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Christelle Mas (b.1984 in Paris, France) is a photographer and mixed media artist currently residing in Oulu, Finland. Christelle Mas's creative process involves a fusion of artistic and scientific methodologies, using soft materials, installations, videos and photography. She explores the human connection to technology and other species, often imagining future scenarios in which genetically modified species coexist with humans in an unfamiliar environment. Her work blurs the boundaries between science and mythology, as well as natural and artificial elements. Often her works take the shape of a hybrid beings, proposing potential future scenarios in which newly adapted species thrive in our ever-evolving and unknown environment. She frequently constructs captivating worlds where science and mythology, as well as the natural and artificial, are interwoven.

“Contrary to the prevailing narratives of catastrophe, such as concerns about genetic manipulation or species extinction due to climate change, I embrace utopia. According to many contemporary researchers, humanity itself has become an evolutionary force that shapes life on Earth. In a world yearning for a brighter future, my work sparks conversations about diversity and the transformative potential of technology, offering a glimpse into a more desirable and inclusive tomorrow. The future is rife with possibilities; technology is progressively shaping our existence and will fundamentally alter our understanding of the world.”

Mas has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Sorbonne in Paris, where she also earned a Bachelor Art degree in the philosophy of art. She has displayed her work in a numerous solo and group exhibitions both in Finland and internationally (Switzerland, Belgium, Austria, Sweden, France, Germany, Estonia). Works by Christelle Mas are included in the collections of Oulu Art Museum and Kemi Art Museum, and in private collections. Mas is a member of the Bioart Society and the Association of Photographic Artists in Finland.

EDUCATION

2010 – 2011: Helsinki University Degree in Finnish language and civilisation
2009 – 2010: Degree in Finnish language and civilisation, INALCO (Paris)
2005 – 2008: Masters Degree in Plastic Arts (with highest possible grades), Sorbonne Paris
2002 – 2005: Degree in Aesthetics and Plastic Arts, Sorbonne Paris

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

2027
Kemi Art Museum, Kemi, Finland
2024-2025
Oulunsalo Soi Chamber Music Festival, Selected as the Visual Artist of the Year in collaboration with The Northern Photographic Centre (PVK)
2024
Jakobi gallery, Tartu, Estonia
Annantalo Arts centre, Helsinki, Finland
Supermarket art fair, Stockholm, Sweden

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2022
*Territories, MABD gallery, Oulu, Finland
*Supernature, Children's Cultural Centre Rulla, Tampere, Finland
2021
*Biofrictions, Huuto galleria, Helsinki
2020
*Supernature, MABD gallery, Oulu, Finland
*Scales, Gallery A2, Helsinki, Finland
2019
*X-rays, Muu gallery, Helsinki, Finland
*X-rays, MABD gallery, Oulu, Finland
2018
*Natura, Gallery of the castle of Excideuil, France, Dordogne
2017
*X-rays, health care and social center Mehiläinen, Oulu, Finland
*QR- Wild lands, gallery of the art residence Jardin d'Hélylys, France (Dordogne)
2016
*Arctic, gallery Kajaste, Helsinki, Finland
*Invisible, Oulu Museum of Art, Finland
*Arctic, Centre of photography of Mikkeli, Finland
2015
*Darwin, KulttuuriKaupila Art Center, Ii, Finland
2012
*Science fiction food, photographic gallery studio Hyppolite, Helsinki, Finland
2011
* Science fiction food, Artist's Studio Gallery, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS/ ART FAIR (selected)

2023
*Mältinranta Art center, Tampere, Finland
*Supermarket art fair, Stockholm, Sweden
*Ars Nartae Lapland contemporary Art Weeks, gallery Kellokas, Äkäslompolo, Lapland

