ON COLLABORATING

The different forms of working and thinking together and to develop projects in collaborations have been a major subject in my artistic practice for the last years. I worked in various constellations and collaborations - in the field of performance based on textual concepts together with Ariane Koch and with Stingray Editions (founded 2016 with Kambiz Shafei) in the context of writing, editing and printed matters. With the Argentinian artist Jimena Croceri I realized a series of performances connected to the issues of water(politics), hydrofeminsim and fluidity.

Being inspired and shaped from the thoughts of Céline Condorellis rich philosphical discourse on friendship and support structures, one could say that friendship is about allegiance and shifting. You choose who you want to be with and by doing so you choose them and their ideas, works and projects, it does mean that you are making a decision, which is inherently of a political nature. In friendship is an element of taking sides, of making common cause, a sense of solidarity, or being loyal and not just to the people, but to the cause they embrace. I see friendship as a support, as an essential potential for a political, feminist and collaborative form of work and as something that tries to form solidarity apart from patriarchic structures.

My projects are mostly documented with posters, books, concepts, publications, conversations or the performed text itself and the performances are often shown in variations. More recently I have embedded ceramic props in stage like situations which were being activated by performers and can be interpreted as a documentation or a testimony of the ephemeral moment. At the same time the props take over parts of the dramaturgy and dynamic of the works, provoking an interaction and circulation between different entities.

I am interested in vessels and containers as carriers, recipients which can hold or collect things. If we think with the carrier bag as a tool to hold something – we can also think about immaterial or abstract matters, narratives and stories which shape our being with others. Referring to Ursula K. Le Guins text «The Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction» or thinking about Virginia Woolfs glossary – where «hero» is transformed to «bottle». At the moment I am working on a series of ceramic whistles which are being activated by waterpressure and produce a sound connected to alternative forms of communication, conversations and narratives. Narratives of care and collabration to which I dedicate also my way of making and thinking art.

COLLABORATING WATERS, Version II

Performance, since 2022

Museum Tinguely, BANG BANG - translokale Performance Geschichte:n

COLLABORATING WATERS continues the artist's exploration of the ideas of hydrofeminism as postulated 2017 by Astrida Neimanis in her book Bodies of Water: Posthuman Feminist Phenomenology. The eponymous publication Collaborating Waters brought together (song) texts by the artist in 2021 and, along with musical compositions by artist friends, it formed the source material for a chorical performance. At Museum Tinguely a stage like situation was laid out in the room with a handwoven carpet, dresses and ceramics, which were activated by five performers every weekend during the exhibition.

Performers:

Marie Jeger, Maira Nett, Mira Studer, Marzella Ruegge

Composers:

Franziska Baumgartner, Ulysses, Nicole L'Huillier, Tina Omayemi Reden, Melissa Vargas Franco

