

Curriculum Vitae

Sarah Mei Herman - Lives and works in Amsterdam

Solo & duo exhibitions

2024 'Julian & Jonathan' | Concertgebouw Brugge, Curated by Peter de Bruyne, BE (upcoming)
2025 'Julian & Jonathan' | Glaz Festival, Rennes, FR (upcoming)
2025 'Julian & Jonathan' | Photo Cluster, Vienna, AT (upcoming)
2024 'Julian & Jonathan' | Punt WG, Amsterdam NL
2024 Solace | Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka, HR
2024 Solace | Batana Gallery | Rovinj Photodays, HR
2023 Germano | Rokiškis Regional Museum, LT
2023 Germano | Kaunas Photography Gallery, Curated by Gintaras Cesonis, Kaunas, LT
2023 Solace | Gallery Caroline O'Brien, Amsterdam, NL (duo)
2020 Germano | Jewish Historical Museum, Curated by Judith Hoekstra Amsterdam, NL
2019 Coalescence | American Vintage Photography Prize 2018, Hyères, FR
2018 Coalescence | American Vintage Photography Prize 2018, Paris, FR
2017 Quietude | Exposuretwelve, Berlin, DE (duo)
2014 Touch | Chinese European Art Center, Xiamen, CN
2014 Julian & Jonathan | Le Chateau d'Eau, Curated by Jean-Marc Lacabe, Toulouse, FR
2014 Between us | Kahmann Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
2010 Wordless Whisper | Art Foundation Soledad Senlle, Amsterdam, NL

Selected group exhibitions

2025 Culture Identified | Global SinoPhoto Awards, Christie's London, UK (upcoming)
2025 Atlanta Photography Group (APG), Critical Mass 2024, Atlanta US (upcoming)
2024 Rotlicht Festival | Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, AT
2024 Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize | National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
2024 Kunsthal KadE | Wake Sleep Dream Repeat, Amersfoort, NL
2024 1014 Gallery | Palm Photo Prize, London, UK
2024 FotoFilmic | JRNL Groupshow, Bowen Island, CA
2024 Melkweg Expo | Palm Photo Prize, Amsterdam, NL
2024 Amsterdam Art Week | The Future is Equal, Young Collectors Circle, Capital C, NL
2024 Pride Photo Award 2023 | The Gallery | Fokuoka City, JP
2024 Meitar Award for Excellence in Photography 2023, Photo IS:RAEL, Tel-Aviv, IL
2023 Dialogues on Humanity | Photo Elysée, Lausanne, CH (two-year-traveling exhibition)
2023 InCadaqués Photo Festival | Cadaques, ES
2023 HeadOn Photography Festival, Delmar Gallery, Sydney, AU
2023 PhMuseum Days, International Photography Festival, Dumbo's Spazio Bianco, Bologna, IT
2023 Helsinki Photo Festival | Courage, FI
2023 Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize | Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, SCH
2023 Sarajevo Photography Festival | Solace BA
2023 Der Greif: Past & Present | Pinotek der Moderne & ZIRKA, München, DE
2023 Rovinj Photodays | Multimedia Centre, HR
2023 Pride Photo Award, Amsterdam, NL
2023 SO Award, Dupho | Capital C, Amsterdam, NL
2023 Exposure Photo Festival | Contemporary Calgary, Alberta, CA
2023 Studio Ballon Rouge, Touch, Rotterdam, NL
2022 Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize | National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
2022 PhMuseum Days, Int. Photography Festival | DumBo's Spazio Bianco, 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 Art in Times of Corona | Commissioned art work, AMC 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 | CAFA Art Museum, CN
2018 Hyères 33e Festival de Mode & Photographie | Villa Noailles, Hyères, FR
2017 Jimei x Arles: East West Encounters, International Photofestival | Hypnagogia, 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 Binnenste Buiten | Bellamy Kabinet, Amsterdam, NL
2017 Making Waves | Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, NL
2016 Jimei x Arles: East West Encounters, International Photofestival | Touch, Xiamen, CN
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
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 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
2008 Singapore International Photography Festival (SIPF), SG

Selected publications (print & online)

