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Saskia Fischer is an interdisciplinary artist working with images, objects, texts, and environments.

Her research is concerned with the paradigms that form and inform landscape as a reflection of cultural and social values. She examines the ways Western understanding separates anthropological urbanity from a colonial concept of nature, reinforcing problematic notions of femininity and what is ,natural'. Her working motifs draw on transitory architectures and the fabricated barrier between nature and the commons.

This interdisciplinary research is expressed through photographs, film and installations synthesizing diverse media blending materials and motives from architecture, mobility, urban planning, landscape design, horticulture, gender studies and art history. Saskia Fischer After Dark, 2025

genuin antique glass, steel, aluminium, wires, variable dimensions

with texts by Mirela Baciak, Francesco Urbano Ragazzi, Goda Gasiūnaitė and Edita Anglickaitė-Beršinskienė

exhibition views by Laurynas Skeisgiela Text by JL Murtaugh Drifts Gallery, Vilnius, LT

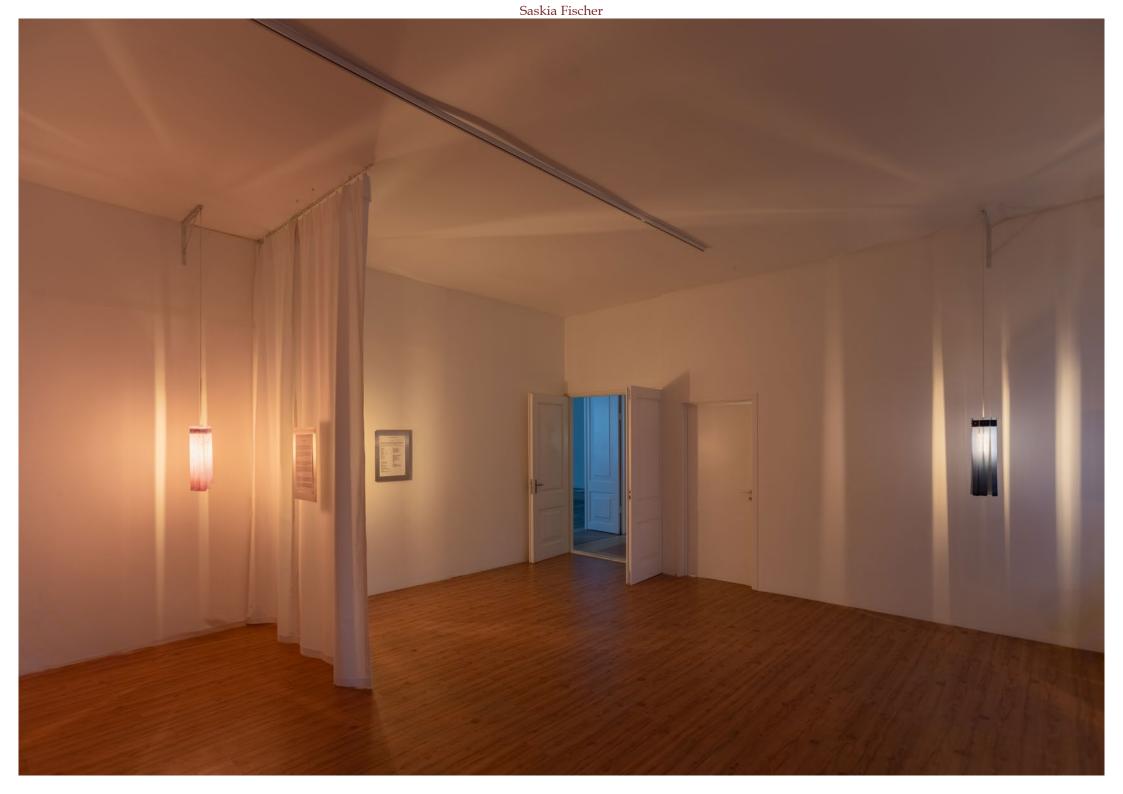


Twilight contains infinite possibilities to dream, hide, and engage in other nocturnal activities, in secret and anonymous. *After Dark*, a suite of four light sculptures is presented alongside four short stories by international authors. The colourful lanterns, fabricated from genuine antique glass, guide us through the exhibition rooms. Their glow draws us into and out of the film *The Night Gardener*, mimicking a grand theatre, or an illuminated pavement. Short stories accompany each sculpture, each reflecting several of the film's motives: dreams and cinema, care and identity, language and transience, fruit and power. These texts introduce us to the film, but also guide us away from a literal interpretation, strolling down different footpaths through this metaphorical garden.

