

CHENG-HSIN CHIANG

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PORTFOLIO

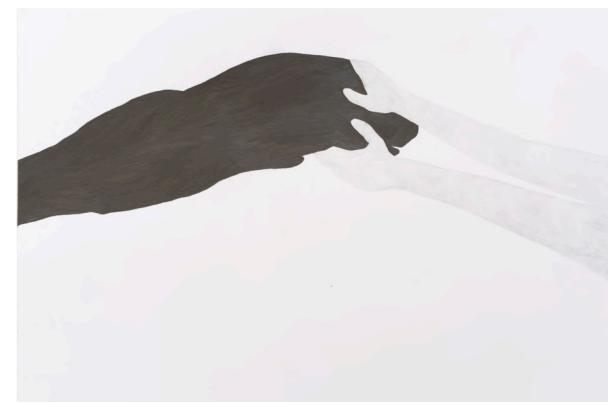
With a background in ethnology and literature, my working process usually commences with gathering. I collect poems, words, sentences, everyday items, and elements from nature. Through drawings, performances, and especially through arrangements of objects and experimental installations, I aim to initiate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

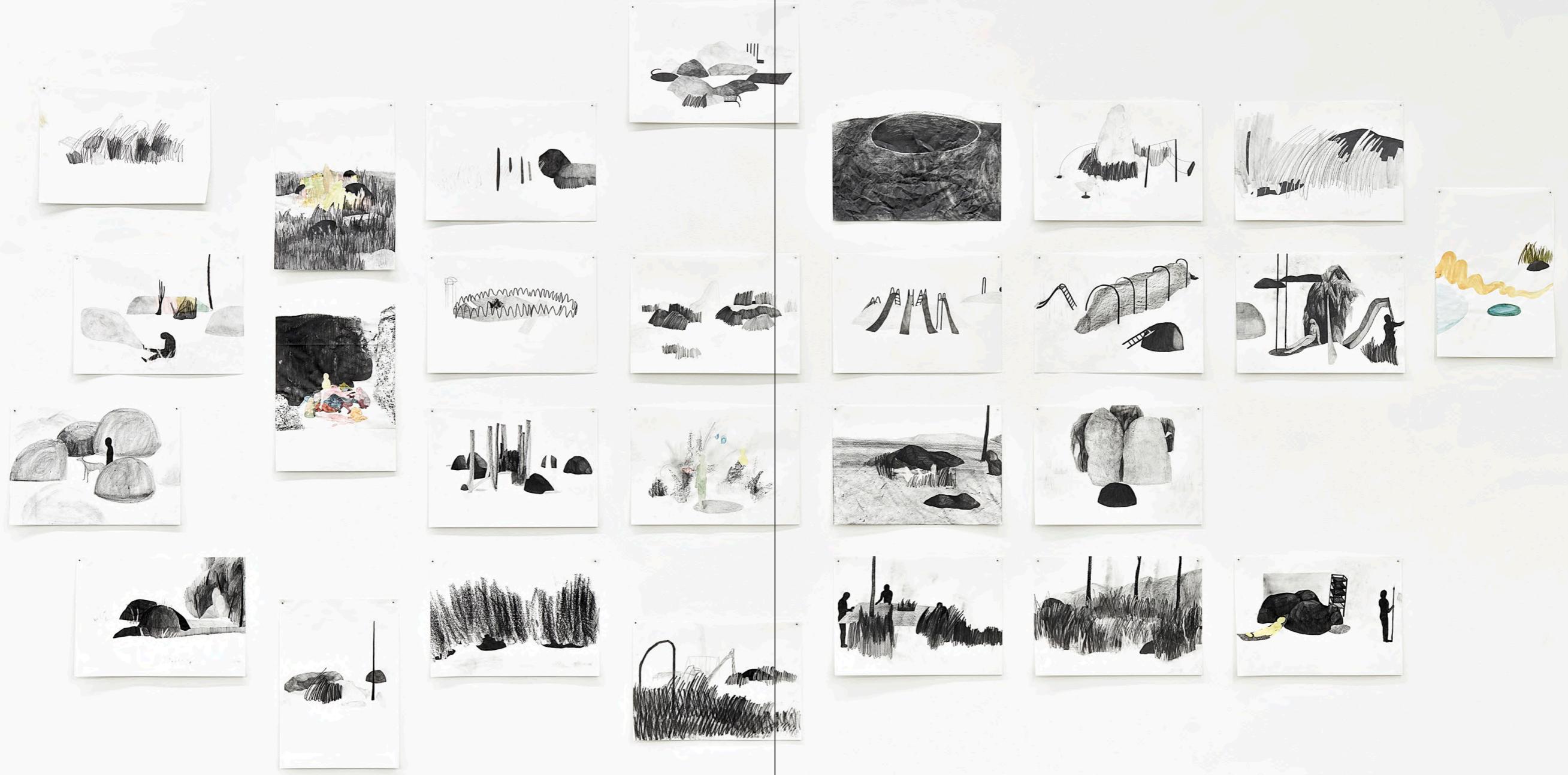
Across all my works, I consistently explore balance between inner and outer realms. I endeavor to draw nearer to myself amidst the ever-shifting balance of movement and stillness, and then try to translate this essence.

