

CHENG-HSIN CHIANG

PORTFOLIO

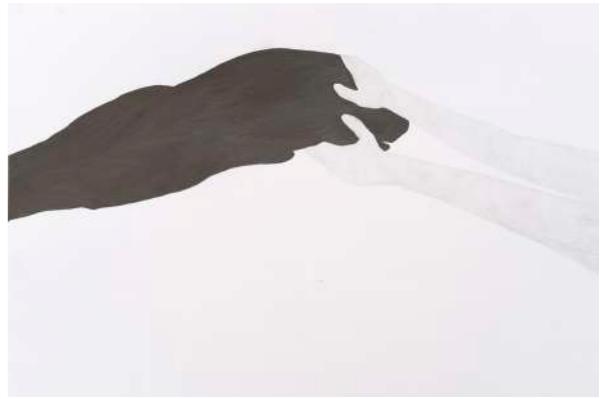
With a background in ethnology and literature, my working process usually commences with gathering. I collect poems, words, sentences, everyday items, and elements from nature. Through drawings, performances, and especially through arrangements of objects and experimental installations, I aim to initiate dialogues and exchanges.

I frequently perceive my work as a playground, a dynamic realm and a meeting point where everything is interlinked and can be liberated from its initial purpose and definition.

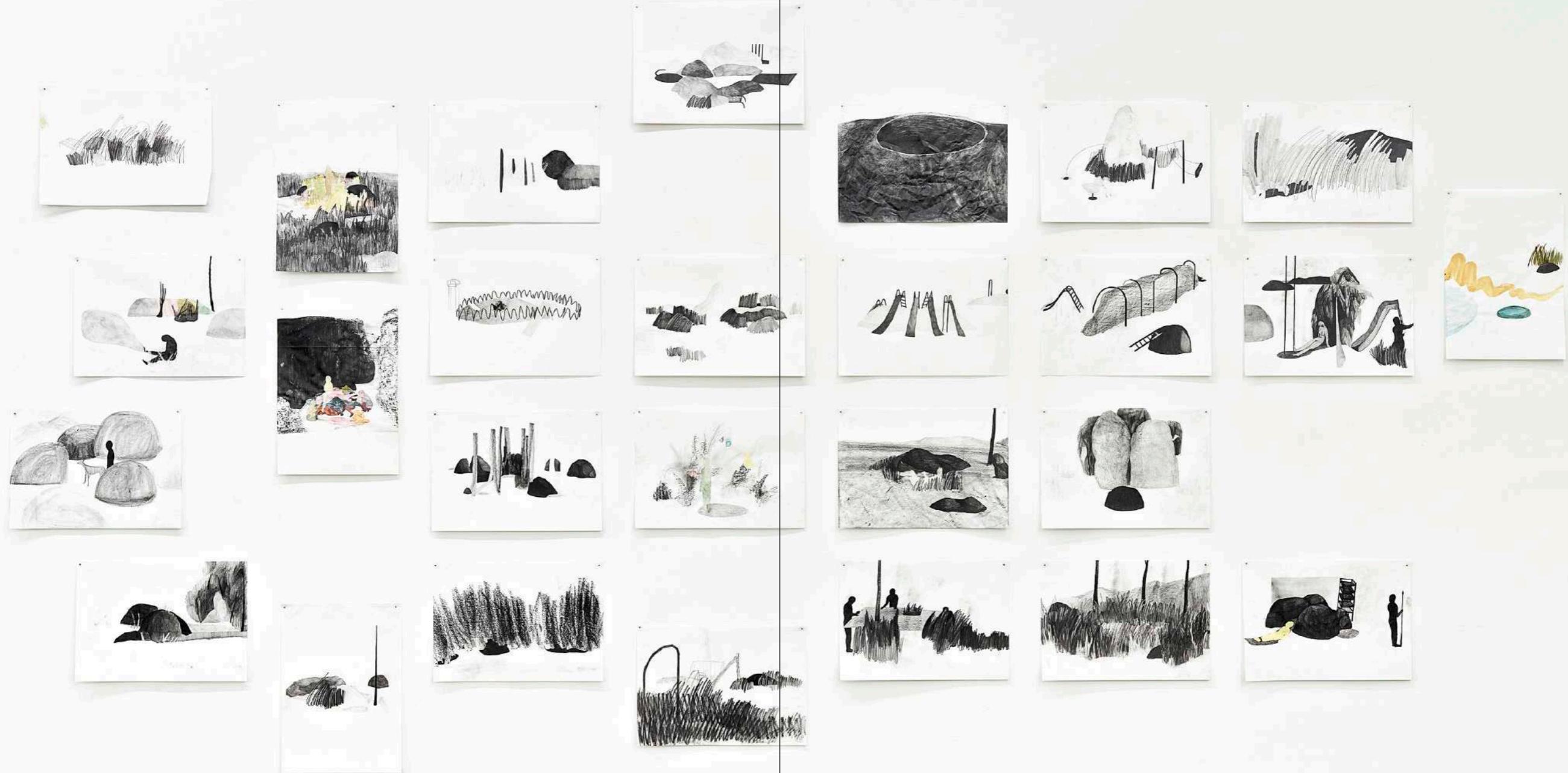
Across all my works, I consistently explore balance between inner and outer realms. I endeavor to draw nearer to myself amidst the ever-shifting balance of movement and stillness, and then try to translate this essence.

**WHERE THE
HIDDEN RIVER
RUNS**

Everybody Says Goodbye



Pencil on paper, 43x61cm each





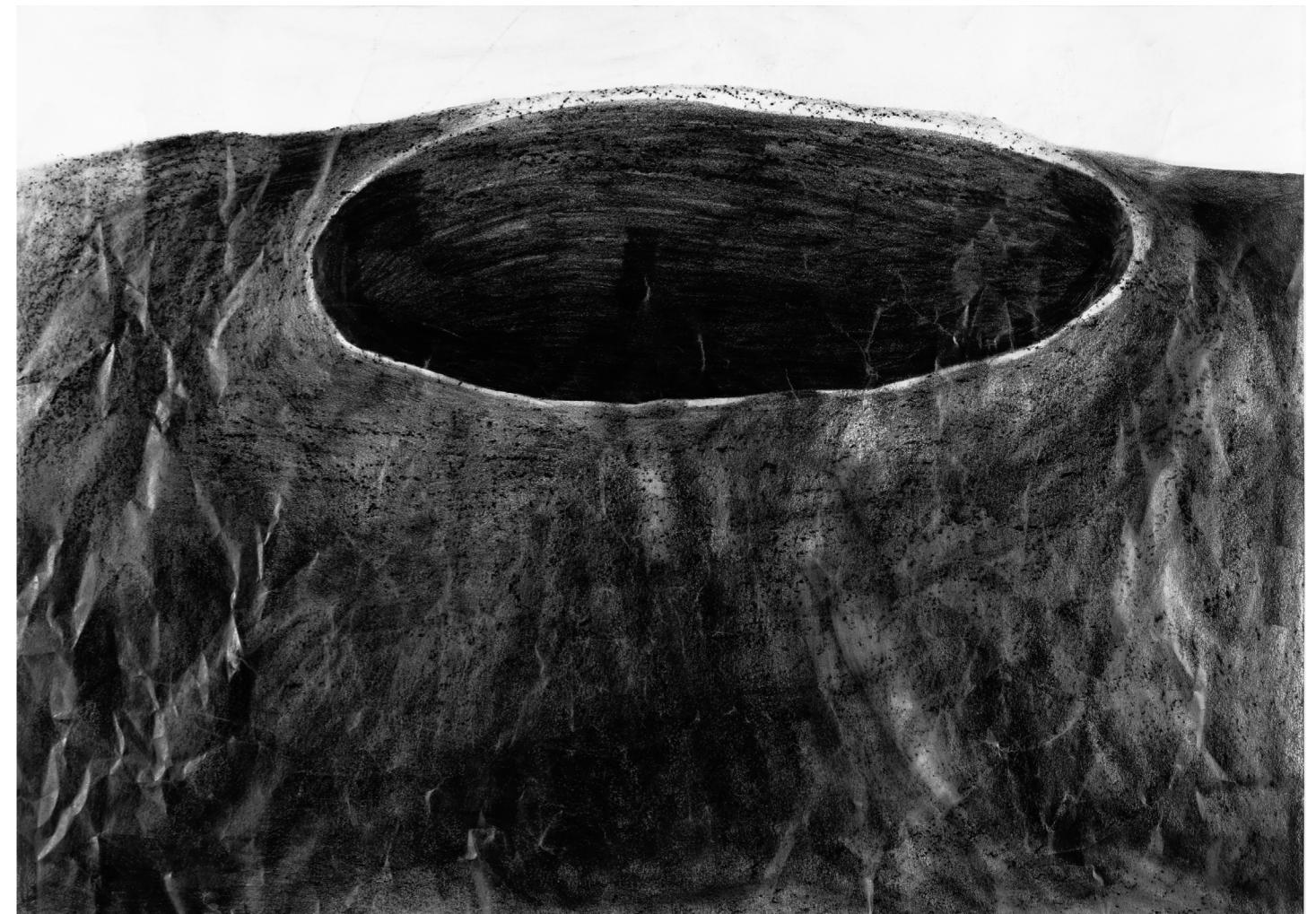
Since 2017, Pencil / Watercolor on paper, 32x40cm each



