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LIZ NIELSEN



Liz Nielsen (b. Ashland, WI 1975) is an experimental photographer who explores the boundaries of photography beyond traditional representation or documentary form. Her analog photographs are made without a camera and can be described as light paintings. They are created using a technique developed over the years through experimentation. The works are produced in an analog color darkroom, exposing light sensitive paper and processing it through traditional photographic chemicals, often layering dozens of exposures in a single work.

Her work is about harnessing photography's incredible power to shape space and collapse time, merging a multiplicity of realities into a finite yet dynamic form. Each photograph is unique and ranges in size from 8" x 8" to 100" x 100". Nielsen's

imagined forests, totems, moons, and other forms bring to mind Georgia O'Keeffe's quote that "I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way - things I had no words for."

Nielsen's photographs have been featured at international art fairs such as Paris Photo, Photo London, AIPAD New York, Unseen Amsterdam, and Landskrona Foto in Sweden. Nielsen's works have been reviewed in Artforum, The Wall Street Journal, The New Yorker, The London Financial Times, The British Journal of Photography, The New York Times, LensCulture, FOAM Magazine, and ArtSlant, among others.

The artist lives and works in Brooklyn and Newburgh, NY. She received an MFA from the University of Illinois, Chicago in 2004, her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2002, and her BA in Philosophy and Spanish from Seattle University in 1997.

Nielsen has had residencies at the McColl Center for Arts + Innovation, Charlotte, NC (2020), and the Budapest Art Factory, Budapest, Hungary (2016). She was a finalist for the Meijburg Art Prize at Unseen, Amsterdam (2019).

Nielsen has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions nationally and internationally, including the Dorsky Museum, New Paltz, NY (2021), Landskrona Foto, Public Art Installation, Landskrona, Sweden (2020), Virginia Commonwealth University, Doha, Qatar (2020), Mai Manó Ház, Budapest, Hungary (2019).

EDUCATION

- 2004 MFA, University of Illinois at Chicago, Photography
 2022 BFA, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 1998 BA, Seattle University, Philosophy and Spanish

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Forcefield*, a public art installation presented by Strongroom at the Dutch Reformed Church, Newburgh, NY
 2022 *Edge of Forever*, Miles McEnery, New York, NY
 2022 *Apparitions*, Black Box Projects, London, UK
 2022 *Electric Romance*, 12.26, in collaboration with SOCO Gallery, Dallas, TX
 2022 *Rolling Aura*, David B. Smith, Denver, CO
 2021 *I like to Imagine You're in a Place Like This*, Over The Influence, Los Angeles, CA
 2021 *Spooky Action*, Art Austerlitz, Austerlitz, NY
 2020 *Triangle Moon*, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC
 2020 *Small Works*, London, Black Box Projects, London, UK
 2019 *Entanglement*, Horizont Galeria, Budapest, Hungary
 2019 *The Arrival*, Black Box Projects, Mayfair, London
 2018 *HotSpots*, Danziger Gallery, New York, NY
 2018 Paul Smith Design in collaboration with Black Box Projects, London, UK
 2018 *Tracing the Azimuth*, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC
 2017 *Unseen Amsterdam* with Danziger Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
 2017 Photo London with NextLevel Galerie, London, UK
 2017 *Force Fields*, Next Level Galerie Paris, France
 2017 *Entanglement*, Horizont Galeria Budapest, Hungary
 2016 *The Medium*, Danziger Gallery, New York, NY
 2015 *Night Garden*, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC
 2015 *Wolf Moon*, Denny Dimin Gallery, New York, NY
 2015 *Magic Lantern*, Laurence Miller Gallery, New York, NY
 2013 *Blue Shifts*, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen, MI
 2013 *Tiger Teeth: Red Light*, Benrimon Contemporary, New York, NY
 2005 *New Work*, Lisa Boyle Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *300 Days of Sun*, Hexton Gallery, Aspen, CO
 2021 *Who Really Cares*, Dorsky Museum, curated by Helen Toomer, New Paltz, NY
 2021 *Paris Photo*, Over the Influence, Paris, FR
 2021 *Why I make Art*, curated by Brian Alfred, Miles McEnery, New York, NY
 2021 *She's at the Hudson*, ArtSuite in collaboration with SOCO Gallery, Raleigh, NC
 2021 *Photo London* with Black Box Projects, London, UK
 2021 *Time Lapse*, Fridman Gallery, Beacon, NY
 2021 *Signs of Spring*, Black Box Projects, London, UK
 2021 *All Out / All In*, Wassaic Project, curated by Will Hutnick, Wassaic, NY
 2021 *Only Connect*, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL
 2020 *Landskrona Foto*, Public Art Installation, 12 billboards, Landskrona, Sweden
 2020 *Untitled Miami, Booth B4*, David B. Smith, Denver, CO
 2020 *Photo London*, Black Box Projects, London, UK
 2020 *Magic Edge*, Troutbeck, curated by Michelle Tillou & Andy Cross, Amenia, NY
 2020 *Coming Soon*, Austerlitz Historical Society curated by Ryan Turley, Austerlitz, NY
 2020 *Color Lab*, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar, curated by Melanie McClintock Doha, Qatar
 2020 *Adorned*, McColl Center for Arts and Innovation, Charlotte, NC
 2020 *Empathy Fatigue*, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL
 2019 *Untitled Miami*, Danziger Gallery, Miami, FL
 2019 *Nasty Women Amsterdam*, #TeamFemke, Amsterdam
 2019 *A Boreal Nap*, The Lot, curated by Annie Ewaskio, Brooklyn, NY
 2019 *Fundamentals*, Black Box Projects, London

