# VERENA SEIBT Collaborations & Works II



### **ARTISTIC APPROACH**

My work as an artist takes place in a variety of forms, in creating art works and projects, in curating exhibitions as well as in education. Dialog and collaboration with other artists is an essential part of my practice. Between 2006 and 2016, I formed an artist duo with Clea Stracke, until starting out own families with kids added new challenges to our permanent coordination. Project-based collaboration continues, for example with Thomas Splett, CASPA HAUSA COLLECTIVE and with students in the context of my teaching job at the art academy (2014—18) or on exhibition projects as part of curatorialteams.

In my work I deal with social issues - including role models, expectations and concepts of the body and draw my inspiration from personal experiences, which I translate into larger contexts. In my practice, I combine these themes with different media: foundfootage collages, video snapshots, sculptures and objects made from materials such as ceramics, aluminium latex, bread, wood and textiles.

My works have been exhibited at Kunstverein Augsburg, Simultanhalle Cologne, K21 Düsseldorf, DocFest Kassel, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Kunsthalle and Kunstverein Bonn, Industriemuseum, Emscherkunst, Hartware MedienKunstVerein Dortmund, Galerie Esther Donatz and Steinle, at the Kammerspiele, Lothringer13, Pinakothek der Moderne, Kunstraum and Artothek Munich, Center for Contemporary Art Plovdiv (Bulgaria), Nida Art Colony (Lithuania), Art's Complex Edinburgh (Great Britain) and Palazzo Carignano (Italy).

I live and work in Munich.

# HOW TO THROW A BRICK, WHEN YOU CANNOT GET OUT OF BED, 2023

Public Sphere and Vulnerable Bodies
Practice and theory seminar / Teaching assignment
Architecture and Gender at the TUM / Technical
University of Munich

Based on Johanna Hedva's "Sick Woman Theory" (2016), we took a critical look at the urban space of the 21st century with a special focus on class/minority and gender. We plunged into a discourse on limited agency and exclusionary structures, which are caused by a lack of infrastructure and social resentment, among other things.

How could bodies with all their needs become visible in public space and thus political in the sense of Hannah Arendt? To what extent can public space be conceived in terms of the fragility of bodies?



Johanna Hedva, Sick Woman Theory



Autoimmune diseases and mental illnesses as a women's issue. What effects do chronic illnesses have in terms of visibility and agency? How can troubled bodies become political?

## II / VULNERABILITY AND "HEALTHY" ARCHITECTURE?

A. How can vulnerability be addressed without entering a paternalistic position from which someone is labeled vulnerable?

B. A redefinition of modern architecture under conditions of illness.

## **III / PUBLIC FOR WHOM?**

A. The police are already there, counter-publics and possibilities of protest by vulnerable groups.

B. Historiography in public space / The handling of monuments.

### IV / WHAT'S POLITICS?

A. Freedom and politics

B. Politics as public act. Extra-parliamentary politics as solidarity with marginalized parts of society.

#### V / THE FILTHY LIFE

A. Grotesque body and bodies of the Future.

B. Appropriation through contamination.

C. Ideas of purity as a method of exclusion.

## VI / SOAP AND FEM URINALS

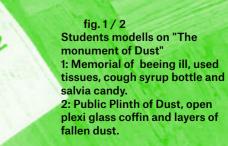
A.Rise of cleaning industries' relation with the history of dirt.

B. Dirty places / The history of (public) women's urinals.

VII/ MONUMENTS OF DUST Material Practice









## **YES WE CAN, 2023**

ART ASHRAM, Presentation of works conected to Residency Program, construction wood, form sand, aluminium sculptures, Paviljion an het water, Rotterdam



During the recent artist residency program at Paviljoen aan het Water, the collective Art Ashram discovers a valuable resource in their direct surroundings. Everywhere in the bushes and parking slots, in holes and embankments – tin cans, mostly from beer and energy drinks. Once melted and liquid, the material flows back to its potential to take up any shape desired. By exploring different methods of mould-making and

casting, AA brings Doppelgangers of everyday objects and consumer products to an otherworldly life.

925 tin cans resulting in 11099 grams of aluminum were collected in the south of Rotterdam and are shaped into sculptures of the installation. In love with one of them? The price is determined by weight, just multiply the title by 6(?) and you have the price for each object.

fig. 1 removing the plaster, with chisel andhammer

fig. 2 half dismanteled aluminium figure



fig. 1/2
Detail from the presentaion display at Pavijion an het water, seaview

fig. 3 Installation view

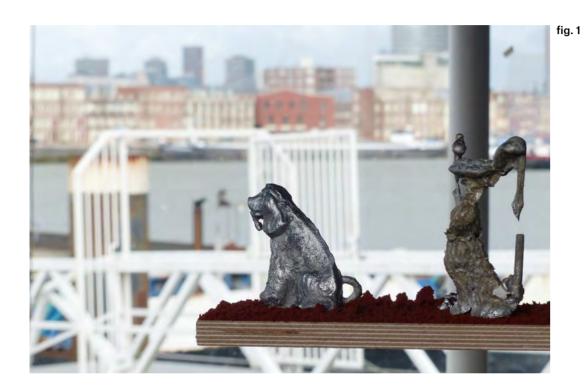
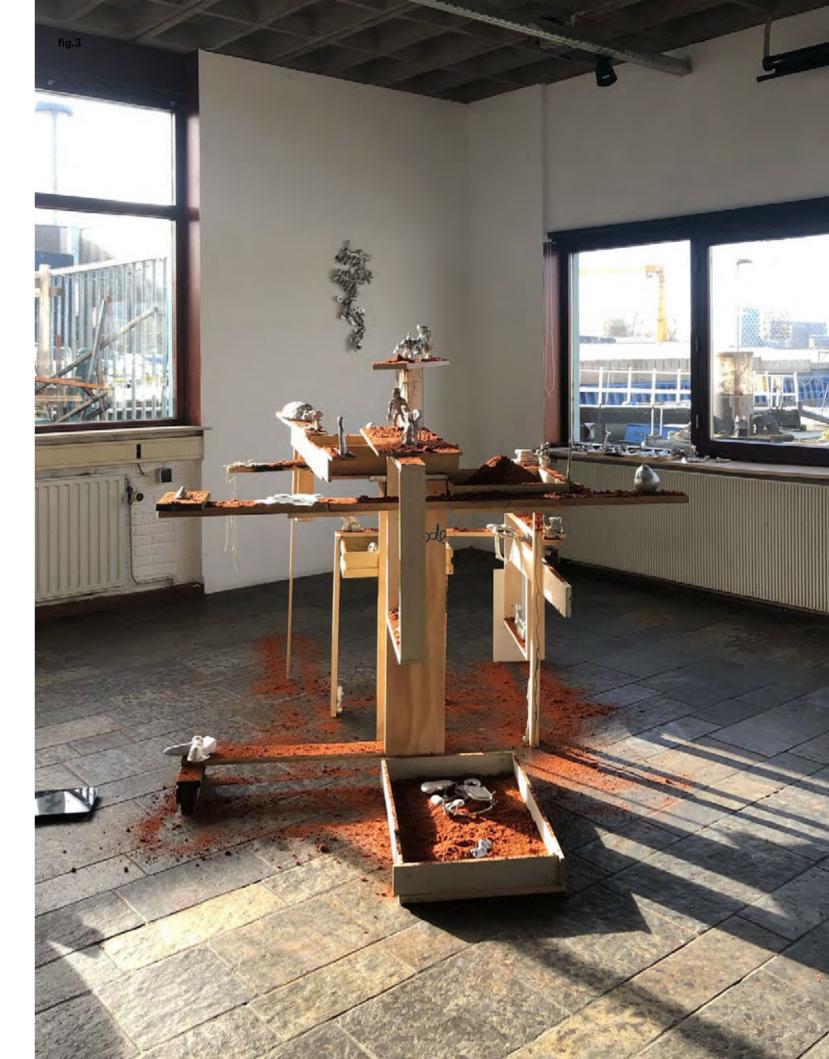


fig. 2





"Do we always have to know what we're buying? Or can we spend our money just like that? Buy the cat in the bag now!" Art Ashram, Tip game (How much will one of the cast aluminum sculpture cost? Choose your favourite form, pay 5 € and make a guess!)