(Selected)







DAILY COLLECTION

SINCE 2020



Separation
onions/ Net bag



A Meeting of Four
Glass/ Teaspoons



We'll Talk About It Later
Forks



Cupid's Hesitation
Acrylics on Dessert fork



Ein Schluck von dem Meer
Acrylics on Gypsum/
Plastic spoon



A Gentle Kill
Bamboo/ Pencil on Plastic knife



Helping Hands
Acrylics on Lunchbox



The Edges
Pencil on eggshell



**Birds Flying Through the Flat
Nights**
Ink on paper/ Packaging foil of
sleeping pill



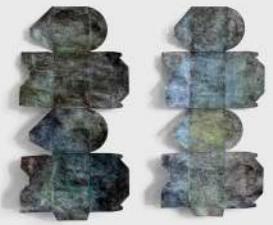
Argument
Backing paper/ Clips



An Office Letter
Used staples



Unbroken
Pencil on paper



The Guardian
Gypsum/ Stone

**I Could Also Be As Calm As
a Glass of Water**
Gypsum/ A glass of water

The Cake Amulets
Ink on paper cake boxes



Noah's ark
Tree bark

Me and Me Against the Wall
Dinosaur toy

The Moon and Sixpence
Paper/ Tape/ Eyelet

**HOW TO
DRAW A CIRCLE:**

**A STUDY OF
TAKING CARE
OF MYSELF ,
AND OTHERS**



Distantial Pain



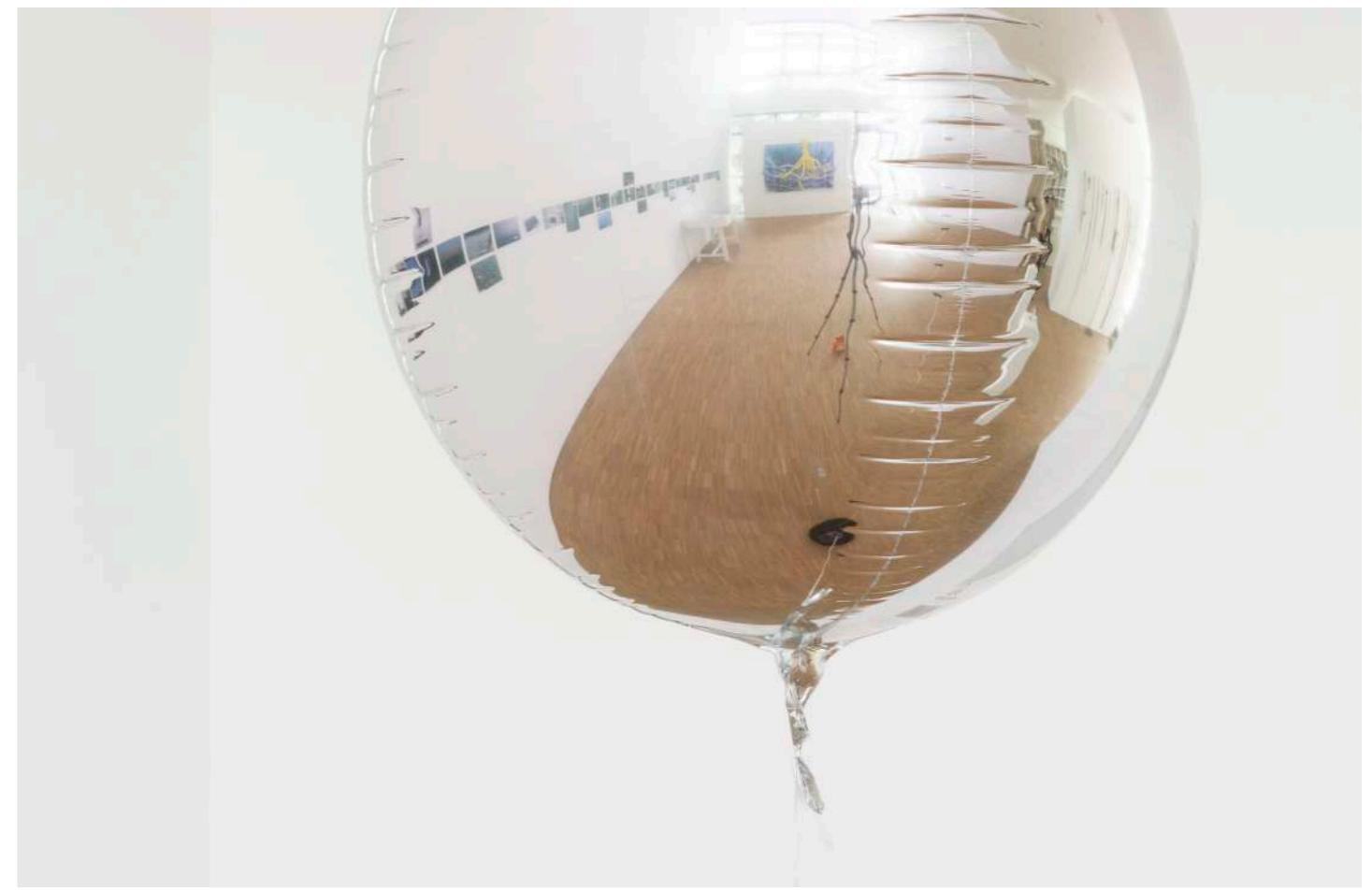
We utilize the widely recognized play equipment of the Hula-Hoop, which, with its red and white stripes, serves as a reminder of the safety measures and the 1.5-meter social distancing scheme that we have become accustomed to in Germany during the COVID-19 pandemic. The performance follows simple rules of play: each of us wears a Hula-Hoop, thereby ensuring the distance between ourselves and others. As we move with the Hula-Hoop, we advance step by step along pre-developed choreography, only stopping when the hoop falls down. In this way, our bodies traverse through space, engaging with it in a swirling and lingering manner.

