

Curriculum Vitae

Sarah Mei Herman

Lives and works in Amsterdam

Education

2008 – 2010 Royal College of Art | London, MA Photography

2001 – 2005 Royal Academy of Fine Arts, The Hague, BA Photography

1999 – 2000 University of Amsterdam (UVA), Philosophy propedeutics

Selected solo & duo exhibitions

2024 Julian & Jonathan | Concert Hall Brugge, BE (upcoming)

2023 Solace | Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka, HR (upcoming)

2023 Germano | Rokiškis Regional Museum, LT (upcoming)

2023 Germano | Kaunas Photography Gallery, Kaunas, LT

2023 Solace | Gallery Caroline O'Brien, Amsterdam, NL (duo)

2020 Germano | Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam, NL

2019 Coalescence | American Vintage Photography Prize 2018, Hyères, FR

2018 Coalescence | American Vintage Photography Prize 2018, Paris, FR

2017 Quietude | Expositiontwelve, Berlin, DE (duo)

2015 Touch | Chinese European Art Center, Xiamen, CN

2014 Un Peu, Beaucoup... La Vie! | Le Chateau d'Eau, Toulouse, FR

2014 Between us | Kahmann Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

2010 A Wordless Whisper | Art Foundation Soledad Senlle, Amsterdam, NL

Selected group exhibitions

2023 Helsinki Photo Festival, Courage, FI

2023 HeadOn Photography Festival, Sydney, AU (upcoming)

2023 PhMuseum Days, International Photography Festival, Bologna, IT (upcoming)

2023 Dialogues on Humanity | Photo Elysée, Lausanne, CH (Traveling exhibition)

2023 Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize | Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, SCH