Dress: Kathrin Siegrist & Iva Willi

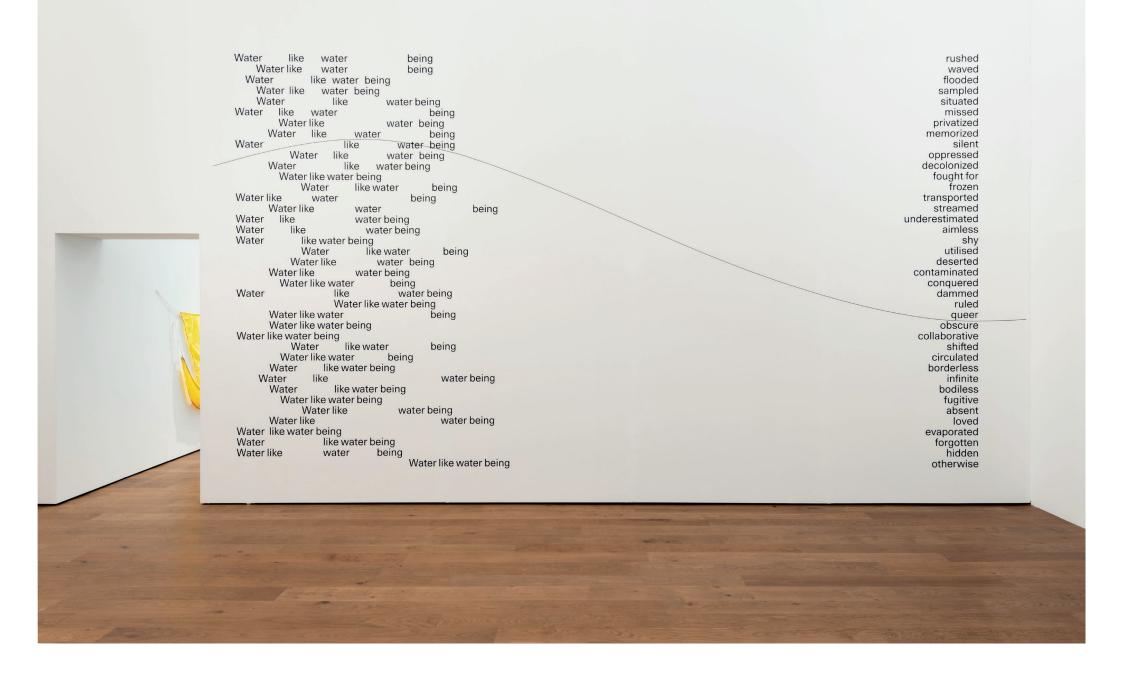
Ceramics: Sarina Scheidegger

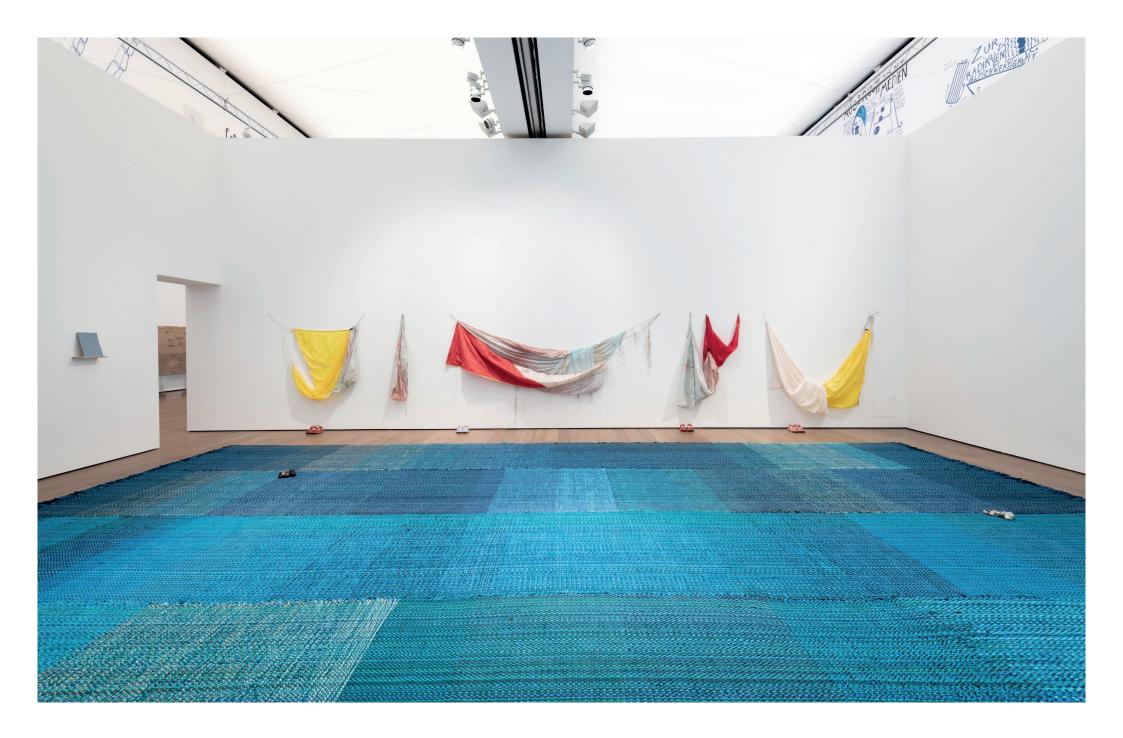
Carpet: Sarina Scheidegger mit Loom – Raum für Gewebe und textile

