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Meriem Bennani

Nicholas Grafia
Curated by Josh Kline
Jeanette Bisschops Pow Martinez

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State of Flux

"Forms of modern life may differ in quite a few respects – but what unites them all is precisely their fragility, temporariness, vulnerability and inclination to constant change... What was some time ago dubbed (erroneously) "post-modernity" and what I've chosen to call, more to the point, "liquid modernity," is the growing conviction that change is the only permanence, and uncertainty the only certainty."—Zygmunt Bauman, Liquid Modernity (1999)

State of Flux is a group exhibition that examines the concepts of shapeshifting and humor as protective adaptations to geopolitics and the perils of contemporary existence. The show brings together four artists – Meriem Bennani, Nicholas Grafia, Josh Kline, and Pow Martinez – of the diaspora who wield absurdism to guide viewers through the streams and ruptures of virtual and corporeal life. Their eulogy for our solid form is a comic one, testifying to the idea of shapeshifting as an age-old trait intrinsic to humankind.

Inspired by the curious indeterminacy of Polish sociologist Zygmunt Bauman's analyses, *State of Flux* explores the idea of liquid modernity, not simply as a process of modern self-actualization, but a state of human society at the threshold of perpetual collapse. What lies therein the act of surviving within the context of repetitive circles of destruction? Using a wide array of mediums and convening from various localities, the artists chart the historical, contemporary and potential future forces that underlay an incessant state of transfiguration, where uncertainty has become a universal narrative. Placing fluidity as a central concern, the exhibition underscores the way it is both weaponized as a tool of power as well as everyday resistance, and implemented to create alternative worlds.

Comprising the exhibition floor of the New York location of Silverlens, the works included in the exhibition represent cross-disciplinary approaches that incorporate methods of digital animation, performance, and social engagement alongside traditional artistic mediums like painting, drawing, and sculpture.

of shape-shifting in Southeast Asia and beyond, as well as in science of becoming nomadic subjects." Her idea of becoming nomadic Josh Kline's readymades respond to Braidotti's first mode. Building on a long-term body of work in visceral critique of American social-political breakdown, they are literally the elephant in the room as to what resistance contemporary socio-political and economical transformations might evoke. The wooden figures of an elephant, widely recognized as the symbol of the Republican Party originating from a cartoon by political cartoonist Thomas Nast, sit here quietly in a playpen and a stroller. Don't be fooled by its dormant state though, as its tail contains the ingredients of a match stick, carrying potential for the animal to transform into a weapon of destruction. Kline's lightboxes calmly shine over us, presenting a camouflage collaged of Ayn Rand novels, Wonder Bread, and Aleve, tempting us into the metamorphic idea of self-actualization to keep us productive as we unravel.

Meriem Bennani's video work 'Guided Tour of a Spill (CAPS interlude)' explores the power of metamorphosis in a futuristic nomadic subject. In Bennani's dystopian world, teleportation has replaced air travel, and her fictional island CAPS houses migrants who have been violently intercepted teleporting illegally, often in the middle of their teleportation process. Using their disassembled state to their advantage, merging with the data that leaked into the ocean, they develop transformational modes of defiance in opposition to the US troops who hold them captive. As the 'CAPS guide' in Bennani's video states: "The ocean became a YouTube soup, and you've been swimming in it." Reflecting on how we all have been floating in a world of data and code, circulating through channels of digital and geopolitical power, the artist aptly comments on human and cultural fungibility moving between online and real spaces, just waiting to be disassembled.

The painterly practice of Manila-based artist Pow Martinez, who suggests he has been doing "what a nature painter might do in a digital landscape," wades through endless YouTube feeds that directly inspire his subjects. His work, resembling cartoon frames, snapshots from daily life found on our social media streams, or magazine illustrations, feature a large cast of recurring figures, such as soldiers, cavemen, snakes, ghosts, gods and monsters. In his world, all these personas could seemingly switch form in a heart-beat, like snakes shedding their skin, reflecting on how we have become masters of transformation and reimagination of our identities, either in response to the high demands of a capitalist system or as a tactic of empowerment. They also bring to mind the inevitable forces that necessitate a change to survive. Martinez's little nebulous ghosts float around the space as a playful reminder that our corporeal reality is and has always been a changing and temporary one.

Nicholas Grafia's figures balance between mythological, folkloric and pop-iconography, successfully finding strategies to transform as to arm and liberate themselves from systematic oppression. His figures move fluidly between genders, skin tones, and time as a magical subversion of global power structures. His work draws direct links between modern civilization and colonial history, its subjects ready to shapeshift into something else at any moment, carrying the inherent traits of adaptability that marginalized subjects have always had to inhabit. The presentation of his performance 'Peasants' together with collaborator Mikołaj Sobczak exposes direct links between contemporary social hierarchies and historical slavery movements, imperialism and serfdom. Using spoken word, choreography, and disguise, they present the viewer with negotiations of social codes, linguistic practices and rituals throughout the Philippines, Jamaica, the UK and Poland.

A visible thread throughout the exhibition is the use of absurdism and humorous play as a strategy to confront or mediate ongoing social upheaval, a tactic historically channeled by the oppressed. With its ambiguous nature, ever evading simple categorization, humor here functions as its own shapeshifter offering a new way into viewing and dealing with contemporary existence. While waves of historical occurrences wash over us, a sense of humor about it all may keep us standing. Can we construct new systems of thought that can help us think about change and living transitions in an affirmative fashion? Will we come out of this time transformed, perhaps even transcendent? As the main character in Bertolt Brecht's play about the forced transformation of a citizen into a soldier (Mann ist Mann (Man Equals Man)) says;

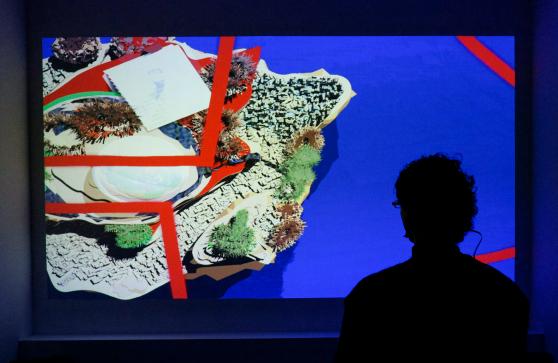
"Don't try to hold onto the wave that's breaking against your foot. So long as you stand in the stream, fresh waves will always keep breaking against it."

Words by Jeanette Bisschops

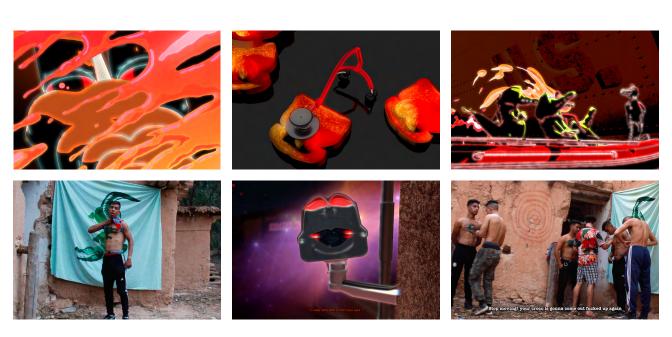
About the curator

Jeanette Bisschops is an independent Dutch curator, art critic and writer residing in New York. She was Curatorial Fellow at the New Museum, New York between 2019 and 2022 and served as Curatorial Assistant for Time-Based Media at the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam between 2016-2019. She holds a Master's in Psychology from Maastricht University and a Master's in Art History from the University of Amsterdam.