Plaster molds for Aluminium cast, label with gram indication of the mold, Open Studio, Berlin





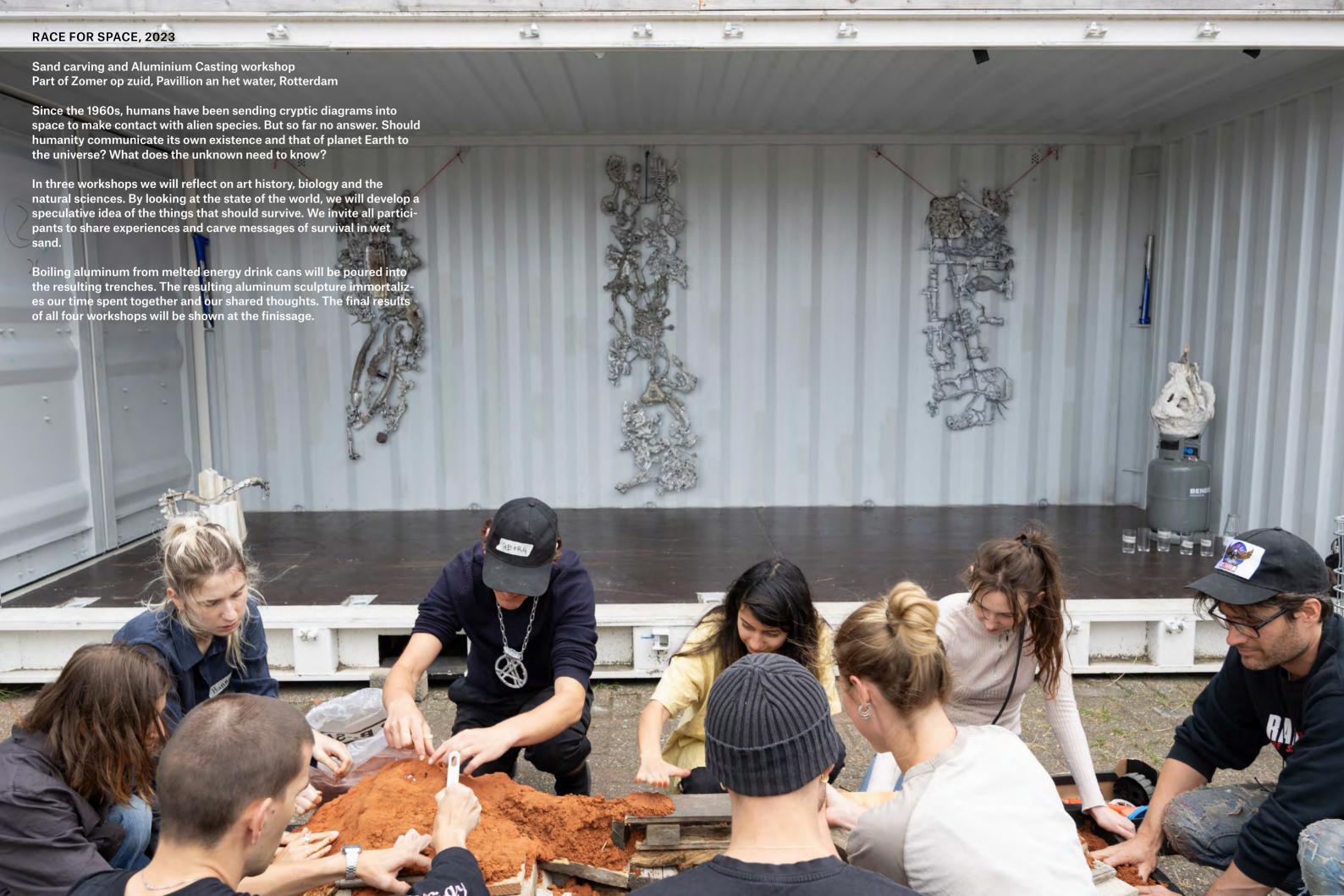


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Exhibitiion of plaster molds. Visitors are asked to bet on the weight of the resulting aluminium cast. The closwest wins the sculpture

fig. 3 Evaluation of the winners



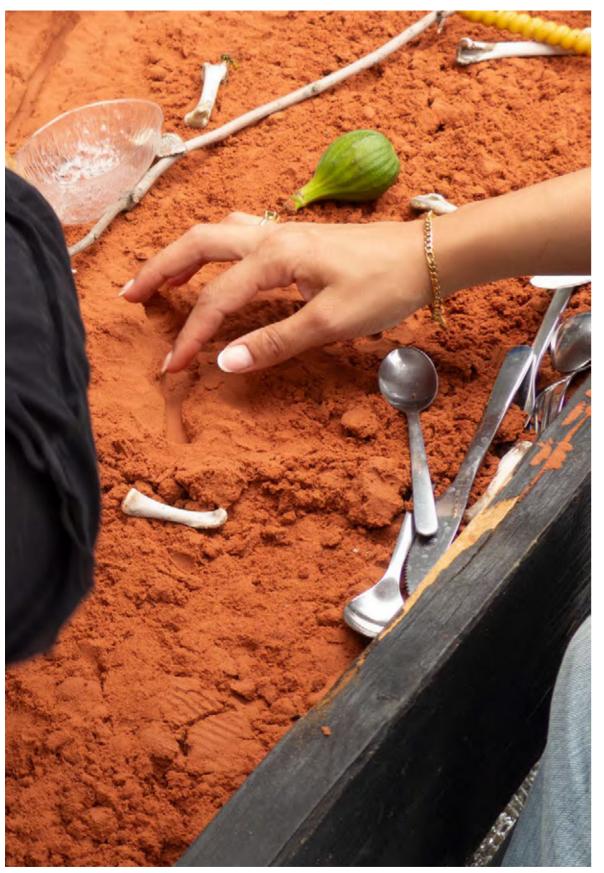


fig. 1

Participants start to imprint and to carve into the moulding sand.

## THE HUMAN A A FENCE

As Girl climbing over spiky fences – it felt needless to take the proper way – on hot brooding asphalt roads – that's why the girl takes shortcuts through the cool shady gardens – memories of different fence shapes, how they dig into the crotch when crossing – when the behind leg leaves the ground and the body weight condenses in the contact of fence and labia, before the advancing far outstretched toe reaches the saving ground on the other side

along the sidewalk – various sounds produced by a little stick on the different fence shapes, klickklick, klockklock, glogg, glooggg, krrrrrrrrrrt (plastic fence white), klonkkk\_\_\_\_\_klonkk (wider spacing) – I used to have a feeling of fences that I lost in the city – The friendliest are non-electrified pasture, grassland fences with plenty of opportunity to slip through – The tightly slatted fence says: You can't come in here – No Trespassing — "wire mesh fence" is relatively cheap.

Systems of demarcation: fence, hedge, lawn for distance, walls with glass windows, curtains and drape. Curtains darken, keep the world outside - After my mother's death, I found an animal observation camera in the tree, pointed at her door. Analyzing the taken images on the memory card, I realize that she is the only one in the pictures and I am sad. Just one person visiting. But she takes out the trash, goes shopping, comes back, some days she doesn't leave the house at all. Her searching for security is ending in loneliness — A Safe — a jewelry box — Polly Pocket — a Shell is a Chastity belt made of lime — Close the lid, then everything is safe inside — Keeping the evil of the world at a distance — Or Pandora's box — her cunt from which all the evil pours out like phantoms of snakes? The Visitation — Is the evil at all coming from outside or from the inside?

An open house behind locked doors — Door men - Security agencies - Gated communities - Fenced settlements of the Californian canyons - Arroyo Blanco Estates - Barbie encarerated in cardboard and plaster castles - a fairyland of safety precautions — Wishing oneself into nature and at the same time building the fence higher to keep the wilderness out - Oh América - The coyote uses the meshes of the security fence like a ladder and breaks the neck of the second Chihuahua in the garden. "The coyote is not to blame - he is only trying to survive, to make a living, to take advantage of the opportunities available to him."

A Fence at the mexican boarder — a threat of dispossessed people who have nothing material to lose. — I walked along the fence. "I saw people waiting to limb over the fence with little plastic bags with everything they owned inside. They disturb the feeling of life in many ways (morally, but also in relation to the feeling of security)." — A beggar rings on Father's Day at my parents' house — What does he want? — Why is he approaching our "regulated" life, why doesn't he stay sitting on the inner city urban sidewalk? — At the garden gate he comes too close to me. And now it is very clear what I have and he hasn't.

