

MEMORIES IN MOTION JAANIKA PEERNA



CONTEMPORARY

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JAANIKA PEERNA

"I make drawings, videos and installations. My elements are line and light; my materials are pencils, vellum and video camera. I am a vessel gathering subtle and rapturous processes in nature, using the experiences and impulses to make my work. I record mist turning into water. I use slowly changing lights to cast shadows of mylar strips onto a wall—The slowness of shadows makes one wonder if there is any change at all. I let wind move my body so that it leaves traces on paper. I swim through thousands of layers of gray air and mark each one down. Most of my work is born in the solitude of my studio. Sometimes public performances with musicians and dancers draw me out from the safe silence of my space and expand my drawing practice with sound and movement. I am interested in the never-ending process of becoming with no story, no beginning, no end—just the current moment in flux."



Falls of Solitude Series, 2013

Falls of Solitude Aired #2, 2014 Graphite, colour pencils on Mylar, eraser 122 x 92 cm Falls of Solitude Aired #4, 2014 Graphite, colour pencils on Mylar, eraser 122 x 92 cm





Maelstrom Series, 2013

#59, 2013 Pigment on Mylar 92 x 92 cm

#62, 2013 Pigment on Mylar 92 x 92 cm











JAANIKA PEERNA

b: 1971, Tallinn

Lives and works in New York since 1998

EDUCATION

2005	MFA in intermedia design, SUNY New Paltz, USA, visual research laboratory
1998	Fellowship for study at University of Art and Design Helsinki, Finland
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1995 MA (teaching certification) in art education, Tallinn Pedagogical University, Estonia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 (Sept)	Jaanika Peerna, WAAM, Woodstock, NY
2015	"Light Matter", Kentler International Drawing Space, New York
2015	"Emerge.Submerge", SG Gallery, Venice, Italy
2014	"Exercises for Lines", Vaal Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2014	"Avanzare, Arretrare", Rimini Drawing Biennial, Primo Piano Gallery, Rimini, Italy
2014	<i>"Etenee – Vetäytyy",</i> Aarni Gallery, Espoo, Finland
2014	<i>"Avanzare e Arretrare",</i> Ninapi Gallery, Ravenna, Italy
2013	"Vanishing Silence", BeArt, Garrison, NY
2011	"Jaanika Peerna: drawings and videos", Estonian Embassy, Washington DC
2010	"Edges of Wind and Light", A.R.C. Fine Art, Fairfield, CT
2010	<i>"Tuule äär/Windedge",</i> ArtDepoo Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2009	"Traces of a Sweet Connect", Go North Gallery, Beacon, NY
2005	Thesis Show, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz
2003	"Climate of Sight," Collaborative Concepts, Beacon, NY
2002	"Light Between Lines and Bits," Linna (City) Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2002	"Lines in Silence," Garrison Art Center, Garrison, NY
2001	Art Academy Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2000	"Jaanika Peerna: photos and drawings" Estonian House, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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2015	"Memories in Motion", M Contemporary, Sydney, Australia
2015	"Line Describing a Cone", curated by Eva Respini (MOMA), Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY
2014	"Ellipse", curated by Erin Lawlor and Katrin Bremerman, A3 Gallery, Moscow
2014	"Mein Lustgarten", curated by Chen Yang, Wie Kultur, Berlin
2014	<i>"Am Rand"</i> (drawing and performance), Jää-äär, Berlin
2013	"Falls of Solitude" (installation), Manalo Projects, Berlin
2013	Tallinn Light Art Biennial (video installation), Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2013	"A-Line-Ment", Gallery66NY, Cold Spring, NY
2013	"The Silence of Forest Sounds", with Tuuli Mann, Haus Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2013	Curatoral project by Inga Heamägi, Kaliningrad Graphic Art Biennial of the Baltic Sea Countries, Kaliningrad, Russia
2013	Drawn to Experience (drawing and video), curated by Kellie O'Dempsey, Queensland College of Art, Brisbane, Australia
2013	<i>In Our Backyard,</i> curated by Heige Kim, Roos Arts, Rosendale, NY
2013	Elegy, curated by Eleni Smolen, Theo Ganz Studio, Beacon, NY
2013	Timelines, curated by Karlyn Benson, Mattewan Gallery, Beacon, NY
2013	Park: Toivo Raidmets ja Jaanika Peerna (wall drawings), Architecture and Design Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2012	A Question of Slow, curated by Alison Pierz, Skylight Gallery, New York
2012	Estonian Curatorial Project, curator Inga Heamägi, Novosibirsk Graphic Art Triennial,
	Novosibirsk, Russia (catalogue, First Prize)
2012	CUT #2, curated by Gregory Kepinski, Museum of Imagination, Hudson, NY
2012	Slow Art Room (drawing and installation), Governor's Island Art Fair, New York
2012	Drawing – Freedom, curated by Maria-Kristiina Ulas (performance), Gallery for Architecture and Design, Tallinn, Estonia
2012	A Border, Path, Threshold; curated by Margot Kask, Viinistu Art Museum Chapel, Estonia
2012	Silent Revolution, curated by Anu Juurak, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia (catalogue)
2012	Smoke Free Fall @ project space, curated by Ginger Shulick, Fountain Art Fair, NYC
2012	CUT, curated by Gregory Kepinski, Museum of Imagination, Hudson, NY
2012	Napp (video, drawing), curated by Margot Kask, City Gallery, Pärnu, Estonia
2011	Harilik/Ordinary:drawing practices III, curated by Margot Kask, pART Gallery, Põltsamaa, Estonia
2011	"Liberte/Vabadus 2011", curated by Kaia Kiik, Asnières Chateau, Paris, France