Meriem Bennani







Stills from Guided Tour of a Spill (CAPS interlude), 2021



Still from Guided Tour of a Spill (CAPS interlude), 2021



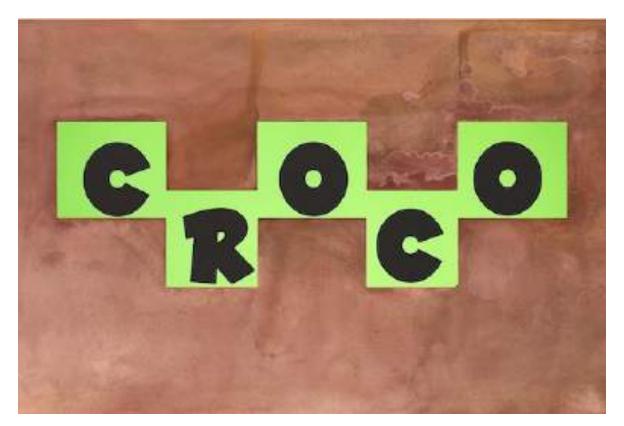


Meriem Bennani

Sidewalk Stream Column 2, 2021

Steel, monitors, media players, epoxy resin coated foam, three channel 4K digital video

78.25h x 41.50w x 6.50d in 198.76h x 105.41w x 16.51d cm



Detail from Sidewalk Stream Column 2, 2021



Our Jimmy of the Flowers (Notre Jimmy des Fleurs), 2022 acrylic on canvas

 $39.37h \times 29.53w$ in $100h \times 75w$ cm





Detail from Our Jimmy of the Flowers (Notre Jimmy des Fleurs), 2022



Nurse Core (Grinning in the Papers), 2022 acrylic on canvas

51.18h x 43.31w in 130h x 110w cm



Detail from Nurse Core (Grinning in the Papers), 2022



Tummy Top Hitting Rock Bottom (Feeling Tight in Their Jeans), 2019 acrylic and indian ink on canvas

 $27.56h \times 19.69w in 70h \times 50w cm$





Detail from Tummy Top Hitting Rock Bottom (Feeling Tight in Their Jeans), 2019



Billie Does Europe (Broke 'n Free), 2018 acrylic on canvas

49.21h x 59.06w in 125h x 150w cm



Detail from Billie Does Europe (Broke 'n Free), 2018



Nicholas Grafia & Mikolaj Sobczak

Peasants, 2021 single channel HD video (00:41:00), with sound and color Edition of 5 + 2 AP

49.21h x 59.06w in 125h x 150w cm

Commissioned by and performed at Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW), Berlin







Wink Wink (Richard), 2017 CNC-carved basswood sculpture, potassium chlorate, red phosphorus, hydrocal, wood glue, stroller, polo shirt, Dockers pants, twill fabric

44.25h x 19.75w x 39.50d in 112.40h x 50.17w x 100.33d cm Edition 1 of 3 + II AP



Detail from Wink Wink (Richard), 2017

Smells Like Gas (Steve), 2017

CNC-carved basswood sculpture, potassium chlorate, red phosphorus, hydrocal, wood glue, playpen, Barbour jackets, Dockers pants, Ralph Lauren shirts

> 30w x 38l x 38h in 76.20w x 96.52l x 96.52h cm Edition 1 of 3 + II AP





Detail from Smells Like Gas (Steve), 2017

American Camouflage 2, 2022
Ayn Rand novels, Wonder Bread,
mold, t-shirts, dried poppies (pods),
pennies, epoxy resin, aluminum, acrylic,
automotive paint, LED strips

23h x 33w x 3d in 58.42h x 83.82w x 7.62d cm





Detail from American Camouflage 2, 2022



American Camouflage 5, 2022 Aleve pills, Hawaiian shirts, cardboard and plastic packaging, polyurethane resin, pigment, epoxy resin, aluminum, acrylic, automotive paint, LED strips

23h x 33w x 3d in 58.42h x 83.82w x 7.62d cm



Detail from American Camouflage 5, 2022





Pow Martinez







Pow Martinez

Wellness CULT, 2022 acrylic on canvas

72h x 60w in 182.88h x 152.40w cm



Detail from Wellness CULT, 2022

Pow Martinez

DEEP DIVE, 2022

oil on canvas

36h x 36w in 91.44h x 91.44w cm





Detail from DEEP DIVE, 2022



Pow Martinez THE DREAMERS, 2022 acrylic on canvas

60h x 72w in 152.40h x 182.88w cm



Detail from THE DREAMERS, 2022

Pow Martinez NO GO ZONE, 2022 oil on canvas

36h x 36w in 91.44h x 91.44w cm





Detail from NO GO ZONE, 2022

Pow Martinez





25.59h x 19.69w in 65h x 50w cm



second nature 26, 2022 acrylic on paper

25.59h x 19.69w in 65h x 50w cm



second nature 27, 2022 acrylic on paper

25.59h x 19.69w in 65h x 50w cm



Detail from second nature 27, 2022

Pow Martinez





25.59h x 19.69w in 65h x 50w cm



second nature 29, 2022 acrylic on paper

25.59h x 19.69w in 65h x 50w cm



second nature 30, 2022 acrylic on paper

25.59h x 19.69w in 65h x 50w cm



Detail from second nature 28, 2022



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MERIEM BENNANI

Bio

Meriem Bennani (b. 1988, Rabat, Morocco; lives and works in New York) has presented solo exhibitions at the Renaissance Society, Chicago, Illinois (2022); Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, England (2022); Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin, Germany (2020); Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France (2019); The Kitchen, New York, New York (2017); and MoMA PS1, Long Island City, New York (2016). Her work has been featured in group exhibitions at institutions including LAX, Los Angeles, California (2020); Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark (2020); and MAXXI National Museum of XXI Arts, Rome, Italy (2018). She has participated in major international exhibitions including the Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York (2019); Biennale de l'Image en Mouvement, Turin, Italy (2019); Centre d'Art Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland (2018); Biennale de Rennes, France (2018); and 11th Shanghai Biennale, China (2016).