**WHERE THE
HIDDEN RIVER
RUNS**

Everybody Says Goodbye



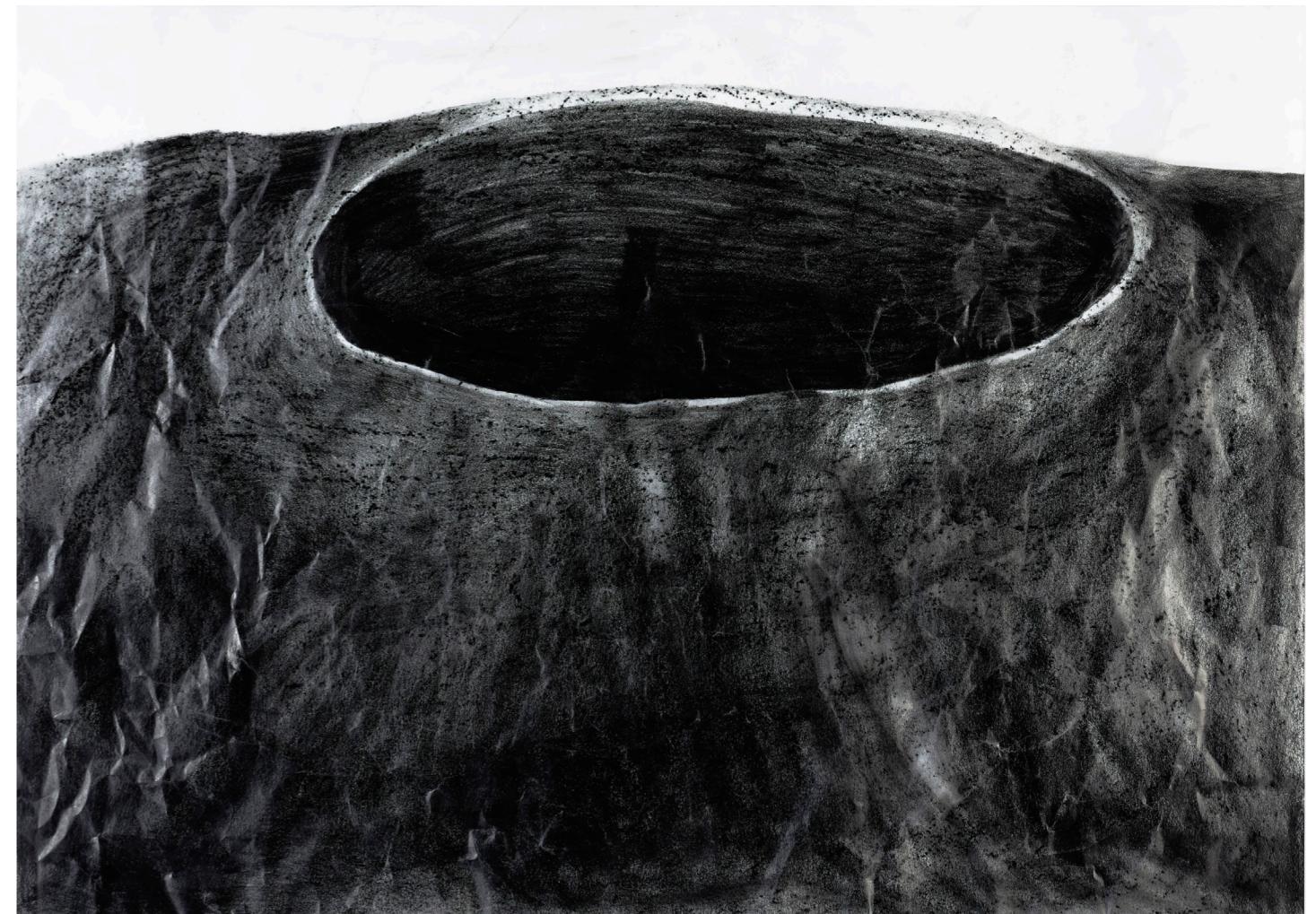
Pencil on paper, 43x61cm each

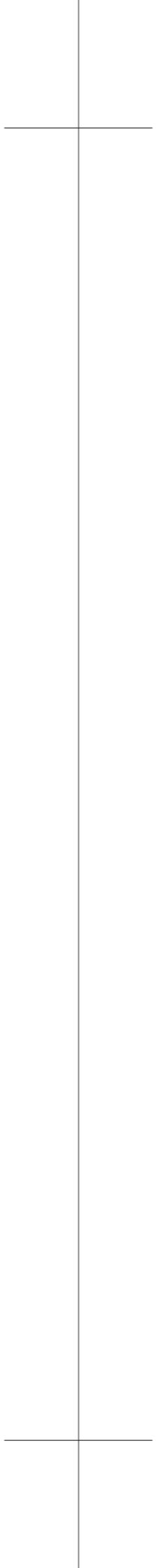












DAILY COLLECTION

SINCE 2020



Separation
onions/ Net bag



A Meeting of Four
Glass/ Teaspoons



We'll Talk About It Later
Forks



Argument
Backing paper/ Clips



An Office Letter
Used staples



Unbroken
Pencil on paper



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



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



Helping Hands
Acrylics on Lunchbox