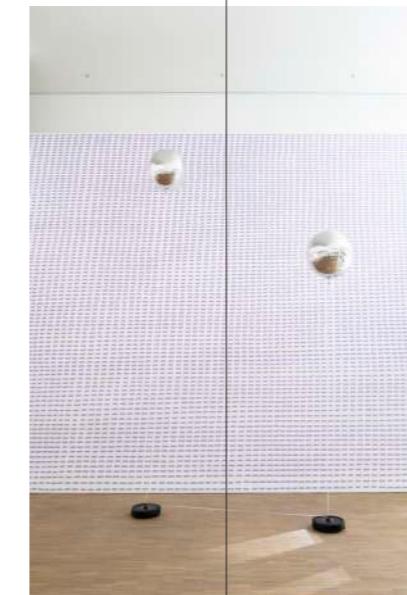
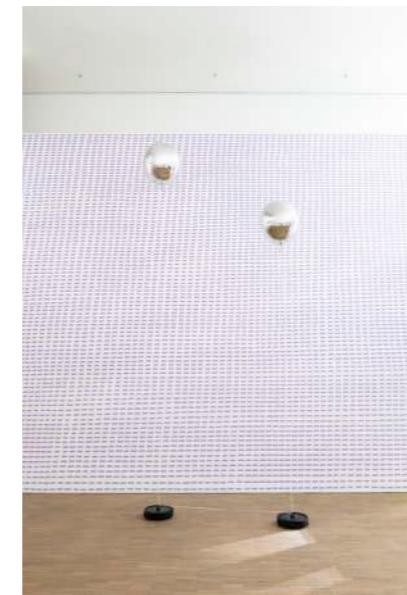
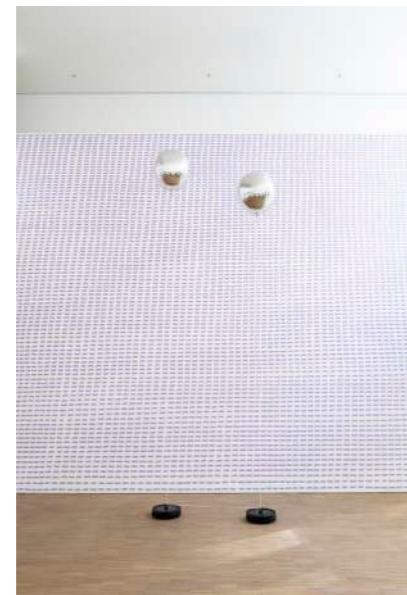
Twin Flames



"Twin Flames" is an installation composed of two robot vacuum cleaners, each equipped with a hook through which a thin cord is threaded, with the intention of connecting both devices. At the ends of the cord are two balloons made of mirrored foil filled with helium. While the robots explore the space horizontally, the two mirrored balloons move closer and further from each other while moving up and down vertically.

The movements evoke a choreography, continually providing new reflections of the exhibition space and the visitors on the surface of the balloons.

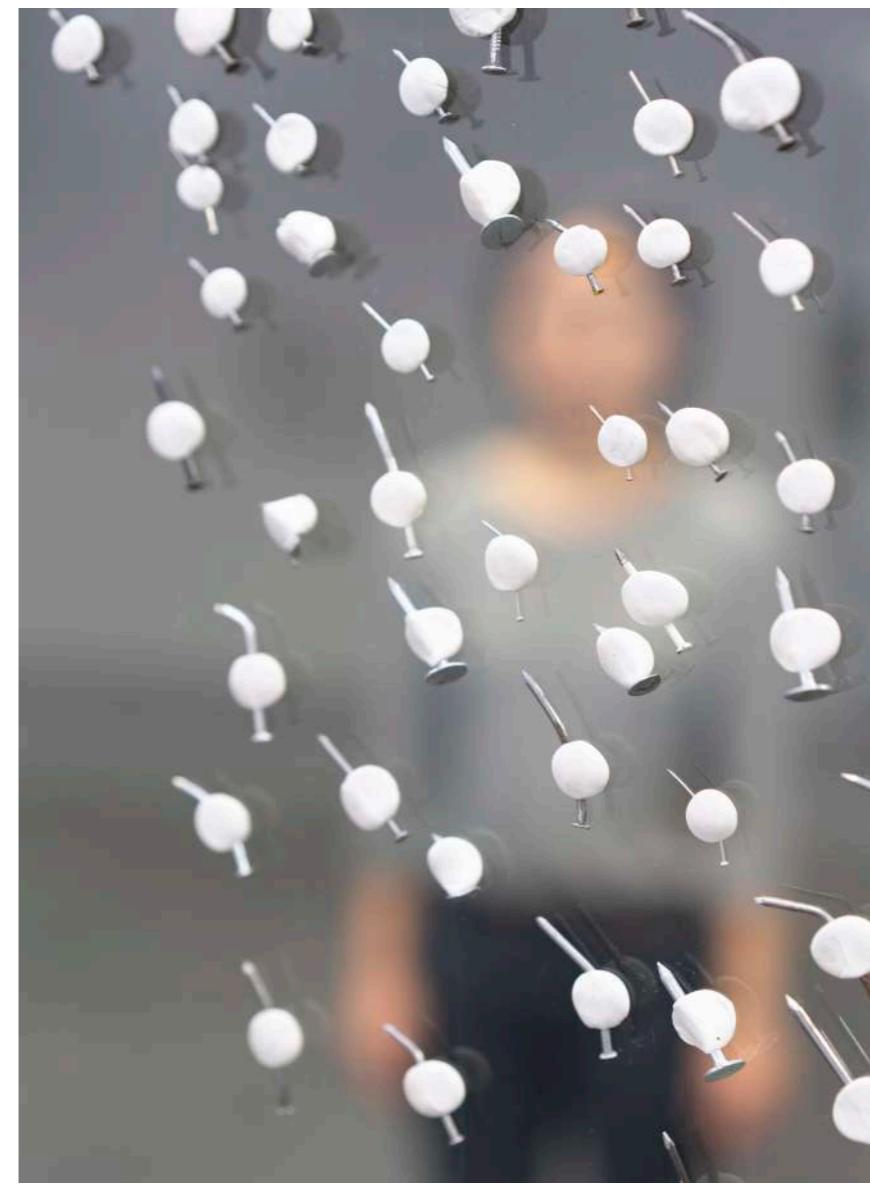
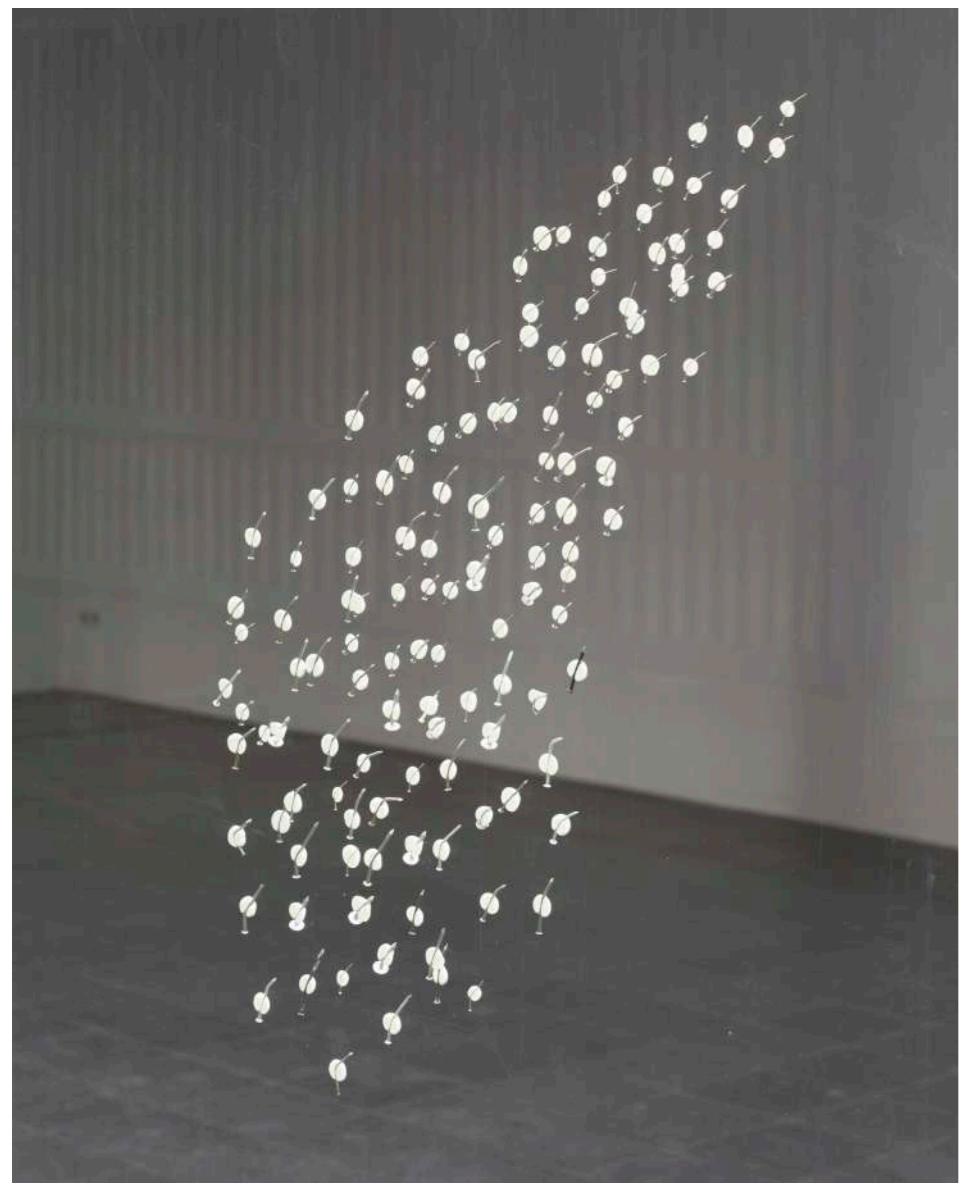