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MERIEM BENNANI



b. 1988, Rabat, Morocco; lives and works in Brooklyn, USA

SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2022 **2 Lizards**, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA (forthcoming) Meriem Bennani: Life on the CAPS, The Power Plant, Toronto, Canada **CLEARING gallery,** Brussels, Belgium (forthcoming) Meriem Bennani, Kahlil Joseph, Karrabing Film Collective - Eye Art & Film Prize, The Eye, Amsterdam, Netherlands Life on the Caps, The Renaissance Society at University of Chicago, Chicago, USA *Life on the Caps, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, UK* 2021 Guided Tour of a Spill, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, USA Party on the CAPS, Julia Stoscheck Collection, Berlin, Germany 2020 2019 Mission Teens, Foundation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France Party on the CAPS, CLEARING, New York, USA 2018 Siham Hadida, Stanley Picker Gallery, London, UK Siham Hafida, The Kitchen, New York, USA 2017 Ghariba / Stranger, Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE FLY, MoMA PS1, Queens, USA 2016 2015 Gradual Kingdom, SIGNAL, Brooklyn, USA Fardaous Funjab, Stream Gallery, Brooklyn, USA 2014 Paste, with Hayden Dunham, SIGNAL, Brooklyn, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023	State of Flux, Silverlens, New York
2022	Barbe à Papa, CAPC, Bordeaux, France
	Outlaw, Sydney Modern, Sydney, Australia
	Munch Tienniale, Oslo, Norway
	NAFAS, The Invisible Dog, Brooklyn, New York, USA
	<i>Il était une fois</i> , FRAC, Reims, France
	Geneva Sculpture Biennial, Geneva, Switzerland
	WORLDBUILDING: GAMING & ART: 15th Aniversary Exhibition, Julia Stoschek Collection, Dusseldorf, Germany
	Role Play, Prada Fondazione, Milan, Italy

2021 Ridykes' Cavern of Fine Gay Wine and Videos: Hauser & Werk Bitch: Don't Be Mad At Us!, curated by Nicole Eisenman and A.L. Steiner, Hauser and Wirth, New York, USA

the view from there, Sadie Coles HQ, London, UK

In-Between Days: Videos from the Guggenheim Collection, The Guggenheim, New York, USA

Munch Musuem, Oslo, NO

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LAX, Public Comission, Los Angeles, USA 2020 Au-delà des Apparences, Les Abattoirs, Toulouse, France DIS PRESENTS: What Do People Do All Day?, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, København, Denmark Prelude: Melancholy of the Future, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, BE THE SECRET LIFE OF LOBSTERS, C L E A R I N G, Knokke-Heist, BE LIFE STILL, C L E A R I N G, New York, USA A Love Letter to a Nightmare, Petzel Gallery, New York, USA DIS presents: What Do People Do All Day?, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK 100 Drawings from Now, The Drawing Center, New York, USA No Space Just A Place, Daelim Museum Seoul, Seoul, South Korea 2019 DOGDAYS, CLEARING, New York, USA Whitney Biennial, curated by Rujeko Hockley and Jane Panetta, New York, USA Biennale de l'Image en Mouvement, OGR, Turin, IT Peel, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, USA 2018 The Sound of Screens Imploding, Biennale de l'Image en Mouvement, Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Geneva, Switzerland FLY, curated by Neïl Beloufa, Fondation d'entreprise Ricard, Paris, FR Siham & Hafida, Biennale de Rennes, Rennes, FR MAXXI National Museum of XXI Arts Rome. IT LOW FORM Water Pressure, Jaou Tunis, Tunis, TN The Lulennial II: A Low-Hanging Fruit, Lulu, Mexico City, MX Eye to Eye, Arsenal Contemporary, New York, USA 2017 Ghariba/Stranger, Art Dubai, UAE Immigrancy, Samsøñ Gallery, Boston, USA Sticky Fingers, Arsenal Contemporary, New York, USA alt-facts, Postmasters Gallery, New York, USA Commercial Break. Public Art Fund. New York. USA 2016 Flying House, Shanghai Biennale, Shanghai, China Reality Bytes, Frank F. Yang Art & Education Foundation, Shenzhen, China We Dance, We Smoke, We Kiss, Flax Fahrenheit, Los Angeles, USA 2015 Unorthodox. The Jewish Museum. New York, USA ARA-B-LESS?, Nour Festival at Saatchi Gallery, London, UK Surface Support, SIGNAL, Brooklyn, USA Kick in the Door, MANA Contemporary, Jersey City, New Jersey, USA



MERIEM BENNANI CV

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA

The Museum of Modern Art. New York. USA

Whitney Museum of American Art. New York, USA

Kadist Foundation, Paris, FR

Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris. FR

Frac ile-de-france, Paris, FR

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

2019 Eye Art & Film Prize, Amsterdam, NL

2015 ESKFF Residency, MANA Contemporary, Jersey City, New Jersey, USA

SCREENINGS

2022 Anthology Film Archives, New York, USA, Screening of Ghariba Unpacking the ArteArchive, Screening of Ghariba

Afterimage, Screening of Party on the CAPS

2020 RenBen: Wildcard 2020, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, USA

Rhizome, Screening of Party on the CAPS

Screening: Sci-Fi Sessions, MCA Chicago, Screening of Party on the CAPS

2019 Rewire Festival, Screening of Party on the CAPS

2018 Provisional Presents and Speculative Futures, Screening of Party on the

CAPS, ICA, London, UK

Biennale de l'Image En Mouvement: The Sound of Screens Imploding, Day

One, Screening of Party on the CAPS,

Swiss Institute, New York, USA

2017 Art21 Nighthawk Shorts Festival Screening with Meriem Bennani

I Heard You Laughing, Screening of FLY, Galerie Gregor Staiger, Zurich, Switzerland Alternative Facts, Screening of FLY, 221A, Vancouver, Canada

I Heard You Laughing, Screening of FLY, KADIST, Paris, France

2016 I Heard You Laughing, Screening of FLY, KADIST, San Francsisco, USA

2015 Humain trop humain [Journée Thématique], Screening of Sitting with Hair

Implants (2014), with Flavien Berger, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

Render Series, with Maggie Lee and Liz Magic Laser, MoMA PS1 Printshop, Queens, USA

SELECTED PRESS

2022 Yusuf, Muhammad. "Moroccan artist Meriem Bennani's public sculpture unveiled in NYC," Gulf Today, July 2022.

Su, Hannah. "Windy by Meriem Bennani touches down on the High Line,"

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The Architect's Newspaper, June 2022. Rayner, Alex.

"Beam me up, Priti! The sci-fi about teleporting refugees that feels very real," The Guardian, May 2022. Greenberger, Alex.

"Ending a Trilogy, Artist Meriem Bennani Contemplates What Liberation Means for an Imagined Place," Artnews, April 2022.

Gluhaich, Marko. "What to See During EXPO Chicago," Frieze, April 2022.

Waxman, Lori. "A little levity, please: Meriem Bennani's 'Life on the CAPS' at the Renaissance Society is full of dark humor," Chicago Tribune, March 2022.

Goldstein, Caroline. "Mixing It Together Allowed Me to Hit the Right Note': Watch Meriem Bennani Meld T.V., Sculpture, and Film Into Her Own Artistic Language," Artnet News, March 3, 2022.

"Meriem Bennani will present a new public artwork for the High Line in New York," Flash Art, February 2022.

"18 Must-See Exhibitions in Europe in 2022, From a Duet Between Van Gogh and Etel Adnan to Francis Bacon's Animal Paintings," Artnet News, January, 5, 2022.

