

Helena Wittmann, born 1982 in Neuss, Germany. Artist and Filmmaker. Lives and works in Hamburg.

Curriculum Vitae

- since 2019 Mentoring and Teaching at Elias Querejeta Zine Eskola (Elias Querejeta Cinema School) in San Sebastian, Spain
- 2020 Member of the Selection Committee for the German Online Competition at Int. Short Film Festival Oberhausen
- 2016-2019 Member of the Selection Committee for the International Competition at International Short Film Festival Hamburg
- 2015-2018 Artistic research assistant at HFBK Hamburg, Academy of Fine Arts
- 2007-2014 Studied Fine Arts at HFBK Hamburg, Academy of Fine Arts
- 2007 Participation in the classes by artist Guillermo Ueno, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2006-2007 Stay in Buenos Aires, Argentina with support of DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)
- 2005-2007 Studied Media Studies and Spanish at University Hamburg
- 2003-2005 Studied Theatre- and Media Studies at Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg

Awards / Grants/ Residencies

- 2021 Residency at Goethe Institute Madrid, Spain
- 2020 Residency at Camargo Foundation Cassis, France
- 2019 FID Lab Marseille Camargo Foundation Award for HUMAN FLOWERS OF FLESH
- 2019 Special Jury Mention for ADA KALEH at Int. Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Germany
“Best Experimental Film Award” for ADA KALEH, Association of German Film Critics, Germany
- 2018/19 Residency Goethe Institute Marseille, France

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2018	“Best Narrative Feature Film” Award at Tacoma Int. Film Festival, USA “Best Film” Award for DRIFT at Int. Film Festival FILMadrid , Spain “Best Narrative Feature Film” Award for DRIFT at Athens Int. Film & Video Festival, USA Special Jury Mention for DRIFT at Lima Independiente Film Festival, Peru
2017	Laceno d’Oro Best Feature Film Award for DRIFT at Laceno d’Oro Film Festival, Italy Special Jury Mention for DRIFT at ZINEBI Bilbao, International Film Festival, Spain
2015	Travel grant “Neue Kunst in Hamburg”
2015	Hamburger Arbeitsstipendium für bildende Kunst (Working grant for Fine Arts, Hamburg)
2014	Karl H. Ditze Award for 21,3°C
2014	HFBK - Award Hamburgische Kulturstiftung for 21,3°C
2013	Main Award Experimental Film (Int. Shortfilmfestival Flensburg) for WILDNIS (THE WILD)
2010-2013	Scholarship from Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)

Juries

2021	Int. Filmfestival FILMadrid, Spain Int. Filmfestival ZINEBI, Bilbao, Spanien
2020	Int. Filmfestival Mar del Plata, Argentina Kasseler Dokfest, Germany
2019	Int. Filmfestival FID Marseille, Spain
2018	Int. Film Festival FICUNAM, Mexico

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Exhibitions / Screenings

2022 "I Offer You A Journey Without Direction, Uncertainty and No Sweet Conclusion" (group exhibition), Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg, Germany

Since 2013

2021 "Es fällt die Nacht" (Video-Sound-Installation and Performance, with Nika Son), Fundación El Instante, Madrid, Spain

2020 "Films After Tomorrow", HUMAN FLOWERS OF FLESH, Int. Film Festival Locarno, Switzerland

2019 Cinema Artist Series, Tate Modern, London, UK
"hybrid" (group exhibition), Kunsthaus Hamburg, Germany
"This is Cinema Now - 21st Century Debuts" at Film Society of Lincoln Centre, New York, USA
"Utopian Phantom" (group exhibition), Palbok, Jeonju, South Korea
"Fuzzy Dark Spot" (group exhibition) Deichtorhallen, Collection Falckenberg, Hamburg, Germany
Int. Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Germany
Registi fuori dagli sche(r)mi, Bari, Italy
Scanorama Film Festival, Lithuania
FID Lab, International Film Festival Marseille, France
Moscow International Experimental Film Festival, Moscow, Russia
FronteraSur Int. Filmfestival, Chile
KINO 2019, Portugal
Int. Short Film Festival Hamburg, Germany
Int. Film Festival Athens, USA
"Time of Flight" (performance) together with Katja Lell, Hamburg, Germany
Int. Film Festival Jeonju, South Korea
Int. Short Film Festival Vila do Conde, Portugal
Int. Film Festival Uruguay, Uruguay
FICUNAM Int. Film Festival, Mexico
Cosmicrays Festival New York, USA
Portland Int. Film Festival, USA
Filmadrid, Int. Film Festival, Spain
IBAFF Int. Film Festival Murcia, Spain
Spectral Film Festival, USA
Int. Film Festival Alternativa, Barcelona, Spain
Int. Short Film Festival Regensburg, Germany
Balkanrouten, Filmhaus Vienna, Austria
Int. Film Festival Eurocine, Ecuador
"Cinema and Wilderness", Metropolis Cinema Hamburg, Germany

