Portfolio 2023

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Magali Dougoud (1986-CH) is a visual artist based in Lausanne (CH), graduated from HEAD-Geneva and HKB-Bern in Visual Arts. She was co-curator of the independent art space Urgent Paradise in Lausanne from 2012 to 2020. Magali Dougoud's personal work has been shown in various art spaces and museums including the last Kyiv Biennial 2021 (UKR), the Kunstforum Baloise Park and Austellungsraum Klingental in Basel, the Akademi Autovnomia in Athenes (GR), The french Institut and the National Museum in Kinshasa (DRC) the Museum of Modern Art in Chiloe (CL), the Contemporary Art Center Los Cerillos in Santiago (CL), Errant Sound Art Project Space and Kronenboden in Berlin (D), The Art Center l'Antre Peaux in Bourge (FR), the Kunstpavillon in Lucerne (CH), Austellungsraum Klingental and Kunstforum Baloise Park in Basel (CH), the Centre PasquArt and the lokal-int in Biel (CH), standard/ deluxe in Lausanne (CH), the espace 3353 in Geneva, the Satdtgalerie in Bern (CH) and the Manoir de la Ville de Martigny (CH). Her videos have been shown in the Zürich Art week, at the Festival des Cinémas Expérimentaux et Différents in Paris (F), at the Bogotà Experimental Film Festival (C), at the Festival Les Instants Vidéos in Marseille (FR), at the Unseen Festival in Denver (USA), at the Blackslash Festival in Zürich (CH). She has participated in several residencies, including CAB in Tierra del Fuego, Puerto Yartou (CL) in 2019, Air Berlin Alexanderplatz (DE) directed by

Susanne Kriemann and Aleksander Komarov in 2020, the Cité internationale des arts as a prizewinner of the Canton of Vaud and the Cité Interbationale des Arts program, Paris (FR) in 2021 and Kin ArtStudio, Kinshasa (DRC) in partnership with Pro Helvetia and the Wiesentrasse Studio in Berlin as a prizewinner of the Canton of Valais both in 2022. In 2020, she received the Plastic Arts Grant of the Canton of Vaud and the work Grant of Pro Helvetia (2020 and 2022) and the ArtPro Wallis Grant in 2023 for the next three years. She is part of the collectif Room to Bloom, a feminist art platform for ecological and postcolonial narratives.

Magali Dougoud dismantles dominant historical and scientific narratives to find other possible subjectivities. She develops an emancipatory feminist imagination through notions such as liquidity - as a means of heterogeneous connection - violence, eroticism, plural and interspecies intelligence. Her work - mainly video, but also text, sound, installation ans sculpture - is inspired by hydrofeminism⁽¹⁾, the idea that we are all 'bodies of water'. Water, as an omnipresent motif in her work, allows ambiguous and hybrid figures, often in revolt, to create new narratives.

(1) NEIMANIS Astrida, *Bodies of Water: Posthuman Feminist Phenomenology*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2019



sound pieces, ongoing work, 60mn, [FR/EN] Water and liquidity, which run through these serie of audio pieces, are channels of communication and fluctuating borders between space and time, mixing distant pasts and uncertain futures. Seas, lakes, rivers and streams become an archive, an original memory that runs through us and is transmitted with each *Body of Water*. By ingesting water, we swallow them and together become flows of culture and politics, constantly crossing this transcorporeal space. *Womxn Waves* connect Womxn, water and different voices, in experimental pieces whose poetic and theoretical approach is inspired by post-anthropocentric feminisms. Linking the Seine, the Spree, the Congo River, the Strait of Magellan, and other waterways, the audio pieces are drawing a kind of aquatic and immersive road-trip.

sound pieces, ongoing work, 60min [FR/EN]

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Soaked to the Waters 2022, EN, 60mn

with the collaboration of Luisa Spina This piece offers a sensitive and sensual experience between waves and tears. In this liminal space, all life immerses itself, emerges and merges. Our bodies, like watercourses, are a kind of timeless hyper-datastore that transforms us all into queer actors in a universal archive.