Diehl, Travis. "The Robotic Heart of Freedom," Art in America, April 14, 2021. Clayton, Jace.

"That Singing Crowd, e-flux, February 2021.

2020 Marine, Brook. "The Most Resouceful Directors of 2020," W Magazine, December 31, 2020.

"Here Are 25 Inspiring Women in the Art World Who Overcame Obstacles to Accomplish Incredible Things in This Surreal Year," Artnet News, November 24, 2020.

Caramanica, Jon. "The '2 Lizards' of Instagram are Coronavirus Art Stars," The New York Times, April 22, 2020.

2019 Leland, Erin. "Meriem Bennani and Her Absurdist Island in the Futuwre," Cultured Magazine, June 27, 2019. Greenberger, Alex.

"Here's the Artist List for the 2019 Whitney Biennial," Artnews, February 25, 2019.

2018 Cliff, Aimee. "The future-spanning work of video artist Meriem Bennani," DAZED, December 13, 2018. 2017 Cavalier, Jane.

"MERIEM BENNANI: Siham and Hafida," The Brooklyn Rail, October 17, 2017.

Howe Bukowski, Anastasia. "The intimate humor of Meriem Bennani's art," The Fader, October 4, 2017. Artspace Editors.

"8 Artists to Watch in September." Artspace, September 2017.

"'Sticky Fingers' at Arsenal Contemporary, New York." Artnews, August 2017.

Cannon, Blair. "Sticky Fingers" Art Forum, July 2017.

"'alt-facts' at Postmasters, New York." Blouin Artinfo, July 2017.

"Meriem Bennani's Exploded Visions." Art21: New York Close Up, June 2017.

Smith, William S. "Commercial Break." Art in America, May, 2017.

Erkara, Busra. "Meriem Bennani's fictional hijab collection blends metallica and modest wear." I-D, April 2017.

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"Meriem Bennai's Surreal Life | Like Art." The Creators Project, Vice. March 2017.

Boucher, Brian. "Meet 3 Cutting-Edge Artists Pushing the Boundaries at Art Dubai." Artnet, March 2017. Wierzba, Leanne.

"Virtual Insanity." The Art Newspaper, March 2017.

Gleisner, Jacquelyn. "Meriem Bennani's Holiday Headscarf," Art21 Magazine, February 2017.

Herriman, Kat. "Meriem Bennani: 30 Under 35." Cultured, January 2017.

2016 Embuscado, Rain. "10 Exceptional Millennial Artists to Watch in 2016" Artnet, September 2016.

Khan, Nora N. "Meriem Bennani's iPhone-Video Collage Mesmerizes at MoMA P.S.1." The Village Voice, August 2016.

Steinkopf-Frank, Hannah. "Meet Meriem Bennani, the video artist creating her own social media reality." PAPER, August 2016.

Nunes, Andrew. "Experience Morocco Through the Eyes of an Anthropomorphic Fly." The Creators Project, July 2016.

Herriman, Kat. "CRITIC'S PICKS: Meriem Bennani: FLY." Art Forum, June 2016.

Khachiyan, Anna. "Meriem Bennani at Signal." Art in America, February 2016.

2015 Schwendener, Martha. "Meriem Bennani's 'Gradual Kingdom' Focuses on Morocco." The New York Times. December 2015.

Herriman, Kat. "The Absurdist Hijabs and Instagram Wizardry of One Millennial Artist." T: The New York Times Magazine, October 2015.

2014 Schwendener, Martha. "Art In Review: PASTE." The New York Times, April 2014.

EDUCATION

2012 BFA, The Cooper Union, New York, USA

2011 MFA in Animation, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France

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NICHOLAS GRAFIA

Nicholas Grafia (b. 1990, Angeles City, Philippines; lives and works in Düsseldorf, Germany, and Paris, France) holds an MFA from the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf (DE). He has previously studied at the School of Arts and Cultures in Newcastle (UK), the Kunstakademie Münster (DE), as well as the University of Münster (DE).

His paintings, videos and performances negotiate processes of memory formation, as well as the in- and exclusion of subjects from history writing.

His work has been recently exhibited at KW (Berlin, DE), Shoot the Lobster (New York, US), MoMa (Warsaw, PL), HKW (Berlin, DE), Kunsthal Aarhus (Aarhus, DK), Peres Projects (Berlin, DE), Bergen Kunsthall (Bergen, NO), Capitain Petzel (Berlin, DE), 7th Moscow International Biennale For Young Art (Moscow, RU), Shedhalle (Zurich, SUI), Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen (Düsseldorf, DE), Museum Ludwig (Cologne, DE), Dortmunder Kunstverein (Dortmund, DE), Tramway (Glasgow, UK), MUDAM (Luxembourg, LU) and Steirischer Herbst (Graz, AT) amongst other venues.



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RECOGNITIONS AND RESIDENCIES

2021 Kunsthaus NRW Kornelimünster Museum Acquisition PACT Zollverein Fellowship

Art Explora Residency Paris

Sponsorship Award for Fine Arts of the City of Düsseldorf 2020

K21 Museum Acquisition 2020 by the Young Art Foundation of

Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen

2019 MALT AIR Residency Kunsthal Aarhus, Denmark

> Travel Grant of Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen and The Foundation for Art and Culture of the Sparkasse Düsseldorf, Germany

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 Comeback Kid., Silverlens, Manila, Philippines

2021 *Free Verse Spirit,* Peres Projects, Berlin, Germany

Soul Burner, KOENIG2, Vienna, Austria

MVP: Most Valuable Player, Andersen's Contemporary, Copenhagen, 2020

Denmark

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 State of Flux. Silverlens. New York

2022 Dangerous When Wet, Copenhagen Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK

THE FAIREST 01: Open Your Eyes Again, Kühlhaus Berlin, Berlin, DE

Dissonance. Platform Germany, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, DE

You'd Think By Now, curated by Rachel Vera Steinberg, Smack Mellon, New York, US

We Meet at Dusk, Hordaland kunstsenter, Bergen, NO

Phantasmatic Riff, Untere Augartenstrasse 26, Vienna, Austria

Craving Supernatural Creatures, VBKO, Vienna, Austria

Women Artists (VBKÖ), Vienna, AT

2021 Vordemberge-Gildewart Grant 2021, KIT - Kunst im Tunnel, Duesseldorf, DE

Utopia, Peres Projects, Berlin, DE

Nicholas Grafia & Mikołaj Sobczak: WILL., GOLD + BETON, Cologne, Germany

THE FAIREST: Teaser 01, Blake & Vargas, Berlin, Germany

Type / Cast / Thrill., Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn, Estonia

2020 what fruit it bears, Peres Projects, Berlin, Germany

Untitled (Molly House), Exile Gallery, Vienna, Austria

Protozone: CONTAMINATION/RESILIENCE, Shedhalle, Zurich

MILK ME SUGAR, Arsenal Gallery, Bialystok, Poland

In order of appearance, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen (K21 Museum),

Düsseldorf, Germany



NICHOLAS GRAFIA

NAK Digital Benefit Auction 2020, Neuer Aachener Kunstverein, Aachen, Germany

Who Am I, Mélange, Cologne, Germany

side by side, fffriedrich, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Body Lotion, Zeller van Almsick Gallery, Vienna, Austria