2011	Summer Selections, curated by Adrienne Conzelman, ARC Fine Art, Fairfield. CT	
2011	Selects, Beacon Arts Shortwave Gallery, Stone Harbor, NJ	
2011	Lumen video and performance festival, curated by Ginger Schulick, Staten Island waterfront, New York	
2011	Harilik/Ordinary: drawing practices II, curated by Margot Kask, Y Gallery, Tartu, Estonia	
2011	International Paper Art Biennial, curated by Thalia Vrachopoulos, City Gallery, Sophia, Bulgaria	
2011	Harilik/Ordinary:drawing practices I, curated by Margot Kask, Kunstihoone Galerii, Tallinn, Estonia	
2010	Light Art Biennial, artP.kunstverein, Perchtoldsdorf and Lintz, Austria	
2010	Archipelago; Dorsky Curatorial Projects; Brooklyn, NY	
2010	Roma Art Fair, Metropolart; Marco Testaccio, Rome, Italy	
2010	Herning International Video festival, Arhus, Denmark	
2010	Video Art Biennial, curated by Mamia Breteche, Metropolart; Paris; Portfolio Gallery, Dubai	
2010	Annual Benefit Show, Kentler International Drawing Center, Brooklyn, NY	
2009	Unsettled Conditions, curated by Karin Laansoo, Monospace, Brooklyn, NY	
2009	Plastic Waves: collaborative installation :Susan English and Jaanika Peerna, Gillette Gallery, GAC, Garrison, NY	
2009	WET: videos on Water, Maxwell Fine Arts, Peekskill, NY	
2009	Sublime, Zero Filme, R.Sao Filipe Nery, nr 25B, Lisbon, Portugal	
2009	Slow News International, curated by Peggy Cyphers / Broadthinking, The ARTS at Marks Garage, Honolulu, HI	
2009	Revisions (drawings), Galerie Lavignes-Bastille, Paris, France	
2009	H20:Film on Water (video); curated by Cynthia Reeves, Reeves Gallery in New York City The Mill Art Space, Newport,	
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2009	FUTURE=FERTILE (video); curated by Leo Kuelbs, LKC, New York	
2009	BROADTHINKING, Bridge Art Fair, New York, NY (supported in part with funds from SOS program through NYFA and NYSCA administered by GAC)	1
2009	"Out of the Blue", (weather and creative process); curated by Amy Lipton, Joy Episalla and Joy Garnett; Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ	
2009	International Juried Exhibition, Juror Adelina Vlas, Assistant Curator, Philadelphia Museum of Art,	
	NJ Visual Art Center, Summit, NJ	
2008	The Works International Visual Arts Festival (videos), curated by Shawn Pinchbeck, Edmonton, Alberta, Canad	а
2008	"NEW" (drawings), curated by Paul Kahn, Galerie Lavignes-Bastille, Paris, France (supported in part with funds from SOS program through NYFA and NYSCA administered by GAC)	
2008	National Juried Exhibition, Juror: Ester Adler, curatorial assistant at Department of Drawings,	
	Museum of Modern Art, NY, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY	
2008	Regional Triennial "The Camera Always Lies," curated by Beth Wilson, Center for Photography at Woodstock,	
	Woodstock, NY	
2008	"What Happens Next?" Video shorts, curated by Bart Woodstrup, Time Space Limited, Hudson ,NY	
2008	"Fugue" (videos and drawings) curated by Patricia Miranda and Patricia Spergel, Miranda Fine Arts, Port Chester, I	NY
2008	"Paradox of Water," juried by Mary Sabbatino, Vice President and Partner of Galerie Lelong in New York City	y,
	Westport Art Center, Westport, CT	
2008	"Abstract (?)" (video), Van Brunt Gallery, Beacon, NY	
2007	"Code in Art," SLSA Code Conference, Portland, Maine	
2007	"Silence Increased," Chapman Gallery, University of Salford, Manchester, UK	
2007	"Ecological Integrity," curated by Alice Wexler, Muroff Kotler Gallery	
	Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, NY	
2007	"Air," curated by Sophia Gevas, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	
2007	"Light," two person exhibition, Estonian House, New York, NY	
2007	"Evidence," curated by C. March Kleinert/James Art Center, Woodstock, NY	
2006	Video Showcase, BAU, Beacon, NY	
2006	"The Song of the Earth" (video), Van Brunt Gallery, Beacon, NY	
2006	"Juxtaposition" (video installation), curated by K.Svalbonas Caldwell College, NJ	
2006	"Lõõm 06," Estonian House, New York, NY	
2006	"Standards and Shifts in Contemporary Art," Arts Exchange, White Plains, NY	
2005	"Art of the Northeast," Silvermine Guild Arts center, New Canaan, CT	
2005 2005	B5, curated by C. March, Kleinert/James Art Center Woodstock, NY DIVA Digital and Video Art Fair, New York, NY	
2005	"Digital Summer," Van Brunt Gallery, Beacon,NY	