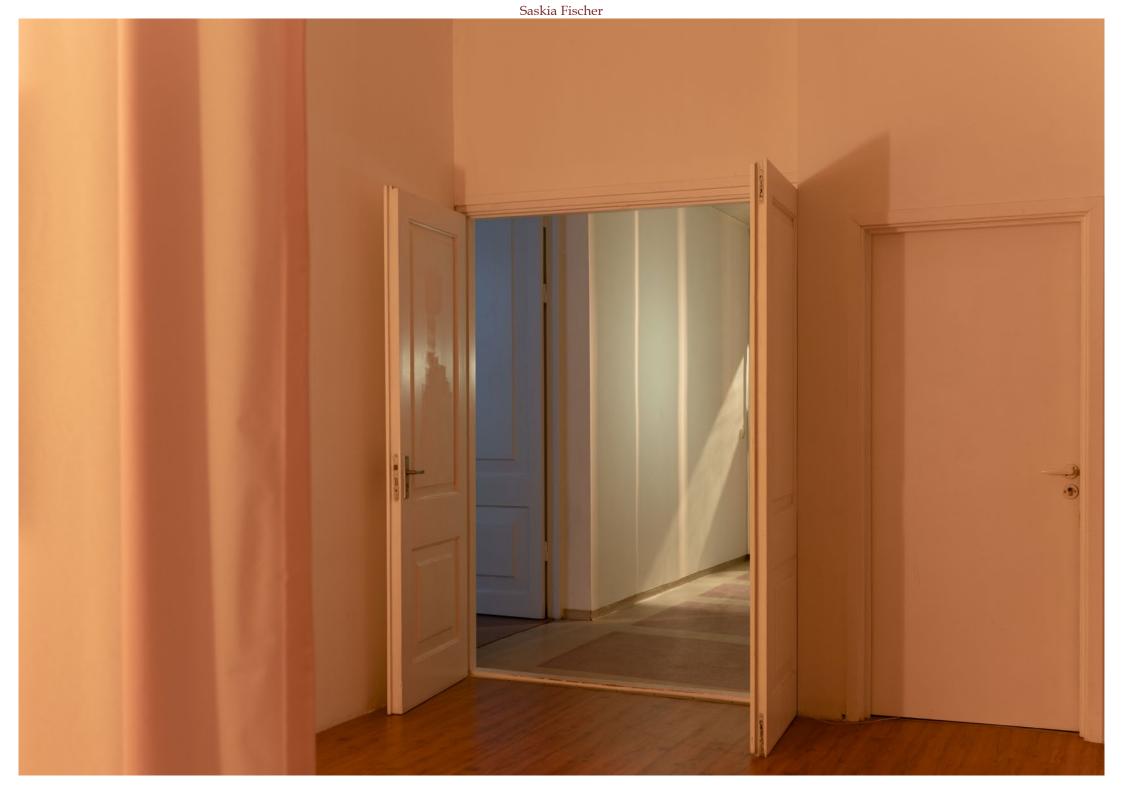




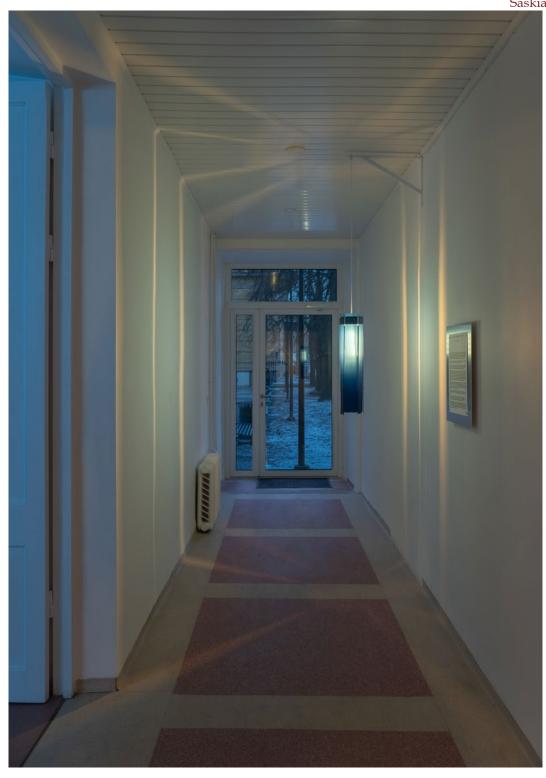














The Night Gardener (Nakties Daršininkė), 2025



17:30 min. super 8 | 2k english, lithuanian

filmed, written and directed by Saskia Fischer

with contributions by
Dani V. Keller
Ana Lipps, JL Murtaugh,
Liudmila, Eglė Kliučinskaitė,
Melitta Baumeister, Mihał Plata
Barnett Cohen, Justinas Vencius,
Alexandra Bondarev, Justina Šimonytė
and Short Notice Studio

link to trailer vimeo.com/1054221905

exhibition views by Laurynas Skeisgiela Text by JL Murtaugh Drifts Gallery, Vilnius, LT

The film *The Night Gardener (Nakties Daršininke)* follows a surreal character roaming dim landscapes during the blue hours. We listen to their inner voice, their thoughts on being a fluctuating, migrating, shapeshifting, ever-changing character that mirrors the changing seasons. They witness the persistent human alteration of geography and its corresponding effect on individuals and their surroundings. Shot on 8mm film during the spring and autumn of 2024 on the Curonian Spit, it imagines the mythical caretakers who might act as eternal stewards of the vast lands humans can only borrow.



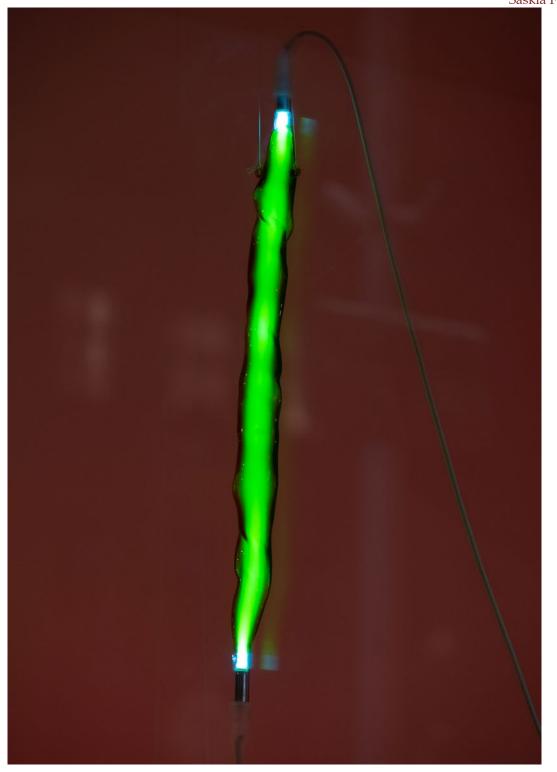
borosilicate glass, neon, argon, wire, transformer variable dimensions

glass work by Ferran Collado exhibition views by Laurynas Skeisgiela apiece Gallery, Vilnius, LT, 2022



Lights is concerned with the relationship between identity and landscape. The work explores the prospects for female and queer people to inscribe themselves into the surfaces of our cities and environments. Thus proposing a speculative future scenario of equality and visibility. The origin of this confrontation is a feeling arriving from a tangible lack of female and queer history and representation within our urban landscapes. How can you make yourself visible, engage with a city or a place and speak to it? Advertising techniques came to mind like neon signs. And then the writing itself. Instead of overthought, perhaps thought-out words and sentences, I thought of scribbles, of intuitive, casual and unbiased signs from which new symbols can emerge.