2019 **Prune"**, Shoot the Lobster, New York City

The Theatre of Robert Anton, Tramway, Glasgow, UK

Jahresgaben 2019, Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany

Amitié, Exo Exo at David Giroire, Paris, France

Body Works, State Art Gallery, Sopot, Poland

Undetectable Realness, PS120, Berlin, Germany

2018 *Opening: Fremdkörper. Non-Normative Body and Voice Mapping, BOZAR,* Brussels, Belgium

2017 *Open Triennial, 8th Young Triennale in Orońsko*, Centre of Polish Sculpture, Orońsko, Poland

ARTAGON.III, Akademie Galerie, Düsseldorf, Germany

Meet me at the Metro Station, Guest Rooms, Amsterdam, Netherlands

PERFORMANCES

2021 *Mudam Performance Season: The Illusion of the End,* MUDAM - The Contemporary Art Museum of Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Steirischer Herbst 2021: The Way Out, Graz, Austria

Illiberal Arts. Institutions, Humiliations, Rituals, Perceptibilities, Haus der Kultren der Welt, Berlin, Germany

Pogo Bar: It's 10PM. Do You Know Where Your Children Are?, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany

2020 **7th Moscow International Biennale For Young Art,** Museum of Moscow, Moscow, Russia

2020 Biennale Zielona Góra - Back to the Future, Zielona Góra, Poland

On the Politics of Delicacy, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany

Queer Queer Casimir, Salon 14 during Warsaw Gallery Weekend 2020, Warsaw, Poland

IGNITION CYCLE, Montag Modus at Alte Münze, Berlin, Germany

Weak Links of a Strong Chain, Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany

2019 *HERE AND NOW at Museum Ludwig Transcorporealities*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany

I Saw the Devil, Kunsthal Aarhus, Aarhus

Hits Like an Elbow, Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany

DISPLAY. Staging Identities, Kunstverein Dortmund, Dortmund, Germany

2018 *Pride & Prejudice: New Practices of Dignity*, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland



NICHOLAS GRAFIA

2017 **Akademie [Arbeitstitel]**, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany The Hardest Word. BLASK/BRZASK. Łódź. Poland

EDUCATION

2014-2015

2016-2019 Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, German
 2012-2016 Kunstakademie Münster, Münster, Germany
 University of Münster, B.A. British, American and Postcolonial Studies, Münster, Germany

School of Arts and Cultures, Newcastle, UK

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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Kühn, Karolina and Zadoff, Mirjam (eds.), *To Be Seen: Queer Lives 1900–1950*, Munich: Hirmer Verlag, 2022

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Franke, Anselm and Stakemeier, Kerstin (eds.), *Illiberal Arts*, Berlin: b_books verlag (PolYpeN Series), 2021

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Stadel, Stefanie, Wie junge Künstler die Pandemie erleben, Welt, June 9, 2021

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- Lang, Colin, New Fauves, Spike Art Magazine, #62, Winter 2020
 Del Prete, Luisa, fffriedrich gallery in Frankfurt: An exhibition in three acts, the ARTicle, September 08, 2020
- 2019 Fauq, Cédric, *PRUNE: Cudelice Brazelton & Nicholas Grafia*, Shoot the Lobster, September 14, 2019

Performance: Mikołaj Sobczak und Nicholas Grafia, Dortmunder Kunstverein, June 14, 2019

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JOSH KLINE

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Josh Kline (b. 1979, Philadelphia, PA; lives and works in New York, NY) was born in Philadelphia; he now lives and works in New York, as a curator, collaborator and artist.

Josh Kline aligns his art with the philosophy of posthumanism. Spanning a wide variety of media with specific focus upon the technologically innovative, his art has an ergonomic sensibility. It is centred upon the ability of humanity to function efficiently within its working environment, with corporeality being marginalised in favour of digital expressions of selfhood.

The beating heart of his work is found in the human obsession with an abstract future and the obsessive desire to project onto this imagined existence. It is quintessentially sci-fi that exists as an expression of the contemporaneous obsession with progression; it is a statement of art's ability to exist at the frontiers of scientific advancement and simultaneously a warning against the potential to strip one's humanity away to better function withinatechnocratic society. Kline opposes the often-held belief that technological progress is necessarily positive. There appears to be a commodification of the individual, forced to operate as a near superhuman machine, enhanced by caffeinated drinks, drugs and accessories. In his work human productivity is improved at the cost of ones humanity: technological progress comes to serve societal means over the personal and creates a society, which enables the production of commodities that do not truly benefit the masses.

There is an interesting duality in Kline's work, as the strongly theoretical foundation marries itself to the concrete world it inhabits. There is a tendency to circumnavigate artistic intellectualism and to ignore its inherent historicity. As a result his oeuvre opens a discussion which transcends the art industry, contextualising the works in terms of the present, and this is reflected in his curatorial practice. Integral to understanding his work as an expression of post-humanist theory, is an attempt to escape from the past. His work exists within the expanding intersection between the sterile syntheticism of technological progression and the primordial corporeality of base human existence; it is an expression of the modern obsession with mass media replication and the importance of digitisation

This idea is best noted in the contrast between his works, such as Living Wages that features bacterial cultures continually reproducing, and his sculptures, such as Ready to Wear, that are so easily reproduced by 3D printing techniques. These two contrasting elements represent a real human fear, embodied within the principle of bacterial fission. These living sculptures can only reproduce to the point that there are available growth factors; once these diminish the bacteria also dissipates. This is a warning against the industrial reproduction of technology that consumes great amounts of human and inorganic resources; if it is not carefully monitored and managed, it can potentially approach an apocalyptic teleology. In this way Kline's work questions the technological juggernaut as an entity that endangers existentialist humanism.



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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023	Josh Kline: Project for a New American Century, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
2022	Josh Adaptation, LAXART, Los Angeles
2020	Antibodies, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo (Catalogue)
	Alternative Facts, Various Small Fires, Seoul
2019	Climate Change: Part One, 47 Canal, New York
2017	Civil War, Stuart Shave/Modern Art, London,UK
2017	Unemployment, Fondazione Sandretto re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy
	Freedom, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
	Unemployment, 47 Canal, New York
2016	Freedom, Modern Art Oxford, Oxford, England
2013	Quality of Life, 47 Canal, New York
2011	Dignity and Self-Respect, 47 Canal, New York
2011	Loveless Marriages, 179 Canal, New York (two person show with Anicka Yi)
SELEC	CTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS
2023	State of Flux, Silverlens, New York
2022	A Gateway to Possible Worlds, Centre Pompidou-Metz, France
	Backwards Ahead, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino, Italy
	What's Going On, Rubell Museum, DC
	The Tale Their Terrors Tells, Lyles & King, New York
	<i>blue monday,</i> 47 Canal, New York
2021	100 Sculptures, Anonymous Gallery, New York
	Bodies at Stake: Works from the Sandretto Re Rebaudengo Collection, MO.CO.Hôtel Des Collections, Montpellier, France (Catalogue)
	Work it Out, Kunsten Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark
	<i>Proof of Stake Technological Claims</i> , Kunstverein In Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
	THE DREAMERS, 58th October Salon, Belgrade Biennale, The Cultural Centre of Belgrade
2020	Drawing 2020, Gladstone Gallery, New York (Catalogue)
	The Body Electric, Museum of Art and Design at Miami Dade College, Miami Supernatural: Sculptural Visions of the Body, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany
	Psychic Wounds: On Art & Trauma, The Warehouse, Dallas
2019	The Assembled Human, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
	Exodus, created by Paul Pfeffer, Watergate Office Building, Washington, D.C. It's Urgent! - Part II, Luma Westbau, Zurich, Switzerland