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Mati Wata Water 2022, FR, 60mn

in collaboration with Orakle Ngoy, Aïcha <u>Fulumiziki and Nelly Lyenge</u> This piece takes us to the DRC, where the Kongo, Kwango, Kwilu and many other rivers flow. This country is the continent's largest freshwater reserve, but paradoxically its inhabitants have very limited access to drinking water. The Mati Wata try to resist to the normativity imposed on bodies in liquid society.

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The Uprising of the Caryatids 2021, EN, 60min

The audio piece is about oceanic becoming, reversals and uprising and how dance can be an emancipatory gesture. This piece is interested in the Wallace fountains in Paris and the Carytaids which hold the roofs of them. They are revolting, sinking the city.

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The Descent of the Sirens 2021, EN, 60min

This piece focuses on the sirens as vocal and sonic entities, embodying who is listened or silenced in our societies. From Homeric mythology, where their fall into the water deprives them of the faculty of knowing and telling, to speculative narrations where they take on changing forms, they oscillate between an aquatic past and future. Lethal figures of collective mourning, our losses rebound in echoes to theirs, in the oceanic floors.

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Our Dissident Atlanteans Becoming 2022, EN, 60min

It proposes an immersion into the dark abyss, in search of our ancestors of the future. A quest for gaps and relationships in the painful waters of forgotten stories. To piss off beings who have let themselves be swallowed up, drowned, survived, adapted, transformed. With these Atlanteans, we enter dissidence as we enter into the sea.

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Don't call a ghost when you don't want to see one, argile, painting, carton, realised in collaboration with Daniela Müller $% \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{M})$

Photos by the artist

Zombie Mermaids, sound piece 25mn, costume in collaboration with Paty Masiapa



Zombie Mermaids, 2023, video stills

Zombie Mermaids

2023

Zombie Mermaids is an eco-feminist fable based on medieval Swiss mountain tales involving female entities and bodies of water. In these tales acts of witchcraft, alleged murder of children or morally reprehensible behavior, condemn entities or villages to be swallowed up and/or to wander for eternity as ghost along watercourses. The artist interwoven these tales with the mythologie of the mermaid - litteraly the maid of the sea - and links the violence of extractivist politics exhausting both so-called reproductive bodies and regenarative nature. In this new narration, the caracters claim their right for autodetermination as well as their collective right on water. The Zombie Mermaids - both dead and alive in the same time - will be considered as invasive species, and will develop survival against the environmental pollution and new abilities to evolve and transform, before being hunted and exterminated by the power. On of their strategy involves contamination, when the river distill a poison inside her to allow them to breathe under the surface.

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with: Myriam Jarmache (song/performer) Magali Dougoud (text) Laure Boer (music) Julia Rempe (costume) Saadia Mirza (translation) 12 May 2023



National Museum, Kinshasa, (RDC)



Mati Wata Water, performance with Paty Masiapa and Izhahora Ndungidi, 2023

Photos by Jered Berclaire

Our Submerged Futures

26 Juin-24 Juillet 2022

Aloïse, Basel (CH)



Mati Wata, made in collaboration with Paty Masiapa, wax, écorce de noix de palme, 2022



The uprising of the Cariatids, video HD, 2021



Aquatic Narratives, video hd, 10:00, 2022



Zombies Mermaids, 2022, work in progress, video HD, loop

Kunstpavillon, Lucerne (CH)

The cries of the revenants There are basins of passage When they emerged back Through these same passages One could believe that the aborted foetuses So much their form is not very clear The surfaces serve as a reflective zone Never really opaque Nor completely transparent.

Exhibition view with Zombies Mermaids, 2022, video HD, water, plastic, screening, smart phone, various materials

2022

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Exhibition view Aquatic Narratives, 2022, tryptic of video HD, water, basins, mermaid tails (wax, palm nuts, painting)

Aquatic Narratives

2022



Aquatic Narratives, 2022, detail

Kin ArtStudio Kinshasa, (RDC)



Aquatic Narratives, 2022, tryptic of video HD, water, basins, mermaid tails (wax, palm nuts, painting)

Photos: Myra Dunoyer Nizar Mozalisi previous pages: idem

Riverhood

Kunstforum Baioise Park, Basel (CH)