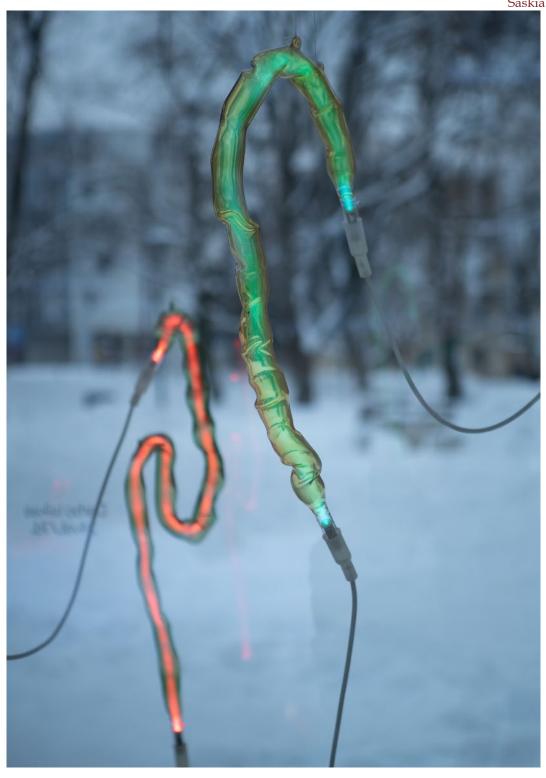


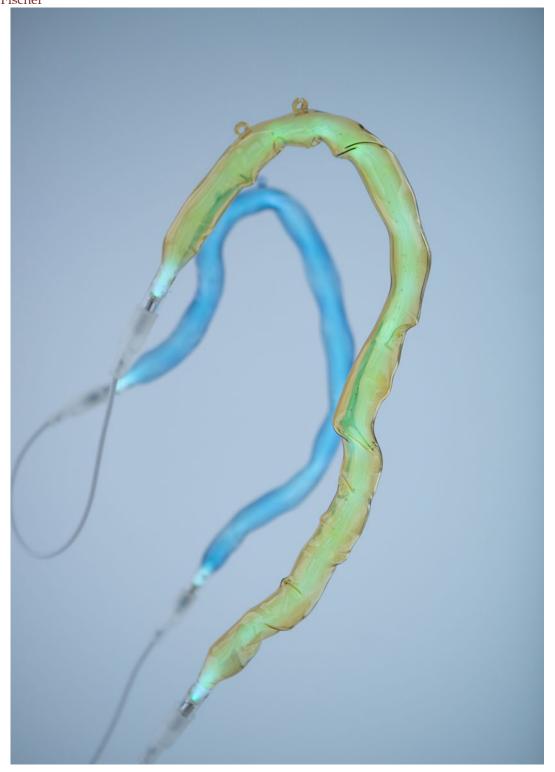


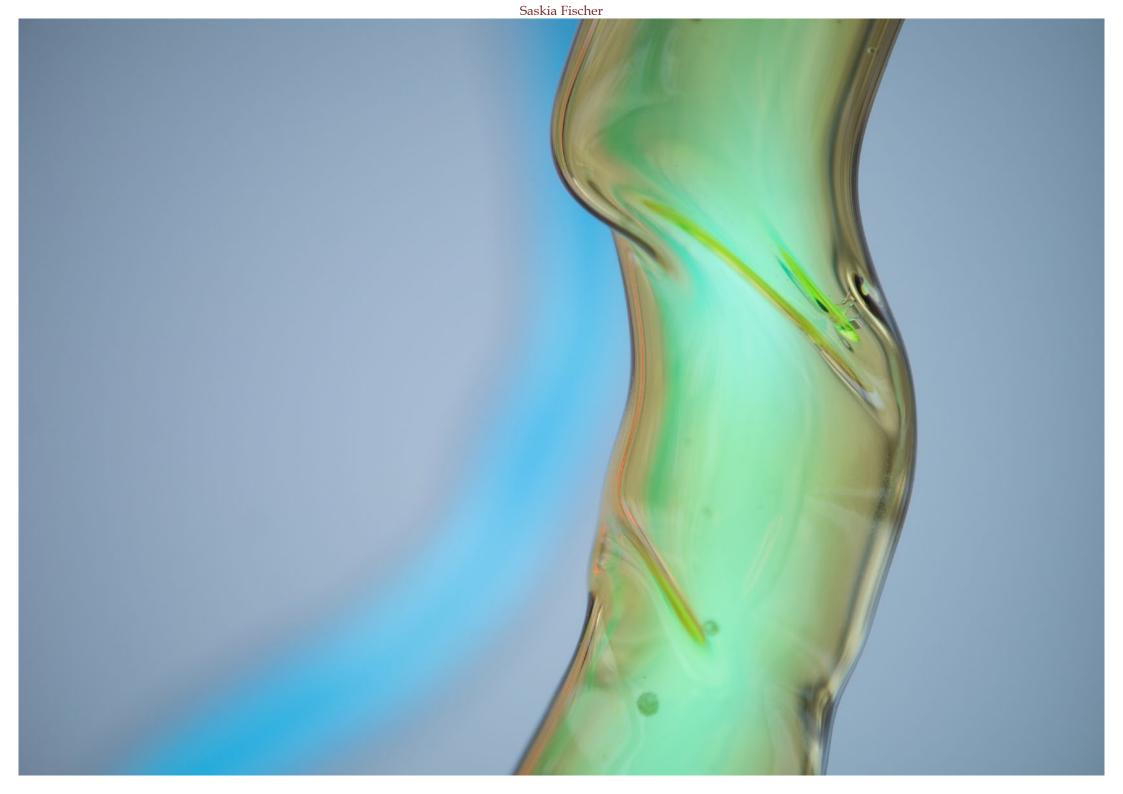




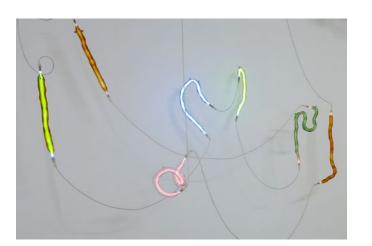








Saskia Fischer Lights, 2022 - 2024



borosilicate glass, neon, argon, wire, transformer variable dimensions

glass work by Ferran Collado exhibition views by Paul Kuimet City Gallery, Tallinn Art Hall, Tallinn, EE



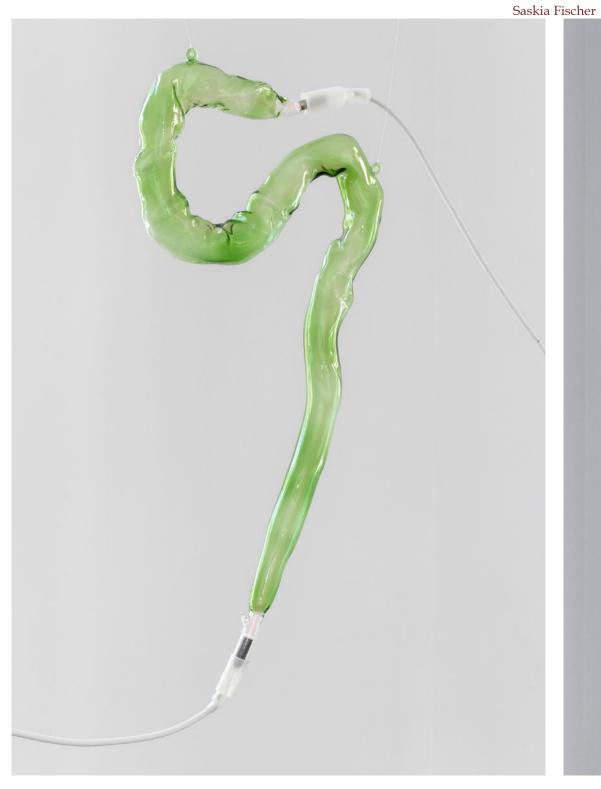
Saskia Fischer Lights, 2022 - 2024



borosilicate glass, neon, argon,wire, transformer variable dimensions

glass work by Ferran Collado exhibition views by Jannis Uffrecht Nova Space, Bauhaus University, Weimar, DE