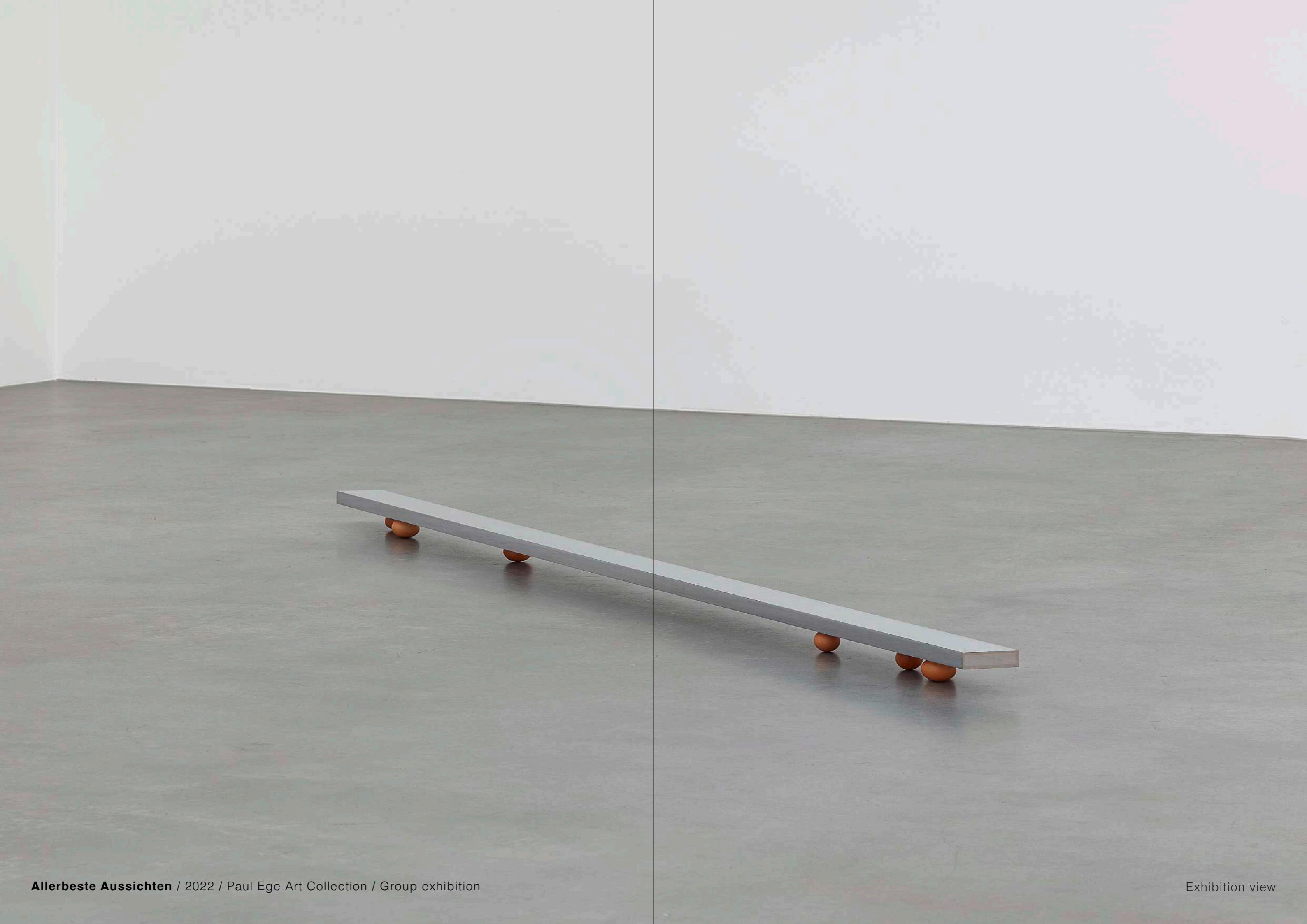


Auf der Suche / 2022 / DG Kunstraum / Group exhibition

Exhibition view

Important Is, That You Always Have Somewhere to Go





Allerbeste Aussichten / 2022 / Paul Ege Art Collection / Group exhibition

Exhibition view

I Will Always Stand on The Side of the Egg II



"I will always stand on the side of the egg" draws inspiration from a speech by the Japanese author Haruki Murakami, advocating against injustice and war.

The transparent mirrored foil surface reflects everything in its environment. Yet, approaching closely enough allows one to penetrate the reflection, revealing the hollow interior of the object.

This piece is more than just an installation; it's also a performance. Each day, I take out an egg while simultaneously trying to maintain the balance of the entire installation.



By This Time Tomorrow / 2021 / Super+Centercourt / Kollaborative Ausstellung mit Paula Niño

Exhibition view

A Study of Time



"A Study of Time" is a site-specific installation consisting of three parts: a green monochromatic image on the ceiling, two frames with 12 gaps on the wall, and 24 objects made of mirrored foil and cardboard on the floor.

Within the 24 objects on the floor, each piece corresponds to another, collectively forming a complete circular shape. These 24 objects represent, to me, fragments of time, marking the 12 cycles of day and night.

As a migrant, there are always two clocks ticking in my heart. One follows Munich time, where I currently reside, while the other adheres to the time in Taiwan, my place of origin. Maintaining a clear sense of time and inner balance becomes particularly challenging when one is separated from family and friends during a pandemic.

Moving amidst the floor-based objects, I often experience a sense of displacement. However, as I draw nearer, I unfailingly encounter the reflection of my own and a hint of green from the ceiling.

Time has always been a friend, especially in moments of fragility.



Taipei: 01:00
Munich: 19:00
Bogotá: 12:00



In addition to the installations and paintings, there is a performance in which we attempt to reset two clocks from Munich time to the time in Bogotá and Taipei.

As migrants, we always have two clocks ticking simultaneously in our hearts—one from where we live and one from where we come from, where our loved ones are.



Silent Running / 2022 / Super+Centercourt / Collective exhibition with Paula Niño und Caro Kretschmer

Exhibition view



To keep the helium balloon floating in the air, I constantly adjust the amount of salt attached to the balloon during the exhibition. Only when the weight of both is equal does the balloon float in the space.

