

Isabelle Wenzel Germany b. 1982



Red, Blue, Yellow, 2015, Matt Fine Art Print, 230g, 2 of 5 + 2AP

Isabelle Wenzel Biography

Isabelle Wenzel studied to be a photographer/artist, but is also a trained acrobat. Usually, she sets her own body before the camera. Within the seconds that the self-timer allows her, she assumes an impossible position and continues to hold it until the camera has clicked.

The central focus of the photographs of Isabelle Wenzel is the body as a physical form, rather than people themselves. By making a photograph, she freezes a pose in time as it were, and in doing so draws attention to the sculptural qualities of the body. In order to achieve a certain image, the manoeuvres need to be carried out repeatedly. In this way, Wenzel does her own little experimental performance in front of the camera, which captures it for us in 'frozen' form as a photograph.

Isabelle Wenzel's works have been exhibited in the Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam; the Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen; FOAM Amsterdam, Metro Hall, Toronto and Museum Het Valkhof, Nijmegen. In addition, Isabelle Wenzel has participated in numerous fairs including Art Rotterdam; Unseen; Contemporary Art Ruhr, PAN, and the Brighton Photo Biennial.

Education

- 2010 BFA, Photography, Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2008 BFA, Photography, University of Applied Sciences, Bielfeld, Germany

Selected Collections

- FOAM Fotografiemuseum, Amsterdam
- VU Medical Center, Amsterdam
- ENECO Kunstcollectie
- SBK Kunstcollectie Ymere and Galerie, Amsterdam;
- Collectie Kunstvijver, Nijmegen

Publications

- 2017 Girl on Girl: Art and photography in the age of the female gaze. Book by Charlotte Jansen, Laurence King Publishing London, UK.
- 2015 Paper strips 40 times: performing the office, artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel (edition of 50), self-published.
- 2014 Positions artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel (edition of 50), self-published
- 2013 10 seconds artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel, self-published.
- 2012 Figures / Models, artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel, self-published.
SPBH Monographs artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel, Ubyu Books, London GB.
- 2011 Color Cocktail artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel, self-published.

You can't stop me now - sketchbook, artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel, self- published.

2010 You can't stop me now - catalogue, artist publication by Isabelle Wenzel, self-published.

Selected Solo & Group Exhibitions

- 2019 PICK ME/ group exhibition at We Like Art, DE GROEN, Arnhem.
Naakt of bloot? group exhibition at Museum Jan Cunen, Oss
A Balancing Actgroup exhibition at Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort.
- 2018 Expoplu Engage: A Collective Actgroup exhibition at Expoplu, Nijmegen.
Koorts group exhibition at EMERGENT, Verne BE.
Null Island duo exhibition with Polly's Picture Show at Rotterdam Photo, Rotterdam.
- 2017 Dark Rooms group exhibition at Photography and Beyond, Brugge BE.
UNERNSTES UNTERFANGEN solo exhibition al Galerie Bart, Amsterdam.
JE NE SA/S QUOI, EMERGENT group exhibition at Verne BE.
Art Wynwood group exhibition a RARE birds, Miami US.
- 2016 WOG solo exhibition at open studio Isabelle Wenzel, Wuppertal DE
The Female Gaze group exhibition at Vouge Photofestival, Milan IT
Isabelle Wenzel + Martin Usborn duo exhibition at Moooi, Amsterdam.
Unseen Photo Fair group presentation with Galerie Bart, Amsterdam
Gegenspiefer group exhibition at Marta Herford Museum for Kunst, Architektur, Design, Herford DE
Posture curated by F.L.O.A.T group exhibition at Contemporary Art Space Batumi, Batumi GE.
BAL! group exhibition at Paleis Soestdijk, Baarn, NL
Photography Extended Ill group exhibition at Museum Het Valkhof, Nijmegen, NL
Groepsexpositie, group exhibition at Galerie Bert, Nijmegen, NL.
London Art Fair group presentation with Galerie Bart, London GB.
- 2015 PAN, group presentation with Galerie Bor Amsterdam, NL
Scotabank CONTACT Photography Festival group exhibition at Metro Hall, Toronto, CA
Size Matters WLA(@Tetem group exhibition at Kunstruimte, Enschede NL
Only Photography group exhibition at Rene Hauser, Zurich CH
Unseen Photo Fair group presentation with Galerie Bart Amsterdam, NL.
1st annual international Photography Festival group exhibition at Ostrava Photo Festival, Ostrava, CZ.
Ateliers group exhibition a Pact Zollverein, Essen DE
Between Crinkles group exhibition at Palazzo Montevecchio, Turin, IT
Platform Platvorm group exhibition at Bart Invites, Amsterdam, NL
Isabelle Wenzel solo exhibition at Contact Photography Festival Toronto, CA
Art Rotterdam group presentation with We Like Art, Rotterdam, NL
Out of Shape group exhibition at Bart invites, Amsterdam, NL
Out of Shape group exhibition at Tique, Antwerp BE.
Labyrint Kunstlab (interactive installation for children) at Villa Zebra, Rotterdam.
- 2014 PAN group presentation with Galerie Bart Amsterdam, NL
Self-curated by Natasha Christia, group exhibition at Galeria H2O, Barcelona ES.