The Edges
Pencil on eggshell



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



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**

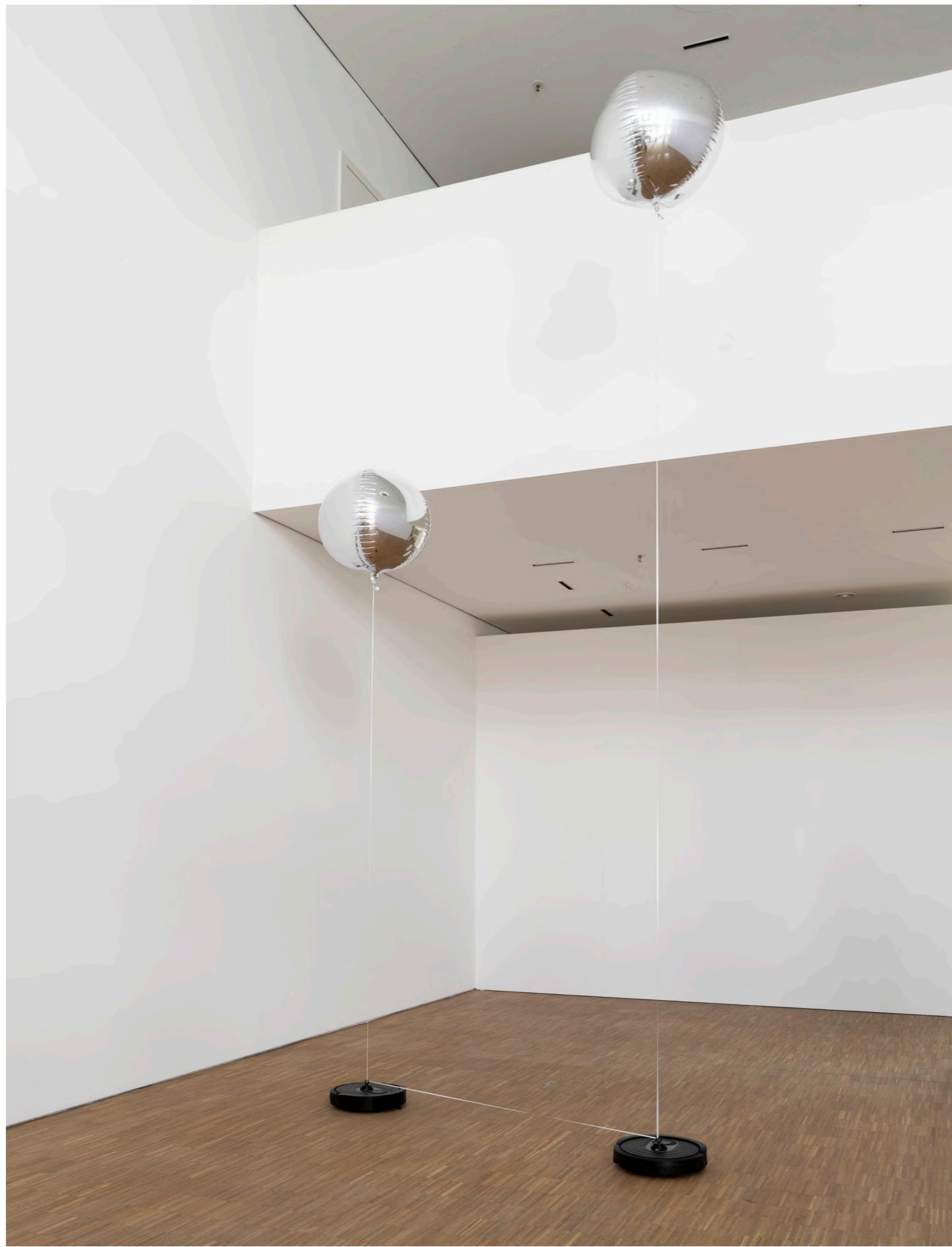


Distantial Pain



We utilize the widely recognized play equipment of the Hula-Hoop 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 hoop, thereby ensuring the distance between ourselves and others. As we move with the Hula-Hoop 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.

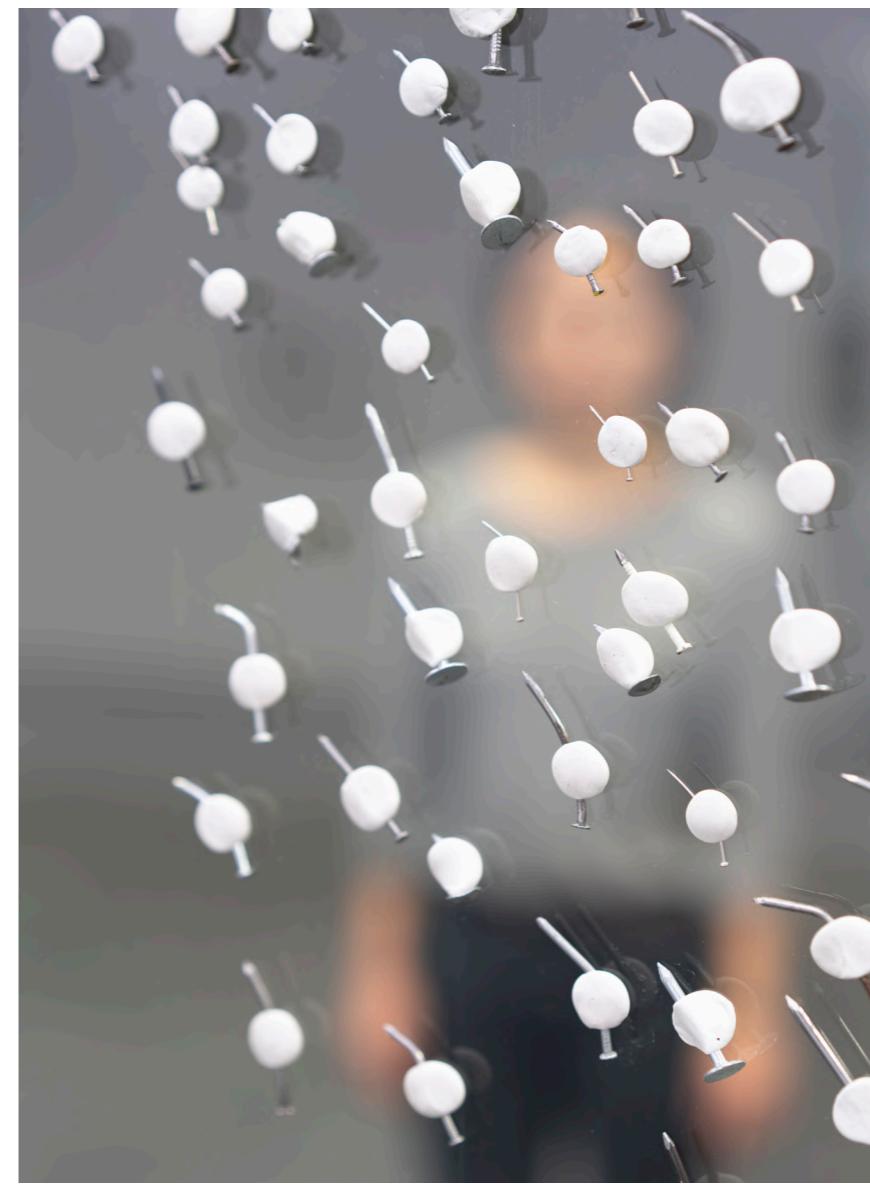
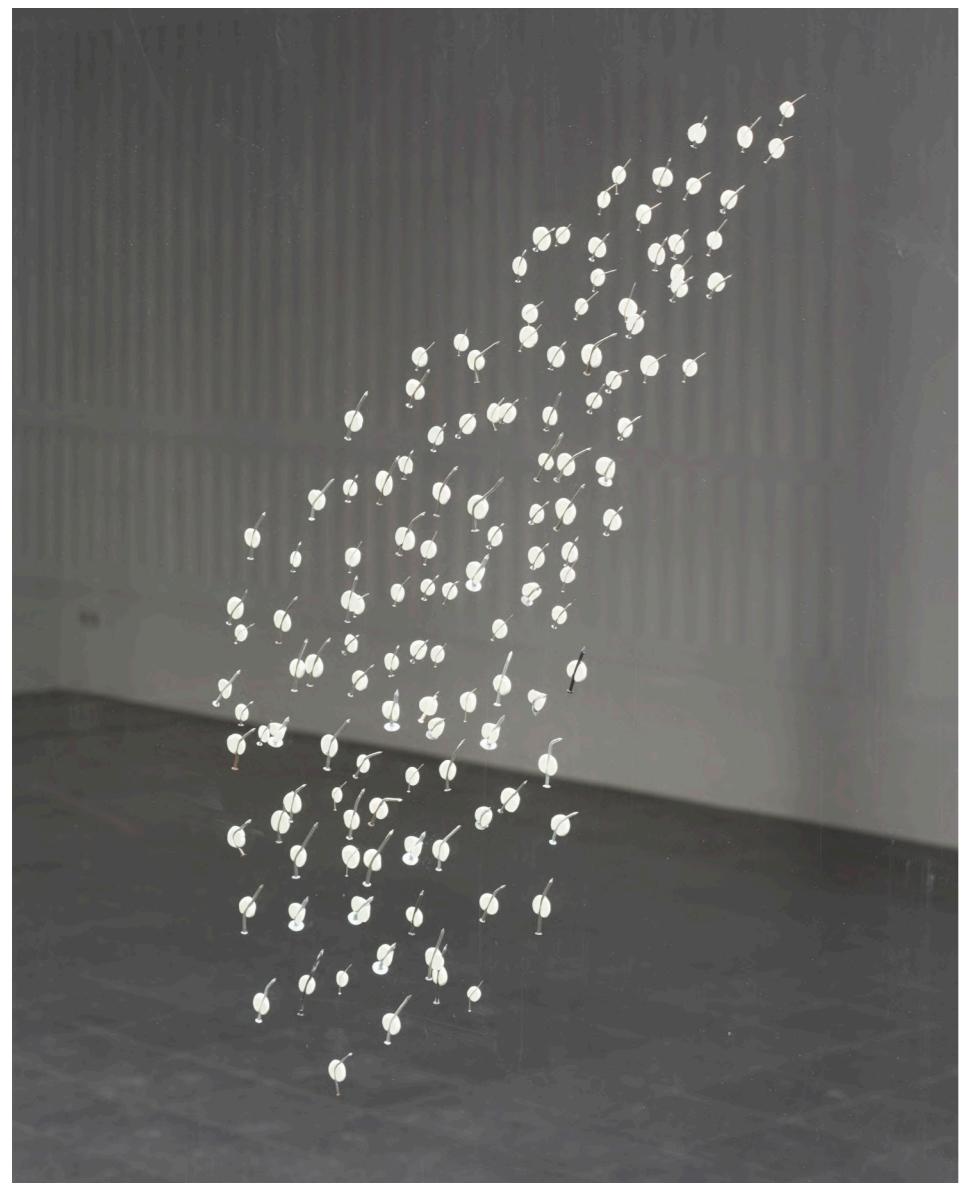
Twin Flames