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- 2019 *SHE*, Elizabeth Houston Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 Parallel Vienna Horizont Galeria, Austria
- 2019 *TOBE Galeria*, Lake Balaton, Hungary
- 2019 *Unseen Amsterdam*, Black Box Projects, Amsterdam
- 2019 *Colours*, Mai Manó Ház, Budapest, Hungary
- 2019 *Painting with Light*, Yossi Milo, New York, NY
- 2018 *Group Show*, Artfare Launch, New York, NY
- 2018 *Works in Process*, Photographers Gallery, London
- 2018 *Art Crush*, Aspen Art Museum courtesy of SOCO Gallery, Aspen, CO
- 2018 *Let There Be Light*, Angell Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 *Underwater Mountains*, 2 person exhibition, David Smith Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2018 *Launch Exhibition*, 2 person exhibition, Black Box Projects, London
- 2018 *Pulse Miami* with Danziger Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2017 *Eddy's Room*, Usable Space Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2017 *Winter Song*, NextLevel Galerie, Paris, France
- 2017 *Painters and Photographers*, Providence College, curated by Jamilee Polson, Providence, Rhode Island
- 2017 *PARIS PHOTO* with NextLevel Galerie, France
- 2017 *Women In Color: Women and Color Photography*, Rubber Factory, curated by Ellen Carey, New York, NY

RESIDENCIES, AWARDS, & GRANTS

- 2020 Artist in Residence, McColl Center for Arts + Innovation, Charlotte, NC
- 2019 Finalist for the Meijburg Art Prize, Unseen, Amsterdam
- 2016 Artist in Residence, Budapest Art Factory, Budapest, Hungary
- 2016 Orange County Arts Council Relocation Grant, Newburgh, NY
- 2005 CAAP Grant, Chicago, IL

VISITING ARTIST LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

- 2021 Photo London, interview with W.M. Hunt
- 2021 University of Illinois, Chicago, IL
- 2021 Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY
- 2021 The Photographer's Gallery
- 2020 Orange County Arts Council
- 2020 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2020 VCU Qatar, Doha, Qatar
- 2020 McColl Center, Charlotte, NC
- 2020 Pratt School of Art, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 Penumbra Foundation, New York, NY
- 2019 School of Visual Arts, NY Photo Salon, New York, NY
- 2018 SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 2017 International Center of Photography, Teen Academy, NYC
- 2017 Unseen Living Room, Amsterdam
- 2016 Knockdown Center, Brooklyn
- 2016 Penn State, State College, PA
- 2016 Sirius Art Center, Cobh, Ireland

FASHION & DESIGN COLLABORATIONS

- 2021 Schumacher Wallpaper design collection with Peg Norriss Hermès France, Illustration for internal event in Luxembourg
- 2021 Hermès France, Illustration for internal event at the Centre Pompidou Fujifilm, Amsterdam
- 2021 PSONE, Fashion Photography and 2D Art camps for teens, China
- 2021 Google, Canvas Project
- 2018 Paul Smith Design (with Black Box Projects) Mayfair, London
- 2017 Hermès Parfumerie (with art director Cory Jacobs), NYC Refinery 29, NYC
- 2016 Stevan Alan, Chelsea, NYC

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