2005	"Ceilings and Floors," curated by D. Lombardi	
2003	Anderson Chase Gallery, Katonah, NY	
2004	"Stay Tuned: Hypnotic Videos by Contemporary Artists," curated by M. Freedman	
2004	The Studio: Alternative Space for Contemporary Artists, Curated by M. Freedman	
2003	"Digital/Analogue," Van Brunt Gallery, Beacon, NY	_
2003	"Photography Show," Van Brunt Gallery, Beacon, NY	11
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2002 2002 2001 2001 2001 2000 1998	Macy Gallery, Valhalla,NY Garrison Art Center Gallery, Garrison, NY "Breaking the Rules," Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY Lyman-Eyer Gallery, Newton, MA "Northeast Annual," Silvermine Guild Galleries, New Canaan, CT Energeetika Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia UIAH Gallery Helsinki, Finland
1996	Kastellaani Maja Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
FILMS	
2008	"Art Out of Longing and Song," 18 minutes, Directed by Jaanika Peerna, edited by Michael Enright "Drawing Revealed," 35 minutes, Directed by Jaanika Peerna, produced by Susan English (supported in part with funds from SOS program through NYFA and NYSCA administered by GAC) Shown at the
2006	Rome International Film Festival "Art in Dialogue; Estonia-New York" 46 minutes Directed by Annette Solakoglu, co-produced by Jaanika Peerna. Shown at the Pärnu International Film Festival, Estonia
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AWARDS 2013	Third Prize State Competition for public art at Villandi Cümpaasium, Estapia
2013	Third Prize, State Competition for public art at Viljandi Gümnaasium, Estonia Drawing Award, Tallinn International Drawing Triennial, Tallinn, Estonia
2012	Drawing Award, Novosibirsk Graphic Arts Triennial, Novosibirsk, Russia
2012	Cultural Endowment of Estonia [Kultuurkapital]
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2010, 2011	Special Opportunity Stipend, New York Foundation for the Arts Special Opportunity Stipend, New York Foundation for the Arts
2003	Third Prize, Paradox of Water exhibit at Westport Art Center, chosen by Mary Sabbatino of Galerie
	Lelong, New York and Paris.
2008	Cultural Endowment of Estonia [Kultuurkapital]
2008	Special Opportunity Stipend, New York Foundation for the Arts
2008 2007	Arts Link, Putnam Arts Fund, NY USA
2007	Special Opportunity Stipend, New York Foundation for the Arts Research and Creative Projects Award, SUNY New Paltz
2004	Research and Creative Projects Award, SUNY New Paltz
	TIONS AND PERFORMANCES
2015 2014	"Emerge.Submerge", with Lucio Corrente (cello), SG Gallery, Venice, Italy "Linear Impetus", Primo Piano galleria, Rimini Drawing Biennale, Rimini, Italy
2014	"Avanzare e Arretrare", Ninapi Gallery, Ravenna, Italy
2014	"Mixed Media on Paper", 4-person simultaneous drawing performance, Month of Performance Art
	Berlin at MPA-Hub, Berlin
2014	"Am Rand", drawing performance on windows, Jää-äär, Berlin
2013	Transcontinental synchronous drawing "performance" Berlin–New York with Chris Moffett,
2013	International Drawing and Cognition Research Conference at Columbia University, New York, NY "The Silence of Forest Sounds", video and live drawing performance with Tuuli Mann, Haus Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia
2013	"Vanishing Silence", live drawing and dance performance with Jane Thornquist, BeArt, Garrison, NY
2012	"Along the line", live drawing and dance performance, with Laura Kvelstein, Gallery for Architecture and
	Design, Tallinn, Estonia
2012	"Living Line", live drawing and dance performance, with Jane Thornquist, Estonian House, New York
2010	"Petroleum Wing", video, dance and music performance, with Susan Osberg, Beacon Studios, Beacon, NY
2010	"Wind Edge", live light installation and dance performance, dance by Jane Tornquist, ARC Fine Art Gallery, Fairfield, CT
2010 2010	"Petroleum Wing", live video, dance and sound performance, dance Susan Osberg, Beacon Studios, Beacon, NY "Tangitan", live video and sound performance, sound by David Rothenberg, Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz,
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2009	"Plastic Waves", installation and dance performance, choreography and dance by Jane Thornquist, Gillette
	Gallery, GAC, Garrison, NY
2000	"ChadowCton" video and music performance live music by Hando Nahkur Estenian House New York