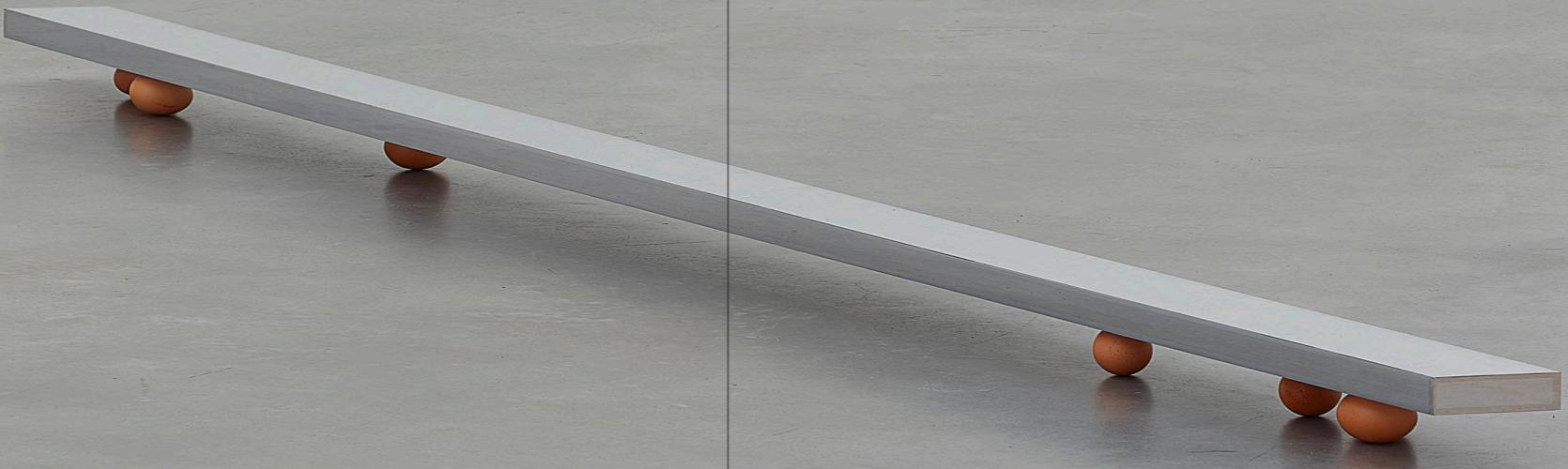


"Twin Flames" is an installation composed of two robot vacuum cleaners, each equipped with a hook through which a thin cord is threaded, with the intention of connecting both devices. At the ends of the cord are two balloons made of mirrored foil filled with helium. While the robots explore the space 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.

Important Is, That You Always Have Somewhere to Go





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.



Exhibition view

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.



Performance/ Opening evening



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.