To have a place, a hiding place where you can sleep safely – How is it not to have a shelter, when someone can stumble over you at any time and anything valuable can only be protected with your body? – I (female) have been infiltrated with the thought of owning something that others want to have – No sense of security, but always on guard – Mother guards the pearl of the china box!

Burglary - Who ate from my little plate, who slept in my little bed - Camping - Intimacy robbery at the campsite - Insecure boundaries. - Thin nylon walls separate me from night, darkness and crawling wildlife. The uncontrollable is pushed back only by a touch of fabric - Without knowing we are observed for days from the near forest -. On the last day, when we feel safe, when our purses sit looser, the thieves strike. A knife cuts through artificial silk. A strange body bends over sleeping people. Their moist breath touches the approaching (too close) face. Nimbly, under inflatable pillows, hands feel the leathery prey — And feets stumble back to the forest.

The noise of the street penetrates the house; hopefully a beautiful noise of an Italian piazza – triple glazing — noise protection glass – invisible threats – viruses, bacteria and ghosts as well. – Small towns, home of front gardens, garbage can houses and patch borders – Mowing is a lot easier with a lawn edge – Culture vs. Nature – 4th night hordes of slugs raid the gardens and mate wildly under viscous slime on stoneware caterpillars with binoculars and ceramic hedgehogs – Grail of fertility – houselessness – Blue poisonous baits and black bodies drying in the sun – The Blob (USA 1988) red gelatinous, it penetrates through the smallest entry ports: cracks and ventilation grilles. Fluid, it knows no boundaries – formless vs. figurative. It overflows people and digests them inside. And grows in the process. The fairy tale of sweet porridge – Our little daughter sits in the bathtub and bathes in the pink glitter slime called Glibbi from Simba – DLY slime – Noise, liquid, radioactivity and slime are hard to stop –

Red eyes look from a black eyeball, hemispheres of Plexiglas – Who sits behind all the camera lens eyes, at all the house entrances? In the elevator such a eyeball stares at me. – A black nothing into which I, the one being looked at, can only stare back without any prospect of knowledge. My looks disappear in the Orkus, in the felt nothingness – locks on bridges as a sign of love – love as a castle, as a locked up castle – locks must be removed – the railings of the Cologne Hohenzollern Bridge threaten to collapse under the weight of possessing love – The land of milk and honey, on the other hand, demarcates itself by a mountain chain of cakes

hunter's lath fence - cross lath - t lath - plastic lath - wire mesh fence - meadow fence - barbed wire fence

## STRANGE DAY AT THE BEACH, 2022

Participation, one evening with digging and casting aluminium, Aluminium sculpture, 200 x 40 x 5 cm Pavilijon an het waater, Rotterdam



fig. Sandbox after the casting process, burned sand shapes





fig. 1

A two meter long box with molding sand is set up. Under the motto "A strange Day at the Beach" visitors and passers-by are invited to dig first into the depths and then towards each other, as if on a beach vacation. In the process, corridors between architectures, lines, objects and caves will be created, and thus also connections between the participants. At dusk, the bellows roar, the gas ignites with a stabbing flame, and old rims, spokes, laptops, and cans melt at 660.3°C. The glowing melting pot is lifted out of the furnace and the molten metal is poured into the small ramifications and cavities in the sand box. After half an hour, the branched aluminum sculpture can be lifted out together. Still charred, it must be freed until all the subtleties become visible. What is shape and line, what is stain and chance? What is what and what is nothing? For a long time you can talk about it and discover the work of others. Like a photograph, the object captures what is otherwise fleeting: the moment, the conversation, a memory of a strange day at the beach.

fig. 1 Final sculture on the wall.

fig. 2 Detail of the sculpture.



### **RACE TO ETERNITY PAST, 2023**

AA brings Doppelgangers of everyday objects to an otherworldly life. For Bovenop Zuid these objects settle on junkyard relicts.

Nothing else is presenting the "Good old times" as hood ornaments. This little extra detail in car tuning, the dot on the I, metaphor for a stabil, comfy live on the back seat. Always lucky, with new white socks on a little trip. It was the first thing to disappear - too many bloody socks caused by protruding car mascots. But also detrimental to aerodynamics and high production costs for motorising the masses lead to their distinction. One day we might look back on our times with big glossy eyes, just like we look in colourful books about earth history, on the heydays of dinosaurs. We don't want to flip the page, when only grey- furry- small animals will survive. We need to vision new goals and what place is better for this than a rooftop. Let the ghosts of the cars assembly to start off for their race to eternity.

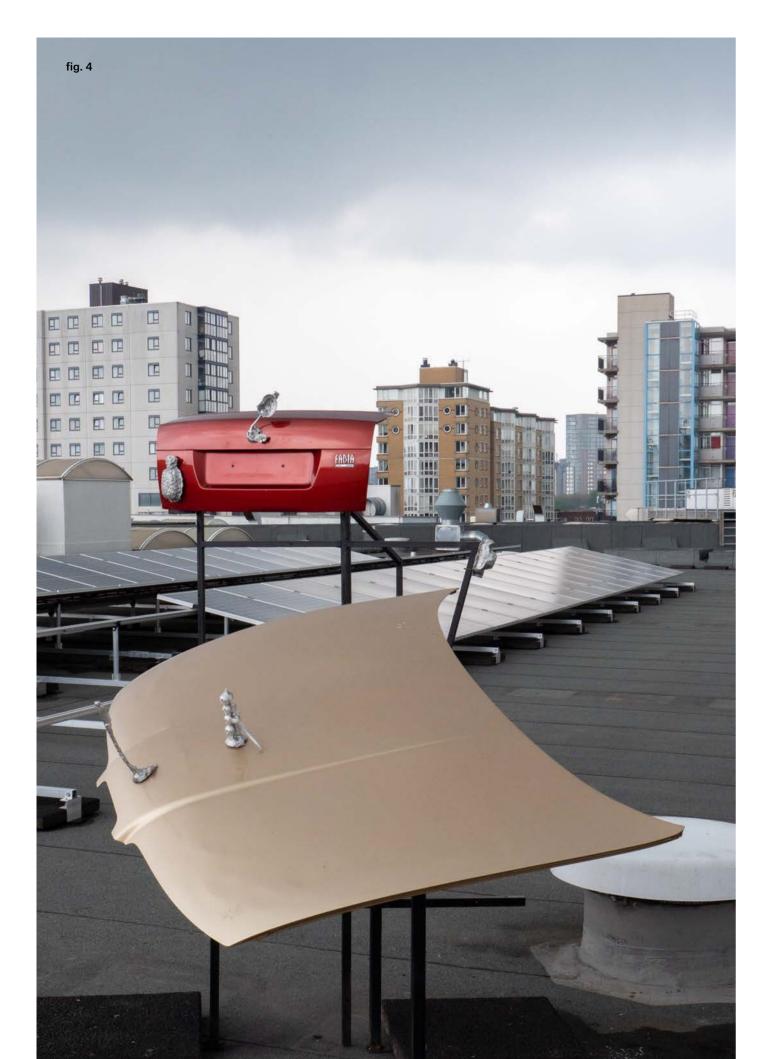
ART ASHRAM, radiator mascots from recycled aluminium, engine hood, rusty iron frames, various dimensions, as part of Dak Dagen, Zuid Plein Shoppingmall rooftop, Rotterdam





fig. 1 -5 Exhibtion view, Dak Dagen.





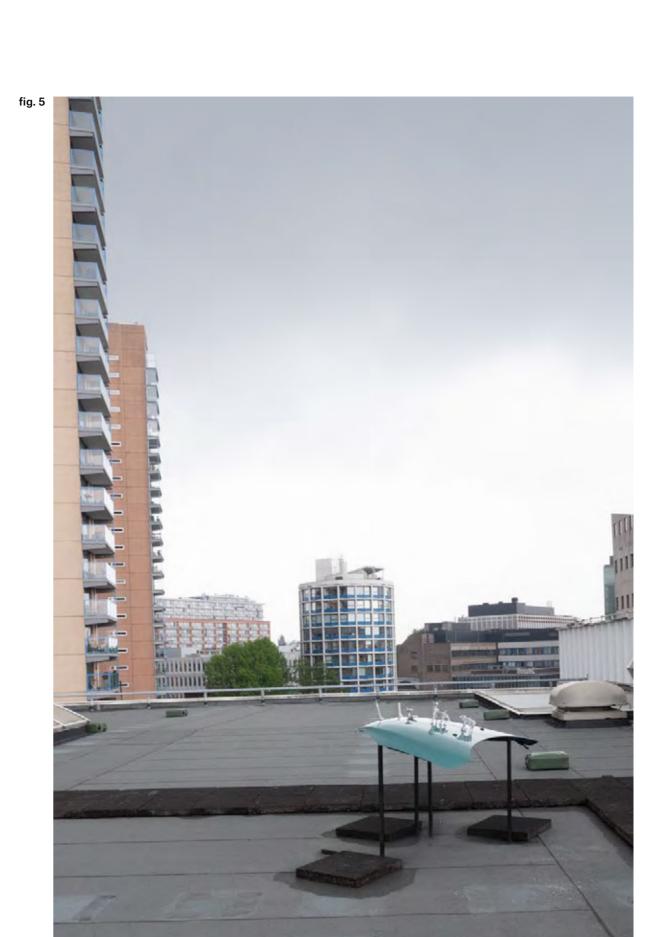






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fig. 1 Oversized cigarette box, with anti smoking campaign, 25 x 15 x 8 cm.

fig. 2 Teats, glazed ceramics,stainless steel, chain, 60 x 40 x 40 cm.



