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Solo exhibitions

2023

along the wall, down the stairs, outside. Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn

2022

good spaces left. cross section archive, Athens

2021

Goodbye air pollution, the future is here. P/////AKT, Amsterdam

2020

Towards the incongruities of space. Adhoc, Bochum

2019

Eat your way home from the moon. Mertens Frames Project Space by Plan B, Amsterdam

Gordon Matta-Clark: Anarchitect. Anu Vahtra: Completion through removal. Curated by Jessamyn Fiore, Sergio Bessa, Anu Allas. Kumu Art Museum, Tallinn

2018

Interpreter's Booth [Chapter 2]. With Martin Lukáč. Curated by Piotr Sikora.
Chimera-Project Gallery, Budapest

2017

Open House Closing. A Walk. PERFORMA 17 Biennial. New York
Interpreter's Booth [Chapter 1]. With Martin Lukáč. Curated by Piotr Sikora. Drdova Gallery, Prague

2016

Forms of adaptation. This space intentionally left blank. Chimera-Project Gallery, Budapest

An exhibition as a post factum operation. Curated by Nico Anklam.

Rietveld Pavilion, Amsterdam

A fact in space. After exhibitions. Hobusepea & Draakon galleries, Tallinn

17,9°. Installation at the Contemporary Art Museum of Estonia (EKKM) in 2012 and 2014, adapted for Art Brussels 2016 non-profit section. With EKKM.

A room made of blank pages. Kjubh Kunstverein, Cologne

2015

Smugglers. Narracje Festival #7. Curated by Anna Smolak. Public space of Nowy Port, Gdansk
Chimera Art Award Exhibition. With Ekaterina Shapiro-Obermair. Chimera-Project Gallery

2011

Untitled (a line has two sides aka any of the twenty-four triangles). Part of a series of projections in public space of Tallinn during Tallinn Month of Photography 2011. Curated by Epp Kubu

2009

Homage to Gordon Matta-Clark. A4, Amsterdam

Selected group exhibitions & projects

2024

The House That Is Falling Apart. With Winnie Herbstein, Filip Jovanovski. Curated by Ivana Vaseva. FR~U & Museum of Republic of North Macedonia, Skopje

2023

Trance (Main exhibition of Tallinn Photomonth). Curated by Ilari Laamanen. Tallinn Art Hall
Lasnamäe Pavilion, Tallinn

Registered Time – an exhibition of projections in public space. Curated by Maria Lalou & Skafte Aymo-Boot of cross-section archive, Athens

2022

A Penny in the Fountain. With Veronika Eberhardt, Martine Flor, Lieven Lahaye. VBKÖ, Vienna

2021

Spatial Bias. Lesage, Brussels

2019

Published by Lagemik. Printed Matter from 2010–2019. Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design (ETDM), Tallinn

2018

Four as One as Three. Gallery Kendra Jayne Patrick at 9 Herkimer Place, Brooklyn, New York

2017

Unseen. Chimera-Project Gallery, Budapest

Shadows of Others. Curated by Suzanne Friedli & Andreas Furrer. Annex14, Zürich

2016

Unframed. Galerie Raum mit Licht, Vienna

The Baltic Pavilion. 15th Venice Architecture Biennale. With Maarja Kask, Ralf Lööke and Neeme Külm. Curated by Kārlis Bērziņš, Jurga Daubaraitė, Petras Išora, Ona Lozuraitytė, Niklāvs Paegle, Dagnija Smilga, Johan Tali, Laila Zariņa, Jonas Žukauskas.