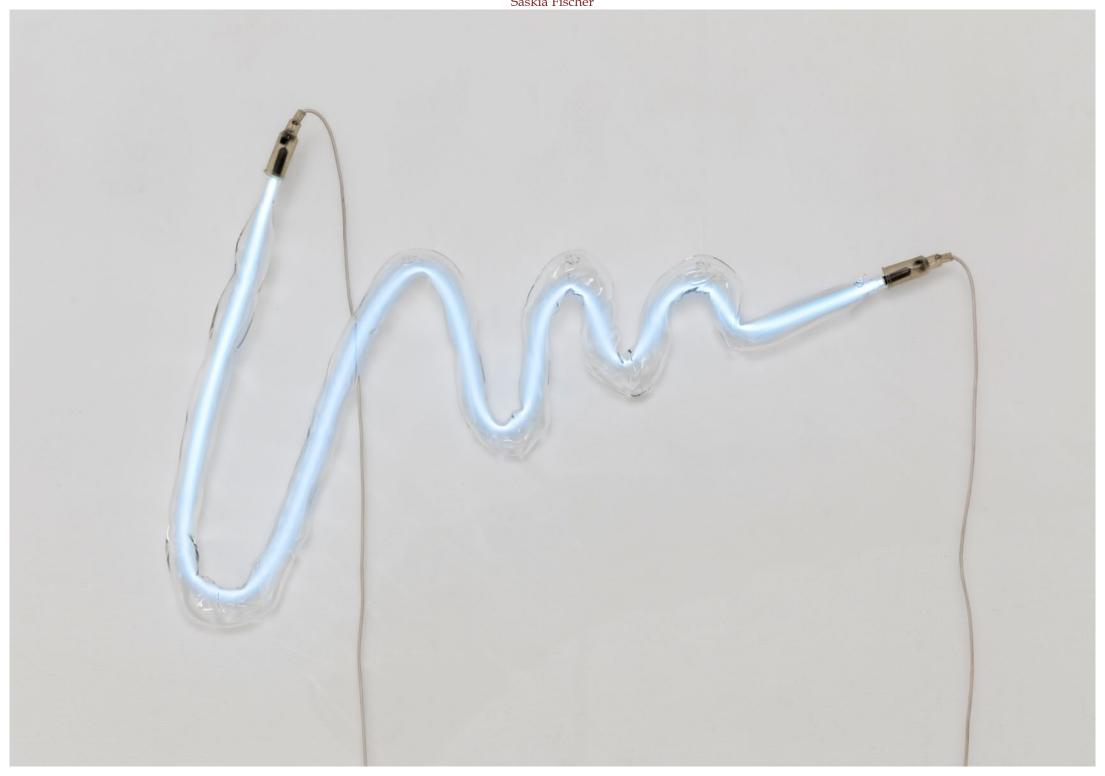
borosilicate glass, argon, wire, transformer $60 \times 95 \times 10$ cm

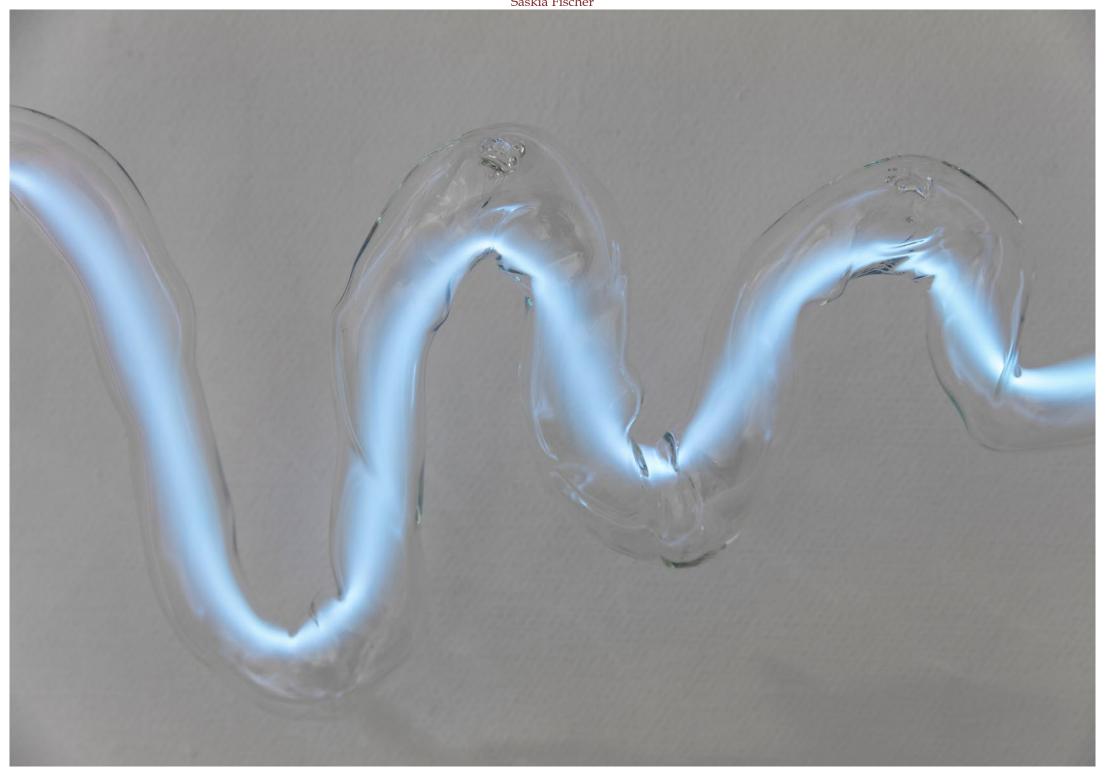
glass work by Ferran Collado exhibition views by Tor Simen Ulstein commissioned by Norske Kunsthåndverkere Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall, Arendal, NO



Lights (Arendal) is a new, site-specific work specifically made for Norske Kunsthåndverkere and Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall. The work explores the prospects for female and queer people to inscribe themselves into the surfaces of our cities and environments.

The work attests to this idea of inscription into the public sphere: In a previous iteration in Vilnius, Lights made a huge spatial impact far beyond its location and did what it was intended to do, inscribe itself into the landscape and rephrase our perception of it through its joyfulness.





Lights, 2024 État (Glass 1, Red Handle), 2018



borosilicate glass, argon, wire, transformer $60 \times 95 \times 10$ cm

glass work (Lights) by Ferran Collado glass work (État) by John Moran exhibition views by Johannes Ocker Hermann Haake Stiftung, Domäne Monrepos, Ludwigsburg, DE, 2024





Saskia Fischer Stirling Ballet, 2024

performance costumes: steel, brass, organza, silk, rubber and glass keys, duration ca 2:30 h

performed by Mona Gablenz and Almar Martinez-Londono exhibition views by Daniela Wolf Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, DE



Reaching beyond a glass ceiling requires a key. These symbolise equal access and can unlock invisible barriers.

In 2024, three glass keys were made for *Stirling Ballet*, a choreographed piece for female and trans performers staged on the 40th anniversary of James Stirling's postmodernist addition to Staatsgalerie Stuttgart — a collection that overwhelmingly features male artists. One was later included in the film *The Night Gardener (Nakties Daržininkė)*, an ode to otherness and stewardship of land. The costumes for *Stirling Ballet* are derived from structural elements such as the curved window front, the shapes of the travertine facades, and Oskar Schlemmer's iconic *Triadisches Ballett*.