Auseinandersetzung

Photos: Kambiz Shafei









HOLD

Performance, since 2022 Ausstellungsraum Klingental, Grand Palais, Bern FUENTE Vol. II, Fountain Faule Magd, Basel

In the performance HOLD water once more plays a fundamental role as a liquid constantly circulating between times, landscapes, social structures and bodies. The Water Thiefs are handmade ceramics, which are reminiscent of the water clocks (Klebsydra). These water clocks consisted of two vessels; water flowed from one container into another container and so measuring time. As water clocks, they were the forerunners of the hourglass and were used in ancient Greece to limit the speaking time of the disputing parties in court. The ceramics are a free interpretation of them: instead of holes, they have small beak-like outlets where the water can flow through and escape at different intervals. The performance was shown in the context of exhibitions with big water tanks made of steel as well as in the public space used directly in a fountain. H O L D combines singing voices, mixed recordings, the ceramic objects as sonic elements and an interactive sound surface by Franziska Baumgartner expanding the atmosphere. Relating to how we define time and are being defined by time, the performance connects topics circling around polyphonic voices and the collaborative force of water.

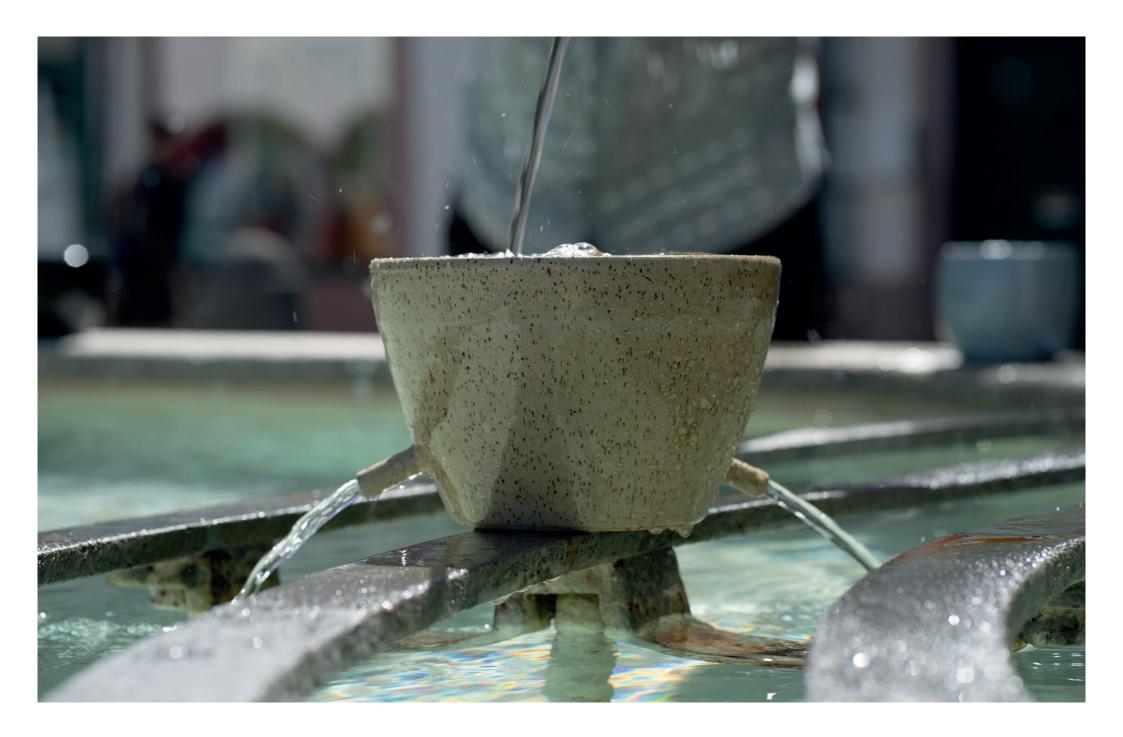
Performers:

