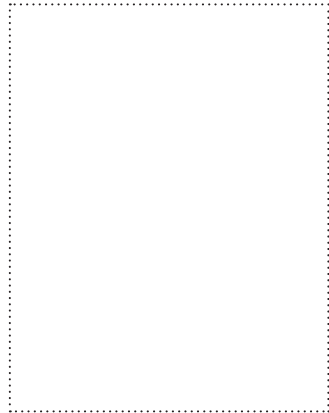
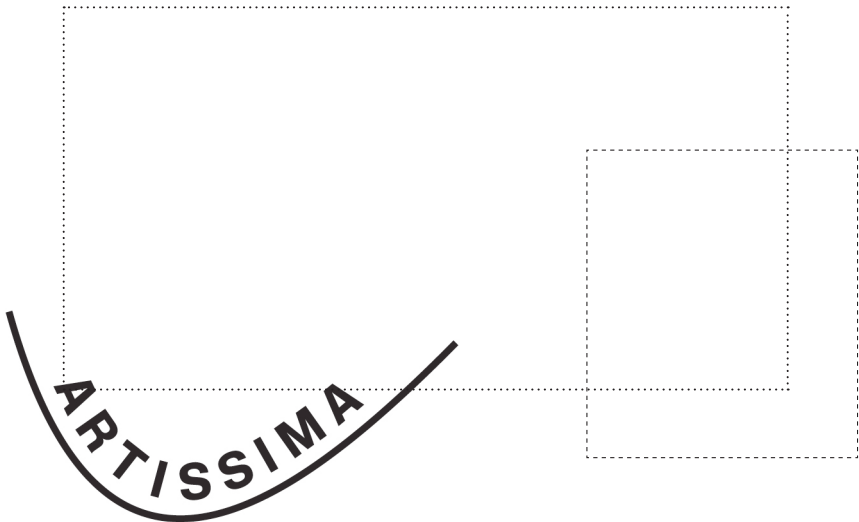
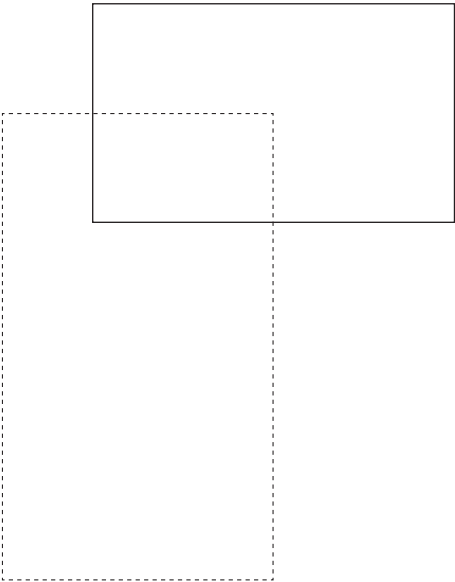


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Sophia Mainka's work addresses philosophical discourses and relevant social currents as well as future trends. In doing so, she works with a variety of materials and media, which she combines in room-filling installations that can be walked on. Materiality, surface and design are thereby both an analysis of a middle-class aesthetic and an expression of a sculptural exploration of sculpture. The starting point of Sophia Mainka's artistic practice is her great interest in living space and the (partly permeable) border between interior and public space; security, home, and living as a milieu study and moment of identification are themes of her artistic research. In doing so, her examination begins with her own positioning and therefore a view from the Western European, suburban middle class, which is directed towards more general questions and the larger social contexts of our time. In her works, the artist explores the complex relationship between people, things and other forms of life. Sophia Mainka currently holds a residency fellowship at the Cité internationale des Arts in Paris.