- Symposium; Impactgroup exhibition at pack Zallverein, Essen DE.
- Labyrinth group exhibition at Villa Zebra, Rotterdam In-and-out sourcing group exhibition at AMNUA, Beijing CN.
- Night Contact/ Multimedia and Photography Festival group exhibition at Brighton Photo Biennial GB.
- Unseen Photo Fair group presentation with Galerie Bart, Amsterdam, NL.
- Close group exhibition at Het Nutshuis, Den Haag, NL
- We Like Art group exhibition at Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam, NL.
- Ich-Fotografische Selbstinszenierungen von Frauen group exhibition at Kunst.Raum, OT Rantum DE.
- IN TRANSIT group exhibition at VU Exporium, VU Amsterdam, NL.
- Bureau Twee group exhibition at BWN Advocatuur, Amsterdam, NL.
- The Making- Of sole exhibition al Galerie Bart, Amsterdam, NL.
- I AMsterdam, YOU BERlin group presentation with Galerie Bart, Berlin DE.
- Reflected - Works from the FOAM Collection group exhibition at FOAM, Amsterdam.
- Beyond realism group exhibition at Fotografisk Center, Copenhagen DK.
- Prospects and Concepts at Art Rotterdam group presentation with Mondrian Fund, Rotterdam, NL.
- Art Rotterdam group presentation with We Like Art, Rotterdam, NL.
- Body Language group exhibition at Galerie de Zaal, Delft, NL.
- Groepsexposite group exhibition at Galerie Bart, Nijmegen, NL.
- White group exhibition at Nederland Fotomuseum, Rotterdam,
- 2013 10 Seconds solo exhibition at Rene Hauser Gallery Zurich CH.
- I'D Like To Double Your Entendre solo exhibition at Wart fur Kunst, Kassel DE.
- Unseen Photo Fair group presentation with Seelevel Gallery & Pollys Picture Show, Amsterdam, NL
- We Like Art group exhibition at Westergas, Amsterdam, Palais De Tokyo on the Skids group exhibition at Galerie de Roussan, Paris FR.
- Isabelle Wenzel solo presentation at Contemporary Art Ruhr, Essen DE.
- Building Images solo exhibition at Bosch Art Film Festival, Den Bosch, NL.
- Prospects and Concepts at Art Rotterdam group presentation with Mondrian Fund, Rotterdam, NL.
- 2012 Isabelle Wenzel solo exhibition at Ku Gallery, Taipei CN.
- Kunstvlaai Art Fair: 'Inexactly this group exhibition at Polly's Show Room, Amsterdam.
- Confetti Generation group exhibition at Polly's Picture Show Amsterdam, NL.
- Seelevel Gallery group presentation at Unseen Photo Fair, Amsterdam, NL.
- Haus der Photographie group exhibition at Deichtorhallen, Hamburg DE.
- Paris Photo 2012 group exhibition at Grand Palais, Paris FR.
- Artefacts group exhibition at Polly's Picture Show, Amsterdam, NL.
- 2011 De Collect Imaginaire group exhibition at Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, NL
- REAR VIEW - Borders of photography group exhibition at Polly's Picture Show, De Overkant, Amsterdam, NL.
- The Contemporary Photographic Portrait group exhibition at LODRET VANDRET, Copenhagen DK.
- Koen Delaere, Isabelle Wenzel duo exhibition al Aschenbach & Hofland Galleries, Amsterdam.
- Art Amsterdam group exhibition at Aschenbach & Hofland Galleries Amsterdam, Tegnage Magazines group exhibition at FOAM Fotografiemuseum, Amsterdam, NL.

Anuschka Blommers & Niels Schumm, Bas Princen en Isabella Wenze/ group exhibition at Exporium Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, NL.

Art Rotterdam group presentation with Aschenbach & Hofland Galleries, Rotterdam, NL.

2010 Images solo exhibition at Kunst Kapel Amsterdam, Virtueel Museum Zuidas, Amsterdam NL.
Building Images (online video performance during Virtueel Museum Zuidas) at Kunst Kapel, Amsterdam NL

Nieuwe Oogst group exhibition at Galerie Bart, Nijmegen NL.

F/Stop group exhibition at 4th International Fotofestival Leipzig, Leipzig, DE.

Next To Nothing- The Possibilities of Photography group exhibition at Gallery FB2, Dortmund DE

Dialog Lotte Reimann and Isabelle Wenzel duo exhibition at Loge, Hamburg DE.

Unter Freunden group exhibition at Historical Museum, Sarajevo, BA.

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