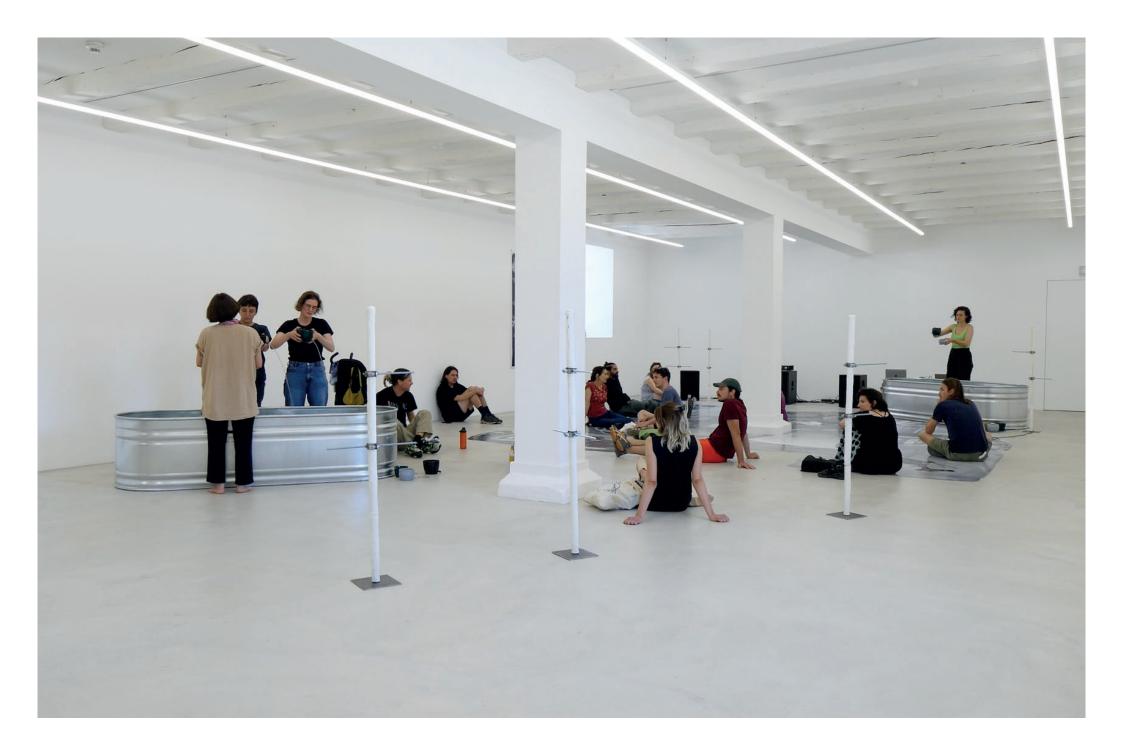
Sofia de Grenade, Lea Rüegg, Franziska Baumgartner, Rodrigo Toro Madrid, Sergio Rojas Chaves, Daniela Flores Arias, Sarina Scheidegger

Ceramics: Sarina Scheidegger

Photos: Sergio Rojas Chaves







NOMBRAR RÍOS, HACER GÁRGARAS with Jimena Croceri

Performance, 2022 Museo de la Inmigración, Buenos Aires

The project «Nombrar ríos, hacer gárgaras» is a long-term collaboration between the two artists. They propose a performative and musical exercise that investigates the inherent fluidity of our bodies and their connection with the seas, glaciers, rivers and the bodies of others. During the performance, the members perform different actions, individually and collectively, in which their bodies are linked to each other and to the water, producing movements and sounds that reveal the organic, identitary and political relationship that we maintain with water. The performance is a version of a series of works that the artists have been carrying out together since 2018.

The performance was shown every Saturday for two hours - during the opening hours a specially produced listening piece was audible for the visitors.