1990

born in Munich, lives and works between Paris and Munich

2012-2020

Studied sculpture at the Academy of Fine Arts Munich with Alexandra Bircken and Stephan Huber (graduated as „Meisterschülerin“)

2012-2019

Workshops and studio visits with Manfred Pernice, Mariechen von Danz, Melanie Bonajo, Justin Liebermann, Nora Schulz and Andreas, Schmitten, among others

2011-2012

Studies of Philosophy and Literature at the LMU Munich, Germany



SOLO AND DUO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

2022

Holidays Crash, La Garaage, Kunstverein, Germany
Ebersberg, Ebersberg, Germany

2021

SHTF, Rosa Stern Space, Munich, Germany

2019

Himmelstreppe 5, Art 66, Munich, Germany
Zweites Paradies, Künstlerhaus Lauenburg, Lauenburg/ Elbe, Germany

2018

Hier gibt es viele, die dich weinen, Akademiegalerie, Munich, Germany
Cure for Wellness, Kösk, Munich, Germany

2017

Tierisch ,Identifikationslos, Emotiongeladen, Kösk, Munich, Germany

2016

Traumfalte, strep across gallery, Munich, Germany

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

2022

Jahresgaben, Kunstverein, Munich, Germany
VuK, Association of Urban Art, Munich, Germany
Newcomer II, Galerie Cubeplus, Hamburg, Germany
We can be heros, Galerie Wolfgang Jahn, Munich, Germany
Highlights, Residenz, Munich, Germany
tropées ,Cité international des Arts, Paris, France
NCAKSYR, Art Pavilion, Munich, Germany

2021

Debutants, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
beg your pardon?, Gallery of Artists, Munich, Germany

2020

Jahresgaben Kunstverein, Munich, Germany
Tacker, Gallery of Artists, BBK, Munich, Germany
Preserving Normality, rosa stern space, Munich, Germany
Jewerelly, no-Jewerelly, Empfangshalle, Munich, Germany

2019

Obejct!Model!Pattern!, Empfangshalle, Munich, Germany
Playground, GALERIE VON&VON, Nuremberg, Germany
Babyparty, Z-Common Ground, Munich, Germany
some stories, Vorwerk 21, Hamburg, Germany
Eine Mauer aus fießend Wasser, Kunstblock BAL, Germany

2018

Cannibals with feelings, Kunstarkaden, Munich, Germany
Learning to walk, Kunstverein, Munich, Germany

2017

Neumayer III Neumayer III, Ekström-Schelfeis, Germany
Autistic fragments Gasteig, Jazzfest, Munich, Germany
Zimmer frei, Hotel Mariandl, Munich, Germany
Around Quarzarzate, KribisKrabis Festival, Olang, Italy

TEACHING

since 2022
artistic collaborator of Alexandra Bircken at
Academy of Fine Arts Munich, Germany

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023
‘Cité internationale des Arts Paris residency scholarship, Follow-up
Residency Prize (Nomination), Bayerischer Kunstförderpreis

2022
‘Cité internationale des Arts Paris residency scholarship,
Bavarian Ministry of Science and the Arts ‘Residency scholarship,
Kunstverein Ebersberg, Germany

2021
‘Kickstarter Scholarship, Stiftung Kunstfonds Bonn, Germany
Working Scholarship /Special Support Programme, Neustart Kultur, Bonn
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Leonard and Ida Wolf Memorial Award of the City of Munich, Germany

LECTURES, PERFORMANCES, SCREENINGS (SELECTION)

2023
UPCOMING: „Meine drei Lyrischen Ichs“, reading and exhibition at
Kunstverein Munich, Germany, with Sophie Schmidt

2022
Sunday`s Screening, Screening of the film „Home and Hearth“ at
Cité internationale des Arts, Paris, France

2021
Retrospect! Screening of the film „Muschis und Englischer Rasen“ at
StadtgalerieLauenburg/Elbe, Germany

2020
Cooperations, reading at Import Export, Munich, Germany, with Sophie
Schmidt

feel safe, performance at Empfangshalle, Munich, with Domino Pyttel

2019
fade, performance and reading at Halle 50, Domagk, Munich, Germany,
with Adrian Sölch