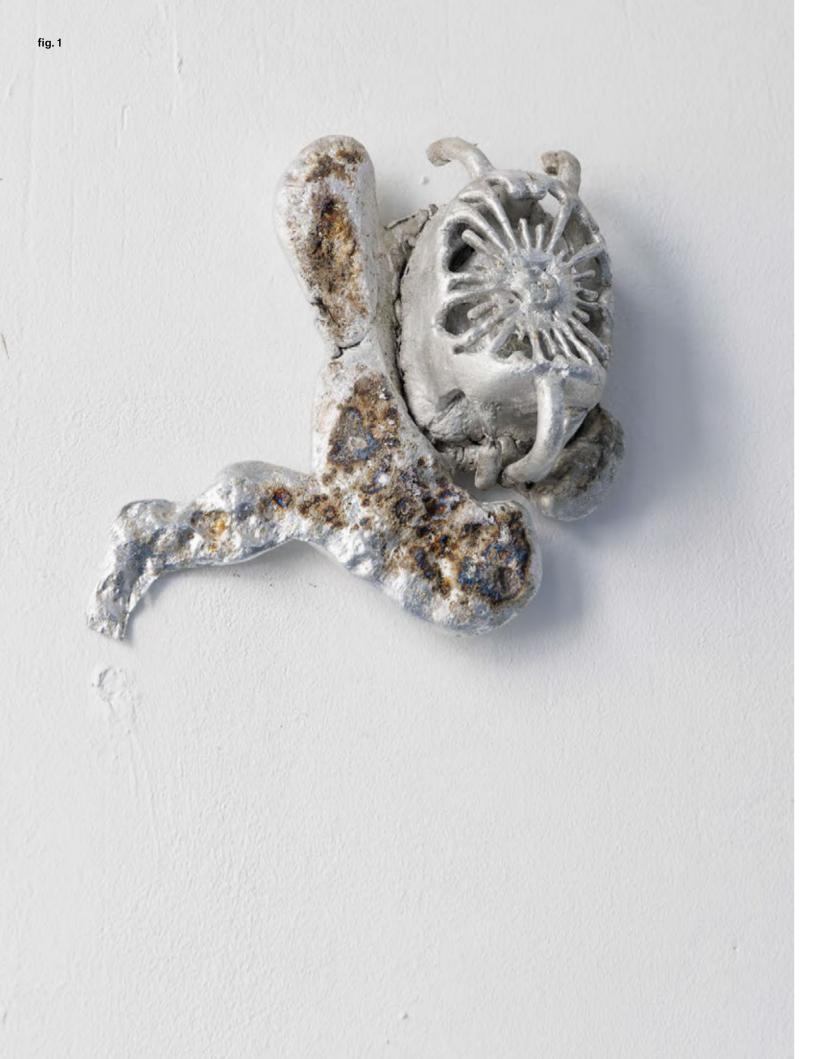


fig. 1 Tabernakel, air freshener casted in aluminium, 20 x 15 x 5 cm.

fig. 2 Teats, glazed ceramics, rubber tube, 40 x 20 x 10 cm.

fig. 2

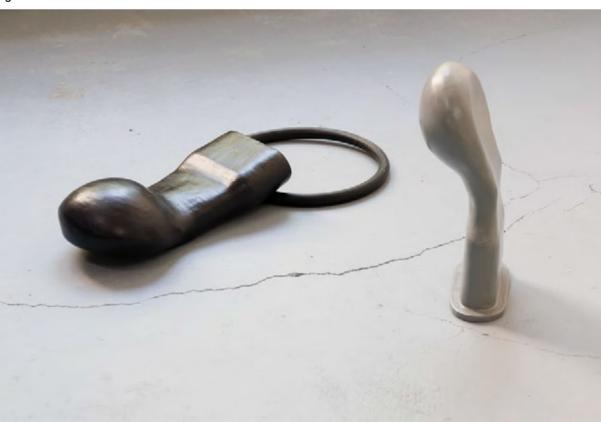




fig. 1 Ceramic shells for aluminium casted toilet cent stone holder.

fig. 2 Aluminium casted toilet cent stone holder in use.





Two Shoes waiting by the Bedside 2023 Glazed Ceramic, Dog Chew, Leather Strap Part of WORLD OF ARTBIZ Auction / sold

This sculpture is inspired by an observation in the urban landscape of Los Angeles: A neatly arranged pair of shoes stands on the sidewalk in front of a sign. Three coordinates — the measured distance from the sign as a reference point, the alignment of the shoes, and the specific spacing between them — make it clear that these are not discarded or lost objects but something deliberately placed. The Shoes standing side by side evoke not only waiting but also order, while their chosen location hints at disorder.

This interplay between order and disorder continues in the ceramic shoe pairs through form. Clearly recognizable as shoes, they offer no entry for a foot. They replicate a disposable cardboard shoe tree — designed to follow the internal volume, the hidden space within the shoe. Its indentations show where fingers should grip to pull it out. Once removed, it becomes worthless. In ceramic, its ephemeral existence is defied.

Another layer of disorder is introduced by the applied decorative clasp. It is unnaturally enlarged — fleshy, almost bone-like. At first glance, it might seem familiar, but on closer inspection, the arrangement proves non-functional — a rigid bridge between the mirrored shoes, preventing movement between these paired counterparts — bound together for life, yet always kept apart in the name of walking.



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fig. 1
Auction, ceramic object is presented to the audience.

fig. 2
Shoe object standing on cardboard box in the accompanying exhibition.





#### PATCHWORK - DREAM & REALITY, 2023

Community piece of K&K, concept and organisation: Luisa Koch und Verena Seibt, consisting of public sewing sessions in installation and complementary book, as part of the exhibition "Apple Flight from the Stem / Family Modells", Galerie der Künstler:innen, München

Under the title PATCHWORK, K&K (Kind und Kunst e.V.) invites 150 artists from its network to collaboratively create a large-scale, patchworked textile sculpture. Each submitted patch serves as a personal testimony to the artist's unique family story. As the fabrics are sewn together and conversations unfold, the tapestry becomes a living dialogue—merging personal experiences with shared visions of family life, both present and future. A large-format, hand-bound book will accompany the artwork, archiving photographs and texts related to each textile contribution. This volume offers deeper insight into the patches and the lives behind them, preserving the diversity and depth of the collective work.



fig. 1
Exhibition view, textile object on frame.

fig. 2 Stiching wishes on conneting mesh hand.

fig. 3
Sewing session to connect the single textile snippets, made by the participating artists of K&K initiative.

fig. 3



## FORMS AND FORMATION / SHAPED BY SPACE, , 2023 Will you please come / please come ?

Text, foto and textile object for K&K "PATCHWORK — Dream & Reality", woolen blaket, rubber, check fabric, as part of the exhibtion "Apple Flight from the Stem / Family Modells", Galerie der Künstler:innen, München

Text and object poetically explores how architectural structures — particularly the standardized nuclear family apartment — shape social relationships. Living spaces are described as functional yet isolating systems that allow for retreat but inhibit spontaneity and community. Elements such as windows, doors, floor plans, and thresholds (e.g., between inside and outside) become spatial metaphors for social dynamics: windows that open inward and block movement, or doorways that symbolically mark the boundary between the private and the public world.

