

## CV

### Maya Økland

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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

2023 *Femidomen with Marie Gurine Askeland, Marianne Heier & Hilde Jørgensen (upcoming)*  
2022 Dandara, solo show, **Tenthaus Oslo**, curated by Tatiana Lozano,  
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

2022 Tenthaus, Oslo Negativ  
2022 Mother Nature on a Saturday Night, group show, Oslo Negativ  
2021 First the Good News, works from the collection, KODE Art Museum, Bergen  
2021 Intimitet og nærhet, Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo  
2021 Seid, Knipsu, Bergen  
2020,21,22 Juleutstillingen, Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo  
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 SiM, 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 Treshold, 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

- 2022 Iberia Piranga, Kiyoshi Yamamoto artist publication
- 2022 Fett #1, About masculinity with Kiyoshi Yamamoto, T-Michael and Lars Korff Lofthus
- 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
- 2013-21 Editorial board, Fett

#### Artist residencies

- 09.2019 Kunstnarhuset Messen, Hardanger, Norway, one month
- 12.2018 SiM residency, Reykjavik, one month
- 03.2013 Deelstaat, Extrapool, Nijmegen in Netherlands, two weeks
- 03.2012 Berlin Mitte with KNIPSU, OCA, one month
- 02.2009 Berlin Mitte, Office for Contemporary Art Norway (OCA), one month
- 04.2006 Nordic AiR, NIFCA, Konstpedemin in Gothenburg, Sweden, two months

#### Grants and project support

- 2013,19,21,22 Billedkunstnernes vederlagsfond, 1 year working grant for artists**
- 2017,20,21,22 Statens Kunstnerstipend, diverse stipend
- 2021 Bergesenstiftelsen
- 2020 Statens Kunstnerstipend, covid work grant
- 2019,20,22 Fritt Ord, project support
- 2020 Arts Council, project support
- 2020,22 Oslo City, Project support
- 2019 Billedkunstnernes Vederlagsfond, project support
- 2005,16 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
- 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

2006 Ingrid Lindbäck Langaard Foundation  
2005, 06 City of Bergen project support  
2002, 03 Trafo.no

## Memberships

FFF, UKS, NBK, BONO, Atelierfelleskapet Bjørka

## Boards

2022-2023 Den Nasjonale Jury Høstutstillingen  
2022- Boardmember, Kunsternes Hus  
2021- Boardmember, Skeiv Verden  
2020- Boardmember, Stiftelsen Bjørka  
2017- Chairwoman, Vestlandsutstillingen  
2021-2022 Vice boardmember, Kunsternes Hus  
2019-2021 Boardmember, Fellesverkstedet  
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, teaching and freelance

2022 *Exhibitions course, Kragerø Kunstscole (upcoming)*  
2022 Curator of Oslo City Queer History outdoor exhibition at Rådhusplassen  
2022 Heady of jury, Høstutstillingen (Annual Salon)  
2021 Art photography course, Kragerø Kunstscole  
2021 *Benkene til Kim*, curating art performances with Linn Cecilie Ulvin, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Nayara Leite and Nils Bech in collaboration with Bergen Pride Regnbuedagene, Bergen  
2020/21/22/23 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), Alekski Tolonen (FI), Inka Nieminen (FI), Kimmo Kumela (FI), Kasper Muttonen (FI), Maiju Salmenkivi (FI), Heidi Mortenson (DK), Ingrid Askeland (NO), Doris Frohnapfel (DE), Tupajumi Foundation (NL), Petr Bystrov (RU), Anja Ulset (NO), Antonio Jose Guzman (NL), Ásmundur Ásmundsson (IS), Pedro Gómez-Egana (NO), Andrea Csaszni 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-Barrios, 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 Sandlilje (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 Slettemeås (NO), Dag Solhjell (NO),  
Isabel Reiß (SWI), Catherine Hug (A), Goodiepal (DK), Maiju Salmenkivi (FI), Ingrid Askeland  
(NO), Doris Frohnafel (DE), Georg Olsen (GL), Maya Økland (NO), Hilde Jørgensen (NO)