I'm dancing along quite contently, when - bam - dam ! Minorally River





Ganioz Project Space, Manoir de la Ville de Martigny (CH)





Vue d'exposition avec Le Continuum Bleu, vidéo HD, 45:00, avec posters de Dans la Pénombre Sonore des Femmxs Vagues

The video Le Continuum Bleu links together all the womxn that have died or been killed in the waterways of Berlin. Mixed in with the other bodies, human and more than human, a population has emerged from this violence and loss: the Womxn Waves. According to scientists, they have lost the memory of silencing the second X chromosome in their DNA, thus altering their own identity. But it was by reappropriating the sounds, grains and intervals of their voices that they began to transform themselves. Once the liquid inside them had joined the liquid inside them, they were ready to build a body together in rebellion. With a poetic approach and a narrative aesthetic akin to speculative fiction, The Blue Continuum guestions violence against minorities, and women in particular, by correlating it with the domination exercised by Man over nature.

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with:

Amélie Chérubin Soulières (actress) Lara khattabi (actress) Natalia Wilk (water dancer) Nicolàs Cifuentes (camera) Vanessa Bosch (music) Julie Magnenat (music) Magali Moronval (sound) Claire Nicolas (casting) Stéphanie Rosianu (proofreading) production: Apophyse Production (CH) Chakalaka Films (FR)

with the support of Canton de Vaud and Pro Helvetia



The Blue Continuum, 2021, video HD, 47:35, video stills







The Uprising of the Cariatids, 2021, video HD, 15:00, exhibition views

The Uprising of the Cariatids

In The Uprising of the Cariatids the caryatids of the Wallace fountains in Paris rebel. As an act of reversal, of detour, of unleashing, they began to dance, entering into a trance, and let go of the fountain roofs. The water then gushed out of the city. Contrary to what had been written on the mottos and pavilions beaten by the waves, the city of Paris sank. The carvatids reappropriated the dances, made of cracks, of ecstatic and hallucinated movements, of infinite circles, of tremors, and being inked at the same time in the past and the future. In this new submerged space, containing at the same time our aquatic past, our uncertain present and our oceanic future, the carvatids imagined subversive, submersible and erotic movements able to bring out the drowned, killed, thrown overboard bodies. After we have all danced to exhaustion with them, what revolts will emerge from the Seine river?

↗ watch on vimeo

[FR]

with: Patricia Badin (dancer) Nicolàs Cifuentes (camera) production by Apophyse Production (CH) Chakalaka Films (FR)

with the support of Canton de Vaud– Cité Internationale des Arts de Paris (F)

Photos: Alessandra Carosi, previous pages: idem

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Moi homme Toi femme

2019

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Exhibition view with Juana Llancalahuen and the False Killer Whales, Time 1 to 4, PVC Print (left); Lake Club, video HD, 14:40, 2018 (right)
Photo: Patrick Weyeneth

Juana Llancalahuen and the False Killer Whales - Times 1 to 4

2019

Juana Llancalahuen and the False Killer Whales - Times 1 to 4 develops a radical, emancipatory and inter-species female imagination. In this video, filmed in Puerto Yartou, Chile, during a residency at the Casa Museo Alberto Baeriswyl (in partnership with Pro Helvetia), water and liquidity are connecting paths and fluctuating limits between time and space. The narrative, divided into four chapters, takes place in Tierra del Fuego in Patagonia. Hundreds of female false killer whales have stranted on the coast bordering the Strait of Magellan to protest against the femicide of Juana Llancalahuen. Her body was found in a boat floating offshore and she is the first woman buried in the cemetery of the region. Violence is at the heart of this contemporary mythology; the violence directed against womxn and intrinsic to society, and the violence behind the historical and scientific stories written by and for the privileged. With an aesthetic close to magical realism, this video constructs a narrative in which the past, present and future are drawn in a circle, thwarting the linearity of time.