2023 Sarajevo Photography Festival, BA

2023 Der Greif: Past & Present | Pinotek der Moderne & ZIRKA, München, DE

2023 Rovinj Photodays | Multimedia Centre, HR

2023 ImageNation, Just Women, Galerie Joseph, Paris, FR

2023 Pride Photo Award, Amsterdam, NL

2023 SO Award, Dupho, Capital C, Amsterdam, NL

2023 Exposure Photo Festival, Calgary, CA

2023 Touch, Studio Ballon Rouge, Rotterdam, NL

2022 Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

2022 PhMuseum Days, International Photography Festival, Bologna, IT

2022 Queer Festival Heidelberg, Solace, DE

2022 The Polaroid Project, KunstWerkt, Schiedam, NL

2022 Zilveren Camera, Limburgs Museum, NL

2022 Rolling Snowball #14, Powerlong Art Centre, Xiamen, CN

2022 Biennale Della Fotografia Femminile, Legacy - Off Circuit, Mantova, IT

2022 Zilveren Camera, Touch, Museum Hilversum, NL

2021 Kuala Lumpur International Photoawards, Ilham Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, MY

2021 Verzasca Foto Festival, Matters Of Touch, CH

2021 Fotofestival Naarden, Touch, NL

2021 Hellerau Photography Award, Museum Technische Sammlungen, Dresden, DE

2021 AMC commissioned art work, Art in Times of Corona, Brummelkamp Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

2020 Athens Photo Festival | Benaki Museum, Athens, GR

2020 Kuala Lumpur International Photoawards, Ilham Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, MY

2020 Explorations of Time and Space, Caroline O'Brien Gallery, Amsterdam 2020

2019 We Like Art, Collectie DE.GROEN, Arnhem, NL

2019 Fotofestival Naarden, Julian & Jonathan, NL

2018 Rabobank Dutch Photographic Portrait Prize, Rabobank Utrecht, NL

2018 Confusing Private and Public, 3rd Beijing Photo Biennial, CN

2018 Hyères 33e Festival de Mode, de Photographie et d'Accessoires de Mode, Hyères, FR

2017 Jimei x Arles: East West Encounters, International Photofestival, Xiamen, CN

2017 Rolling Snowball #8, Datong Museum, Datong, CN

2017 Oscillation, Le Chateau d'Eau, Toulouse, FR

2017 Landskrona Foto Festival, You And Me, Landskrona, SE
2017 Rolling Snowball #8, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Xiamen, CN
2017 Bellamy Kabinet, Amsterdam, NL
2017 Making Waves, Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, NL
2016 Jimei x Arles: East West Encounters, International Photofestival, Xiamen, CN
2016 Haute Photography, Las Palmas, Rotterdam, NL
2016 Intimacy, Seelevel Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
2016 A Process 2.0, Der Greif, Krakow Photomonth 2016, PL
2015 Rolling Snowball # 6, CEAC, Djupivogur, Iceland, IS
2015 Etonnantes Affinités, 40 years collection Chateau d'Eau, Couvent des Jacobins, Toulouse, FR
2015 Young in Prison, exhibition + photo auction Christies, Amsterdam, NL
2014 Photo España, Surprising Affinities, Fundacion Antonio Saura, Cuenca, ES
2013 Keep on dreaming, New York Photofestival, US
2013 Only You Only Me BIP, Centre Wallonie – Bruxelles, Paris, FR
2012 Film & Foam, collaboration with Kim Boske, & Foam, Amsterdam, NL
2012 Flavours, Kahmann Gallery, NL
2012 Frisse Blik, Kahmann Gallery, NL
2012 Only You Only Me, 8th Int. Biennial of Phot. and Visual Arts, Musée d'Art Moderne, Liege, BE
2011 15th International Biennale of Young Artists, Thessaloniki, GR
2010 Talents of The Royal College of Art, Kahmann Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
2010 Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
2010 Art Works Open, Barbican Arts Group Trust, London, UK
2010 Renaissance Photography Prize, Hospital Private Members Club, London, UK
2010 RCA Show, Royal Collage of Art, London, UK
2008 Singapore International Photography Festival (SIPF), SG

Selected publications (print & online)

2023 ANYWHERE BLVD | Solace, California, US (upcoming)
2023 Then There Was Us Magazine | Solace, UK
2023 Kiekie Tabloid, NL
2023 I-D Magazine | Photographing the Quiet Inner Lives of Queer Chinese Youth, by Isaac Muk, UK
2023 De Standaard Weekblad | Portfolio publication "Solace", March, BE
2023 Volkskrant Magazine | Solace, (11 page publication), NL
2023 Internazionale | Solace, Issue 1503, IT
2023 Bay Area Reporter | Solace, 16 February 2023, San Francisco, CA
2023 Photography of China | Solace, FR
2022 Mulieris Magazine | Belt of Venus, Touch, IT
2022 Aint Bad Magazine, US
2022 Intimate Structures, BE
2021 C 41 Magazine | Touch, IT
2021 Paper Journal | We Love, AU
2021 Mint Magazine | issue #23, FR
2021 F-Stop Magazine | Open Theme
2021 UMC commissioned art work - Art in Times of Corona, Amsterdam AMC, NL
2020 Litvak Photography Overview | Bringing back the memory, LT
2020 Booooooom | Touch, by Anna Schneider, April, CA
2019 Vostok Magazine | by Ji-Soo Park, KR
2019 Hyeres x Lacoste x Boycott | Commissioned fashion shoot, Ile du Levant, FR
2018 INDIE Magazine | Home, written by Darcy Imbert, Issue 60, Autumn 2018, DE
2018 NRC Handelsblad | Interview winner portraitprize, 25 november 2018, NL
2018 Vogue Italia | Photo Stories, June 2018, IT
2018 Artsy | The Agony and Ecstasy of Young Love, by Demie Kim, US
2018 GUP Magazine | Transition, Issue #56, NL
2017 Photography of China | Touch, FR
2016 Der Greif | Issue #9, DE
2016 Burn Magazine, US
2016 I-D Magazine | The Secret Couples of China's 'Garden Island', by Aice Newell-Hanson, UK
2016 Feature Shoot | by Eva Clifford
2014 Photo World | Best European Contemporary Photographers, by Dr. T. Rosenstein, CN
2014 Collect Magazine | April issue, BE
2014 New Dawn Paper | Volume 1, NL
2013 Ignant | by Hannah Edwards, DE
2012 Booooooom | Julian & Jonathan, by Jeff Hamada, April, CA

2012 Tableau Fine Arts Magazine | Hollandse Liefde in Luik, BE
2011 Nido Magazine | October issue, Hamburg, DE
2011 The Art Economist | Artist to watch, Volume 1 / issue 3, US
2011 Dear Dave Magazine | Swimsuit issue, US
2010 Magenta Flash Forward Festival | Emerging Photographers, UK
2010 Foam Magazine | Foam Talent # 24, NL

