

Vera Ryklova (she/her)

Artist CV

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Cross-disciplinary artist

Dublin, Ireland

Education

2019 – 2021 **MA in Art + Research Collaboration**, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire

2011 – 2015 **BA (Honour) in Photography**, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire

Solo Exhibitions

2023 **I - Self-initiated**: The Dean Art Studios, Dublin, *curated by* Sara Muthi

2021 **Of the Body** - Custom House Studios + Gallery, Westport

2021 **Aesthetic Distance** - *Virtual exhibition*: Cultúrlann Mc Adam Ó Fiaich, Belfast (NI/UK)

2018 **Aesthetic Distance** - Triskel Arts Centre, Cork

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 **Screenings at the Curve** with Irish Artists Film Index - Visual Artists Ireland, Dublin, *curated by* Fifi Smith and Dr. Margaret Fitzgibbon (TCD)

2024-25 **Skin / Deep: Perspectives on the Body** - Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin, *curated by* Darren Campion

2024 **Feminine Space** - The Courthouse Gallery and Studios, Ennistymon

2024 **Burn the Witch, Still I Rise** - GOMA Gallery of Modern Art, Waterford, *curated by* Simon Fennessy

2023 **Open Submission Group Show** - Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise, *guest selector*: Blaise Smith R.H.A.

2023 **No Place Like Home: The Domestic in Irish Photography** - Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin

2023 **If We Could See Ourselves As Others See Us** - *Co. Meath touring exhibition*: Solstice Arts Centre, Navan; Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre, Ashbourne; Kells Courthouse – Cultural Hub, Kells

2022-23 **Person Presence Perception** - *Annual touring exhibition*: in partnership between the OPW and The Department of Finance Northern Ireland

2022 **Images Are All We Have** - PhotoIreland Festival, Printworks, Dublin Castle, Dublin

2021 **Open Submission Group Show** - Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise, *guest selector*: Sharon Murphy

2021 **2021 HALFTONE Print Fair** - The Library Project, Dublin

2021 **Juncture: a place where things join** - Pallas Projects/Studios, Dublin

2021 **cohost** - *Online exhibition*: IADT ARC Masters Programme & The LAB Gallery, Dublin

2020 **FUTURES Irish Talents 2020** - The Library Project, Dublin

2019 **Winter Open 2019** Annual Exhibition - Rua Red, Dublin

2018 **FilLiArt100** - FilLiA 2018 Feminist Conference, Manchester (UK)

2018 **The 188th Annual Exhibition 2018** - Royal Hibernian Academy Gallery, Dublin

2017 **Lass Struggle** - FilLiA 2017 Feminist Conference, the Institute of Education, London (UK)

2017 **Hotron ART WORKS'17** - Visual Centre for Contemporary Art, Carlow

2017 **The 187th Annual Exhibition 2017** - Royal Hibernian Academy Gallery, Dublin

2016 **Hennessy Portrait Prize 2016 Exhibition** - National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin

2016 **135th Royal Ulster Academy of Arts Annual Exhibition** - Ulster Museum, Belfast (NI/UK)

2016 **Hotron ART WORKS'16** - Visual Centre for Contemporary Art, Carlow

2016 **The 186th Annual Exhibition 2016** - Royal Hibernian Academy Gallery, Dublin

2015 **Emergence** - Steambox Galleries, Dublin

Live performance

2025 **Wall** as part of **LiveStock Live 2025** - MART Gallery, Dublin, *curated by* Ljilja

2023 **Interlinking the Spiritual Body** as part of **Uprooting Tallaght 2023 Performance Art Festival** - Rua Red, Dublin, *curated by* Lauren Kelly and Pauline Cummins [a group performance]

Residency

2024 One-month artist residency: **ÚSÁID Residency** - Brown Mountain Diamond, Co. Kilkenny

Collaboration

2022 *community arts project*: **If We Could See Ourselves As Others See Us** produced by Dumbworld, commissioned by Solstice Arts Centre

Awards

- 2026 Annual Studio Space Residency - **International Centre for the Image**, Photolreland, Dublin
- 2025 Inaugural five-month Studio Space Residency - **International Centre for the Image**, Photolreland, Dublin
- 2022-24 Artist Studio Residency - **The Dean Art Studios**, Dublin
- 2020 **Irish Talent** - representing Photolreland at **FUTURES**, a Europe-based photography platform

Grants

- 2024 **Professional Development Grant** - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
- 2023 **Visual Arts Bursary Award** - The Arts Council
- 2021 **Agility Award** - The Arts Council
- 2017 **Professional Development Grant** - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Prizes

- 2022 **Making and Momentum** Artist Prize - Making and Momentum, Wexford
- 2017 **Hotron ART WORKS Prize** for work by a recent graduate
- 2016 *short-listed* **Hennessy Portrait Prize**
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Features

- 2025 VAI Event: *Screenings at The Curve* - **VAI News Sheet** May/June 2025
- 2024 **Skin / Deep: Perspectives on the Body**, exhibition catalogue, Photo Museum Ireland, 2024
- 2022 **Profiles**, a journal of character-driven writing and portraiture, Profiles Journal, Issue 1
- 2021 **CCA Introducing 2021**: 24hr social media takeover - CCA Derry – Londonderry (NI/UK)
- 2020 **Reset**, FUTURES 2020 photography publication, Vandejong Amsterdam, 2020 (NL)
- 2020 **OVER**, The critical Journal of Photography and Visual Culture, Photolreland, Issue 1
- 2019 Artist Interviews: *Performing the Posthuman Subject* - **VAI News Sheet** September/October 2019

Reviews

- 2025 Exhibition Review of *Skin / Deep* group exhibition - **Source Magazine** Issue 117 (UK & IRL)
- 2025 Exhibition Profile: a review of *Skin / Deep* group exhibition - **VAI News Sheet** January / February 2025
- 2021 Critique: a review of *Aesthetic Distance* solo exhibition - **VAI News Sheet** May/June 2021
- 2017 Graduate Photography 2007 - 2017: The Long List - **Source Magazine Online** October 2017
- 2017 Hennessy Portrait Prize 2016 - **VAI News Sheet** January/February 2017
- 2015 Source Graduate Photography 2015 - **Source Magazine** Issue 83 (UK & IRL)

Artist talks

- 2025 Visiting lecture, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire
- 2023 Panel discussion: Migration & Displacement, No Place Like Home: The Domestic in Irish Photography, Photo Museum Ireland, Dublin
- 2020 Visiting lecture, Technological University Dublin, Dublin
- 2020 *Online*: The Open Mic, Futures Digital Festival, Irish Talents at FUTURES 2020
- 2019 Panel discussion: Performing the Posthuman Subject in Photography, Photolreland Festival, Printworks, Dublin Castle, Dublin
- 2019 Visiting lecture, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire
- 2018 *Aesthetic Distance*, Triskel Arts Centre, Cork

Public Art Collections

- The Arts Council
- Office of Public Works
- Trinity College Dublin
- Photo Museum Ireland

Curatorial Projects

- 2017 Group exhibition **RE:VIEW**, The Complex, Dublin (IRL) - 15 artists: photography, video and installation
- 2015 Group exhibition **Emergence**, Steambox Galleries, Dublin (IRL) - 13 artists: photography and installation