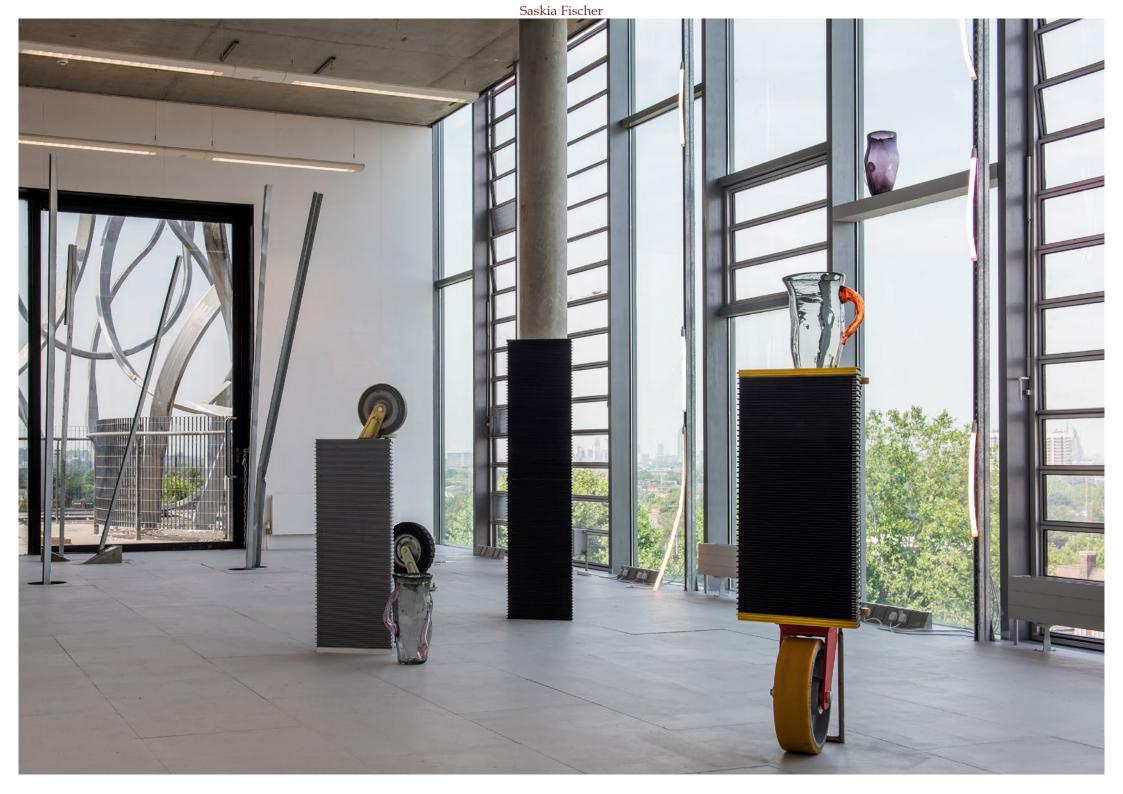
État, 2018

escalators, castors, hand-made glass jugs, LEDs, metal, perspex, wood, paint variable dimensions

glass work by John Moran exhibition views by Saskia Fischer Goldsmiths, University of London, UK, 2018



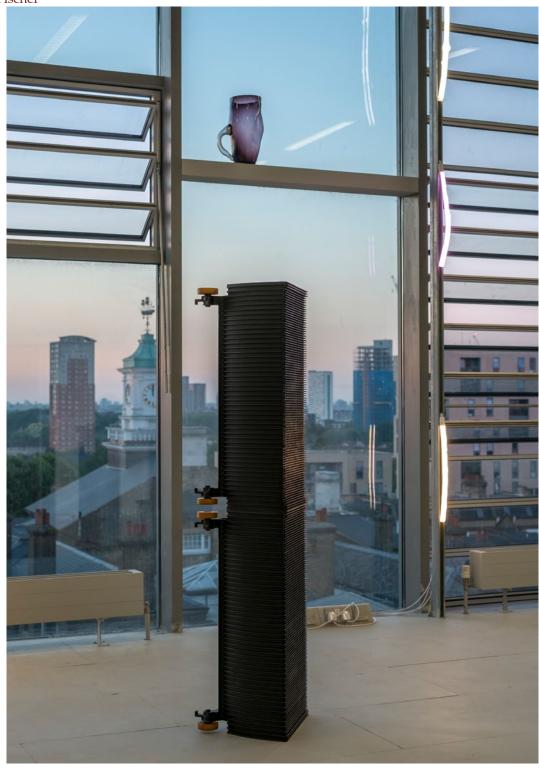
État was created as both an homage and a critique of life in the city. The work was preceded by months of research into the gender-exclusionary implications of modernist and post-modernist architecture, the social demarcation of minimalism and the cultural, binary separation of urban space and nature. The group consists of three larger sculptures, three glass objects, several lights and a smaller, lying sculpture. *État* was my thesis from Goldsmiths in London and my first sculptural work.

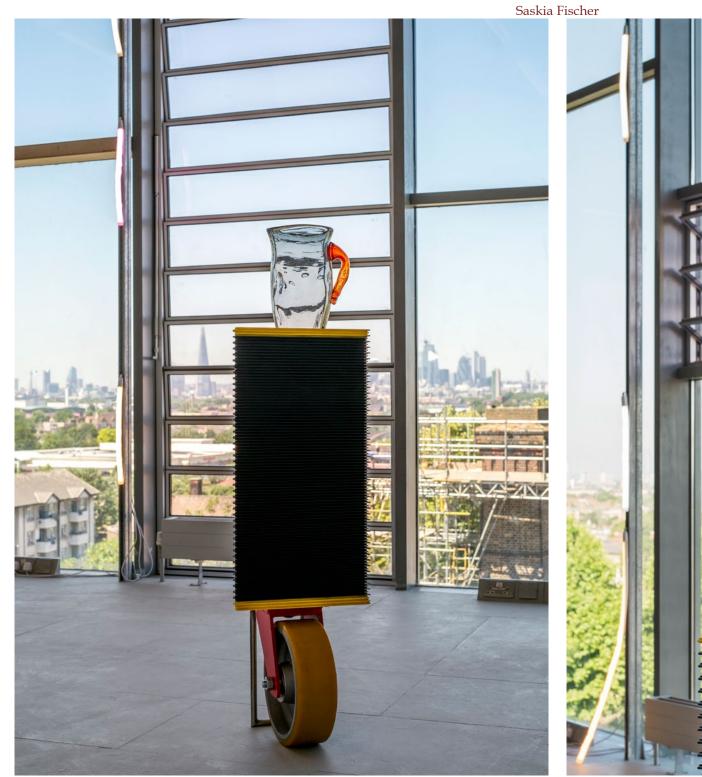
















Violets, 2021

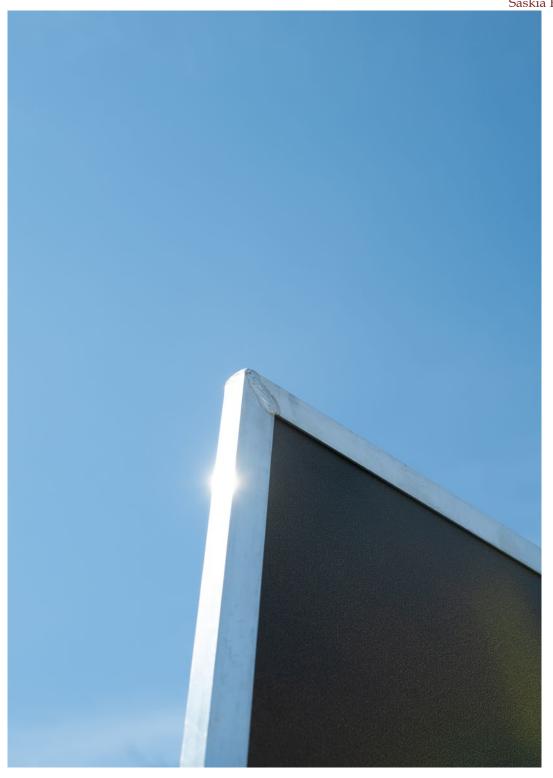
uv print on aluminium, steel, concrete 200 x 120 x 140 cm each

exhibition views by Saskia Fischer commissioned by Institut Français Stuttgart and MWK Baden-Württemberg for Current Festival, Berliner Platz, Stuttgart, DE



The most common blossom in urban plantings is the violet (pansy). It is a small, unfashionable flower, yet it is often the only feminine representation in constructed urban environments. In German, the pansy is called Stiefmütterchen or Little Stepmother. It is named after its largest petal (the stepmother) overlapping, thus 'suppressing' the other smaller petals of its flower (the stepdaughters). In English, the term 'pansy' is derogatory, and associated with physical weakness, femininity, or queer identity.