"ShadowStop," video and music performance, live music by Hando Nahkur, Estonian House, New York

2008



2007	<i>"Air,"</i> dance and video performance, choreography Susan Osberg, Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Bard College, Annandale, NY
2006	"The Smoothness of Light," artist book (photos), text by David Rothenberg
2006	"Window Palace," artist book (photos), text by David Rothenberg
2006	"Krabattabark," theatre piece (videos), directed by Jaanika Juhanson, Tallinn, Estonia
2006	"Water Veins," live performance (videos), music by David Rothenberg Cornelia Street Café, New York, NY
2006	"Movements on Water," live performance (videos), music by
	David Rothenberg, Estonian House, New York, NY
2006	"Dancing on Water," dance performance (videos), directed by S. Osberg,
	Bulldog Studios, Beacon, NY
2004	"Sonotype," type and sound project, ongoing, with A. Papaelias
2003	"Fifteen Minutes of Freedom," live performance (videos), music by Weekend Guitar Trio + D. Rothenberg,
	YYD'03 Music Festival, Pärnu, Estonia
2002	"Living Line," live music and video performance, music by Tunnetusüksus, International Theatre Festival,
	Rakvere, Estonia
2001	"Flow in Sound and Line" video and music performance; music by Tunnetusüksus, Performance Art Festival:
	Time, Space, Movement, Paide, Estonia

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Artist Talk, Berlin Collective, Berlin June 2014

Artist Talk, Takt Artist Recidency, Berlin, Germany, November 2013 and February 2014

"Connecting Art Practice and Teaching", Tallinn University, Estonia, February 2013

"Light and Space as Substances in my Art Practice", Estonian Academy of Art, February 2013

Experimental Art Lab, Garrison Art Center, NY, USA 2009 -2012

ARTWORKS ARE PUBLISHED in:

Parabola magazine (1999)

The New Earth Reader (MIT Press, 1999), Writing on Water (MIT Press, 2001)

Cover of The Book of Music and Nature (Wesleyan University Press, 2001)

Photography Quarterly #92. (Center for Photography at Woodstock, 2006)

Terrain.org: the Journal of Built and Natural Environments (http://www.terrain.org/arterrain/, 2006)

Five Fingers Review magazine (spring 2007), NEW Magazine (issue 4 / 2008)

Big Ode Magazine(Poesia & Imagen), Sublime Issue with DVD (Portugal, #7,Fall 2009)

Exquisite Corpse, exhibition catalogue, Paul Robeson Galleries (Nov. 2009)

East Coast Home and Design, magazine (Sept. 2010)

Roheline Värav /Green Gate: monthly culture-nature publication, Tallinn (November 2010)

Chinese Whispers, collaborative artist book, InEditMode Press, Malmö, Sweden (July 2011)

Tähelepanu, Valmis Olla, Kunst! art education book edited by Anu Purre, Tallinn, Estonia (August 2011)

Akadeemia: cultural monthy magazine, Tartu, Estonia (March 2012)

Joonistuskunsti Varasalvest, book on drawing traditions in Estonia from Mart Lepp's collection (August, 2012)

LUXE New York, Interior Design magazine, Summer 2012

REPRESENTATION

A.R.C Fine Art, Fairfield, CT, USA Galerie Ulf Larsson, Cologne, Germany Masters Projects, New York, USA Member of Artist Pension Trust



Contemporary is a gallery space that aims to create a cross cultural conversation through showing and supporting emerging and established artists from around the world. We aim to foster a strong appreciation

in Australian audiences for a new generation of foreign and domestic artists and to expose both novice and established collectors to these works.

By curating interactive exhibitions .M Contemporary aims to serve as a platform that introduces all mediums of art ranging from traditional to digital video art, interactive and immersive installations, showcasing the skill, creativity and concepts of artists within these mediums from around the world. .M Contemporary has a strong focus on supporting these artists ongoing presence through regular exhibitions, complemented by industry expert panel discussions, artist talks, social events and more.

Recognising the need for broader participation and exposure to art, .M Contemporary is also opening up itself to schools, universities and other parties as a platform for education where an appreciation for global and local contemporary art is inspired and nourished.