Listening Piece: NOMBRAR RÍOS, HACER GÁRGARAS

Curaduría: Lucrecia Palacios Producción: Patricia Pedraza

Performers: Igne Argento, Guillermina Etkin, Agustín Genoud, Malena Ríos Itoiz, Carla Guida Johnson, Sofía Isabel Martínez, Yamila Mendez, Belara

Michán, Ariana Moyano, Sebastián Rey, Barbara Togander

Soundscape: Franziska Baumgartner

Photos: Gentileza UNTREF







ROSA & LOUISE - A Feminist Manifest in Dialogues with Ariane Koch

Performance & poster edition, since 2013

Haus der Kulturen der Welt (Berlin), Espace Niki de Saint Phalle (Fribourg), Kocherpark (Bern), Well Well (Wien), Haus für elektronische Künste (Basel), Plattform 16 (Zürich), Luzerner Theater (Luzern), Kunsthaus Langenthal (Langenthal), Kunstmuseum Solothurn (Solothurn), Kunstraum Niederösterreich (Wien), Pavillion Pro Helvetia Kaserne (Basel), Theater Is A Must (Alexandria), Kaserne Basel (Basel), Istituto Svizzero (Rom)

The examination with the structures of the feminist discourse constitutes the foundation of the manifest which is continuously rewritten by Ariane Koch and Sarina Scheidegger. The version I-X of the dialogic piece were shown in different stages and contexts as a performance — spoken by two performers — and as poster edition — exposed in the public space as well as in the exhibition space. In 2018 the work was modified with two artists from Egypt as well as one performer from Switzerland and shown in the theater context, this collaboration and exchange with different views let to a presentation at Kaserne Basel in 2018.

Performers: Sophie Brunner, Ana Castaño Almendral, Anna Christen, Judith Cuénod, Sima Djabar Zadegan, Moïra Gilliéron, Sherin Hegazy, Lilli Lorenz, Susan Reznik. Salma Said

Poster design: Kambiz Shafei

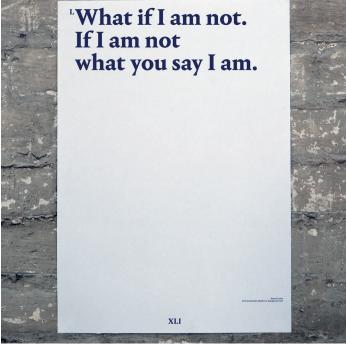
Silkscreen: Silas Heizmann, Collectiv Rat Trap













OPPRESSED BY PRIVILEGED / PRIVILEGED BY OPPRESSION

Performance & Vinyl Ausstellungsraum Klingental & Kunsthalle Basel, 2017/2018

OPPRESSED BY PRIVILEGE and PRIVILEGED BY OPPRESSION were the names of two bands performing their inaugural concert at Ausstellungsraum Klingental in June 2017 – simultaneously. Previous to any rehearsals and in accordance with democratic principles, the public was invited by an open call to submit texts in response to the respective band names. The two bands used the submissions as the raw material to adapt and interpret musically and later present it on stage. All original texts are compiled within a publication. In 2017 each band recorded three songs and they were released in vinyl with the label «A Tree in a Field Records» at Kunsthalle Basel in 2018.

Listen to: OPPRESSED BY PRIVILEGED / PRIVILEGED BY OPPRESSION

Project by Daniela Brugger & Vera Bruggmann Sound & Costumes by Franziska Baumgartner, Daniela Brugger, Vera Bruggmann, Daniela Caderas, Laura Endtner, Lysann König, Nora Locher, Marlon McNeill, Julia Minnig, Lea Rüegg, Arlène Sagada, Sarina Scheidegger, Alena Stählin, Sara & Natascha