Through the artistic gesture of sewing a "tongue of the apartment" that extends into the stairwell, the private realm is gently translated into a more collective spatial imagination. In this, a quiet longing emerges — for permeable spaces and new forms of living together that transcend traditional architectural and familial concepts.

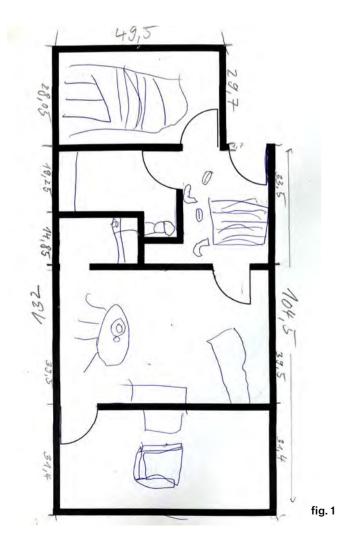


fig. 1 Our flats floor plan as a scetch for sewing applications, over sketched by Carla with furniture.

fig. 2 Carla at the entrance door with doormat textile tongue object. Fotografed for Book.



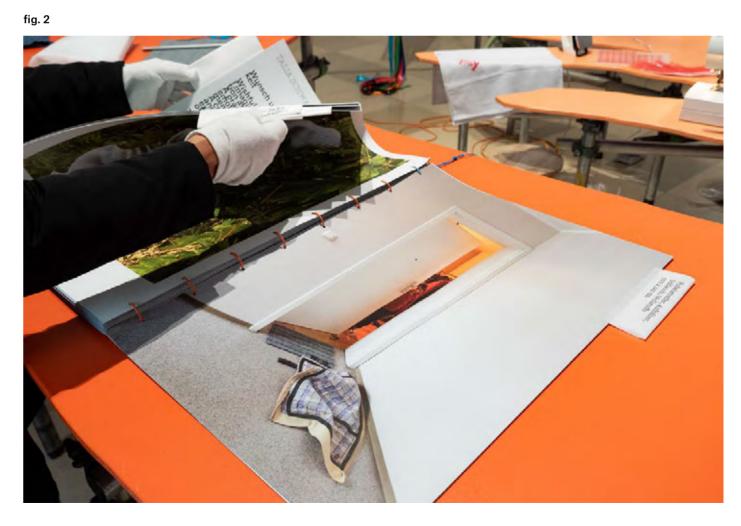
fig. 2 Book (A2) Object in exhibition, browsed through by visitor.

Text exerpt for Book.

Manchmal kann ich. den Draum gar nicht beschreiben, weit schon ein Gefühl der Uneintösbarkeit jedem Wunsch innewohnt bevor sie Gestalt annehmen können. Natürlich fühle ich mich. im Konstrukt Hleinfamilie irgendwie eingesperrt. Wenn ich nach. Flause führe – vor allem im Sommer – und ich weiß mein Dag endet hier. Wenn ich als Gegenmaßnahme die Tenster zu Flause öffne und die Innen/Außengrenze durchbreche, ragen die Tensterflügel einen Meter in unseren Wohnraum und blockieren die Nutzungder Däume. Wär 'es nicht schöner Tenster würden sich ausschließlich nach. Außen öffnen? .... Natürlich könnte ich noch alteine rausgehen. Aber das würde bedeuten ein Zeichen zu setzen, meinen Wunsch nach einem Leben abseits der Familie, nach anderen Erlebnissen zu markieren. Und dann ist wohl auch dieses (Bedürfnis in mir, zu Flause zur Luhe zu kommen. Mich nicht im neu Eintassen auf andere Dersonen und deren Deben zu verausgaben. Wenn andersherum Abends (Besuch zu uns Nach. Flause kommt, gerät unser Konstrukt des ins (Bettgehens aus dem Gleichgewicht und das, was wir uns gewünscht hätten tritt meist nicht oder erst Späte ein. Ich frage mich, was es bedeutet, wenn der Dag um acht im Innenraum verklingt. Es bedeutet: ich muss alle anderen (Bedürfnisse vorher abhandeln, mich vorher treiben lassen, wenn ich arbeiten sollte. – DOW WORK, KIJGH OUT DUI tese ich auf einer (Baseballkappe. (...)

Unsere Wohnung, ist ein labyrinthischer Schutzraum, über die großen Fenster kommt tagsüber die Welt zu (mir herein, auch wenn ich nicht rausgehe. Nachts hingegen sehe ich nur) meine eigene Spiegelung. Manchmal in der Küche beim Zubereiten des Abendessen, wenn sich meine Handgriffe besonders eingeübt aneinander reihen, sehe ich (mich im Fenster gespiegelt von Außen und denke – ich Spiele das nur, sowie Carla. auch (mit ihren Freund:innen Familie Spielt. Von Zeit zu Zeit sehe ich hinter meiner Spiegelung auch. Andere im Haus gegenüber – gerahmt, im Dichtkegel ihrer Wohnboxen. Ich höre die Nachbarn Wasser lassen ohne zu wissen wer diese Dersonen sind. Mein Onkel nennt unsere Wohnung die Schuhschachtel und wir sind die Schuhe in den Größen, 30, 11 und 43, die sich darin versuchen einzurichten. Gerade forme ich tagsüber Heramik-Schuhe im Atelier. Es rührt (mich wie diese stillen perfekt gefertigten Kameraden geduldig vor den Bettchen stehen und dabei eine so gute Figur machen, total fremdbestimmt warten, bis sie jemand ausfüllt und an neue Orte führt.

Mit einer langen Zunge an der Fußmatte, die Wohnungen meiner Freund:innen zu Inir ins Haus holen. Oder unsere Wohnung ins Treppenhaus züngeln lassen. Die Zunge bestünde aus einer verlebten Wolldecke – als Basis, gehörte ursprünglich. meinen Eltern. Darauf ein kuscheliger Karostoff gesteppt, klare Gegeln, Goutine und Hall. Ein Fahrradschlauch. als Lahmung, als schwarze dichte Grenze zwischen Wohnung und Außenwelt. Nach. dem Nähen will Carla Init ihren Playmobilfiguren auf der Zunge, im applizierten Schlauch-Grundriss Spielen. Ich. lege die Fußmatte an ihren angestammten Platz an die Türschwelle und Carla. Spielt im weitläufigen Treppenhaus, Nachbar:innen kommen nach. Hause und laufen verwundert vorbei. Ich. hab die Kamera in der Fland – das Setting sorgt nicht für Verwunderung.



## **GEHEGE V1, 2024**

**Collaboration with Thomas Splett** Installation, carboard box, truck tarpauline, monitor, HD-Video with broken glass effect filter, branch, wig, motor, furniture, matrace, printed salad leafs, mirrow, ceramic, among others.

Part of Failing System - The End of Patriarchy?, Kunstverein Augsburg

The exhibition Failing System - The End of Patriarchy? at Kunstverein Augsburg sheds light on the complex interplay between feminism and the patriarchal power structures that continue to dominate globally today. Ten artists from different countries critically examine this system, offering a nuanced critique through their works.



fig. 1 Exhibition view with video "Doesn't Sound like Grandma's Voice", HD, 18 min..



fig. 1 Counter shot, exhibition view

fig. 2 "Doesn't Sound like Grandma's Voice", HD, 18 min

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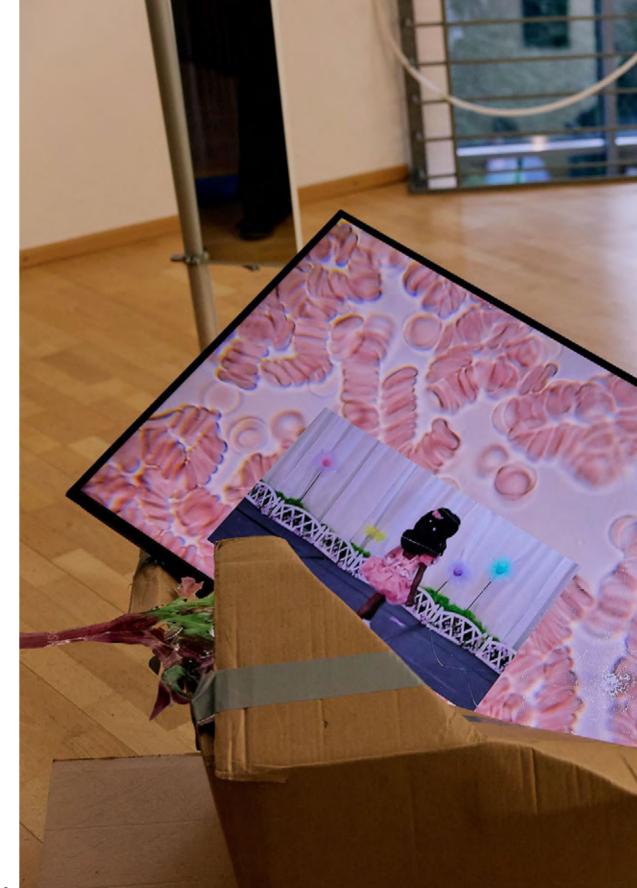


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Verena Seibt and Thomas Splett bridge the gap between humans and animals — creatures appearing as mystical figures, hybrid beings, and symbols of alternative ways of life. These entities open doors in unexpected ways or hold up a mirror to our world, shaping a vision of a possible hybrid future.

