

BRIGITTE DUNKEL CV

Lives and works in Cologne/Germany

Installations in a combination of different media, performance, projects.

Focuses on forms of presentation and communication, relevance of art for everyday life, exchange with theoretical discourses. Themes: the human body, models of female representation, violence, beauty.

Education

1973-78 Studied visual arts/costume design | Diploma with distinction
University of Applied Sciences and Arts/Cologne | Faculty of Art and Design | Prof. Elisabeth Vary

1977-83 Worked as a costume designer for stage
Schauspiel Köln - Schiller Theater Berlin – Schauspiel Bochum

Solo Exhibitions / Solo Projects

- 2026 *Installation LOOKING like a DAMSEL in distress – upcoming*
674fm / Cologne/DE
- 2025 *Installation PRINCESSUAL 1982*
INTERNATIONALE PHOTOSZENE KÖLN – Idyll Offspace Cologne/DE
- 2023 *Installation TABLESCAPES*
KUNSTVEREIN LEVERKUSEN Schloss Morsbroich e.V., Leverkusen/DE
- 2021 *Installation POLE POSITIONS*
INTERNATIONALE PHOTOSZENE KÖLN – Alte Feuerwache/Cinema, Cologne/DE
- 2020 *Installation B.D. *** MEMORIAL FOR *** E.S.*
ARTOTHEK – Raum für junge Kunst, Cologne/DE
- 2018 *Installation S_OW RO_M BLACK ÉTAGÈRES*
WERFT 5 – Raum für Kunst, Cologne/DE
- 2016 *Installation SURFACE & DISPLAY*
JAGLA Ausstellungsraum / SIGHTFENSTER, Cologne/DE
- 2015 *Installation MAKE UP YOUR MIND*
FRITZ BÖHME – GALERIE & ANTIQUARIAT, Cologne/DE
- 2012 *Video-performance-series BURN BABE BURN***GLAMOROUS AUSTERITY / solo project*
in collaboration with ARTPROTESTERS, Lisbon/PT (online)
- 2010 *Installation KLUBKIOSK / solo project*
WAAGEHAUS der Sozialbetriebe Köln, 2-ps show ‚Wunschkonzert im KlubKiosk‘, Cologne/DE
- 2009 *Installation THE GYMBOUDOIR / solo project*
ORTUNG VI – Biennale and artprize (shortlist), Schwabach/DE
- 2008 *Installation CARDIAC ARREST – The Secret language of Body Organs / solo project*
KUNSTWERK KÖLN e.V., 3-ps show ‚Im Grunde befinden wir uns im Schloss‘, Cologne/DE
- 2007 *Installation PIPE DREAMS*
COMME CI COMME CA / Karin Barth, Cologne/DE
- 2005 *Installation MISERY - The Absence of Beauty is a Subtle Luxury*
THEALIT.Frauen.Kultur.Labor., Bremen, ‚Überdreht - Spindoctoring, Politik, Medien‘, Bremen/DE
- 1998 *Installation VIRGINITAS*
CHAPEL JOHANNES XXIII / Crypt, Cologne/DE

1996 *Installation FIELD OF HONOR/ solo project*
EHRENFELDER KUNSTVEREINE.V., exhibition project, TodSicher', Cologne/DE

Group Exhibitions / Projects (selection)

2026 *DROSTE WELTEN* - Center for Literature / Burg Hülshoff, Havixbeck/DE - upcoming

2025 *not dying* - Center for Literature / Haus Rüschhaus, Münster/DE

2024 *Blue Binding Ribbon* - Temporary Gallery - Center for Contemporary Art, Cologne/DE

2023 *50 Years* - artothek – Raum für junge Kunst, Cologne/DE

2022 *Videoscreening BURN BABE BURN***Glamorous Austerity*
EUROPÄISCHER V.E. für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Videoclip & Art Film Festival, La Strada', Cologne/DE

2020 *Installation THE DRESSING TABLE*
GALERIE SUSANNE NEUERBURG, Hennef/DE, 'Cherchez la femme II – Alle Kleider einer Frau'
Installation THE SCARECROW for KUNST AM RAND 2020 kap 8, Münster/DE
Digital photo work METAL ME for Winners of RECLAIM AWARD 2020, Cologne/DE
Digital photo work F-SKETCH HANDKERCHIEF, for LRRH_CONTRIBUTION, Cologne/DE

2019 *Installation BLACK BOXING*
THE COLOGNE ART BOOK FAIR / Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne/DE

2017 *Video screening MAKE UP MOCK UP*
< FAR OFF 2017, contemporary art fair, Cologne/DE