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Juana Llancalahuen and the False Killer Whales, Time 1 to 4, 2019, video HD, 23:23, video stills

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Exhibition view with Juana Llancalahuen and the False Killer Whales, Time 1 to 4, Blueback prints, 2019 (left); Juana Llancalahuen and the False Killer Whales, Time 1 to 4, video HD, 23:23, 2019 (right) Photo: Maria Luisa Murillo



2019



Sirens and Echoes, vidéo HD, 29:00, 2019



Readings of the voice over of the videos Nadia C; Lake Club; and Juana Llancalahuen and the False Killer Whales -Times 1 to 4

texts by Magali Dougoud, readings by Prescillia Amany Kouame, Lara Khattabi, Nastassja Tanner

Photos: Myriam Ziehli previous page: idem Sirens and Echos are two female mythological figures who, beyond the different stories they are told and the roles assigned to them, share a vocal story. Their words are considered harmful by patriarchal society. The art of vocality that they master is considered a tool of pride, death or corruption. The artist mixes the stories of these two figures with personal film archives. The different narratives intertwine to propose a new, non-linear form made up of fragments, sensations, spaces and languages. In their succession, a new image is constructed that "flows" or "pulsates", inducing a liquid movement made of frenetic repetitions similar to waves that end up crashing into the rocks. The waves, currents and vibrations extend the bodies and connect them to others, to other imaginary ones and to other voices.

The video was created for the exhibition *Sirens and Echoes: for more than one voice* at the lokal-int in Biel in 2018. During the exhibition, three actresses Prescillia Amany Kouame, Lara Khattabi and Nastassja Tanner readed the voice-over texts from other videos of the artist, creating a new live soundtrack, a kind of cacophony made of multiple superposed voices.

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Sirens and Echoes, 2019, video HD, 29:00, video stills



CRUSHIS BY THE IMPUSTRY with Nicolas Raufaste

Exhibition view with Lake Club, video HD, 14:40, 2018; Standard/deluxe, adhesive tape, variable size, 2018

There Is No I In Team

2018

Standard/deluxe, Lausanne (CH)

with Nicolas Raufaste



Standard/deluxe, adhesive tape, variable size, 2018

Lake Club was filmed at Lake Baikal in Russia, one of the oldest lakes in the world. While diving there, the artist weaves a fragmented narrative mixing different sources and carried by a documentary-like voice-over. She undertakes to search for a place original to humanity and questions the possibility of a collective link that would unite everything, starting from water as a space of recognition in perpetual movement. In a kind of immersive and blurred quest, the video questions the patriarchal appropriation of the master narratives of history and its representations.

Lake Club was imagined for the exhibition There Is No I In Team at standard/deluxe in duo with the artist Nicolas Raufaste in 2018, and was shown at the Neues Kino in Basel and at the Unseen Festival in Denver, Colorado (USA).

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il n'y a jamais eu d'histoire

Lake Club, 2018, video HD, 14:40, 2018

Pueblo

2017



with Nicolas Raufaste







Exhibition view with Fleurs du Pays, Pegman oder der zeitgenössische Cowboy, video HD, 34:04, 2015

Fleur du pays, Pegman oder der zeitgenössische Cowboy

2015

Fleur du pays, Pegman oder der zeitgenössische Cowboy and Pueblo, Pegman oder der europäische Traum, is a diptych, imagined as two episodes of the same series. These videos translate the notion of a virtual exploration in the form of a cinematic narrative. The protagonist "Pegwoman"-inspired by Pegman the virtual companion of excursion on Google Street View-takes the viewer on a journey through real and imaginary landscapes and urban spaces. Both videos deal with the impact of total spatial and temporal accessibility and the disappearance of borders and identities. In the second episode, Pegwoman is radioactive; a metaphor for the invasive dimension of immigration as seen by Europe.

The first episode was conceived in collaboration with the artist Nicolas Raufaste for the exhibition *Voyage/Voyage* in 2015 at the Stadtgalerie in Bern (CH) and both videos were subsequently shown at several exhibitions and festivals.

↗ Episode 1

↗ Episode 2

[FR][DE subtitles]



Fleur du pays, Pegman oder der zeitgenössische Cowboy, 2015, video HD, 34:40, video stills

with collectif Miti-Mota (Dafne Carrasco and Laurence Wagner)



Exhibition view with Los Cowboy buena onda y El Indio bacan, 2013, video HD, 3'17"