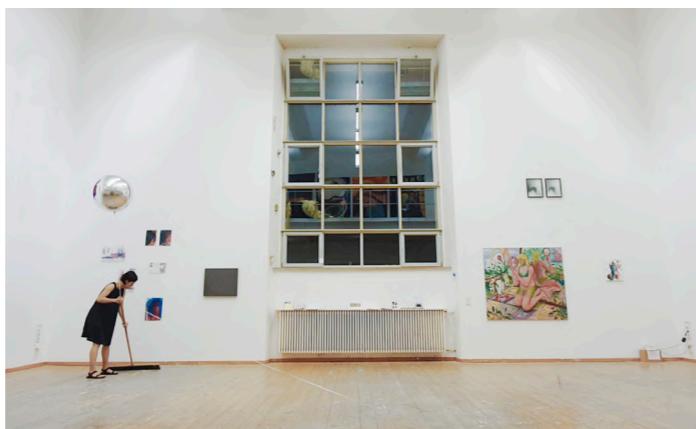
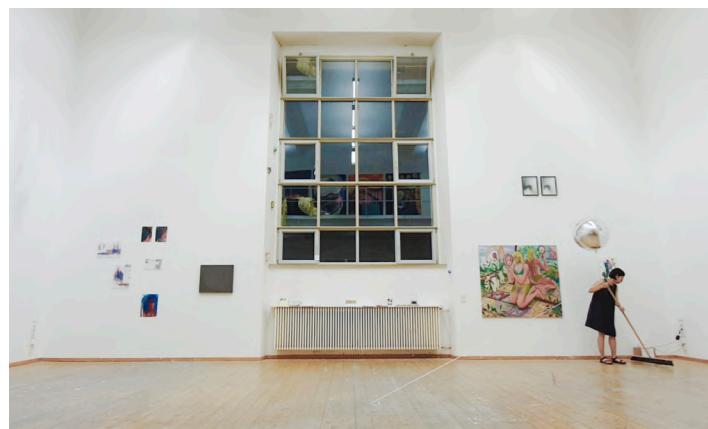
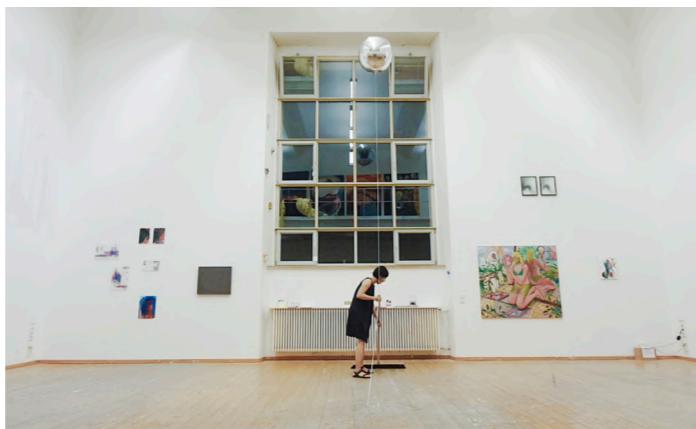
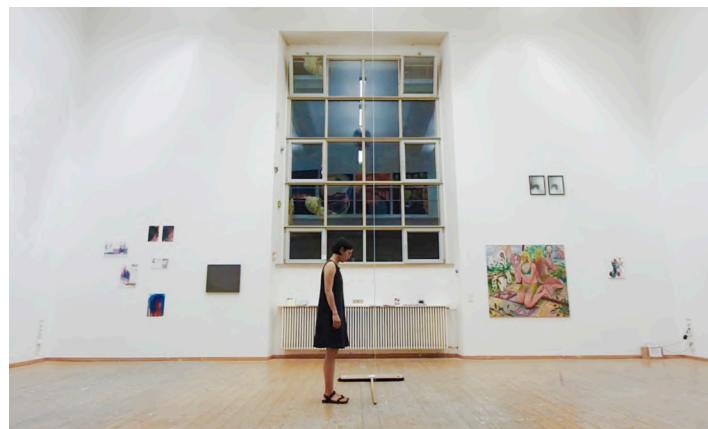
A helium-filled balloon with a diameter of 60 cm corresponds to about 47.65g of salt.

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."

**THE
FRUIT
STORE**

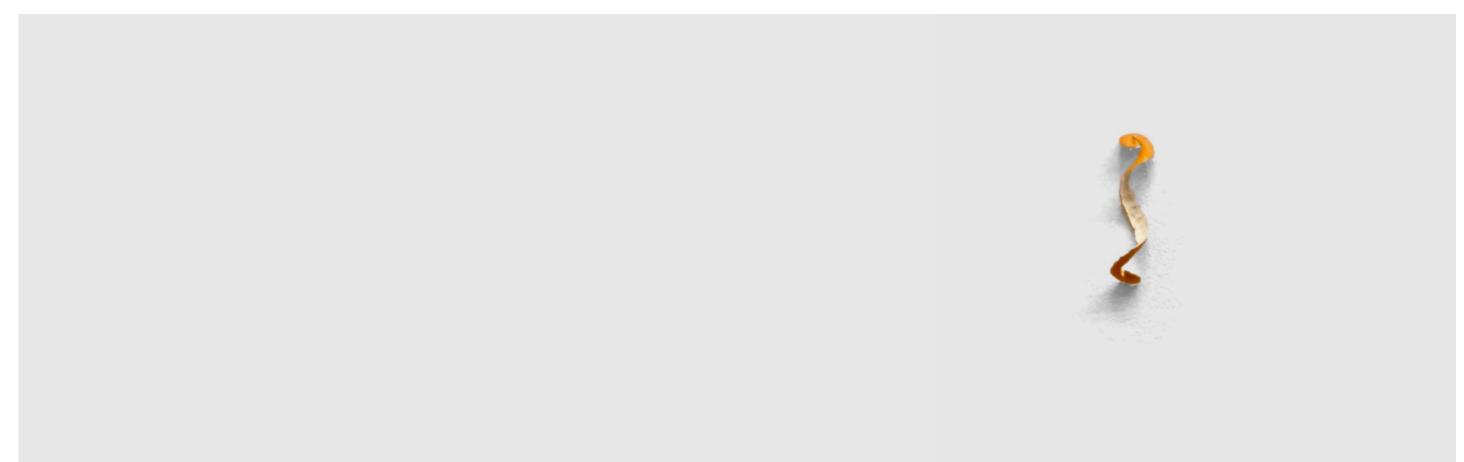
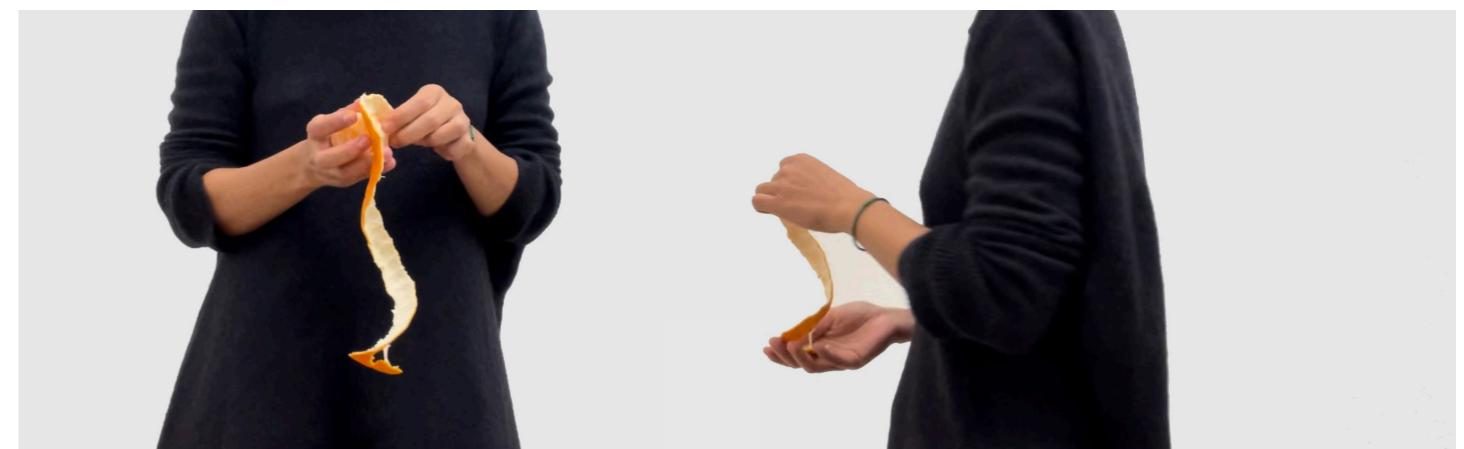
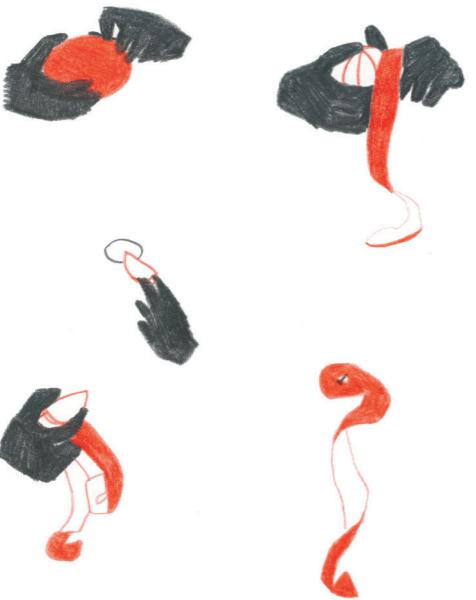
SINCE 2022