2018 Toronto Int. Film Festival, Canada
FID Marseille Int. Film Festival, France

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- International Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
New Directors/New Films, MoMA and Lincoln Center, New York, USA
FICUNAM International Film Festival, Mexico
Jeonju International Film Festival, South Korea
FILMADRID, Madrid, Spain
Viennale, Austria
New York Film Festival, USA
Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival, UK
Mar del Plata Int. Film Festival, Argentina
Kaunas Int. Film Festival, Lithuania
New Horizon Film Festival, Poland
Goethe Institut London, UK
Istanbul International Independent Film Festival, Turkey
International Film Festival Uruguay, Uruguay
IBAFF Film Festival, Murcia, Spain
EYE Film Institute Amsterdam / Dag van de Dwarse Film 2018, Netherlands
Tabakalera, San Sebastian, Spain
Stranger Than Fiction, Cologne, Germany
Ton-Zeit-Bild, Kassel, Germany
Doc Buenos Aires, Argentina
Filmwoche Duisburg
Kaunas Int. Film Festival
Ton, Zeit, Bild, Filmladen Kassel, Germany
Oaxaca Cine, Mexico
Int. Film Festival Cosquin, Argentina
VariaVision Volksbühne Berlin, Germany
Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia
Goethe Institut London, UK
Festival de Cine Radical, Bolivia
Frontera Sur Int. Film Festival, Chile
Antofacine Int. Film Festival, Chile
ZINEBI Int. Film Festival Bilbao, Spain
Otras Luces, Pamplona, Spain
- 2017
- Venice Film Festival, Settimana Internazionale della Critica, Venice, Italy
"Empfindliches Rauschen / Tender Noise" (solo exhibition) Gallery Melike Bilir / Level One, Hamburg, Germany
"Skulpturen Projekte" (group exhibition), Achter Salon, Hamburg, Germany
"Transformations" (group exhibition), ULYS, Odense, Denmark
"Mountains" (group exhibition), Muratcentoventidue Artecontemporanea, Bari, Italy
Festival de Nouveau Cinema, Montreal, Canada

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Exhibitions / Screenings

- Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival, Berwick, UK
Filmfest Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
ZINEBI Filmfestival, Bilbao, Spain
Kaunas International Film Festival, Lithuania
Lacenodoro International Film Festival, Italy
2. Hamburger Film-In, Hamburg, Germany
Nordische Filmtage, Lübeck, Germany
Filmwoche Duisburg, Duisburg, Germany
- 2016 “The Wildness of Waves” (exhibition and lecture), Westwerk, Hamburg, Germany
“Representing Germany: The Veddel Embassy”, Performing Architectures, Venice, Italy
“LichtSpielRaum”, AKKU, Stuttgart, Germany
“Incertitudes” (group exhibition), Goethe Institut Marseille, France
“New Talents Biennale Cologne”, Cologne, Germany
“Komma” (group exhibition), Kunstverein Springhornhof, Neuenkirchen, Germany
“Kinship” (solo exhibition), Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg, Germany
- 2015 “Beyond The Surface”, Laborneunzehn, Berlin, Germany
“Films about Somewhere”, Galerie Schneeeule, Berlin, Germany
FICIC Festival Internacional de Cine Independiente de Cosquín, Argentina
“The Darkness Collection”, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain
“Your Skin Makes Me Cry” (group exhibition), Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2014 New Directors-New Films, MoMA and Film Society of Lincoln Center, New York, USA
“Incertitudes” (group exhibition), Goethe Institut Paris, France
“New German Video Art” (group exhibition), Alternative Space, Seoul, Korea
“Your Skin Makes Me Cry” (group exhibition), Goethe Institut Chicago, Chicago, USA
“The Darkness Collection”, Punto de Vista Filmfestival, Pamplona, Spain
Fullframe Festival (MUMOK) Vienna, Austria
Festival du Nouveau Cinéma, Montreal, Canada
Petersburger Salon (group exhibition), curated by Pitt Sauerwein, Hamburg, Germany
Ann Arbor Film Festival, USA
Images Festival, Toronto, Canada
Bucharest International Experimental Film Festival, Romania
Underdax - Filmfestival für Dokument und Experiment, Munich, Germany
New Horizons International Film Festival, Warsaw, Poland
Curtocircuito International Short Film Festival, Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Int. Kurzfilmfestival Hamburg, Germany
Int. Short Film Festival Regensburg, Germany
Dresden Int. Short Film Festival, Germany

Exhibitions /
Screenings

- Kyiv, International Short Film Festival, Ukraine
Timishorts Filmfestival, Timisoara, Romania
“Ein Gespräch unter Ahornbäumen” (performance) in collaboration with Theresa George, HFBK Hamburg
- 2013
- International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Germany
“Noches Alemanas”, Museo Vostell Malpartida , curated by Berta Sichel, Spain
CALL “Macht und Gewohnheit” (group exhibition), Galerie Speckstraße, Hamburg, Germany
Symposium “Schutzraum”, curated by Vanessa Nica Müller and Anna-Lena Grau, Bremen, Germany
European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany
Curta Cinema, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
International Short Film Festival Hamburg, Germany
Dokfest, Dokumentarfilm- und Videofest Kassel, Germany
Documentary Film Festival, Hamburg, Germany
“Unten am Havn - Copenhagen meets Hamburg” (group exhibition), Hamburg, Germany
FEMINA Film Festival, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
Open Cinema Film Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia
Filmfest Weiterstadt, Germany
Filmfest Münster, Germany
Nordic Film Days Lübeck, Germany
Kurzfilmfestival Flensburg, Germany
OZU Filmfestival, Italy
Exground Filmfestival, Wiesbaden, Germany
Int. Short Film Festival Istanbul, Turkey
Zwergwerk Oldenburg, Germany