The Body Electric, Yerba Buena Center for The Arts, San Francisco *Whitney Biennial 2019*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York



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The Body Electric, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

New Order: Art and Technology in the Twenty-First Century, Museum of Modern Art, New York

Laws of Motion, Gagosian, San Francisco, CA

2018 Art in the Age of the Internet, 1989 to Today, Curated by Eva Respini, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI

After the Finish Line, Curated by Helga Christoffersen, Galleri Susanne Ottesen, Denmark Laws of Motion, Gagosian, Hong Kong

The Artist is Present, organized by Maurizio Cattelan, Yuz Museum, Shanghai

Ghost 2561, organized by Korakrit Arunanondchai, Bangkok CityCity Gallery, Bangkok FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

Evidence, curated by Josh Kline, Metro Pictures, New York

Dime-Store Alchemy, curated by Jonathan Rider, FLAG Art Foundation, New York

Art in the Age of the Internet, 1989 to Today, Curated by Eva Respini, ICA Boston, Boston, MA

2017 Markers, David Zwirner, London, UK

The Preservationists, curated be Ingrid Pui Yee Chu, Duddell's, Hong Kong

The Sweat of Their Face: Portraying American Workers, Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C

Group Shows at Shimizu Brand, Shimizu Brand, Long Island City, NY

Suspended Animation, Les Abattoirs, Toulouse, France

Cult! Legends, Stars and Icons, Zeppelin Museum, Friedrichshafen, Germany

We Need to Talk..., Petzel Gallery, New York

2016 *High Anxiety*, Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL

Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection, the Whitney Museum of American Art. New York

Giles, Gagosian Athens, Athens

Goulding the Lolly, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York

The Politics of Portraiture, Jessica Silverman Gallery, San Francisco

Good Dreams, Bad Dreams - American Mythologies, Aishti Foundation, Beirut

FOOD-Ecologies of the Everyday, 13th Fellbach Small Sculpture Triennial 2016, Fellbach, Germany

9th Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art, Berlin

Life Itself, Moderna Museet, Stockholm

Suspended Animation, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.

History of Nothing, White Cube, London



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2015 *1,000 Islands,* Simon Lee, Hong Kong

Office Space: The Modern Workplace Disrupted, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco *The Extreme Present*, Metropolitan Art Society, Beirut

You're Fired!, Various Small Fires, Los Angeles

No Shadows in Hell, Pilar Corrias, London

All Watched Over, curated by Tina Kukielski, James Cohan Gallery, New York

America Is Hard to See, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

Overtime: The Art of Work, organized by Cathleen Chaffee, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Open Source: Art at the Eclipse of Capitalism, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin

2015 Triennial: Surround Audience, organized by Lauren Cornell and Ryan Trecartin, New Museum, New York

Till the stars turn cold, Glasgow Sculpture Studios, Glasgow

Looking Back/The 9th White Columns Annual - Selected by Cleopatras, White Columns, New York

2014 *To Have and to Hold*, Rubell Family Collection, Miami

Till the stars turn cold, S1 Artspace, Sheffield, UK

As We Were Saying: Art and Identity in the Age of "Post", curated by Claire Barliant, EFA Project Space, New York

ICA@50: Pleasing Artists And Publics Since 1963, curated by Liz Park, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA

The Husk, Untitled, New York

Infinite Jest, curated by Matthias Ulrich, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Germany

Archeo, curated by Cecilia Alemani, High Line, New York

Season of the Which, castillo/corrales, Paris

2013 **Designed in California**, Night Gallery, Los Angeles

Speculations on Anonymous Materials, Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany

Spectators, Rendered and Regulated, Konig and Clinton, New York

ProBio, organized by Josh Kline, MoMA PS1, New York

Screens, Murray Guy, New York

Out of Memory, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York

DIS Image Studio, Susan Geiss Company, New York

2012 New Pictures of Common Objects curated by Chris Lew, MoMA/PS1, Long Island City. NY

Public Relations, Night Gallery, Los Angeles

Summer Show, Galerie Christine Mayer, Munich, Germany

Too Old For Toys, Too Young For Boys, OHWOW, Los Angeles

2011 Looking Back / The 6th White Columns Annual, selected by Nick Mauss and Ken Okiishi. White Columns. New York



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I Feel Like I'm Disappearing..., West, Den Haag, Netherlands

I don't know if it makes any sense - I feel quite dizzy and a little drunk due to the blow. I will return with more info shortly..., curated by Howie Chen & Tim Saltarelli (Dispatch, NY), IMO, Copenhagen

Skin So Soft, organized by Josh Kline, Gresham's Ghost, New York

HOW DO YOU DO, organized by Margaret Lee, NOMA Gallery, San Francisco

2010 179 Canal / Anyways, organized by Margaret Lee, White Columns, New York Sculpture Sabbath, curated by Bridget Donahue, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY

Big Apple, Clifton Benevento, New York

2009 Magic Jackpot, Galerie Christine Mayer, Munich, Germany

The Living and The Dead, curated by Darren Bader, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York

TIME-LIFE Part II, Taxter & Spengemann, New York

Today and Everyday, curated by Margaret Lee, X-Initiative, New York

Nobodies New York. 179 Canal. New York

Cleopatra's: Trade Secrets, John Connelly Presents, New York

If The Dogs Are Barking, Artists Space, New York

On From Here, Guild & Greyshkul, New York

2008 *Workspace*, curated by Antoine Catala, Galerie Christine Mayer, Munich, Germany

O Natural, 400 Morgan, Brooklyn, NY

Cube Passerby 2008, Gavin Brown's enterprise at Passerby, New York

2007 *The Poster Project*, curated by Devon Costello and Ilya Lipkin, Participant Inc. and Printed Matter, New York

PERFORMANCES AND SCREENINGS

2017 *Being*, performance evening organized by Sasha Laing, Situations, New York *Breaking Joints*, Screened as part of the ICA Artists' Moving Image

Network, Exeter Phoenix, Exeter, England

Breaking Joints, Screened as part of the ICA Artists' Moving Image Network, Tramway, Glasgow

2015 *Enter / Exit,* group screening and lecture organized by Steven Cairns, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland

Artists' Moving Image Programme: *Breaking Joints*, MK Gallery, Milton Keynes, UK Black Box 2.0: Over Deliver Every Time, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