2016 *Painting installation POVERTY ICON* (Russian granny)
KUNST AM RAND 2016 exhibition *Kunst und Alter*, kap 8, Münster/DE
Painting installation WEALTH ICON (9/11)
LABOR project gallery, exhibition, 'Feriengäste', Cologne /DE

2014 *Video screening BURN BABE BURN***GLAMOROUS AUSTERITY*
PLATAFORMA REVOLVER, exhibition, 'Art StabsPower: que se vayan todos!', Lisbon/PT
*Video installation BURN BABE BURN***GLAMOROUS AUSTERITY*
ÖKO RAUSCH at ECOSTYLE fair, exhibition, 'artist positions for react', Frankfurt/DE
Video installation DRESS FOR SUCCESS/CHU GALLERY, exhibition, 'Shortcuts', Cologne/DE

2013 *Video installation BURN BABE BURN***GLAMOROUS AUSTERITY*
PHAENOMENALE, exhibition, 'Nominated Artists for Social Media Award' (shortlist), Wolfsburg/DE
*Video installation BURN BABE BURN***GLAMOROUS AUSTERITY & Lecture performance IN ART WE TRUST*
VHS FORUM/Rautenstrauch-Joest-Museum, ÖKO RAUSCH, exhibition, 'artist positions for react', Cologne/DE
Installation BLACK ÉTAGÈRE, exhibition project by CHU GALLERY at 'Wertheim', Cologne/DE

2012 *Performance LIVEFASTDIE*
NEUES KUNSTFORUM KÖLN, exhibition project, 'Restkunst', Cologne/DE

2009 *Performance DRESS FOR SUCCESS - STRIKE COUTURE*
THEALIT.Frauen.Kultur.Labor, exhibition project, 'StreikAcademy', Bremen/DE

2008 *Installation REDESIGN WORKERS CLUB*
THEALIT.Frauen.Kultur.Labor., exhibition project 'Prototyping, Fair for Theory and Art', Bremen/DE

1994 *Installation LADIES PRAYER*
Exhibition project FACHHANDEL FÜR ÄSTHETIK UND KULT, Berlin/DE

1988 *Sculpture installation ALL MY PETS*
GALERIE RAHMEL, exhibition project, Cologne/DE

1985 *Installation and performance BLAUBERGER IN MOTION* (in collaboration with Eberhard & Michael Simon)
KUNSTMUSEUM DÜSSELDORF, exhibition & performance project, 'Purer Augenschein', Düsseldorf/DE

1984 *Installation VON DEN BLAUEN BERGEN KOMMEN WIR* ((in collaboration with Eberhard & Michael Simon)
FRAUENMUSEUM BONN, exhibition project, 'Neue Stofflichkeit', Bonn/DE

Project overview (short version)

Since 2016 THIS IS NOT / Digital photography and print project

Since 2012 POWDER ROOM / Multimedia installation and performance

2004 - 14 RE DESIGN WORKERS CLUB / Mixed media installation and performance

2001 - 09 THE SECRET LANGUAGE OF THE BODY ORGANS II / Installation
1986 - 88 THE SECRET LANGUAGE OF THE BODY ORGANS I / Drawings

Since 1990 LADY MADONNA / Mixed media installation

Grants & Awards

2024 Stiftung Kunstfonds / Monograph publication funding

2022 Neustart Kultur grant / Stiftung Kunstfonds

2021 Neustart Kultur grant / Stiftung Kulturwerk VG Bild-Kunst

2020 Research and work grant / City of Cologne

2020 Reclaim Award / Reclaim Kollektiv, Cologne

2013 Social Media Art Award / Phaenomenale Wolfsburg (Shortlist)

2009 Art Prize / City of Schwabach (Shortlist)

Publications

2025 TABLESCAPES 2023 (monograph)

2023 Reclaim Kollektiv, Köln, „Reclaim Award 2019-2020-2021“
artothek – Raum für junge Kunst, Cologne | „20.21.“

2019 JAGLA AUSSTELLUNGSRAUM, Cologne, „Das ganze Paket!“

2014 ART STABS POWER: Que se vayan todos!, Plataforma Revólver, Lisboa

2009 ORTUNG VI, Cultural Office Schwabach
Prototypisieren. A fair for Theory and Art, thealit. Frauen.Kultur.Labor, Bremen

2006 Überdreht. Spin doctoring, politics, media, thealit. Frauen.Kultur.Labor, Bremen

1984 Neue Stofflichkeit, Frauenmuseum Bonn

Memberships

DEUTSCHER KÜNSTLERBUND

VISUELLE KÜNSTE NRW

AND SHE WAS LIKE BÄM

VG BILD-KUNST, BONN