VS and TS approach the constraints of patriarchally shaped societal norms and role expectations from different angles—sometimes with analytical distance, sometimes deeply personal. They point to ways of breaking through these limitations. But do they succeed in sharpening our awareness of social inequalities and the urgency of a more just future? It is something we should all hope for.

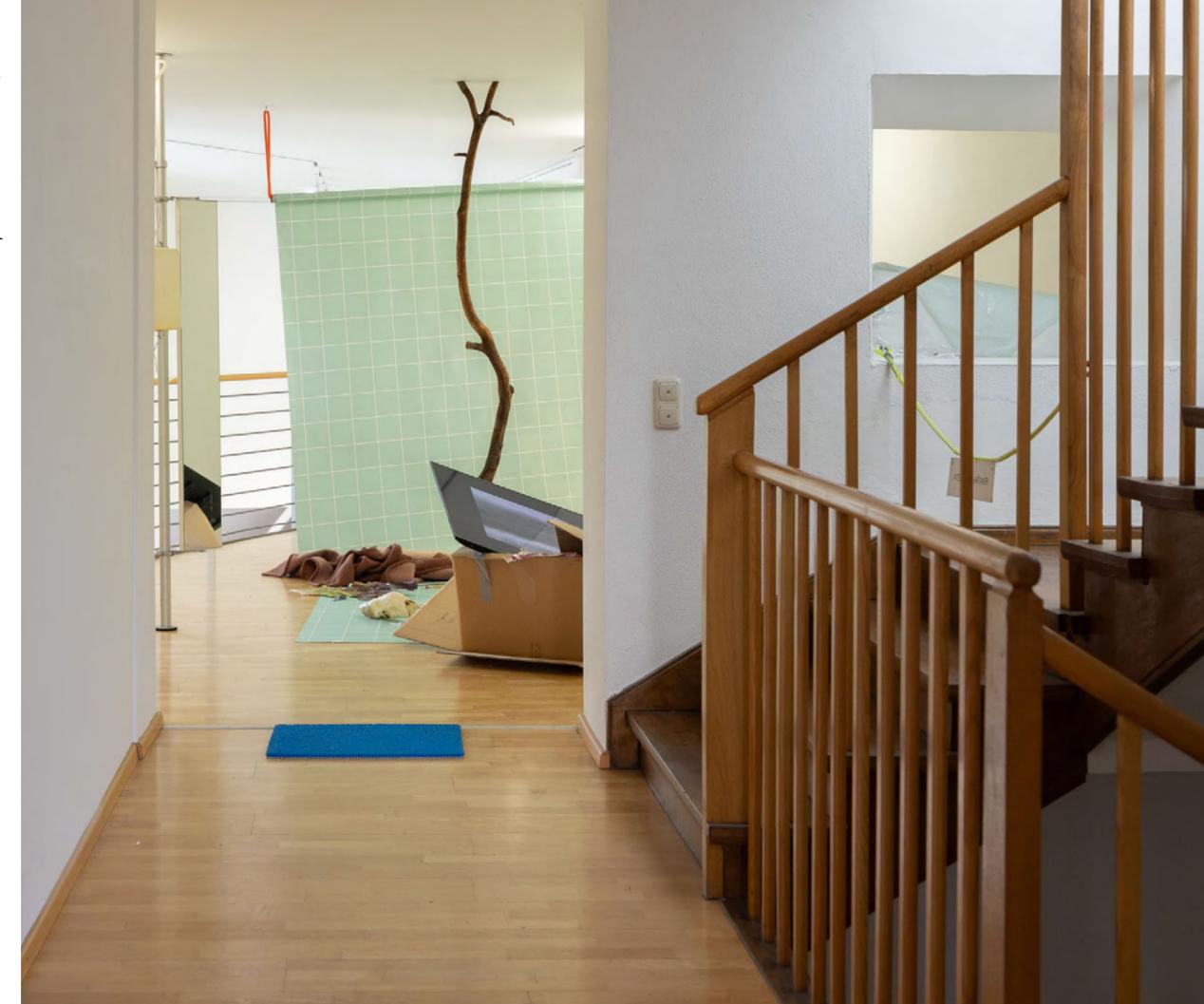




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fig. 1 Geheuer Blond, hairclip, motor wig.

fig. 2 Sauger, fountain, glaced ceramic, waterpump, pigment, water.

fig. 3 Nothing Special, Video observation video of the artists flat.



Studio Exhibition, Popps Packing, Artist Residency, Detroit

One month residency at Popps Packing. In a ruinous city, the wreckage reflects my aging body. I attend confit dance, a weekly twerk class, collect remnants along the way — a Ford hubcap, a cat toy rescued from a burning house, dog chewing bones from Dollar Tree — and turn them into sculpture.

fig. 1 Exhibition view.

fig. 2 Shield, lid, rivet, Ford hubcap, chain, vexier image and Skeletor, Halloween chest bone, wax, wood.



fig. 1







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fig. 3/4
Swing — casting mold of a swing with imprints of my butt and vulva

fig. 5 Grandma's Thong — burned plastic, wax, glitter

## OPENSTUDIO, 2024

Glazed and unglaced ceramics, whip, horse tail hair, Aluminium cast, chain, dog toy, concrete, sea weed, sticker

All sculptures that happend during the year



fig. 1



fig. 2

fig. 1 Exhibition view.

fig. 2 Die Gänsemagd, glazed ceramic, whip, horse tail hair.



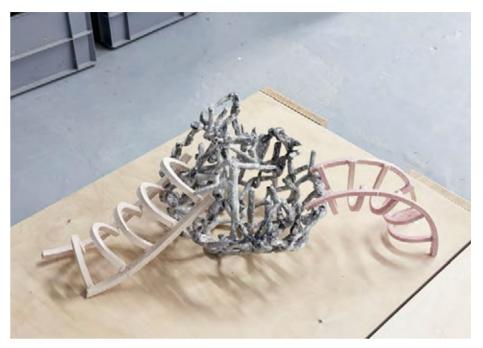


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fig. 3 Böhmisches Dorf, unglaced ceramic (toilette flush button).

fig. 4 Krumme Gedanken, aluminium cast, glaced and unglaced ceramic.







fig. 6

fig. 5 Schleifchen, glaced ceramic, aluminium cast, chain.

fig. 6 I never promised you a rose garden, ceramic, sea weed, sticker.



Neckless, pendant from aluminium cast, ceramic hanger for washing machine hoses, Part of "Passage", TIP / Theory in Practice, Türkenstaße, München



## **SWEATING, BURNING, BAKING, 2024**

A Summer in Prösitz with Thomas und Carla Splett, Klara Adam, Ute Hartwig-Schulz, Markus Greven, Marie Strauss, Residenz / Künstlergut Prösitz

Stone age cast in a closed system: fireclay-coated kiln, forging tongs, bellows, wood and leather, blower, sculpting wax, charcoal, anthracite eggs, horse manure, bentonite, grog, brushes, Tupperware.