Record label: A Tree In A Field Records

Photos: Zlatko Mićić













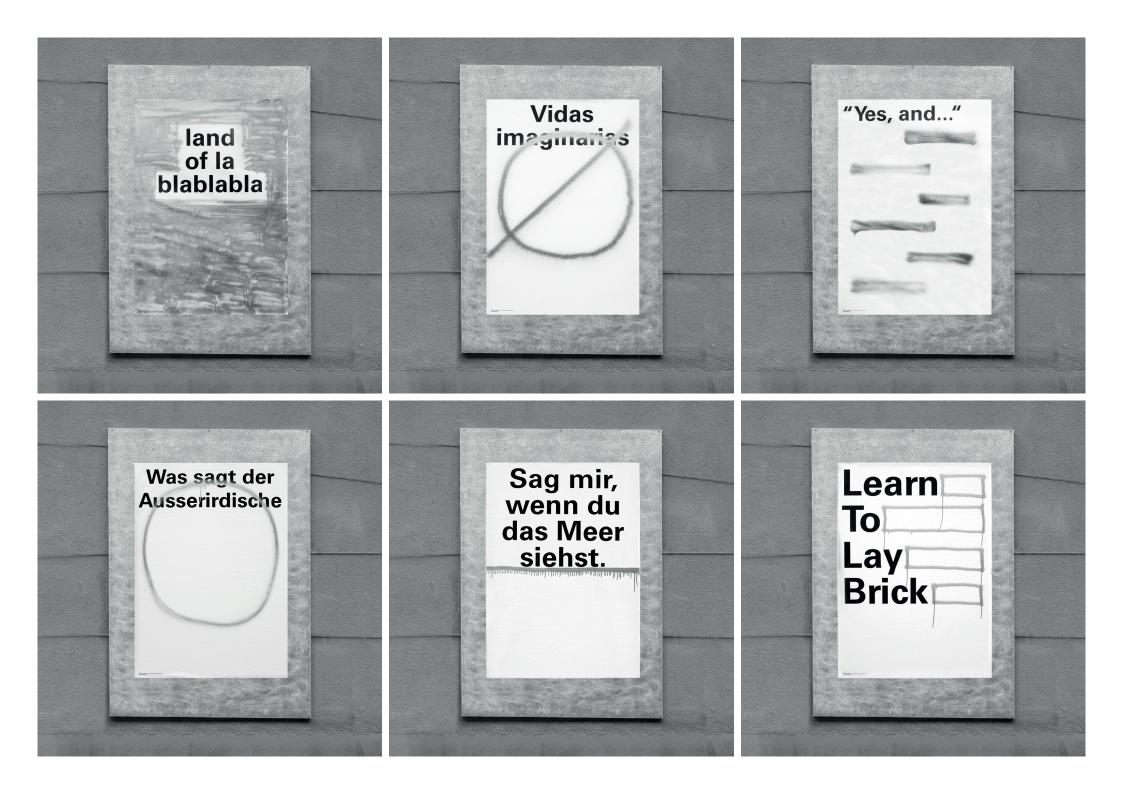
STINGRAY EDITIONS with Kambiz Shafei since 2015

Stingray Editions was founded 2015 in Basel by Sarina Scheidegger and Kambiz Shafei as a platform for varying editions with an emphasis on collaborations with artists, writers, musicians and scientists. Stingray Editions develops several projects in a multitude of shapes, dimensions and contexts. At the heart of these collective collaborations, lies a dialogue which defines the format of each edition individually. The divergent forms of these editions reflect the nature and character of the stingray itself – a creature which can alter and adapt without losing its existence.

We realized several projects in the last years working and collaborating among others with: Nino Baumgartner, Eduardo Navarro, Judith Kakon, Sophie Jung, Louise Guerra, Delphine Chapuis Schmitz, Anahita Razmi, Ariane Koch, Nicolas Raufaste, Raphaela Grolimund, Nele Stecher, Martin Chramosta, Pedro Wirz, Silas Heizmann, Clare Kenny, Hannah Weinberger, Jimena Croceri, Rodrigo Toro Madrid, Vanessà Heer, Caroline Ann Baur, Johannes Gerome Gadient, Romy Rüegger and many more.

Here documented is the poster serie «Stingray Encounters», 2017





Sarina Scheidegger is an artist and writer regularly involved in various collaborations, working mainly in Basel, Switzerland. The different forms of working and thinking together with others has been a major subject in her artistic research. She works in various constellations and collaborations for example with the Argentinian artist Jimena Croceri and the writer and artist Ariane Koch. Scheidegger holds a Master of Contemporary Art Practice from the HKB University of Arts Bern as well as a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Art Institute HGK FHNW in Basel where she also worked as a research assistant. She has received numerous grants and residencies at Istituto Svizzero, Roma, (2023/2024), FLORA ars+natura, Bogota, (2018) and the Swiss Performance Award (2012). In 2016 she founded «Stingray Editions» together with Kambiz Shafei to publish different formats and editions by various artists.

