up?**
Seminar and performance at Litteraturhuset in Bergen in collaboration with Fett.
Debate participants: Wencke Mühleisen, Samir M'kadmi, Kjetil Røed, Vibeke Tandberg and moderator Grethe Melby. Performance: Suffragette Song by Ane Lan.
Curated by Maya Økland
- 2013 **100år! Performance lecture by Guerrilla Girls and more.** A collaboration to celebrate *Stemmerettsjubileet* – the 100 years anniversary for womens right to vote in Norway. The collaboration was between Bergen Art Academy, Gallery 3,14, art historian Helga Nyman and KNIPSU and consisted of feminist art exhibitions, events and seminars throughout the year.
Participating artists/curators/scholars/writers/institutions: Guerilla Girls (US), Afrah Nasser (YE/SE), Iben Mondrup (DK), Kjetil Røed (NO), Olga Jitlina (RU), Hilde Sofie Pedersen (NO), Susanne Christensen (DK/NO), Wiam Alaridi (SY/NO), Nezihat Bakar (TU) & Fredrik Langeland (NO), Synnøve G. Wetten (NO), Textfukkers (NO), Bergen Offentlige Bibliotek (NO), Steven Dixon (US), Helga Nyman (NO), Arne Skaug Olsen (NO), Joanna Rytel (NO), BIKS (NO), Föreningen JA! (SE), Annika Strøm (SE), Kwestan Jamal (NO), Petr Pavlensky (RU), Ekaterina Sharova (RU), Tanja Thorjussen (NO), Mor&Jerry (NO), Galleri 3,14 (NO), Karin Hindsbo (NO), Dag Solhjell (NO), Nora Nerdrum (NO), Hilde Herming (NO), Sigrun Åsebø (NO), Knut Josøk (NO), Anette Kierulf (NO)
- 2010-2011 **Shaping Time** – Producer and coordinator of workshops, seminar, and publication in collaboration with the Filmschool in Lodz, Poland. Funded by EEA and Norway Grants.
Participating artists from Norway: Yamile Calderon, Hector Pina-Barrrios, Bjarne Bare, Katinka Goldberg, Finn-Arne Johannessen, Marthe Elise Stramrud, Alette Schei Rørvik, Kristin Tårnesvik, Siri Sætre
- 2008-2010 **FLAGGFABRIKKEN PRESENTS:**
Co-curator of Fatal Nordic Attractions, One-Night Stands, and Nordic Art Express, Flaggfabrikken Presents at Landmark/Bergen Kunsthall with Hilde Jørgensen. Granted by Nordic Culture Point. Participating artists/musicians/curators/scholars: Joanna Rytel (SE), Telefon til Chefen (DK), Gadegalleriet.dk (DK), Anna-Kaisa Rastenberger (FI), Aura Seikkula (FI), Verena Winkelmann (NO), Icelandic Love Corporation (IS), Laila Hansen (GL), The Ghost (FO), Susanna Majuri (FI), Lau Nau (FI), Aurora Emilie Sandlije (NO), Tori Wrånes (NO), Planningtorock (DE), FM Belfast (IS), Monica Winther (NO), Nils Bech (NO), Pitchtuner (DE), Heidi Mortenson (DK), Hans Abbing (NL), REKO (SE), Eivind Sletteåas (NO), Dag Solhjell (NO), Isabel Reiß (SWI), Catherine Hug (A), Goodiepal (DK), Maiju Salmenkivi (FI), Ingrid Askeland (NO), Doris Frohnappel (DE), Georg Olsen (GL), Maya Økland (NO), Hilde Jørgensen (NO)