"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.

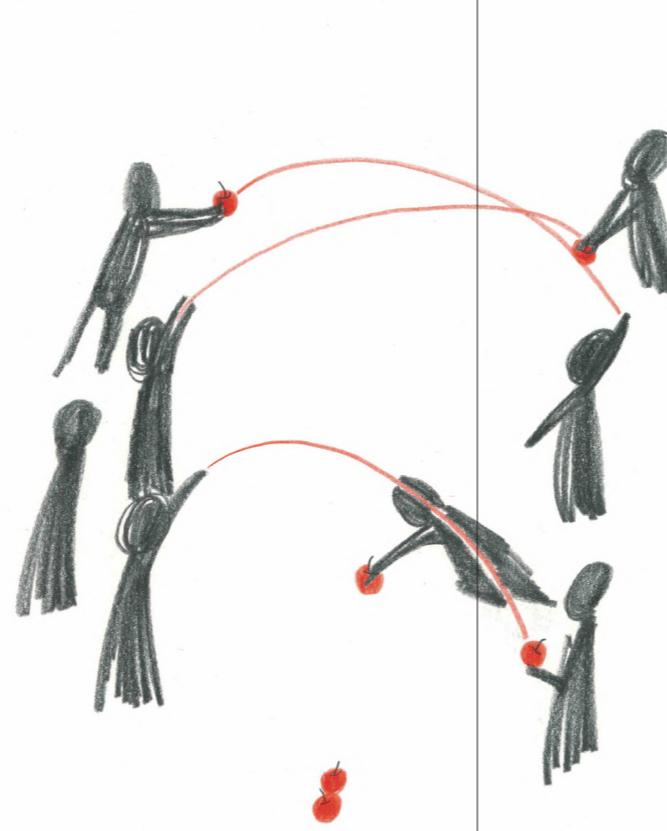
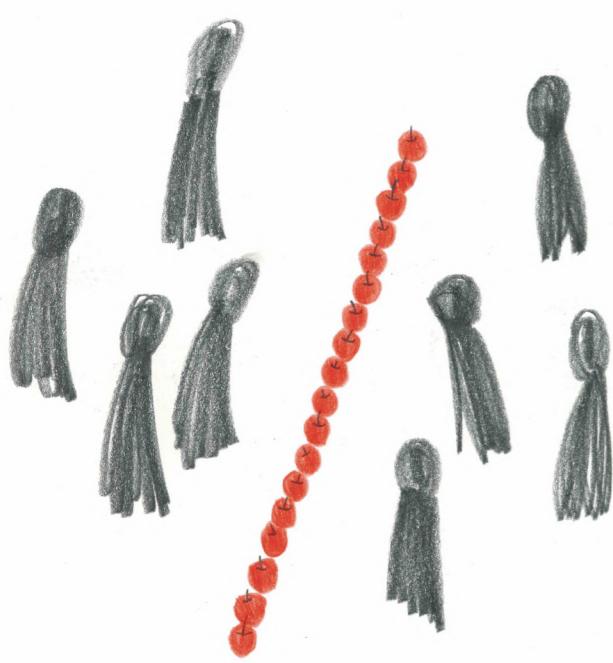
From a Dot to a Line: A Study of Clementine and Time





Exhibition view

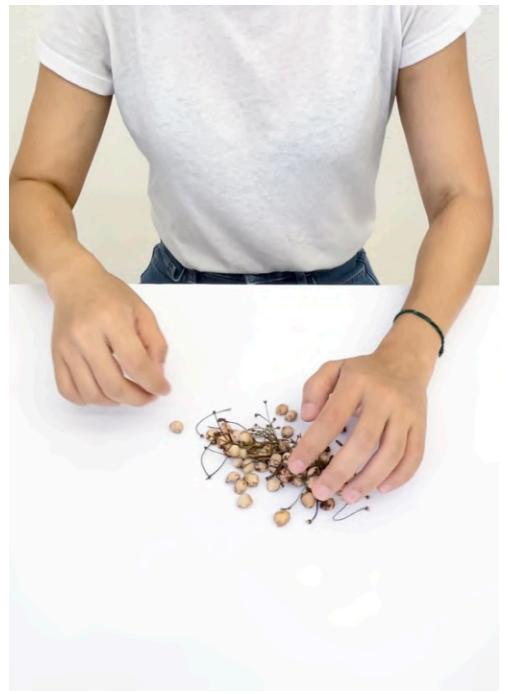
Draw a Line with Apples, and You



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

Sometimes, they happen all at once.