Her work and performances were shown among others at Kunstmuseum Basel, Palazzo Esposizioni, Rome, Museo de la Inmigración, Buenos Aires, Swiss Art Awards, Basel, Istituto Svizzero, Rome, Raven Raw Gallery, London, Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Ausstellungsraum Klingental Basel, Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau, Kunsthaus Langenthal, Langenthal, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Sagrada Mercancia, Santiago de Chile.

Photo: Karin Salathé



Sarina Scheidegger, born 1985 in Berne, lives and works in Basel		2022	Fun Feminism, Kunstmuseum Basel peut-être demain, Grand Palais, Bern Las ConSuelos, Ausstellungsraum Klingental
	Education/Comissions/Research		Nombrar ríos, hacer gárgaras, Museo de la Inmigración, Buenos Aires Collaborating Waters Version II, Bang Bang!, Museum Tinguely, Basel
	Research project «Collecting the Ephemeral», HSLU D&K Jury member Kunstkredit Basel-Stadt Bord member at Ausstellungsraum Klingental Basel Master of Contemporary Art Practice HKB, Bern Erasmus semester at University of Applied Arts, Vienna Research assistant at FHNW HGK, Institut Kunst Internship Gallery Peter Kilchmann, Zurich Bachelor of Fine Arts, FHNW HGK Basel	2021	We Are Ocean, Art Port & Rare Honduras Do The Right Thing, Performance-Bar, Kunstmuseum Basel Rosa & Louise, Spazio Maiocchi, Milano Swiss Art Awards, Basel School of the Forest, Sihlwald Zürich PPP, Jubiläum Performancepreis Schweiz, Progr Bern Aggregates, Ausstellungsraum Klingental, Basel Heim für obsolete Medien, Kunsthaus Langenthal Net Encounters, HeK (Haus der elektronischen Künste), Basel
	Residencies/Prizes/Nominations/Acquisitions	2020	Residenz, Residenz, Forum Schlossplatz, Aarau Rosa & Louise, Istituto Svizzero, Rom Tsonami Sound Art Festival, Radiobroadcast, Radio Lora, Zürich
2024 2023/24 2022 2021 2021 2020 2019 2019 2018 2018 2017 2016 2016 2016 2015 2013 2012	Acquisition Performance «Rosa & Louise», Stadt Bern Residency Istituto Svizzero, Roma Sasso Residency, San Nazzaro Travel grant Atelier Mondial Nomination Swiss Art Awards Working grant, Pro Helvetia Residency Andreas Züst Bibliothek, St. Anton, Appenzell Travel Grant City of Bern Nomination Swiss Art Awards Residency FLORA ars + natura, Bogota, Pro Helvetia Working grant, Pro Helvetia Research grant, Pro Helvetia Atelier Mondial/SKK, Artist in Residency, Buenos Aires Plattform 16/Nomination Helvetia Kunstpreis 2016 Working grant, Werkbeitrag, Basel-Stadt Project grant, Basel-Stadt, Freies Kunstprojekt Performance Preis Schweiz iaab, Artist in Residency, Leipzig	2019	Performance @ Street.Life.Photography, Fotomuseum Winterthur Kunsthalle Tropical, Réunion, Honduras Speed Speech, Ausstellung von Fabio Sonego, Dock Basel I EVER SEE, Poster Edition, I Never Read, Basel Artist Talk & Book Launch, Sagrada Mercancia, Santiago de Chile Whenever The Gaslight Goes Low, Flat 1, Wien Whenever The Gaslight Goes Low, Haus Kato, Basel Le Foyer in Process, Conversation, RANK, Basel Revenir et Dire Ça, *DUUU - Unités Radiophoniques Mobiles, Paris Wearable - Unwearable Art, Centre culturel suisse, Paris The Words We Live In, binz39, Zürich Le Foyer In Process, Conversation Alpenhof, St. Anton Nosotrxs, Cuerpos De Agua, Raven Row Gallery, London Nosotrxs, Cuerpos de Agua, Cabaret Voltaire, Zürich The Cat Is Killing The Bird but I Love Her Anyway, Bogota Rosa & Louise, Kaserne Global, Kaserne Basel Swiss Art Award 2018, Basel On the Road - Caravan Jubiläum, Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau Theater Is A Must, Alexandria
2024	Exhibitions/Performances (selection) EXPODEMIC, Palazzo Esposizioni, Rome (upcoming) foglia, conchiglia, ciotola, mano, Lateral, Rome	2017	Magic Circle, Kunstraum Niederösterreich, Vienna New Swiss Performance Now, Kunsthalle Basel Rosa & Louise, Kunstraum Niederösterreich, Vienna
2023	CRIT, Fondazione Giuliani invited by CASTRO, Rome Aqua fluens et sonans, Aterraterra, Palermo Your Voice, Keep Breathing, Kunsthaus Langenthal Performance Artists Go Flat, sic! Elephanthouse, Luzern Fuente 2.0, Basel	2016	Performancefestival Giswil, Giswil What Are We If Not Pigeons Part II, Lokal. Int, Biel Fast&Furious Art, Urgent Paradise, Lausanne Cantonale, Kunsthaus Langenthal .perf – Associaion What About Performances Art, Geneva Jahresausstellung des Kunstkredit Basel-Stadt, Kunsthalle, Basel