*The outsider Art festival, Helsinki, Finland
 *Halo, Exit 11 Art center, Grand-Leez, Belgium
 2022
 *Lumo light festival, Oulu, Finland
 *Huuto's 20th Anniversary, Huuto gallery, Helsinki, Finland
 2021
 *Vide, Neliö gallery, Oulu, Finland
 2020
 *Lab/ processive empirical Gallery Basement, Vienna, Austria
 2019
 *L'effet papillon, Exit11 gallery, Grand-Leez, Namur, Belgium
 *Biennal Organo #5, Bordeaux, France
 2018
 *Reality 2.0, gallery Short Cuts, Namur, Belgium
 *H2O, Art Ii Biennal, Ii, Finland
 2017
 *Utopik park, usine Kugler, Geneve, Switzerland
 *Northern encounters, Northern photographic center, Oulu, Finland
 *In & out, The Ostrobothnian photographic centre, Lapua, Finland
 2016
 *Gallery K1L, Jodoigne, Belgium
 *ArtArctica Festival, Helsinki
 *Yitmessä, Art Festival ARS Kärsämäki, Kärsämäki, Finland
 * The snowball effect 3, The North Finland Biennal, Kemi Art Museum
 2015
 *New present, Mänttä Art Festival, Finland
 *HOTS - highlights of the summer, gallery 5, Oulu, Finland
 *Art Fair Suomi 15, Cable Factory gallery, Helsinki, Finland
 2014
 *Exchange, gallery Uusi kipinä, Lahti, Finland
 *Crossings, cultural center Espace Prévert and in the castle of "la Grange- la Prévoté", Savigny-le-Temple, France
 * Contre-nature, Art center Syndicat Potentiel, Strasbourg, France
 *My water, at the Art Manor of Kuusisto, Finland
 2013
 * Art Fair Art truc troc, Museum of Art Bozar, Brussels, Belgium
 * Art of taste, taste of art, Art Biennal of Issy les Moulineaux, France
 *Reflections, Stoa, cultural center of Easter Helsinki, Finland
 *Strange fruits, Art Museum of Kemi, Finland, Lapland
 2012
 * The snowball effect 1, The North Finland Biennal, Oulu Museum of Art, Finland
 * PolArt2K , Kemi Art Museum, Finland, Lapland
 * Capsule , Art Fair, Liège, Belgium
 *Sans formats/ sans murs, gallery CADG, contemporary art Biennal "off", Liège, Belgium
 2010
 *I'm hungry for art, Äkkigallery, Jyväskylä, Finland
 * Dissection intime, Art center Syndicat Potentiel, Strasbourg, France
 2009
 *Transposition, Gallery Michel Journiac, Paris, France
 2008
 *Passages, Gallery Michel Journiac, Paris, France
 *Art de table, Gallery Dietmar Hahn, Bad Griesbach, Germany

COLLECTIONS

Mehiläinen, health care and social center, Oulu, Finland, 2018
 Oulu Museum of Art, OMA, Oulu, Finland, 2016
 Saskiat Oulu, 2014
 Kemi Art museum, Lapland, 2013
 Private collections

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Photographic Artists, Helsinki
The Bioart Society, Finland
Huuto gallery artist member, Helsinki, Finland
Kuvasto ry (copyright society for artists)

GRANTS/ STIPENDS

2023
Project grant, city of Oulu, Finland
Project grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
Working grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
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Project grant, city of Oulu, Finland
Working grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
2021
Project grant, city of Oulu, Finland
Working grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
2020
Project grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
Travel grant, Frame, Finland
Covid- 19 grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
2019
Grant for mobility, Arts promotion centre Finland
Working grant, Arts Council of Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu
2018
Grant for mobility, Arts promotion centre Finland
Project grant, the Paulo Foundation, Finland
2017
Project grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
Project grant, city of Oulu, Finland
Grant for mobility, Arts promotion centre of Finland
Working grant, Arts Council of Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu
2016
Project grant, Arts Council of Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu
Exhibition grant, Saskiat, Oulu
2014
Travel grant, Arts promotion centre Finland, Helsinki
Project grant, city of Oulu, Finland
2013
Project grant, Arts Council of Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu
Travel grant, Arts promotion centre of Finland, Helsinki

CULTURAL PROJECTS/ POSITIONS OF TRUST

2022-2023
Oulu artist's association, member of the board, in charge of international projects, Finland
2018
In charge of contacts with France for Oulu European capital of culture 2026
2015-2016
Curator and translator for the belgium printmaking magazine "Actuel" special Finland
2013-2014
Organisation of the artistic exchange *Crossings*, between France and Finland with the cultural center of "Espace Prévert", the gallery of the castle of " la Grange- la Prévôté" (Savigny-le-Temple, France) and the gallery Kajaste (Oulu, Finland).
2013
Oulu artist's association, member of the board, Finland

2008

Glassbox, artist run space, Assistant: organization of exhibitions, artists' interview, Paris