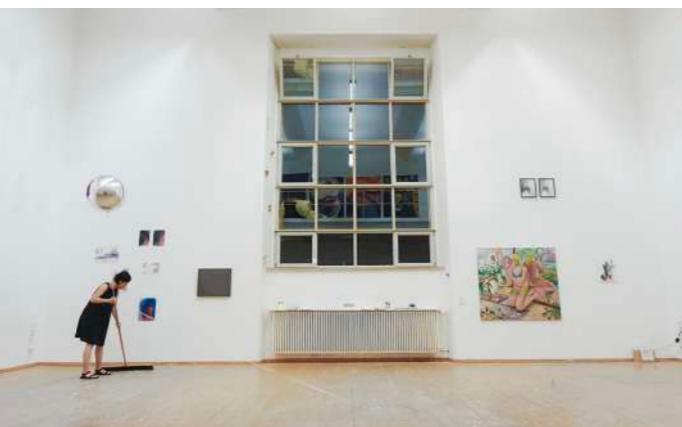
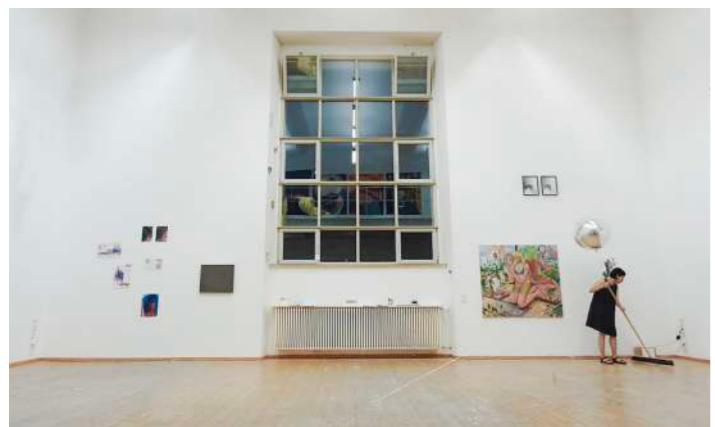
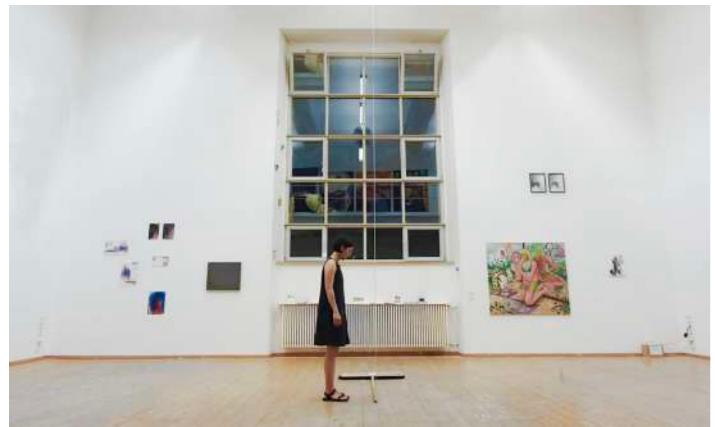
A helium-filled balloon with a diameter of 60 cm corresponds to about 47.65g of salt.

Salt exists in seawater, in our sweat, and our tears.



Annual exhibition / 2022 / Adbk München / Group exhibition

Daily Cleaning



Performance over the course of a ten-day exhibition. Every day, promptly at 6 PM, I sweep the exhibition space with a broom. A string runs through a hole at the end of the broom handle, attached to the floor and holding a balloon.

As I sweep the floor, the string is pulled, causing the balloon to sway. The balloon is sometimes high and sometimes low, sometimes far away and sometimes close to me. Through the reflection in the mirrored foil, I see myself and the entire space.

Every day, I take care of my surroundings and myself.





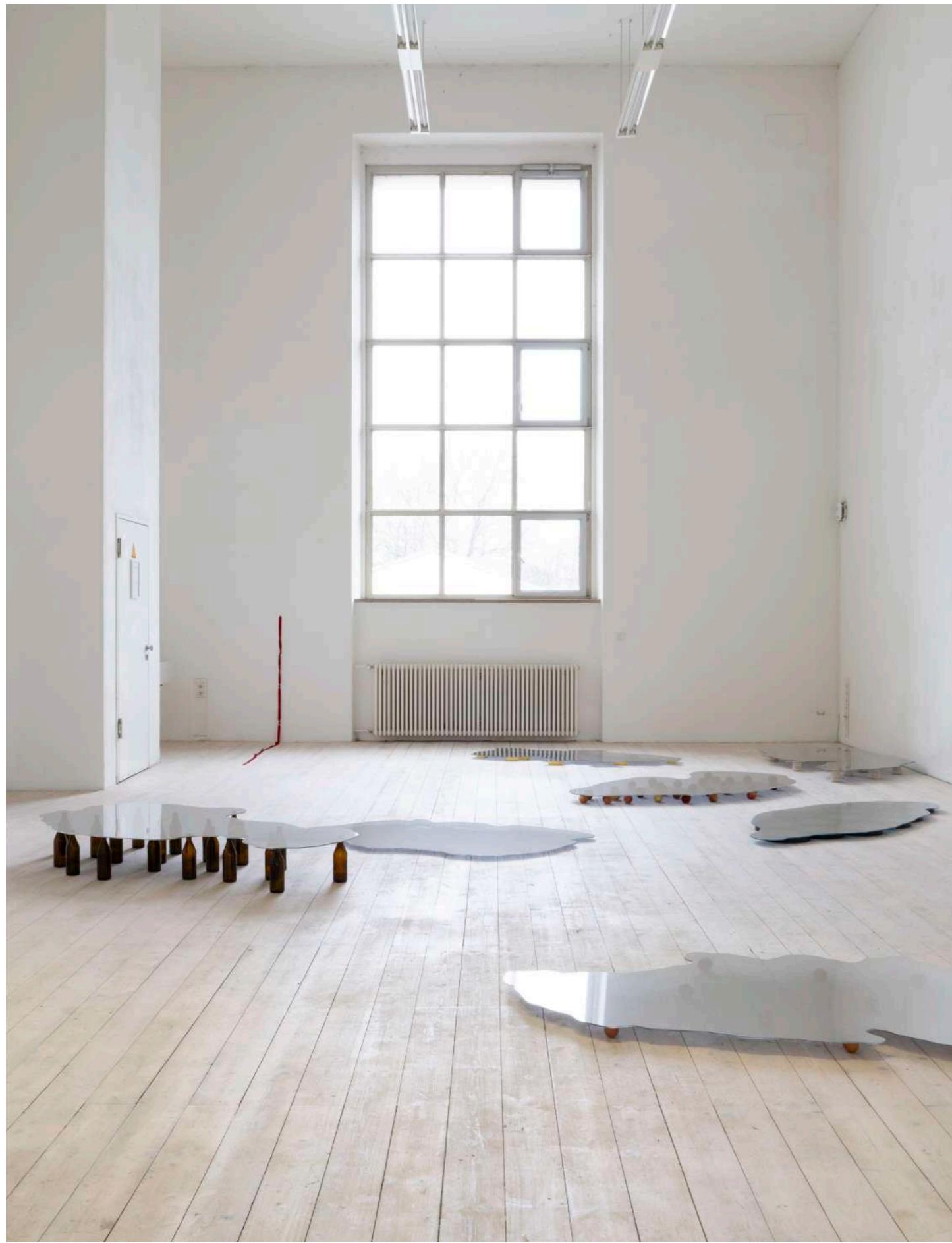
*"Full of merit, yet poetically,
dwells man on this earth."
-In sweet serenity, Hölderlin.*

*Dedicated to those whom
suffer from day-to-day life,
from political violence,
yet build and rebuild their
dwelling again and again.*

Throughout the entire performance, I repeat the motion of drawing a circle with salt from the watering can, while the robotic vacuum diligently clears away the salt, erasing the circle."