Manifesta Zürich – What People Do For Money, hNc agency, Zürich

Plattform 2016. Walchenturm. Zürich

Epicycle Episodes 1-6, Kooperation mit Sinfonietta Basel, Basel

2015 Sunday Cinema, well well, Vienna

In*Justice - Jubiläumsfeier, FRI - Schweizerisches Institut für Rechtswissenschaft und

Gender Law, Fribourg

2014/2013

Bosom Friends, VBKÖ – Vereinigung Bildender Künstlerinnen Österreichs, Wien

It's The Real Thing – Basler Dokumentartage, Kaserne Basel, Basel

Teilchenparadies, Kunstraum Riehen, cur. Nicolas Kerksieck, Basel

Looking for Fritz, 1.–4. performativer Spaziergang, Stadtraum Basel

Vanishing Point – Special Event, Ausstellungsraum Klingental, Basel

IPA Istanbul 2014, Plattform for Performance Artists, Istanbul Gender und Diplomatie, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin

Revisiting the SPACE, Part 2, MitOst Festival, Leipzig

Revisiting the SPACE, Part 1, Voronezh Center for Contemporary Art, Voronezh

Now This Over Over – eine performative Ausstellung, Ausstellungsraum Klingental, Basel

Publications/Interviews/Magazines (selection)

2021 Collaborating Waters, Stingray Editions

2020/2019 Pursuit of Wonders, Mara Züst, Andreas Züst, Edition Patrick Frey, Zürich

Tiene Palabras, Ella, with Ana Navas, ESPAC, Mexico

LACK Magazine, cur. Laura Breitschmied & Eva Maria Knüsel, Helmhaus Zürich

2017 Hidden Poems, Stingray Editions, Basel

13, Stingray Editions, Basel

2016 In Company, Neue, Centre Pasque'Art, Stingray Editions, Basel

Mousse Magazine, Special Edition ART Basel, Cooperation with deuxpiece Basel

all-over Nr.8 – Magazin für Kunst und Ästhetik, Basel/Wien

Bosom Friends, Vereinigung Bildender Künstlerinnen Wien, Hrsg. Doris Löffler,

Kristina Pia Hofer, Vienna

2014/2013 Return To Sender, exhibition catalogue, Kristina Semenova, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin

Hidden Poems, Rooftop Reading, 175 Jahre Kunstverein Basel, Kunsthalle Basel

Here ans Now. Und die Ferne wird zur Nähe, exhibition catalogue, Interview with Julia Jost, Hrsg.

Natalie Keppler, Camille Jamet, Robert Steinberger, Zürich