Artists' Film Club: Breaking Joints: Part 1, ICA, London

2014 Scan Scroll Surf. Digital Film Aesthetics Today, mumok kino, Vienna

SCREENING, group screening organized by Georgia Sagri, Stadtkino Basel, Switzerland

Artist's Choice: Josh Kline, solo screening organized by Paul Chan,



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	Schaulager, Basel, Switzerland
	Prospectif Cinema: La vie de bureau, screening, curated by Julie Boukobza, Centre Pompidou, Paris
2013	Josh Kline: Desirable Demographics, screening, Image Movement, Berlin
2012	<i>RAVE LABOR</i> , performance in collaboration with Jon Santos, MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY
2009	CIRCULAR FILE CHANNEL, 3 episode cable access TV Show, Commisioned by Tairone Bastien, Performa, for the Performa O9 Biennial, New York. Broadcast in Manhattan on Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN)
2008	Art Swap Meet, installation with Circular File, organized by Amy Yao and Wendy Yao, High Desert Test Sites CBO8, Joshua Tree, CA
	<i>Performance Laboratory,</i> organized by Shana Moulton, continuous video program, Broadway 1602, New York
	Unspa, performance with Circular File, Albion, New York
2007	Circular File Casting #2: Sleepwalkers by Doug Aitken, screening and installation with Circular File, Commonspace, New York

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Evidence, Metro Pictures, New York, 2018

Living Rooms, Old Room, New York, 2015

Uncanny Valleys, group video screening, Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, 2013

ProBio, EXPO 1: New York, MoMA PS1, New York, 2013

Neoteny, 247365, Brooklyn, New York, 2013

Future Formats, group video screening, Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, 2011

Skin So Soft, Gresham's Ghost, New York, 2011

Charlemagne Palestine: Running Outburst, screening, Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, 2011 Amnesia, film and video program, curated with Rebecca Cleman, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, 2010

Bruce + Norman Yonemoto: Made In Hollywood, screening and conversation, Migrating Forms Festival, Anthology Film Archives, New York, 2010

Made in Photoshop, online exhibition, Why + Wherefore, 2009

Nobodies New York, 179 Canal Street, New York, 2009

Clean Cut, group video screening, Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, 2008

Michael Smith: Baby Ikki Birthday Party, performance, Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, 2008

Curious Green, screening, Circus Gallery, Los Angeles, 2007

Values, curated with Anthony Marcellini, Art in General, New York, 2007

Shana Moulton: Body ÷ Mind + 7 = Spirit, performance, Electronic Arts Intermix, New York, 2007 Action Adventure, curated with Melissa Brown and Michael Williams, Canada Gallery, New York, 2006

Precious Moments, group exhibition, Joymore, Brooklyn, NY, 2005

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	Best! Letters from Asian Americans in the Arts, edited by Christopher K. Ho and Daisy Nam, 2021
2020	Antibodies, exhibition catalog, Astrup Fearnley Museet
	Psychic Wounds: On Art & Trauma, exhibition catalog, The Warehouse
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2018	Out Of Order Magazine. "Preconceived Notions". Issue #10 (Spring/Summer 2018)
2016	Brand New: Art and Commodity in the 1980s by Gianni Jetzer (Contributor), Leah Pires (Contributor), Bob Nickas (Contributor), 2018
	Conversation: Josh Kline and Paul Pfeiffer; Art in the Age of the Internet, 1989 to Today; edited by Eva Respini, 2018
	A Magazine Curated by, Eckhaus Latta, 2017
	How Does it Feel?, Inquiries into Contemporary Sculpture, SculptureCenter, edited by Mary Ceruti and Ruba Katrib, 2016
	Food: 13th Fellbach Triennial Catalogue, 2016
	9th Berlin Biennale Catalogue, curated by DIS, 2016
	Surround Audience: New Museum Triennial 2015 Catalogue, Lauren Cornell and Ryan Trecartin,
2015	High Art: Public Art on the High Line, edited by Cecilia Alemani, 2015
	Cave Abscess Rectum Septum, Ramiken Crucible, edited by Mike Egan, 2015 Photography is Magic, Charlotte Cotton, 2015
2012	How to Download A Boyfriend, Badlands Unlimited, 2012
	47 Canal Wants to Share "Lee" with You, Tank Magazine, Volume 7, Issue 4, 2012
2011	Survey: On Screen, Frieze Magazine, September 2011
2010	New Century Modern Surface Magazine, essay for IMG MGMT Series, Art F City, 2010
2009	Today and Everyday, Used Future #45, 2009
2003	Luxury Reborn/Live Like a Rockefeller, Party Like a Rockstar, Amy Yao Curates for The Kingsboro Press, The Kingsboro Press, Issue 5, 2003

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Chan, Carson, "New Wave," Frieze, January 1, 2021.

2020 Blidaru, Adriana, "Josh Kline," Kaleidoscope, December 20, 2020

Taft, Catherine, "Josh Kline: Inside the Cover," Cura, November 11, 2020 (cover)

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Ables, Kelsey, "World-class conceptual art pops up in a vacant bank at the Watergate," The Washington Post, November 14, 2019.

Freeman, Nate, "Just in Time for Trump's Impeachment, the Watergate Is Back in the Spotlight—as a Place to Show Contemporary Art," Artnet News, October 29, 2019.

Kuo, Michelle, "System Warning: Josh Kline," Mousse Magazine, October 1, 2019.

Mellin, Haley, "Josh Kline's Water Damage," Garage Magazine, September 20, 2019.

Meltzer, Marisa, "Why Is Everyone Drinking Celery Juice as if It Will Save Them From Dying?," The New York Times, June 27, 2019.

Cohn, Gabe, "What 7 Visitors (and One Guard) Cherished on MoMA's Closing Day," The New York Times, June 17, 2019.

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Zeiba, Drew, "Artist Josh Kline brings climate change home in a new Manhattan show," The Architects Newspaper, June 6, 2019.

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Editors, "ArtArt Guides: Editors' Picks: 11 Things Not to Miss in New York's Art World This Week," Artnet News, May 6, 2019.

Scott, Andrea, "Goings On About Town: Josh Kline," The New Yorker, May 2019.

Harry, "At Gagosian San Francisco, 'Laws of Motion' Destroys American Icons," KQED Arts, February 4, 2019.

Hodges, H. Michael, "Internet-influenced art at UMMA," The Detroit News, January 30, 2019.

2018 Obrist, Hans Ulrich, "New Experiments in Art, Science and Technology Ten Years of Images selected by Hans Ulrich Obrist," CURA, 2018.

Bradley, Paige Katherine, "The Future Is Liquid, Unemployed, and Ghosting Us All," Garage Magazine, October 18, 2018.

Goldstein, Andrew, "10 of the Best Artworks at Frieze London 2018," Artnet News, October 4, 2018.

Greenberger, Alex, "The Browser: On John Akomfrah, Adrian Piper, and Two Group Shows About Interconnectivity," ARTnews, August 2018.

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Aima, Rahel, "Issues & Commentary: Face Off," Art in America, April 1, 2018.

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Cohen, Kris, "Josh Kline: Freedom," caa reviews, July 26, 2017.