2015

From Explosion to Expanse. Estonian Contemporary Photography 1991–2015. Curated by Anneli Porri. Tartu Art Museum, Tartu

Köler Prize 2015 Nominees' Exhibition. EKKM, Tallinn

MEEL. VAHTRA. FARKAS_idealism function. Curated by Maria Arusoo. CAC Vilnius

2014

Grain, Wood, Flax, Turf. Curated by Glenn Geerinck. Voorkamer, Lier

Feeling Queezy?! Curated by Rebeka Põldsam. EKKM, Tallinn

Archeological festival_a 2nd hand history and improbable obsessions. Curated by Maria Arusoo. Tartu Art Museum, Tartu

Side Effects II. Curated by Laura Kuusk & Pascale Riou. Ancien Musée-Bibliothèque Grenoble

2013

Where You End, I Begin. Curated by Anneli Porri. Tartu Art House, Tartu

Romeo and Julia. Curated by Anneli Porri. Y-gallery, Tartu and 1. May Gallery, Tallinn

2012

III Artishok Biennale. Curated by Liisa Kaljula, invited by Saara Hacklin. EKKM, Tallinn

The Science of Photography. Daegu Photo Biennale 2012. With Na Kim. Curated by Lee Young Joon. Daegu, South Korea

2011

Time to Meet: The Second Act – A Festival on Photography Goes Live. Curated by Chris Clarke. De Brakke Grond, Amsterdam
Fire & Ignorance. A collaboration with Idan Hayosh, Anders Hana and Morten J. Olsen (MoHa!). CTM 11, Festsaal Kreuzberg, Berlin

2010

Above the City. Curated by Kadri Klementi and Helis Heiter. Tallinn City Gallery, Tallinn
Time to Meet : Sugary Photographs with Tricks, Poses and Effects. Curated and organised by Moritz Wegwerth, Ben Van den Berghe, Glenn Geerinck. Various locations in Antwerp

2009

We Belong Together. Supernova, Riga
Fire & Ignorance. A collaboration with Idan Hayosh, Anders Hana and Morten J. Olsen (MoHa!). Henie-Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo and various other venues around Europe

2008

EP-Residency 2008, Artblock Hoyerswerda. Hoyerswerda, Germany
Doings or Not. Curated by Margit Säde & Laura Kuusk. Vžigalica Gallery, Ljubljana

2007

I. Curated by Margot Kask. Hobusepea Gallery, Tallinn
Time To Meet II. Forum für Kunst und Architektur, Essen
Save the Last Dance. P/////AKT, Amsterdam

2006

The 11th Hong Kong Independent Short Film & Video Awards

2005

Stilleben. Curated by Karolin Tampere & Åse Løvgren (Rakett). PROJEKT 0047, Berlin

Residencies

2023

We don't want to be starts (but parts of constellations), FR~U, Skopje, North Macedonia

2022

cross section archive, Athens

2020

WIELS Contemporary Art Centre, Brussels

2017

International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP), New York
Nordic-Baltic A-i-R in Tromsø, Norway

2015

CAC Vilnius (with Lagemik), Vilnius, Lithuania

2010

Sørfinnset Skole: the nord land. Sørfinnset, Gildeskal, Norway

2009

STEIM, Amsterdam

2008

EP-Residency 2008, Hoyerswerda, Germany

Education

2019–2020 LUCA School of Arts, Brussels, Belgium, Fine Art MFA
2005–2007 Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Photography BFA
2002–2005 Estonian Academy of Arts, Photography BA
2003 I–V Bergen Academy of Art and Design, Bergen, Norway, photography

Awards & scholarships & commissions

2018

Commission for the Wienerberger Contemporary Photography Collection, curated by Büro für Kunst (Valerie Loudon & Moritz Stipsicz)

2017

Annual Award of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia's Foundation for Fine and Applied Arts

2016–2018

Artist's salary, provided by Estonian Ministry of Culture in collaboration with EAA

2015

Köler Prize 2015 grand prix
Kristjan Raud Award, nominee
Cultural Endowment of Estonia, one-year grant

2014

Sadolin Art Prize, nominee

2013

Annual Award of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia's Foundation for Fine and Applied Arts (with Lugevik)

Works in collections

Art Museum of Estonia
Tartu Art Museum
Wienerberger Contemporary Photography Collection
Private collections in Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Hungary, Switzerland, The Netherlands

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2021

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2019

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2018

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2017

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2016

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2015

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Marten Esko. Murrangu lävel, *Sirp*, 5.06.2015

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2014

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2010

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2009

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2007

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2006

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