Some Clouds Are Heavier



*Dedicated to those who endure
suffering amidst war and
injustice, yet persist in carrying
on each day.*

Seven pieces of plexiglass
covered with a layer of
reflective foil are carried by
butter, clay, apples, clocks,
nails, beer bottles, and eggs.

The shapes of the plexiglass
are inspired by the
geographical outlines of
countries or regions currently
experiencing war or difficult
situations.

The objects beneath symbolize
the various ways and
perspectives through which
people face these challenges
and continue their daily lives.



Some Clouds Are Heavier / 2024 / Adbk München / Diplom exhibition

Exhibition view





Nagel

→ hält immer Stress aus,
aber hält trotzdem durch

Apfel

蘋果/平安 in Mandarin, meine Muttersprache
steht für Sicherheit und Familienzusammengehörigkeit.

Ton

weich ~~Zeit~~ habe
ähnlich wie man unter anhaltenden Stress steif wird

Butter schmilzt langsam von fest → flüssig
(sensitiv & fragil)

Bierflaschen

(die bei den Ausstellungseröffnungen gesammelt wurden)
→ Suchtmittel, um die Schmerzen umzogehn.

Eier

"Between a high, solid wall and an egg that
breaks against it. I will always stand on
the side of the egg." - Haruki Murakami

12 Uhren,

auf 12 unterschiedliche Zeitzonen eingestellt
→ 12 hours day and night.

waiting, counting, living.

Time is something that we all share together
Zeit ist etwas, das wir alle teilen.



The show has ended.

And the objects return to daily life.

In a world without magic, I wish we could still see them, see the pain and joy of others while living within ourselves.

Except from the butter, I will recycle and reuse all the other materials.

Please leave a message if you fancy some apple jam.



Some Clouds Are Heavier / 2024 / Adbk München / Diplom exhibition

Exhibition view

The Caravan Should Not Be Streched Out



Seven red velvet ribbons
embroidered with the text
below are tied in knots with
each other and placed at the
height of my heart.

*"No, we do not want to catch
up with anyone. What we
want to do is to go forward
all the time, night and day,
in the company of Man, in
the company of all men.
The caravan should not be
stretched out, for in that case
each line will hardly see those
who precede it; and men who
no longer recognize each other
meet less and less together,
and talk to each other less and
less."*

-The Wretched of the Earth,
Frantz Fanon, 1961

The caravan should not be stretched out,

for in that



Some of Us Are Born Luckier



Two different texts were hot-stamped on party horns:
"Some of Us Are Born Luckier"
in gold; *"I Can Bear Any Pain
as Long as It Has Meaning"* in black.

Please blow the party horn
for as long as you can in one
breath, until the messages are
clearly understood.

Visitors are warmly invited to
participate in the performance
every day at 18:00. Feel free
to take the party horn with you
after use.

(When no performance
is taking place, a video
documentation of the
performance is played on the
tablet, and the sound of party
horns can be heard through
the headphones.)



**THE
FRUIT
STORE**

SINCE 2022

"The Fruit Store" is a growing collection of works that are related to fruits both in a literal and metaphorical sense.

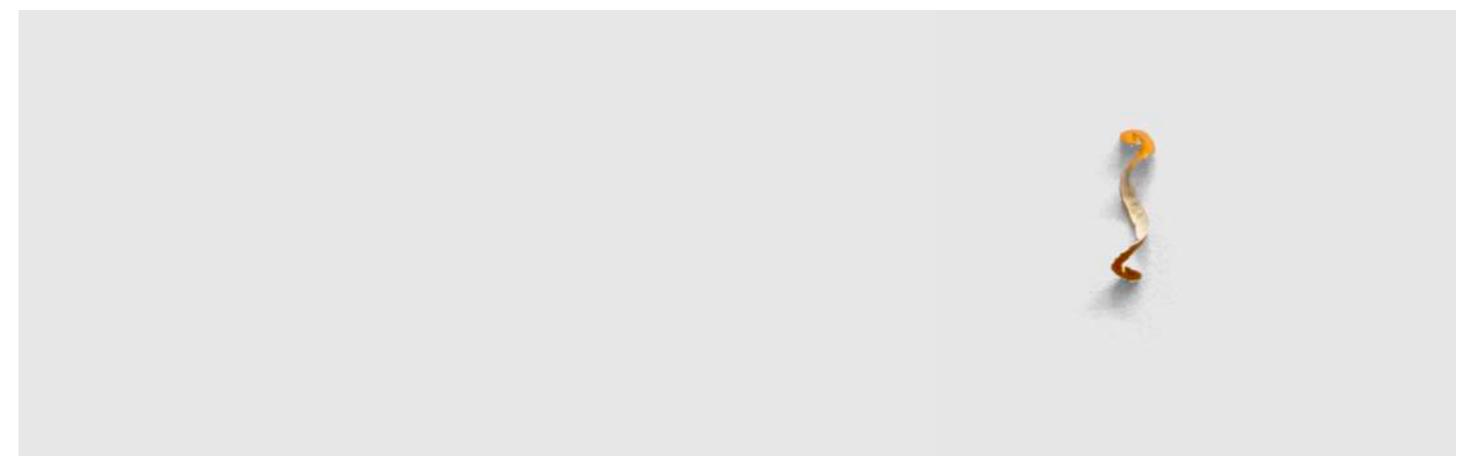
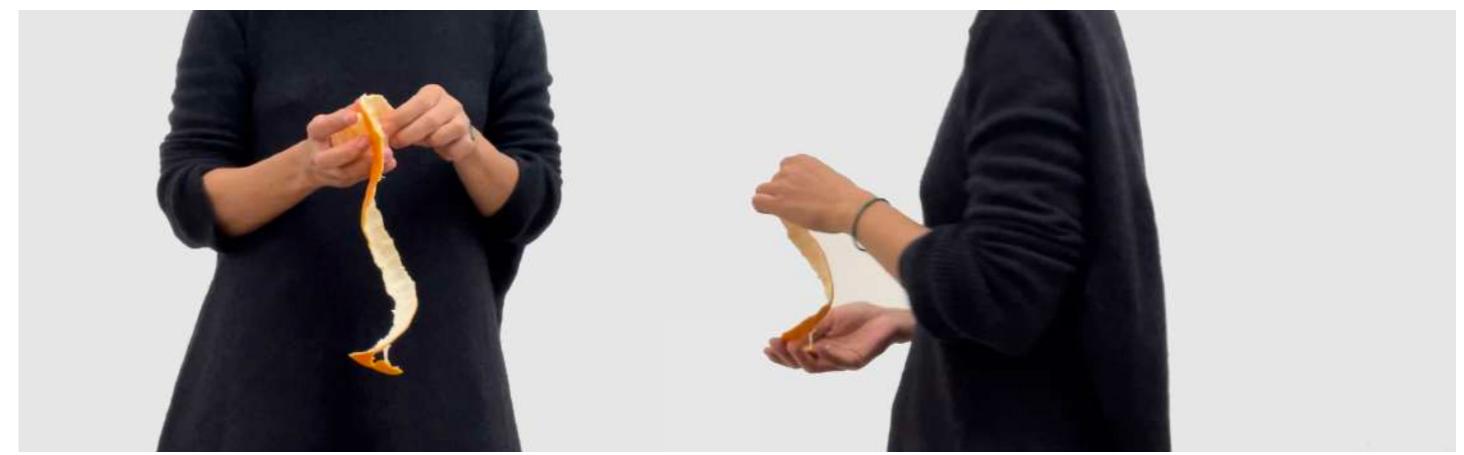
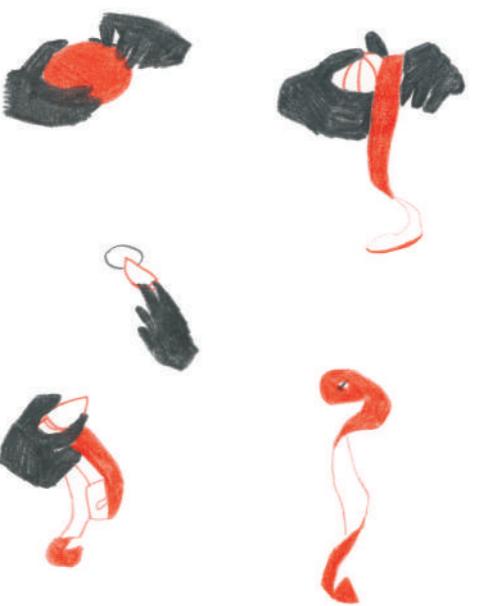
The project was inspired by my two-month stay back home in Taiwan, where I rediscovered the abundance of fruit stores that can be found everywhere. *In Taiwan, fruits are not only considered a source of sustenance for individuals, but they are also closely tied to the social and cultural fabric.* For instance, it is customary to meticulously peel and cut fruits, arranging them on platters as a gesture of hospitality to welcome guests. Additionally, during festivals, people still adhere to traditional beliefs and taboos by selecting culturally significant fruits for offerings to ancestors and deities.

