

BRIGITTE DUNKEL cv

Lives and works in Cologne/Germany

Installations in a combination of different media, performance, long-term 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 & Two Person Exhibitions / Special Projects

- 2026 *Installation & Performance LOOKING LIKE A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS – upcoming*
674fm / Cologne/DE
- 2025 *Installation PRINCESSUAL 1982 / solo project*
INTERNATIONALE PHOTOSZENE KÖLN – Idyll Offspace Cologne/DE
- 2023 *Installation TABLESCAPES*
KUNSTVEREIN LEVERKUSEN Schloss Morsbroich e.V., Leverkusen/DE / CAT
- 2021 *Installation & Performance POLE POSITIONS / solo project*
INTERNATIONALE PHOTOSZENE KÖLN – Alte Feuerwache/Cinema, Cologne/DE
- 2020 *Installation & Performance B.D. *** MEMORIAL FOR *** E.S.*
ARTOTHEK – Raum für junge Kunst, Cologne/DE / CAT
- 2018 *Installation & Performance S_OW RO_M BLACK ÉTAGÈRES*
WERFT 5 – Raum für Kunst, Cologne/DE
- 2016 *Installation SURFACE& DISPLAY*
JAGLA Ausstellungsraum / SIGHTFENSTER, Cologne/DE
- 2015 *Installation & Performance MAKE UP YOUR MIND*
FRITZ BÖHME – GALERIE & ANTIQUARIAN, Cologne/DE
- 2012 *Video-performance-series BURN BABE BURN***GLAMOROUS AUSTERITY / solo project*
in collaboration with ARTPROTESTERS, Lisbon/PT (online)
- 2010 *Installation KLUBKIOSK*
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 / CAT
- 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 / solo project*
THEALIT.Frauen.Kultur.Labor., Bremen ‚Überdreht - Spindoctoring, Politik, Medien‘, Bremen/DE / CAT

- 1998 *Installation VIRGINITAS*
CHAPEL JOHANNES XXIII / Crypt, Cologne/DE
- 1996 *Installation FIELD OF HONOR* / solo project
EHRENFELDER KUNSTVEREIN e.V., exhibition project ‚TodSicher‘, Cologne/DE

Group Exhibitions / Project Partnerships / Screenings (selection)

- 2027 *DROSTE WELTEN* - Center for Literature / Burg Hülshoff, Havixbeck/DE – *upcoming*
Installation ‚Schwester, dein Spiegelbild im Teiche‘ together with Nora Hansen
- 2025 *‚not dying‘* - Center for Literature / Haus Rüschaus, Münster/DE
Installation THE SHAKER GIRL with lyrics by author Simone Scharbert
- 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 / CAT
Digital photo work METAL ME for Winners of RECLAIM AWARD 2020, Cologne/DE / CAT
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*, kap8, Münster/DE / CAT
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 / CAT
*Video installation BURN BABE BURN***GLAMOROUS AUSTERITY*
ÖkoRAUSCH at ECOSTYLE fair, exhibition ‚artist positions for react‘, Frankfurt/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, ÖkoRAUSCH, exhibition ‚artist positions for react‘, 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 / CAT
- 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 / CAT

Long-term Projects (selection)

- Ongoing THIS IS NOT / Digital photography and print project
Ongoing POWDER ROOM / Cross-media installation and performance
2004-14 RE DESIGN WORKERS CLUB / Multimedia installation and performance
2001-09 THE SECRET LANGUAGE OF THE BODY ORGANS II / Mixed media installation
1990-98 LADY MADONNA / Mixed media installation
1986-88 THE SECRET LANGUAGE OF THE BODY ORGANS I / Drawings and performance
1983-85 DIE BLAUBERGER / Mixed media installation and performance
1982-85 DIE ZWEITHAUT / Mixed media installation and performance

Grants & Awards

- 2024 Stiftung Kunstfonds / Publication funding
2022 Stiftung Kunstfonds / Neustart Kultur / Scholarship
2021 Stiftung Kulturwerk VG Bild-Kunst / Neustart Kultur / Grant
Ministerium für Kultur und Wissenschaft NRW 2 / Scholarship
2020 City of Cologne / Research and work grant
Ministerium für Kultur und Wissenschaft NRW 1 / Scholarship
2020 Reclaim Award / Reclaim Kollektiv, Cologne
2013 Social Media Art Award / Phaenomenale Wolfsburg (Shortlist)
2009 Art Prize / City of Schwabach (Shortlist)

Publications (selection)

- 2025 TABLESCAPES / Monograph / KRAUTin Verlag, Berlin
2023 RECLAIM AWARD 2019-2020-2021 / Reclaim Kollektiv, Köln
20.21. / artothek – Raum für junge Kunst, Köln
2019 DAS GANZE PAKET / Jagla Ausstellungsraum, Köln
2014 ART STABS POWER: QUE SE VAYAN TODOS! Plataforma Revólver, Lissabon/PT
2009 ORTUNG VI / Kulturamt der Stadt Schwabach
PROTOTYPISIEREN / thealit.Frauen.Kultur.Labor., Bremen
2006 ÜBERDREHT. SPIN DOCTORING, POLITIK, MEDIEN / thealit.Frauen.Kultur.Labor., Bremen
1984 NEUE STOFFLICHKEIT / Frauenmuseum Bonn

Memberships

DEUTSCHER KÜNSTLERBUND
VISUELLE KÜNSTE NRW
AND SHE WAS LIKE BÄM
VG BILD-KUNST