



MILENA NAEF

Milena Naef (Engen, 1990) studied at Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Recent exhibitions include: 'One eye and two takes on vulnerability' with Matea Bakula at Lumen Travo Gallery, Amsterdam (2020); Art Rotterdam with Lumen Travo Gallery and Mondriaan Fonds (2020); "Sculpting the Body" at Project Space, Hannover, Germany (2018); "Prosecute my Posture" at Garage Rotterdam, Rotterdam (2018).

Naef is the recipient of the Frans de Wit Prijs (2019) and in 2016 of, both, the 7e Sybren Hellinga Kunstprijs and the GRA Award Autonomous Art

EDUCATION AND DIPLOMA

2011 - 2016

Gerrit Rietveld Academie Amsterdam / Netherlands - Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts and Design (Glass Department)

2007 - 2011

Ambrosius Blarer Gymnasium Gaienhofen / Germany - High school diploma (Abitur)

2009

Heathfield Foundation Technology College Birmingham / UK

1997 - 2007

Primary and Secondary schools in Switzerland

EXHIBITIONS

2025

"Ground/work 2025", group show at Clark Art Institute, United States

"Groups *How*", group exhibition at Lumen Travo Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2023

"Plots and Pieces", exhibition at DOCK Basel, Germany

2022

'Avoiding the Void', art@work (ti&m), Frankfurt, Zurich, Bern, Switzerland

MARBLE, Kunsten Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark

2021

JUNGKUNST, Winterthur, Switzerland

2020

'One eye and two takes on vulnerability', Lumen Travo, Amsterdam, NL - Duo show with Matea Bakula

Art Rotterdam with Lumen Travo Gallery, NL

'Prospects & Concepts' (Mondriaan Fonds), Art Rotterdam, NL

2019



Glass Generations 2019, Alter Hof Herding, Coesfeld/Lette, Germany
New Horizons, Museum Jan van der Togt, Amstelveen, The Netherlands
Balanceakte / Balancing Acts, Kunstverein Springhornhof, Neuenkirchen (Soltau), Germany
'Jonge Beelden', Beelden in Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands

2018

'Sculpting the Body', ad/ad - Project Space, Hannover, Germany
'Prosecute my Posture', Garage Rotterdam, Rotterdam
Studio Oliver Gustav, Copenhagen, Denmark / Solo Show

2017

Kunst op de Koffie in Arnhem - group show
'Staging the Inhabitable', Theater 't Fijnhout, Amsterdam - group Show
Art4More Festival, Athens, Greece - group show
'The principle of least effort' at Kunstvereniging Diepenheim - group show
Physical Space, SCHUIT, Utrecht - group show
Amsterdam Art Fair with Lumen Travo
PLAYTIME at Kunstvlaai, Amsterdam, invited by Kunsthuis SYB
'Mighty Process', Lumen Travo, Amsterdam - group show

2016

Kunst & Design Expo @ KNSM, SBK, Amsterdam - group show
'Selected by... Graduation show 2016', Corrosia, Almere - group show
Sprouts II, SBK, Amsterdam - group show
'Nieuwe Oogst', Galerie Bart, Amsterdam - group show
7e Sybren Hellinga Kunstprijs, Beetsterzwaag - group show
'Nieuwe Oogst', Galerie Bart, Nijmegen - group show
'SELECTED', Looiersgracht 60, Amsterdam - group show
Graduation Show, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam - group show
'Unannealed', Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam - group show

2015

'Two Doormen', DITS, Amsterdam (red light district) - group show
'Wonder and Wander', De Oude Kerk, Amsterdam - group show

RESIDENCIES

2016

'Uproot Rotterdam' Residency, Museumpark, Rotterdam

PRIZES

2019

Frans de Wit Prijs,



2016

7e Sybren Hellinga Kunstprijs
GRA Award Autonomous Art

EDUCATION

2021 - present

Teacher training (Bachelor) for art and English at the PH Freiburg University of Education, Germany