Life in Europe follows a different rhythm. In this project, I reinterpret the fruits available to me in my current environment through my own experiences, layering and sometimes flipping the cultural significance of fruit imagery. I hope that with this work, I can evoke memories of fruits and everyday objects in the viewers, connect them with their own past experiences, and initiate a new dialogue.

A Short Summer Story

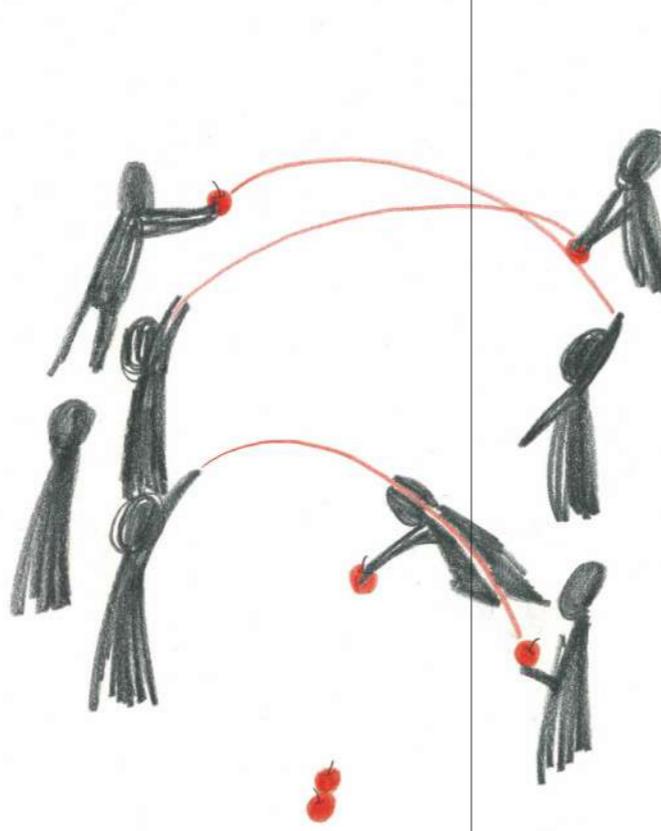
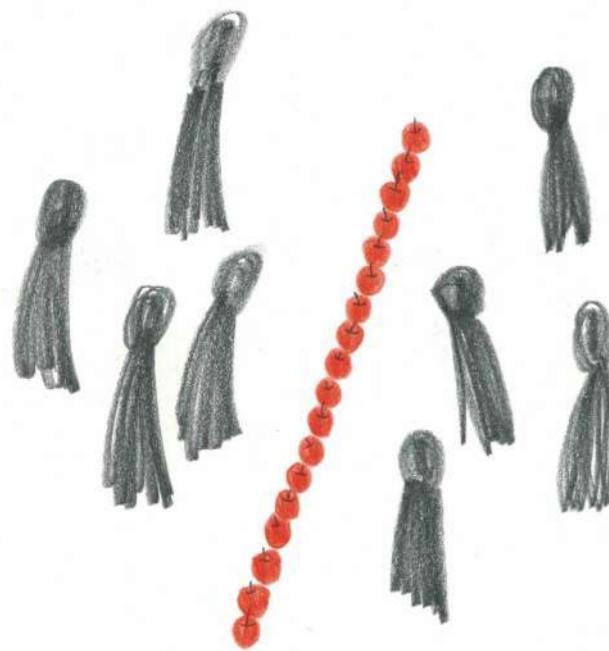


From a Dot to a Line: A Study of Clementine and Time





Draw a Line with Apples, and You



As I think of a line, I think of the becoming of it. Then there is its capability to not only separate two sides, but also to connect multiple parts.

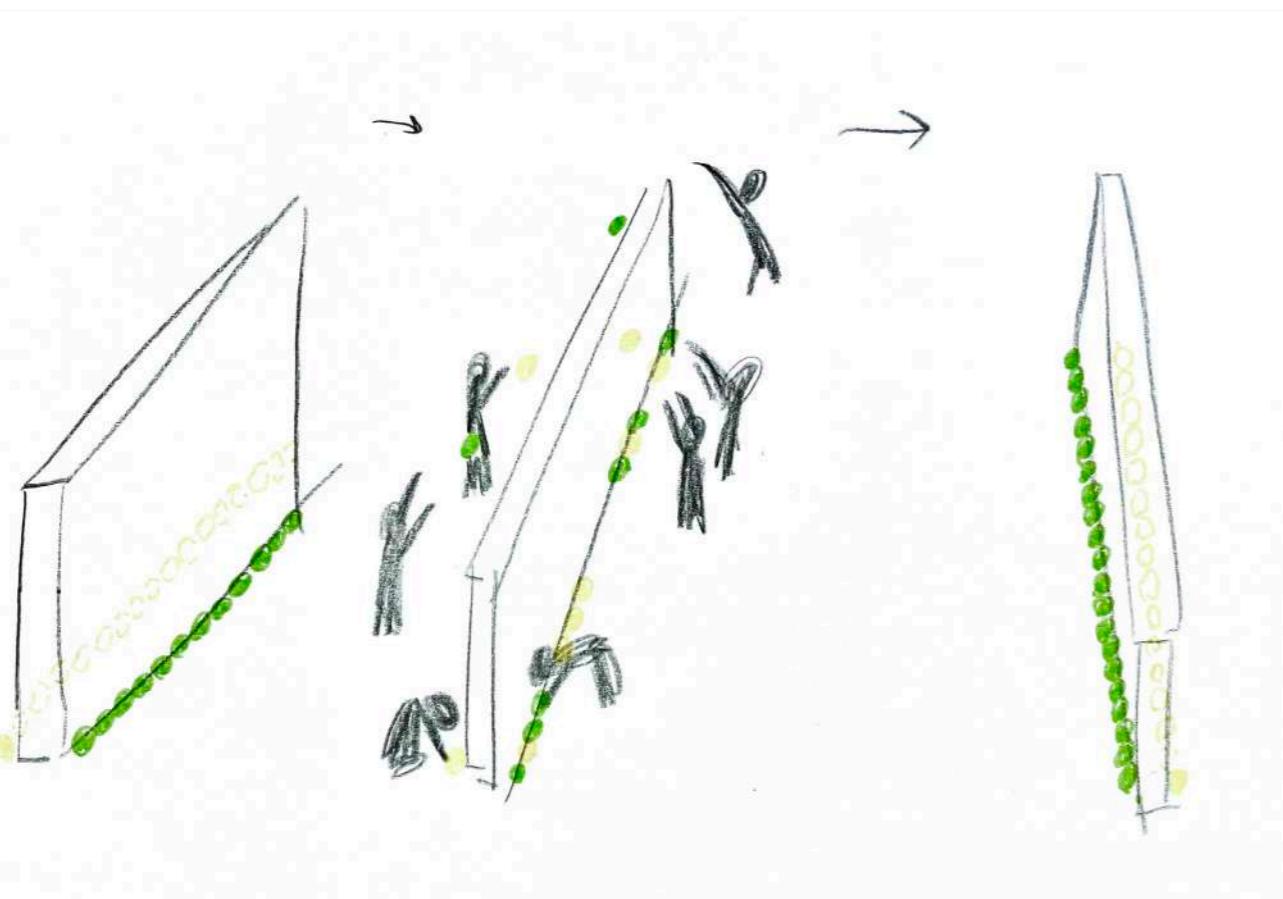
Sometimes, they happen all at once.