Books

2024 Julian & Jonathan | Gost Books, London, UK (monograph, upcoming)
2022 Solace | Commissioned photo book LGBTQ China, EWS Design, US

Awards & Nominations

2023 V&A Parasol Foundation Prize for Women in Photography | Shortlist
2023 Rovinj Photodays | Grand Prix winner
2023 Global SinoPhoto Awards | Series Category Winner
2022 Gomma Photography Grant | Honorable mention
2022 Aperture Portfolio Prize | Finalist
2022 Zilveren Camera | 3rd Prize Documentary Series International
2021 Leica Oskar Barnack Award | Nomination
2021 Documentary Family Awards | Judges Choice Award
2018 Rabobank Dutch Photographic Portrait Prize | Winner
2018 American Vintage Photography Award | Winner
2018 Futures Photography Talent | Selected by Hyeres Festival
2018 Hyères 33e Festival de Mode et Photographie, FR | Finalist
2014 Format Festival, Derby, UK | Nomination longlist
2012 Viewbook Photostory 2012: Small Stories, NL | Nomination
2011 Emergentes DST – Encontros Da Imagem, Braga, PT | Finalist
2010 Magenta Foundation, Flash Forward, UK | Honorable mention

Grants

2021 Corona Regulation Grant, Mondriaan Fund, NL
2019 Projectgrant, Amsterdam Fund for the Arts (AFK), NL
2019 Stichting Stokroos, NL
2017 Stipendium Established Artists, Mondriaan Fund
2014 Flexible Project Grant, Mondriaan Fonds, NL
2013 Fixed Project Grant, Mondriaan Fonds, NL
2009 Flexible Project Grant, Fonds BKVB, NL
2009 Royal College of Art Bursary, London, UK
2009 Young Talent Grant, Prins Bernard Cultuurfonds, NL
2008 Flexible Project Grant, Fonds BKVB, Amsterdam
2008 Royal College of Art Bursary, London, UK
2007 Stipendium Emerging Artists, Fonds BKVB, NL

Collections

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NL
Rabobank Art Collection, NL
AMC Art Collection, NL
Le Chateau d'Eau, Toulouse, FR
Kahmann Gallery, NL
MIAP Art Foundation, NL
MK Gallery, Rotterdam, NL
Various private collections

Screenings

2023 Der Greif | Nuit de L'Année, Les Rencontres d'Arles, FR (upcoming)
2021 Verzasca Foto Festival, CH
2017 La Nuit des Images | Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne, CH
2014 5 years of Foam Talent, Felix & Foam, Amsterdam, NL
2014 5 years of Foam Talent, Les Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, FR
2014 Voies Off Festival | Night projection, Les Rencontres d'Arles, FR
2014 Weekend de l'Art Contemporain | Les Abbatoirs, Toulouse, FR
2011 Voies Off Festival | Night projection, Les Rencontres d'Arles, FR

Art fairs

2023 Buy My Darlings, NDSM Fuse Amsterdam, NL
2022 Buy My Darlings, NDSM Fuse Amsterdam, NL
2019 Art Rotterdam, We Like Art, NL
2016 Unseen Photofair, Gallery Caroline O'Brien Amsterdam, NL
2015 Slick Attitude Artfair, Paris, FR
2014 Unseen Photofair, Kahmann Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
2013 Pan Amsterdam, Kahmann Gallery, NL
2013 Scope Basel, Kahmann Gallery, Basel CH

Lectures & Talks

2023 Rovinj Photodays, HR
2023 Gallery Caroline O'Brien, Amsterdam, NL
2020 "Fatherhood", Het Veem, Amsterdam, NL
2016 Pechakucha, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Xiamen, CN
2015 Seelevel Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
2015 Kaunas College of Art, Kaunas, LT
2015 "Van Gogh Talk", Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, NL
2014 C-Platform, Xiamen, CN
2014 Xiamen University, Art College, Xiamen, CN
2011 Leeds College of Art, Leeds, UK
2010 University of Brighton, Brighton, UK

Teaching

Teacher at Studio 307, Amsterdam, NL (current position)
Various photography workshops at The New School, Amsterdam, NL
Workshop at Xiamen University Art College, Xiamen, CN
Various photography workshops at Photo Academy Amsterdam, NL
Workshop at Amsterdam Centre for Photography (ACF), Amsterdam, NL