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fig.2

fig. 1 Marie is prepairing wax models.

fig. 2 Wax modells covered with three layers of ash paste drying on rig.



fig. 1 After the windfall apple strudel, three layers of loam mass topping the ash paste are drying in the oven heat.

fig. 2

Wax is melting out on bonfirefrom loam molds.

fig. 3 Loam molds are filled with metall granules and close with loam lid and fresh loam



Bellows! I nail the leather skin onto your wood. Barefoot across the courtyard — lunchtime. We cook leftovers from the day before and keep making new ones. Barefoot again on pavement, on asphalt, heading to Markus, welding the barrel, then back barefoot, passing fairies at the garden fence. We build a furnace with the help of buckets, cardboard and foil - coating it with high-temperature concrete. A drive by the old hunting lodge in Wermsdorf:

horse manure from the container out back, crumbled by hand, mixed with bentonite and grog. A secondhand **Tupperware box from Oschatz seals** the mixture airtight - Tupperware, by the way, is bankrupt now. A lace doily for Georg. A swim in Moritzsee, with the new parking app in hand. Thomas arrives by train, and we swim. Standing on the shore of Lake Cospuden, you can almost see the curvature of the Earth...





fig. 1 fig. 2

fig. 1 Closed forms are fired for about an hour.

fig. 2 Opened loam mold after burning.

fig. 3 Copper bracelett on soap plinth.

For days, we debate fiercely with Markus and Thomas—about everything: election secrecy, conscription, the army, war. In between, we cook and eat together. Laundry flutters—large, billowing sheets stretched out on lines beneath the linden tree. And then, when exhaustion has brought us all to our knees, we finally light the furnace at night. Up and down, the bellows demand squats in relentless rhythm. The first sphere glows bright red. Starry skies, yet the metal does not melt. Days and nights dissolve into one—we burn

until the furnace itself surrenders and the concrete melts. Horse manure spheres dry in the kitchen's oven. Later, in the fire bowl, wax seeps out and vanishes like tiny volcanoes... and the air is thick with the scent of horse poo. We crack open the hot, glowing spheres, marvel at the glazed clay—uncertain and clumsy. The blower roars to life, the bellows are cast aside.

Small spoils, great community. We part ways on an ordinary afternoon. The magic is sealed away in a silver car trunk. Adieu... one last apple to go...

fig. 3



## Grasping Space, 2025

Sculpture – is, per Se, a grasp of space. Unlike a painting, it is not a window, but rather shares the space with us. To grasp space from a feminist perspective: to take up space, to claim space. For female sculptors, that means: getting big. Filling space, occupying it. I did none of that – my car is too small. So instead: an arrangement of objects that reference these themes.

Altes Jagdschloß Wermsdorf, Exhibition Wood, tiles, fired loam, ashes, concrete, silver, steel chains, rubber, candle wax, latex, PU foam, ceramic, plaster, egg shell, heat resistant glove, copper, aluminium, bricks, rein



fig. 1

The baby - the embodiment of taking space. Means subletting to an inner tenant within one's own body, and later: bearing a bundle of needs. An over-sized pacifier, "Keule", penetrates the child, pretending to be a nipple - a concrete skull with a will to suck: "Clinging to Mama's Hem - Macho Baby." Upbringing - another form of intrusion into the space of the other. Being put on a tight rein - A bit, designed as a means of communication/control, pushes into the horse's body - absurd to sadistic the moment a duck wears it: "Animal Lovers". A double-beaked creature. "Iltisbabys, if You Fulfill me, I'll Fulfill You", a flute for two lovers - it's tones fill the space with sounds. And finally, my

experiment: "... When I Carried Apples into the Coal Cellar this Summer." A presentation of results from an Stone Age casting process, which, during my 2024 residency, grasped space, air, and time completely.

fig. 1 Merle from the ashes, Part of "... When I Carried Apples into the Coal Cellar this Summer.", fired loam.

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Detail, "Clinging to Mama's Hem — Macho
Baby.", concrete, silver chain, ceramic,
rubber tube.







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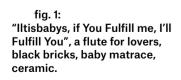


fig. 2:
"Strand of pearls". part of "...
When I Carried Apples into
the Coal Cellar this Summer.",
fired loam, chain, chicken egg
shell





fig. 1 "Animal Lovers", Rein, chain, wax, rubber bed

fig. 2 Clinging to Mama's Hem — Macho Baby.", concrete, silver chain, ceramic, rubber tube

fig. 1



## CLAY TIME, 2024

Collaboration with Georg Scherlin Open Clay Workshop (5 Days) followed by Exhibiton Air dried Clay, boxes, plastic foil Part of "Auf weiter Flur", Augustusburg

Come with us on a five-day journey into the world of clay and create your own world out of it! Show us your Augustusburg! Your school, favorite places, your ice cream parlor, lizards in the wall, a tree house, a secret path ... Or even a fiction of what Augustusburg could be like: A zoo, a maze, a palm tree landscape, an underground lake, a funicular that circles the town... We translate every idea together into clay.

At the end the individual works of art are assembled in a model landscape to form a city of clay and publically shown in an exhibition.

fig. 1 Birds perspektive on rail tracks through imaginary city.







fig. 2

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fig. 1 Night view, window left room.

fig. 2 Exhibition view: An accident at the bobsleigh track and octopus arm breaking through wall.

## **DHT (5A-DIHYDROTOSTERONE)**

ART ASHRAM at Frog City Festival,
Freilichtbühne Weissensee, 2024
Participatory sculpture, Light box, cast aluminum,
Car rims, plexiglass, screen printing plate, metal
profiles, PVC foil, adhesive tape, gloves, paint,
ceramic finger glazed, drinking cone, basil seeds,
syrup, vodka, 3x2x1.80 m

"In a bleak future, there will no longer be any waters in which female frogs can thrive without the effects of the hormone DHT". AA devotes itself to this dystopian vision during FROG CITY and designs a fitness bar with a neo-brutalist weight bench at its center. forms the center. This is where the remaining "muscle-bound frogs" meet before their extinction. Their nostalgic favorite drink, which resembles the frog spawn of better times, is rich in taurine. Visitors are encouraged by the frog on duty to try ceramic frog fingers. The energy just supplied is used to upgrade sadness and boredom into a self-centered activity on the weight bench.

Florian Dietrich, Dirk van Lieshout, Verena Seibt, Markus Zimmermann

fig. 1 Muscle bench, exhibition view.





fig. 1 Giant Adidas Pants as Pillow.

fig. 2 Kid is laying down to see the backside of the inserted aluminium cast.

fig. 2





fig. 1

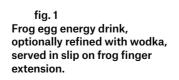


fig. 2 + 3 Consumption of frog egg drink. Pearly and jellicious.

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fig. 2



fig. 2 Another visitor performing on bench on his own.





WURZEL (ROOT), 2024 Collaboration with Klara Adam and Georg Scherlin

A multi-day participatory aluminum casting in (semi-)public space, followed by an installation Aluminum scraps, wooden boxes, molding sand, digging tools, stamps, kiln, lace doilies, nylon, workbench board, Asbach Uralt, Coke, and archived school notes, Heimathaus Traunstein, Stadtmuseum Abensberg, Schere Stein Papier e.V, Dachau, Atelierhaus Baumstraße, München

WURZEL (root) is a tainted term. Associated with concepts like homeland, identity, ancestry, and race, it exists in a linguistic minefield of right-wing rhetoric. Yet the root (Wurzel) itself defies such interpretations through its very nature — its growth follows no order. Its shape is pure anarchy: dream, memory, childhood.

For three weeks, we travel together, showing each other the places where we grew up. In Traunstein, Dachau, and Abensberg, local history museums lend us historical objects to use in our sandboxes as molds. Together with visitors, we cast three roots from aluminum scraps — live, in public space. In the evenings, we return to our childhood homes, camp in the garden, meet an aunt for cake, or trim long-overgrown hedges. The root reaches deep into the soil of time—how absurd it is to claim ownership here. How understandable the desire to linger for a moment.

fig. 1 Mobile "Wurzel" trailer for live aluminium casts infront of City Museum Abensberg.





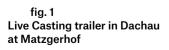


fig. 2/3 Live Aluminium cast in Traunsstein, infront of Heimat Haus.



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fig. 1 Visitor in the Wurzel grotto during daytime. In Munich, we build a grotto from our three roots—a space shrouded in mystery, accessible only from below, by rolling underneath on a board. Beneath a canopy of lace doilies strung together, details emerge in the beam of a headlamp: a dinosaur, floral shapes, meandering branches, involuntary faces and ghosts, a silver ear, a crayfish, and deep in the vault, an angel by the Asam brothers. On the ceiling, a grotesque play of light unfolds for those standing around—the lace's shadows stretch like giant spiderwebs across the studio's walls.