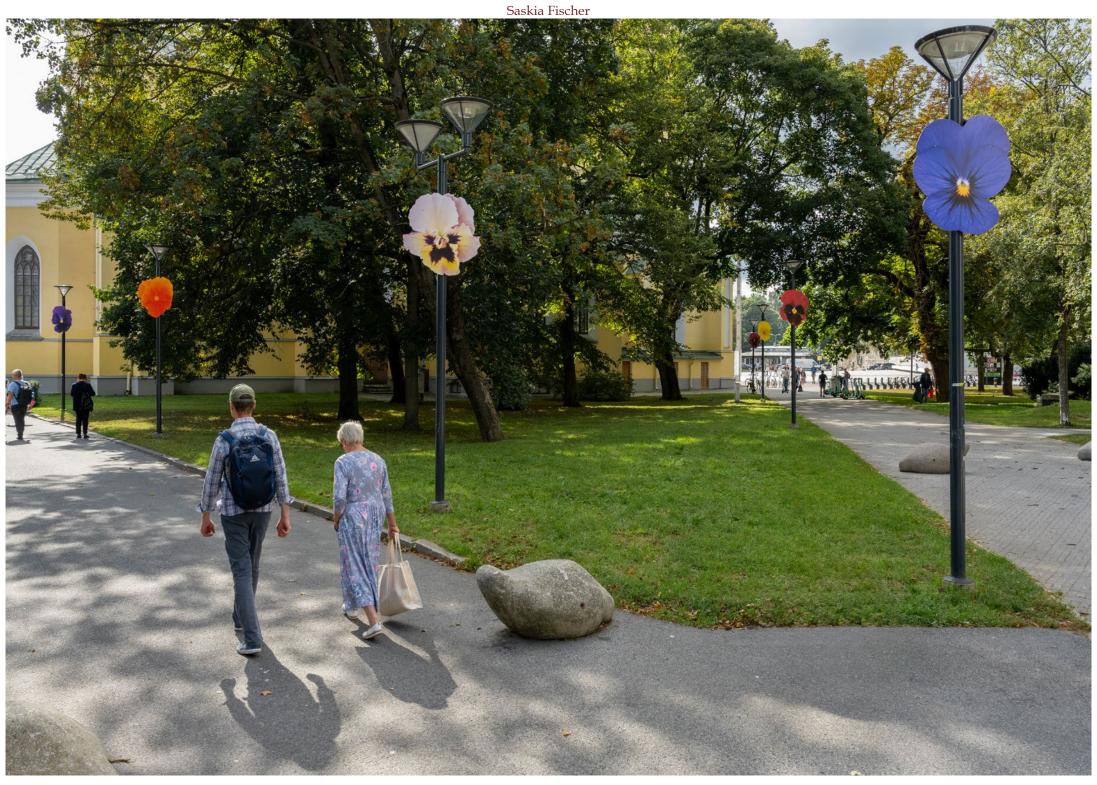
Pansies, 2024

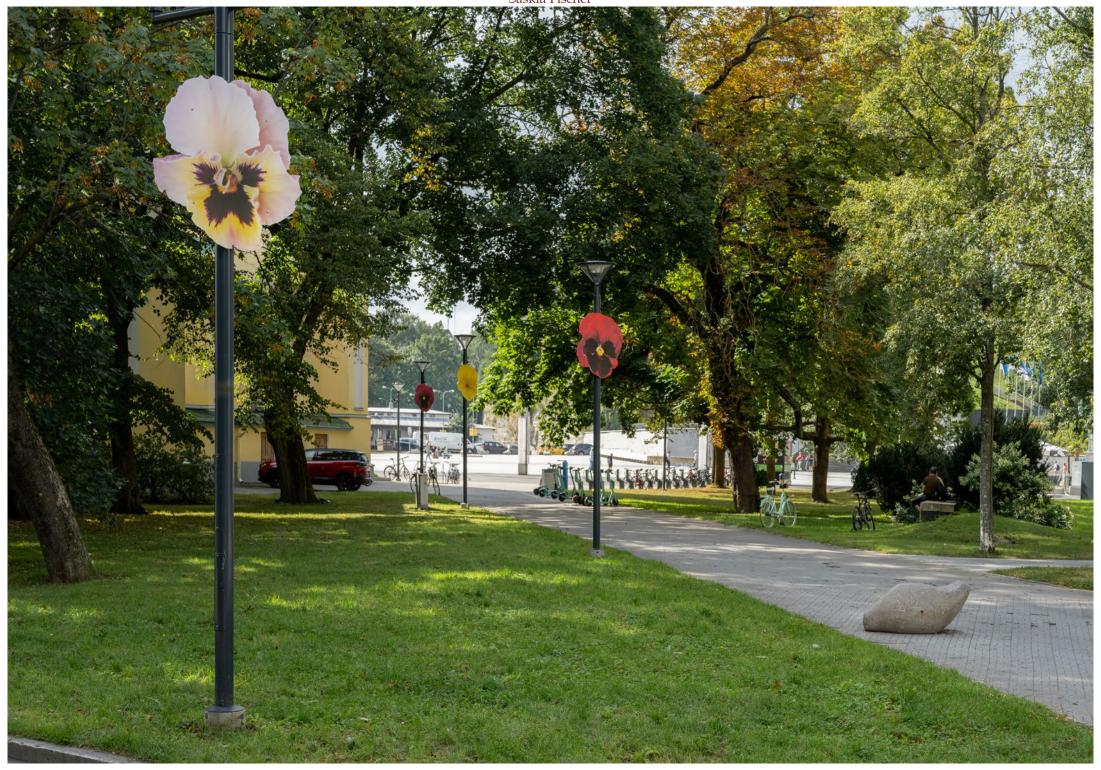
latex print on aludibond, steel utilising existing public infrastructure seven prints, each ca ø 100 cm architectural model 40 x 40 x 12 cm

exhibition view (scale model) by Paul Kuimet street views by Roman-Sten Tõnissoo commissioned by Tallinn Art Hall, Freedom Square, Tallinn, EE



Pansies are common flowers in urban landscapes, and often their only ,feminine' design features. In some languages, the pansy is called the 'stepmother' flower as its largest petal, or 'stepmother', overshadows the smaller petals, or 'stepchildren.' In fairy tales and pop culture, the stepmother is often portrayed as wicked, evil, and selfish, emphasising competition between women and the cult of youth. The English name 'pansy' also carries pejorative connotations, as it has historically been associated with physical weakness, femininity, and queer identity. Colourful and optimistic, the installation engages public space and explores the marginalisation and under-representation of women and LGBTQIA+ bodies and histories, drawing on the pansy's symbolic connotations.





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1 NEW YORK, 2019

Us have mapped the places that make us safe; scoring crevices of light into the shadows cast by the cities imposed on us. Yet map and territory never matched. How often have I thought: I belong here and still have no place.