Dispersionen / 2023 / Galerie der HBKsaar / Group exhibition

Exhibition view

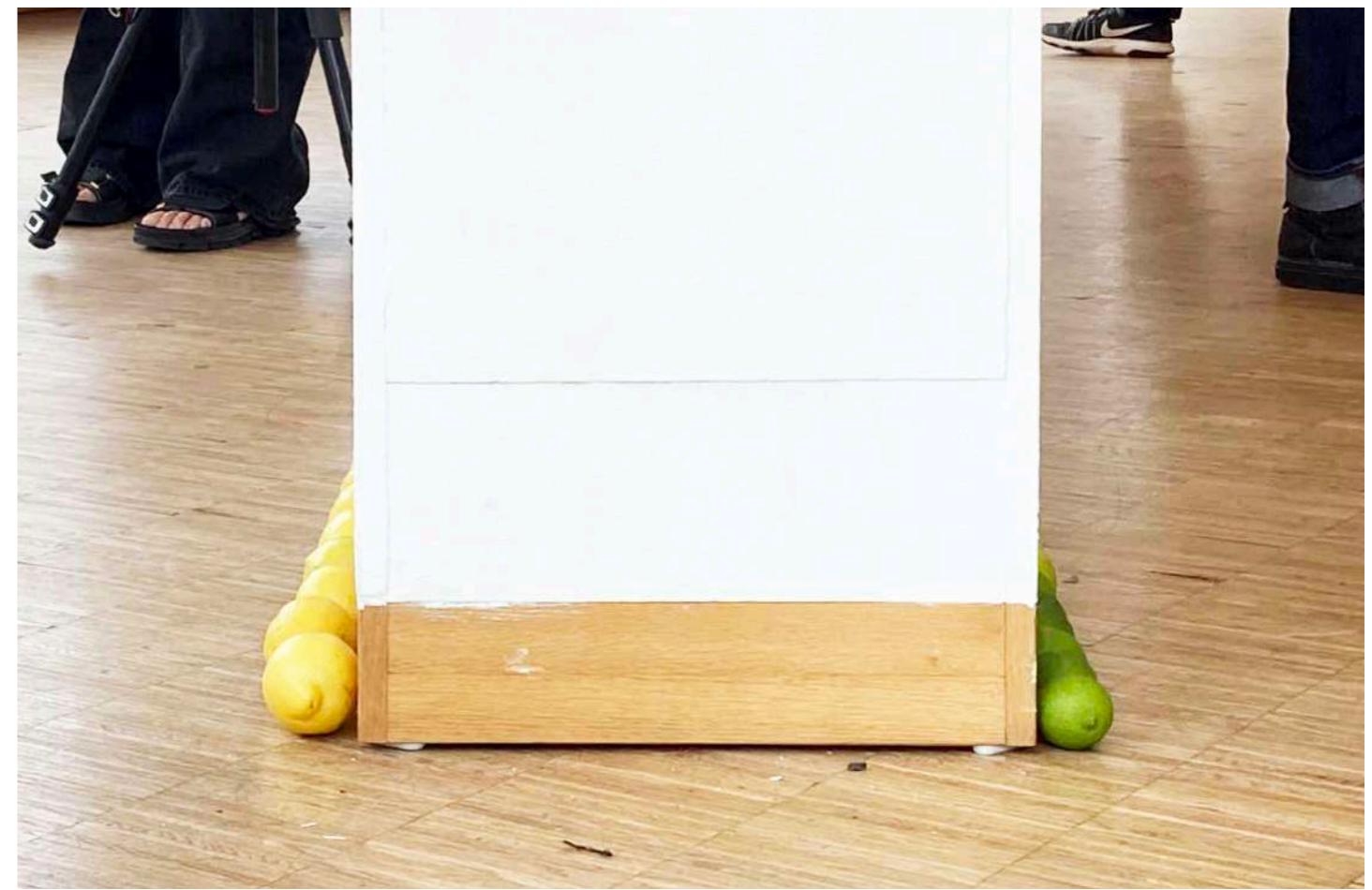
When Life Gives You a Lemon, Return a Lime



To participate in the performance please take a side of the wall, wait until you receive a lemon/lime from the other side, replace the one in your hand with one at the corner, return it to the other side.

Once the green and the yellow switch side, we stop, and move on with our lives.

*During the action there might be turbulence, please stay safe, and keep the lemons and limes away from other artworks and fragile items.



Young and Beautiful



*"Will you still love me when
I'm no longer young and
beautiful?"*

The question quoted from the popular song "Young and Beautiful" is transcribed onto a banana. The lyrics gradually become obscured and unrecognizable as the banana transitions from green to yellow, and then undergoes the natural aging process, developing brown spots and a distinct aroma. This piece is not only an object meant to be hung on the wall but can also serve as a temporary accessory for wearing.

With the passage of time, I hope to become less anxious during the process of psychological and physiological maturation.



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EDUCATION

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Fine Art
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B.A. European Languages and
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SCHOLARSHIP

2023
STIBET Scholarship for
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German Academic Exchange
Service (DAAD)
Germany

2022
Scholarship for foreign
students from the Bavarian
State Ministry of Science and
the Arts
Bavaria, Germany

PROJECT IN PUBLIC SPACE AND THEATER

2024
Go On Again_Werke von
Leonard Berstein und Paul
Ben-Haim
Artist intervention with Sumire
Sakuma/ University of Music
and Theatre Munich/ Ben-
Haim-Forschungszentrum der
HMTM
Reaktorhalle
Munich, Germany

2020
Distantial Pain
Performance with Paula Niño
Englischer Garten
Munich, German

SOLO EXHIBITION

2024
Some Clouds Are Heavier
Graduation exhibition
Academy of Fine Arts Munich
Munich, Germany

DUO / COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION

2022
Silent Running
with Paula Niño and Caroline
Kretschmer
Super+Centercourt
Munich, Germany

2021
By This Time Tomorrow
with Paula Niño
Super+Centercourt
Munich, Germany

2021
The Box is Present
with Paula Niño
No Depression Room
Munich, Germany

2019
Liebling, ich habe die Bilder
geschrumpft
Super+Centercourt
Munich, Germany

2023
Annual exhibition
Academie of Fine Arts Munich
Munich, Germany

GROUP EXHIBITION (SELECTED)

2024
Fremde, Die Sich Am Besten
Kennen
Galerie der Künstlerinnen
Munich

2023
Dispersionen
Galerie der HBKsaar
Saarbrücken, Germany

2023
Lines
Kunstverein Ebersberg
Ebersberg, Germany

2023
Annual exhibition
Academie of Fine Arts Munich
Munich, Germany

2022
Allerbeste Aussichten
Paul Ege Art Collection
Freiburg, Germany

2022
Auf der Suche
DG Kunstraum
Munich, Germany

2022
Auf der Suche
AkademieGalerie
Munich, Germany

2021
Touch Away
Online-exhibition curated by
Carolina Pérez Pallares and
Benjamin Appel
Santiago, Chile

2019
Liebling, ich habe die Bilder
geschrumpft
Super+Centercourt
Munich, Germany

2023
Annual exhibition
Academie of Fine Arts Munich
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