2025 De Standaard Weekblad | Julian & Jonathan, by Jan Desloover, BE (upcoming)
2025 Il Fotografo | 'What I've learned', Julian & Jonathan, by Livia Corbò, IT (upcoming)
2025 New York Times | Portrait commission, US (upcoming)
2024 WÜL Magazine | Julian & Jonathan, by Nastasia Khmel'nitski, DE
2024 Parool | 'Familieopstelling', Julian & Jonathan, by Sara Luijters, NL
2024 Volkskrant Magazine | 'Tussen afstand en nabijheid' - Julian & Jonathan, by Sophie Visser, NL
2024 NRC In Beeld | 'Vergeefse Pogingen om dichterbij te komen' - Julian & Jonathan, by Ellen de Bruijn, NL
2024 Focus Magazine | Julian & Jonathan, by Jannie de Kruijff, NL
2024 Fraction Magazine | Solace, US
2024 Waarom Kunst in het Ziekenhuis | Kunstcollectie AMC, NL
2024 WÜL Magazine | Solace, by Nastasia Khmel'nitski, DE
2024 JRNL #20 | Fotofilmic, Solace, CA
2024 Pamplemousse Magazine | The Love Magazine, Touch, US
2024 Vostok Magazine | Solace + Julian & Jonathan, by Ji-Soo Park, KR
2024 Litvak Photography Overview | Bringing back the memory, LT
2023 VPRO Gids | Eindejaarnummer | Familie, NL
2023 Het Grote Kunstkoopboek, Young Collectors Circle, Terra Publishing, NL
2023 Safelight Paper | Solace, DE
2023 Then There Was Us Magazine | 'An Illuminating Portrait of Young LGBTQ People' | China, UK
2023 I-D Magazine | Photographing the Quiet Inner Lives of Queer Chinese Youth, by Isaac Muk, UK
2023 De Standaard Weekblad | Portfolio publication Solace, by Jan Desloover, BE
2023 Volkskrant Magazine | Publication Solace (11 pages), by Arno Haijtema, NL
2023 Internazionale | 'Storie del Genere', Issue 1503, March, IT
2023 Bay Area Reporter | Solace, 16 February 2023, San Francisco, CA
2023 Konbini | 'La jeunesse queer chinoise se révèle dans les portraits forts et touchants', by Lisa Lanot, FR
2023 Photography of China | Solace, FR
2023 Parool | Interview Solace, 'Expositie over intimiteit onder Chinese jongeren', by Jan Pieter Ekker, NL
2023 Pf Magazine | Solace, NL
2022 Mulieris Magazine | Belt of Venus, Touch, IT
2022 Aint Bad Magazine | Touch, US
2022 Intimate Structures | Touch, BE
2021 C 41 Magazine | Touch, IT
2021 Paper Journal | We Love | Julian and Jonathan, AU

2021 Mint Magazine | issue #23, FR
2020 Pf Magazine | Intimiteit en relaties, NL
2020 Booooooom | Touch, by Anna Schneider, April, CA
2019 Vostok Magazine | Touch, 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 | Touch | Issue #9 DE
2016 Burn Magazine | Between Us, US
2016 I-D Magazine | The Secret Couples of China's 'Garden Island', by Aice Newell-Hanson, UK
2016 Feature Shoot | Touch | A Portrait of Young Love in China, by Eva Clifford, AU
2015 Aint Bad Magazine | Julian & Jonathan, US
2014 Photo World | Best European Contemporary Photographers, by Dr. T. Rosenstein, CN
2013 Ignant | Julian and Jonathan, by Hannah Edwards, DE
2012 Tableau Fine Arts Magazine | Hollandse Liefde in Luik, BE
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 issue # 24, NL

Books

2024 Julian & Jonathan | Gost Books, London, UK
2022 Solace | Commissioned photo book, Diverse Humanity, EWS Design, US

Selected awards & nominations

2024 Critical Mass Top 50 | Finalist
2023 Meitar Award for Excellence in Photography | Finalist
2023 Arnold Newman Prize for New Directions in Photographic Portraiture | Nomination
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
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

Grants

2024 Voucher Aichi Triennial, Mondriaan Fund, NL
2024 Artist Basic Grant, Mondriaan Fund, NL
2023 Publication grant, Mondriaan Fund, NL
2023 Publication grant, Tijl Fonds, Cultuurfonds, NL
2023 Publication grant, Jaap Hartenfonds NL
2023 Publication grant, Stichting Niemeijer, NL
2021 Corona Regulation grant, Mondriaan Fund, NL
2019 Project grant, Amsterdam Fund for the Arts, NL
2019 Stichting Stokroos, NL
2017 Artist Basic Grant, 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
Dutch Embassy Beijing, CN
Le Chateau d'Eau, Toulouse, FR
MIAP Art Foundation, NL
MK Gallery, Rotterdam, NL
MO Art Gallery – Frans Oomen
Various private collections

Selected screenings

2025 Queertography | Head On Photo Festival, Perth Cultural Centre, AU
2024 Pride Photo Award | DOKA Amsterdam, NL
2023 Der Greif | Nuit de L'Année, Les Rencontres d'Arles, FR
2017 La Nuit des Images | Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne, CH
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

Selected lectures & talks

2023 Rovinj Photodays, HR
2020 "Vader", Het Veem, Amsterdam, NL
2016 Pechakucha, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Xiamen, CN
2015 Kaunas College of Art, Kaunas, LT
2015 "Van Gogh Talk", Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, NL
2011 Leeds College of Art, Leeds, UK
2010 University of Brighton, Brighton, UK

Selected teaching and jury positions

2024 Jury member for "New Vision", K84, NL
2022 – 2024 Teacher at Studio 307 together with Milan Gies, Amsterdam, NL
2019 Jury member for the Dutch National Portrait Prize, NL
2015 Portrait photography workshop Xiamen University Art College, CN
2013 – 2016 Various photography workshops at Photo Academy Amsterdam, NL
2012 Workshop at Amsterdam Centre for Photography (ACF), Amsterdam, NL

Other

2024 Book signing 'Julian & Jonathan', GOST Books, Grand Palais, Paris Photo, FR
2024 Book launch 'Julian & Jonathan', Foam, Amsterdam, NL