The city is a forest which generates its own topography, shaping my movement, leading me around the concrete pits of municipal civilisation where I find stone to carve my sculptures. Its language is transformation, the flexibility to shape shift according to demography, power, and economy.

Can it ever belong to us? Us women, us migrants, us exploited, us marginalized? Can it incorporate our ability to imagine and reinvent, to see what isn't yet but what can be: how places inspire feeling if only we could end the arbitrary binary between what is nature, and what is not? What if we could access every space with the confidence of co-ownership and acceptance, overwriting the discrepancy between identity and representation, through being visible and fluidly inscribed into place?

'The forest is a city' Paulo Tavares wrote. A garden, a field, a shelter. Home to the multiplicity of beings that dwell their life here on earth. Built by societies that don't conceptualize difference into the world.

2 ENGADIN, 2021

Supposedly the archetype of nature is the alps. And yet, I find myself underneath an exalted concrete bridge crossing the steep and narrow valley of the river En. The bridge divides the image I have of the valley in two. A mountain peak lurks over the monolithic line that is drawn from one side to the other. The city is already here.

My glance turns away from the mountains and down to the forest floor, where I pick the first wild strawberries of this year.

I once read 'Life is necessarily complex'². However here, where it's either mountain or valley, forest or meadow, the concept of 'heimat', as a home or habitat, a place of longing, seems utterly plausible. Romanticised and politically charged it pictures generations of nuclear families farming the land in control of its wilderness. A lineage and tradition, a place to belong; a lie. In reverse this projection paints us with the colour of otherness.

I imagine us being the wild forest strawberries, a collective of nuts disguised as fruit, but actually roses, growing in horizontal connections of stolons, building our map through a woven network of arms, and legs that hold each other. A safe passage through our city.

3 NIDA, 2022

From where I stand, I can barely see the border through the white-covered dunes. Maybe later, in the spring or summer, who knows when this war will end, will the border reappear from under the ice. It might have changed its appearance or location or disappeared altogether. I am hoping for the latter, but who gets to decide?

We bring up fluidity when we talk about identity while ignoring water's other states of aggregate. This feeling of not belonging is that of ostracism. As if I am told I am ice, but not gas when I am water. As if the collocation of my molecules and atoms would change by the power of your words. I'd rather not say who I am. Words manifest, like monuments, or border stones, through differentiation new hegemonies are forming, as further we fraction. I refuse to determine myself, so I can satisfy your need to identify me, as who I might no longer be.

As for my location, I am in a place, between places, maybe a crossroad, a buzzing intersection, or a calm hermitage. I don't know yet where I am, and honestly, I don't need to know. Refusing to identify is a dialectical issue, but not a problem I have for myself. Who am I? Me seems, as so often, not enough.

Where does it leave me? Preciado proposed utopian gender before transcending to Uranus³. Snowy like the border, making the distinctions, the territories, the insides and outsides, the dualisms and hegemonies disappear under its shell of ice, that is protecting my soft but boiling hot core.

One day the past and our current present will reappear. And it won't be the ice that will reveal them but the sand that formed this landscape's soft but violent dunes. Uncovering layers of complex and ambiguous times, one would wish for borders to have never been established.

² Life is Necessarily Complex: Unnatural Participations, edited by Anna Mikkola and Louis Mason, 2018

³ Paul B. Preciado: An Apartment on Uranus, 2019

Saskia Fischer Kompostas, 2024

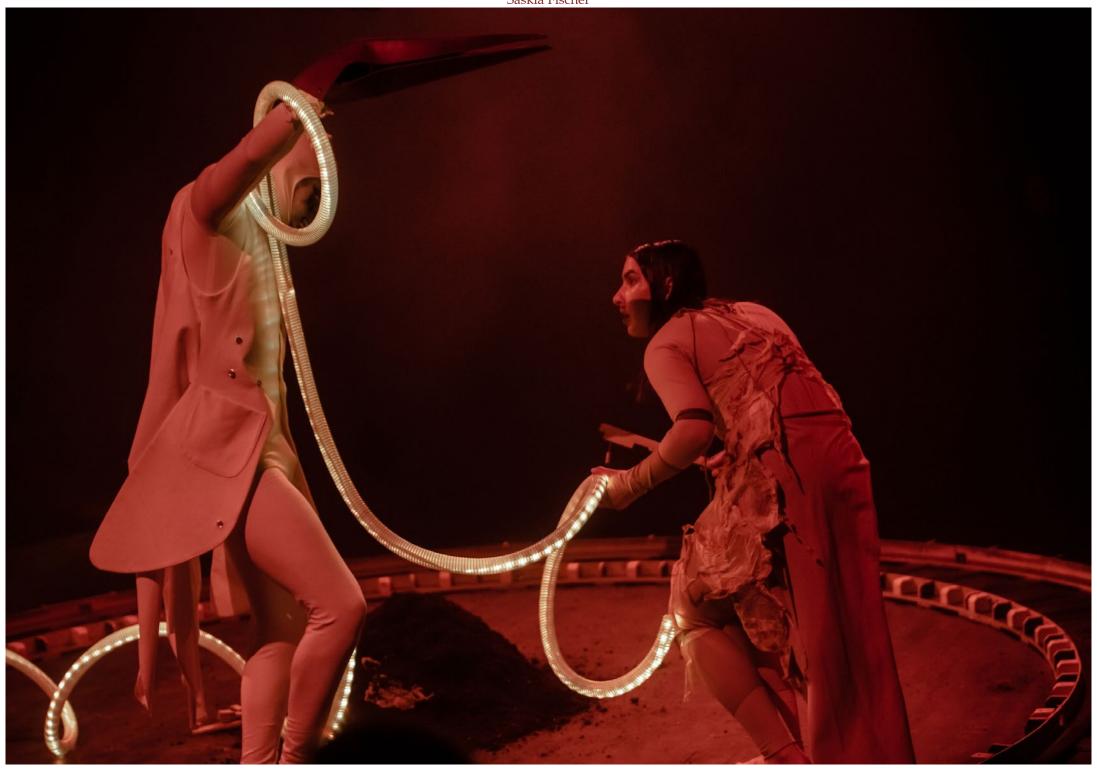


lighting concept for theatre performance

composer - Jūra Elena Šedytė director - Greta Štiormer sculptor, set designer - Martynas Bernatonis costume designer - Valdemara Jasulaitytė visual artist - Kamilė Dambrauskaitė lighting artist - Saskia Fischer lighting assistant - Edgaras Varkulevičius sound director - Milda Radvilaitė producer - Erika Urbeleviė creative consultant - Rugilė Barzdžiukaitė

performance views by D. Putino Arts Printing House, Vilnius, LT, 2024

The interdisciplinary stage work *Kompostas* invited the audience to hear an ensemble of three composted and deformed pianos. The ambitious ecological narrative of the play was created by a team of young artists from different artistic disciplines. On stage, the audience saw recycling schemes transformed into expressions of music and physical theatre.