A Short Summer Story





Dispersionen / 2023 / Galerie der HBKsaar / Group exhibition

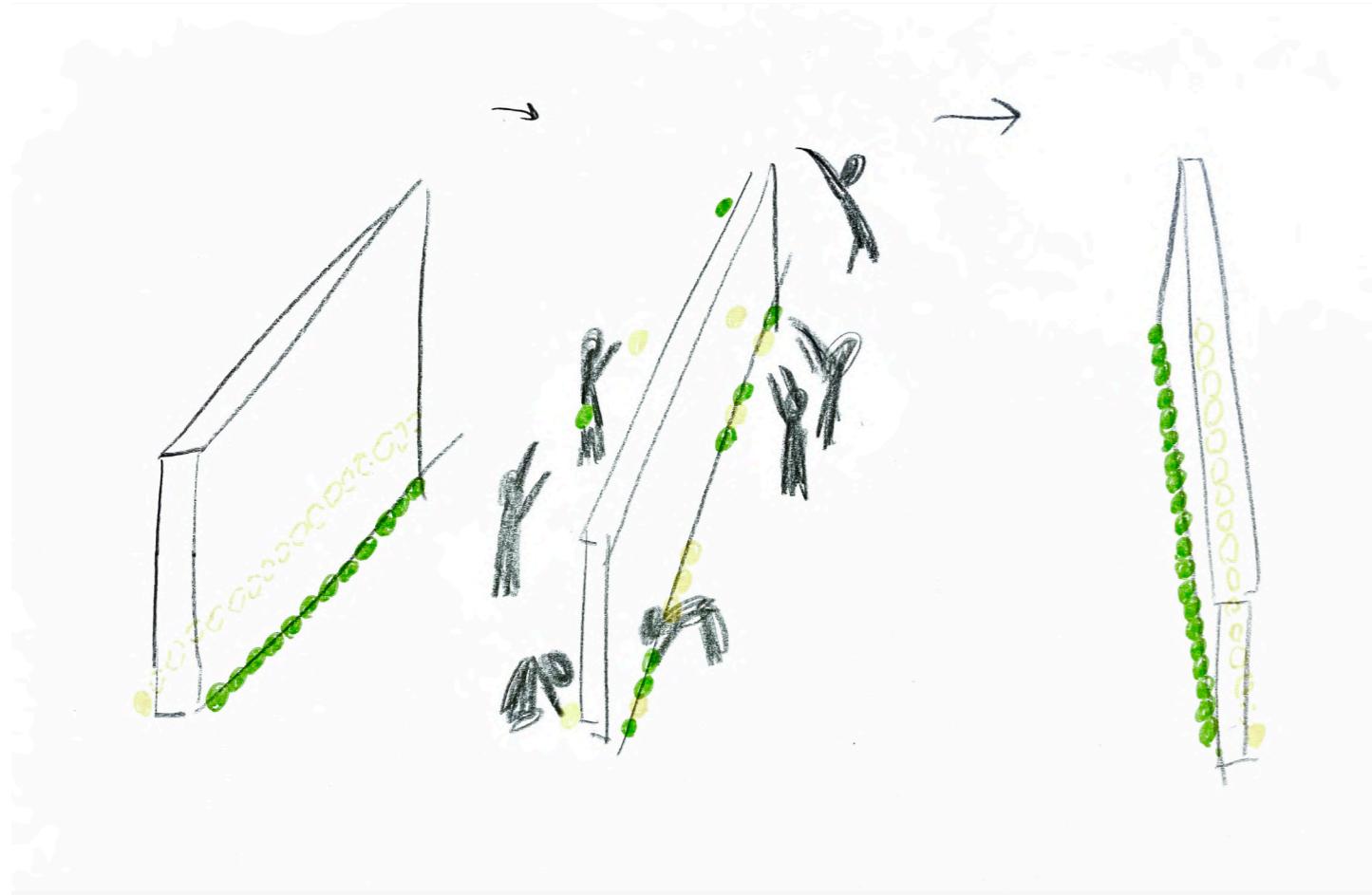
Exhibition view

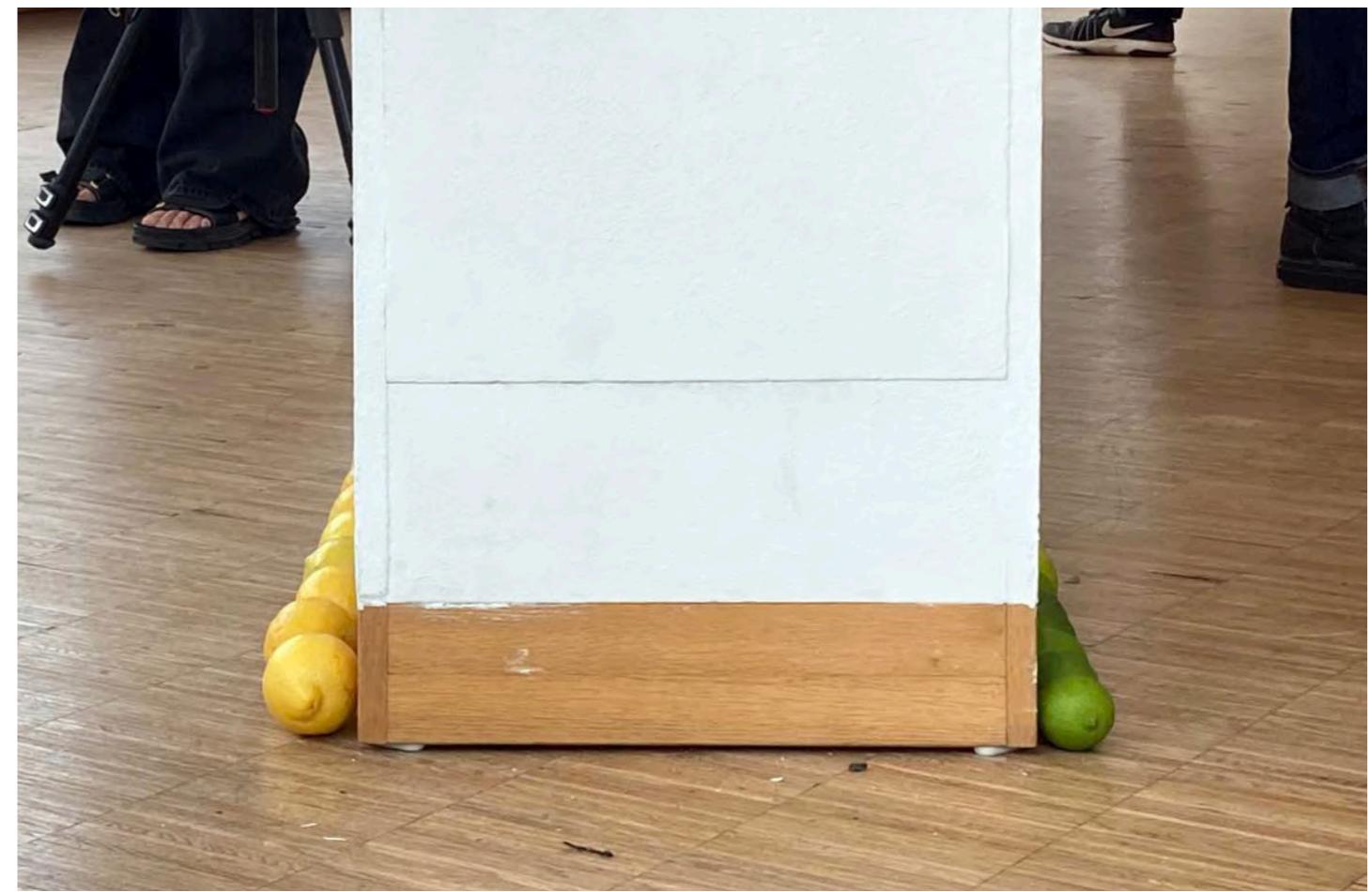
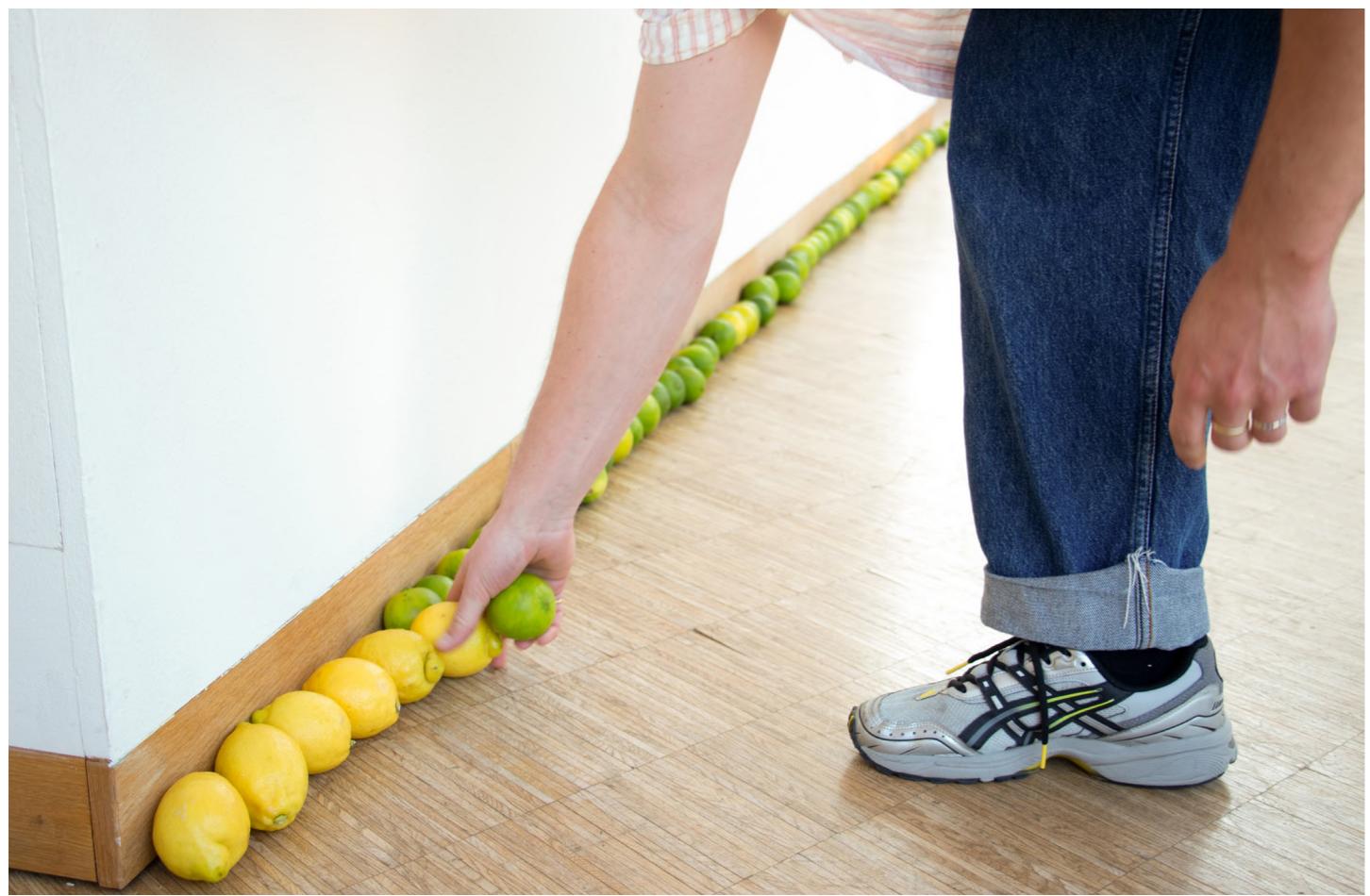
When Life Gives You a Lemon, Return a Lime

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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PROJECT IN PUBLIC SPACE

2020
Distantial Pain (Performance) /
with Paula Niño /
Englischer Garten /
Munich, Germany

**GROUP EXHIBITION
(SELECTED)**

2023
Dispersionen /
Galerie der HBKsaar /
Saarbrücken, Germany

EDUCATION

2020- 02.2024
Fine Art /
Prof. Schirin Kretschmann /
Academie of Fine Arts Munich /
Munich, Germany

2017- 2020
Fine Art /
Prof. Axel Kasseböhmer (+) /
Academie of Fine Arts Munich /
Munich, Germany

2011- 2015
B.A. European Languages and
Cultures / Ethnology /
National Chengchi University /
Taipei, Taiwan

SCHOLARSHIP

2022
Stipendium für ausländische
Studierende des Bayerischen
Staatministeriums für
Wissenschaft und Kunst /
Bavaria, 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

2023
Lines /
Kunstverein Ebersberg /
Ebersberg, Germany

2022
Allerbester 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

2018
Annual exhibition /
Academie of Fine Arts Munich /
Munich, Germany