Zabala, Santiago, "Turning to Art's Demands", E-Flux Conversations, June 16, 2017.

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Obrist, Hans Ulrich, "Über Morgen," Das Magazin, October 1, 2016.

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Chamberlain, Colby, "Josh Kline," Artforum, September 2016.

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Braun, Adrienne, "Guten Appetit," Art Das Kunstmagazin, June 20, 2016.

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Julia Stoschek Collection, Düsseldorf, Germany
Museum of Modern Art, New York
Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

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POW MARTINEZ Bio

Pow Martinez (b. 1983 Manila, Philippines; lives and works Manila) is a recipient of the 2010 Ateneo Art Award for his exhibition 1 Billion Years at West Gallery, Philippines. He exhibits internationally and has worked with different media, from painting to sound. His recent exhibitions include City Prince/sses (2019) at Palais de Tokyo in Paris; Art Jakarta 2019 with Silverlens and ROH Projects; 50 Years in Hollywood (2019) at Pinto Art Museum in New York; Art Basel Hong Kong 2019 with Silverlens; WXXX (2019), West Gallery, Manila; Art Taipei 2017; WASAK! Reloaded (2016) in Arndt, Singapore; and WASAK! (2016) in Arndt, Berlin. Martinez has also held a number of solo shows in major galleries in Manila, the most recent of which is Sustainable Anxiety (2020) in Silverlens. Early in 2022, Martinez had his first solo exhibition in Madrid entitled *Underground Spiritual Unit* at Galeria Yusto/ Giner. In 2018, he had a solo exhibition in Indonesia. Titled Aesthetic Police, the exhibition is an outcome of his month-long residency program at OPQRStudio in Bandung.

Martinez's paintings belie their grotesque subject matter with the indelibly beautiful surfaces and a wide-ranging, daring use of color. Mutants, monsters, demons, deviants, and freaks lurch, sit, and appear to transform amidst weirdly lit landscapes or disintegrating urban scenarios, or emerge from a painterly graffito mess, but, as his more abstracted works insist, Martinez's ability to render intriguing relationships between forms and surfaces ensure his works are endlessly compelling—an experience akin to a beautiful nightmare.



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RESIDENCIES

2018 OPQR Residency, Bandung, Indonesia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022	Clunker, Silverlens, Manila
	Underground Spiritual Unit, Galería Yusto/Giner, Madrid
2020	Sustainable Anxiety, Silverlens, Manila
2018	Aesthetic Police, ROH Projects, Jakarta
2017	Techno-utopian, Silverlens, Manila
	and now back to our regular programming, Art Informal, Manila
2016	Advanced Human, Random Parts, Oakland
	a man without a hobby is worthless, TAKSU Gallery, Singapore
2015	psychodelic behavior, West Gallery, Manila
	From the bitter abyss, Megumi Ogita Gallery, Tokyo
2014	May Cause Profound Mental Retardation, Pablo Gallery, Manila
	Caught between honor and revenge, how far will one man go, Silverlens, Manila
	dogs playing poker, Manila Contemporary, Manila
2013	1 bit, Mo_Space Project Room, Manila
	Losing my edge, Pablo Gallery, Manila
	Medieval woodcuts, Finale Art File, Manila
2012	Sploshing, Finale Art File, Manila
	Low Res, West Gallery, Manila
	Cyborg Scallops, Silverlens, Manila
2011	Nature Paintings, NOW Gallery, Manila
	Destroyed Planets, Pablo Gallery, Manila
	Cut Hands has the Solution, West Gallery, Manila
	Easy Listening Paintings, Mag:net Gallery, Manila
2010	march of the pigs, Lost Projects, Manila
	hyper blast abomination, Mag:net Gallery, Manila
2009	the brutal gardener, Mag:net Gallery, Manila
	one billion years, West Gallery, Manila
2007	pathetic doggy paddle, Mag:net Gallery, Manila

GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

2	023	State of Flux, Silverlens, New York
2	022	Fuck Art Let's Dance, Modeka, Manila
		The Sea and The Jungle: Frieze Seoul, South Korea
		OVR: Art Basel Hong Kong
		Art Fair Philippines, Silverlens, Manila
2	021	Art Basel, Silverlens, Hong Kong
		'Only a Joke Can Save Us' Present Projects Gallery, Sham Shui Po, Hong Kong
		Art Fair Philippines, Silverlens, Manila
		S.E.A. Focus, Tanjong Pagar Distripark, Singapore
		SOUTH SOUTH VEZA, SOUTH SOUTH Platform

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2020	Anticipating the Day, Silverlens, Manila
	Searching Sanctuary, Silverlens, Manila
	Art Fair Philippines, Silverlens, Manila
2019	An Artinformal Christmas Group Show, Artinformal, Manila
	Art Jakarta, ROH Projects, Jakarta
	WXXX, West Gallery, Manila
	City Prince/sses, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
	50 Years in Hollywood, Pintô International, New York
	Art Basel, Silverlens, Hong Kong
	Art Fair Philippines, Silverlens, Manila
	Taipei Dangdai, Silverlens, Taipei
2018	Recent Works, Underground Gallery, Manila
	Art Basel, Silverlens, Hong Kong
	Chaos, Silverlens, Manila
	Art Fair Philippines, Silverlens, Manila
2017	Art Taipei, Taipei World Trade Center, Hall One, Taipei Translación, Inaugural Exhibition, Curated by Gary-Ross Pastrana, Silverlens, Manila
2016	WASAK! Reloaded, Arndt, Singapore
	<i>WASAK!</i> , Arndt, Berlin
2015	No Singing Allowed, Silverlens, Manila
2014	Brave New Worlds, Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Philippines
2013	manila vice, MIAM, Sete, France
	<i>pirates</i> , Megumi Ogita Gallery, Tokyo
2012	bastards of misrepresentation, Topaz Arts, New York
2011	Confessions of a sinner, Manila Contemporary, Manila
	Post local, Silverlens, Manila
	Greatest Hits, Bastards of Misrepresentation, doing time on Filipino time,
	8 Salon, Hamburg
	Hide the Women and Children, Mo_Space, Manila
	Salvation in a nest of vipers, Y3K, Melbourne
	Complete and Unabridged, Osage Gallery, Hong Kong
2010	bastards of misrepresentation, doing time on Filipino time, Fries Museum, Berlin
	serial killers from tate modern to taksu Singapore, Taksu, Singapore
	beautiful inside my head forever, Silverlens, Manila
	sirens hall, Mo Space, Manila
	in fairness, Finale Art File, Manila
	happily unhappy, Blanc Gallery, Manila
2009	selected memory, Richard Koh Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur
	one small step for man, one giant leap for woman, Mag:net Gallery, Manila
	welcome to the jungle, Art Informal, Manila
2007	shoot me, Mo_Space, Manila
	i have nothing to paint and i'm painting it, Manila Contemporary, Manila
	Sungdu-an 4"extensions," Cagayan de Oro University
2006	the blank show, West Gallery, Manila
	long goodbye, Mag:net Gallery, Manila



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