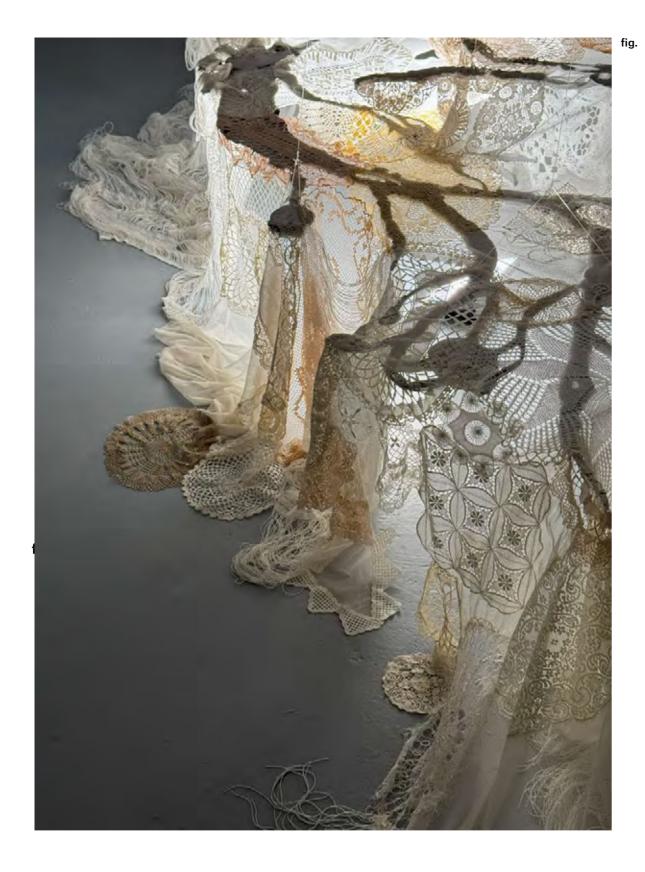


fig. 1 Detail, root cave enlighted

fig. 2 Lace doilies patchwork and aluminium root cave seen by a headlamp.

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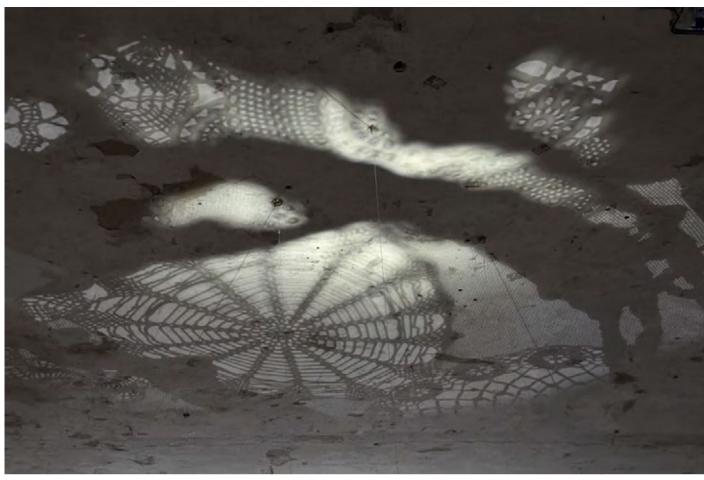


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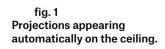
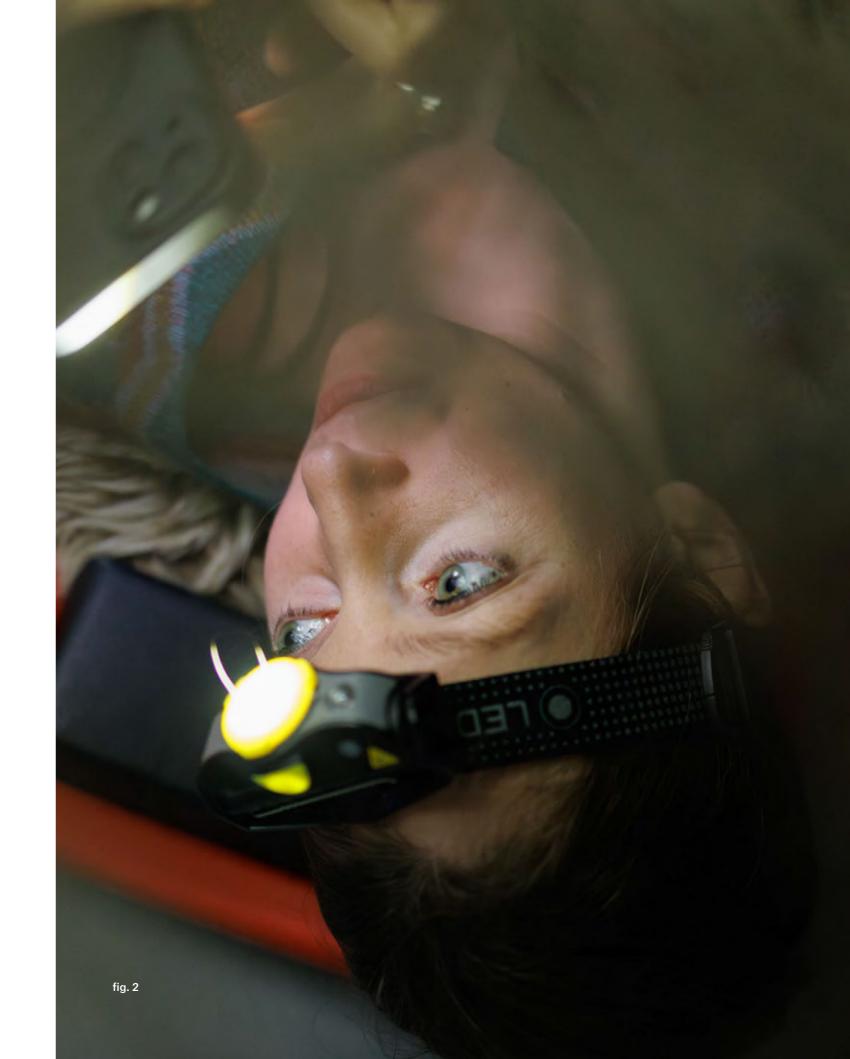


fig. 2 Visitor film her ride under the root vault.



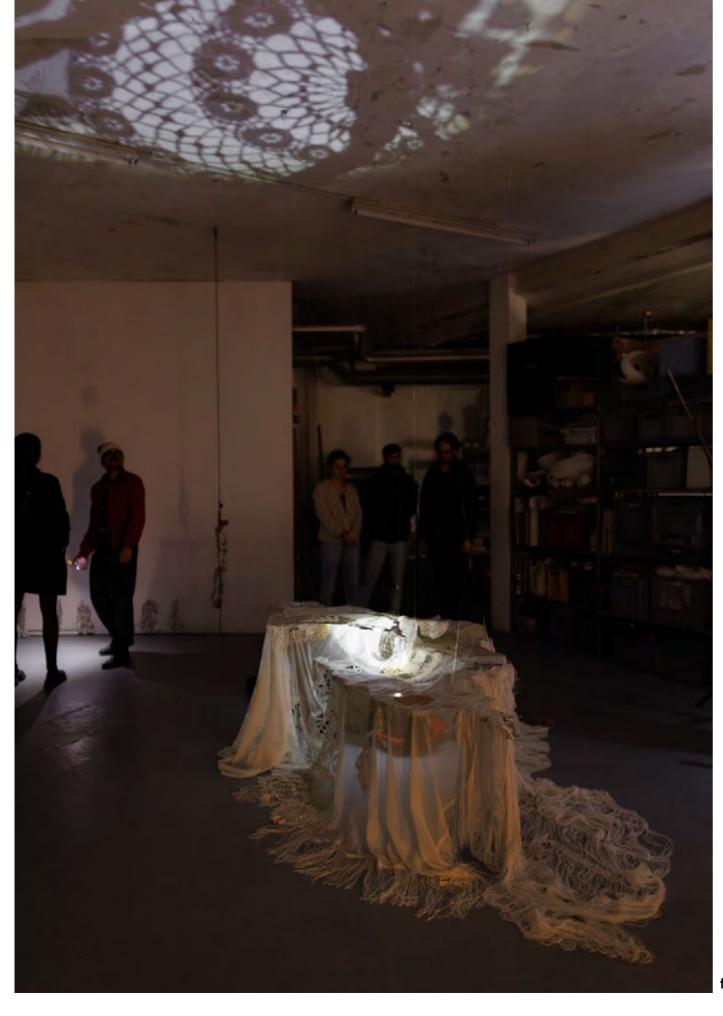


fig. 1 Wurzel show, studio space, with head lamp projections at the ceiling