Vita 1/3

2025

Sutemos (After Dark), solo exhibition, curated by JL Murtaugh, Drifts Gallery, Vilnius, LT

tbc, group exhibition and catalogue, Villa Merkel, Esslingen, DE (October 2025)

Pansies (Riga), public art work commission, University of Latvia, Riga LV (November 2025)

2024 - 2026

Lecturer, Mathilde Planck Fellowship, State Academy of Art and Design, Stuttgart, DE

2024

Lighting Concept for Kompostas, directed by Greta Štiormer, Arts Printing House, Vilnius, LT

Guest Lecturer, Photography Department, Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn, EE

Artist Talk, Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn, EE

Residency, Nida Art Colony, Nida, LT

Catalogue, Out and About, BB-Stiftung, Stuttgart, DE

Out and About, JO47B, BB-Stiftung, Stuttgart, DE

Verweile doch du bist so schön, Hermann Haake Stiftung, Seeschloss Domäne Monrepos, Ludwigsburg, DE

Stipend, Hermann Haake Stiftung, Stuttgart, DE

A Place between Night and Day, curated by Brigit Arop, Linnagalerii, Tallinn Art Hall, Tallinn, EE

Pansies, commission for a public art work for Tallinn Art Hall at Vabaduse Väljak (Freedom Square), Tallinn, EE

Taufrisch, Gedok Stuttgart, DE

Bunch, curated by Zofia Małysa-Janczy, C U at Sadka, Kraków, PL

Residency, C U at Sadka, Kraków, PL

Anything Goes - in 2064, initiated and curated by Bettina Kraus and Antonia Low in dialogue with Susanne Kaufmann-Valet and Hendrik Bündge, Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, DE

Zero is the Moon, curated by Sophia Scherer, Nova Space and Bauhaus University, Weimar, DE

Studio Grant, Cultural Office Stuttgart, DE

Residency, Nida Art Colony, Nida, LT

Ned i gruvene, opp i skyene, curated by Johanna Zanon and Kari Skippervold, Norske Kunsthåndverkere and Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall, Arendal, NO

Stipend, Lithuanian Cultural Council, Vilnius, LT

2023 - 2025

Weissenhof Programme, State Academy of Art and Design, Stuttgart, DE

2023

Studio Grant, Lithuanian Interdisciplinary Artists Association, Sodas 2123, Vilnius, LT

Kunst am Bau (art in architecture) finalist for Züricher Park, Nürnberg, DE

On/Off - Questions of Timing, curated by Norina Quinte and Naama Rahamim, Schaufenster, Berlin, DE

Magazine, Herbarium, Sztuka i Dokumentacja, edited by Cornelia Lauf and Flavia Prestininzi, Academy of Fine Arts, Gdansk, PL

 ${\it Touched\ Untouched}, W\"{u}rttembergischer\ Kunstverein\ Stuttgart, DE$

Summer School, Coexistence of Organisms and Communities, 35m2 Prague, CZ

2022

Lights, solo exhibition, curated by Milena Cerniakaitė and Aušra Trakšelyė, apiece Gallery, Vilnius, LT

Residency, Rupert, Vilnius, LT

Lecture Performance, Paratext, Hangar, Barcelona, ES

Summer School, Postsocialist Ecologies, LCCA Riga, EKA and KUMU Tallinn, Valmira, LV

Vita 2/3

2022

Residency, Hangar Barcelona, ES

Stipend, Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts Baden-Württemberg, DE

Nomination for Frischzelle, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, DE

Bitte Recht Freundlich, Museum im Steinhaus, Bönnigheim, DE

Kosice Seed Library, curated by Borbála Soós, Šopa Gallery, Kosice, SK

Bangkok Biennial, stricte intimité, curated by Lee Anantawat, Tristan Deschamps, and Sathit Sattarasart, The Shophouse 1527, Bangkok, TH

2021

Essay, The City is a Forest, in Desired Landscapes, Issue 5, Athens, GR

Violets, commission for a public art work, Institut français, MWK Baden-Württemberg and Current Festival, Berliner Platz, Stuttgart, DE

A Year of Exhaustion, curated by Tristan Deschamps, Borkheide, DE

A Garden for Autarkia, initiated and curated by Saskia Fischer and Lukas Strolia, Autarkia, Vilnius, LT

DYCP award, Arts Council England, London, UK

Residency, Fundaziun Nairs, Scuol, CH

Stipend, Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts Baden-Württemberg, DE

Fellowship nomination, DZ Bank Art Collection, Frankfurt/Main, DE

2020 - 2021

Residency, Cité International des Arts, Paris, FR

Stipend, Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts Baden-Wurttemberg, DE

2020

Hotel Happiness, curated by Paul Chapellier, Beverley Gadsden and Miriam Naeh, virtual exhibition, UK/IL

Chairs, in: Wormhole Magazine, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, DE

Podcast, Reading Continues at Home, curated and edited by Malou Solfjeld, Das Weisse Haus, Vienna, AT

2018

A Certain Wendung, solo exhibition, Kaskl Galerie, Berlin, DE

The Salamander Devours It's Tail Twice, curated by Ashley Middleton, Gallery 46, London, UK

Goldsmiths MFA Degree Show, Goldsmiths, University of London, London, UK

Catalogue, Goldsmiths MFA Degree Show, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

Catalogue, OR, edited by Gaps (Sofía Corrales, Golnoosh Heshmati, Flavia Prestininzi) and Belinda Martin, Madrid, ES

The Stuff That Fits You, curated by Paul Chapellier and Beverley Gadsden, Musgrove, London, UK

Conspiracy Of The Real, curated by Kate Pickering and Sam Plagerson, Tenderpixel, London, UK

2017

Infinite Vanitas, curated by Felice Moramarco, San Guiseppe, Conversano, IT

A Handful Of Uncertainty And Joy, curated by Javier Chozas, Chalton Gallery, London, UK

Let's Yarding, curated by Gaps (Sofía Corrales, Golnoosh Heshmati, Flavia Prestininzi) and Belinda Martin, Graham Rd, London, UK

Give Me A Body Then, curated by Felice Moramarco, Santacroce, Altamura, IT

Eine Platz In Der Welt, curated by Gisela Bullacher, Kunsthaus Essen, DE

We're All Involved In This Mess, curated by Felice Moramarco, EnclaveLab, London, UK

Catalogue, Reset The Apparatus, Die Angewandte, Vienna, AT

Vita 3/3

2016 - 2018

MFA Fine Art, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

2016

Collector Destroyer Voyeur, Palermo Galerie, Stuttgart, DE X Auf Ypsilon Framed, Zollamt Studios, Offenbach, DE

2015

Das Bild Als Gegenüber, curated by Gisela Bullacher, C-Hub Mannheim, DE

Tase, Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn, EE

No Image Is As Good As Any Other, curated by Merilin Talumaa, EKA Galerii, Tallinn, EE

Nimeta, duo show with Lisi Högler, Galerie 52, Essen, DE

Räige Päike, artist book, Tallinn, EE

2014

Glass, Sculpture and Installation, Photography, Erasmus, Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn, EE

Näitamiseks/Müümiseks, Rundum Space, Tallinn, EE

BLICK | BLIK, Manifesta 10 Parallel Program, Taiga Art Space, St. Petersburg, RU

Catalogue, Manifesta 10 Parallel Program, St. Petersburg, RU

Stipend, Marianne Ingenwerth Foundation, Essen, DE

Residency, UNESCO Exchange Programme, Stiftung Zollverein Essen DE, Anadolu Kültür Istanbul TU, Klassikstiftung Weimar DE

2010 - 2015

Photograpy studies, Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen, DE

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