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Christelle Mas (b.1984 in Paris, France) Is a French photographer and a mixed media visual artist living in Finland. Her work is strongly influenced by scientific methods. She works with photography and then develops it into different layers within installations, soft sculptures, videos, and performances, questioning the boundaries of the photographic medium. Recently, the start of a video game featuring my artworks represents the latest layer, where all the different layers come together to build a storytelling world of possible futures. Christelle Mas 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.

“My artworks presents different visions of a world would be not only inhabitable, but also the sort of place where we could live and thrive with diversity of biological living species and dreamed spaces for the future. Where is science taking us? It is important to dream about more just, pleasurable, and sustainable ways of cohabiting this planet. How create more livable, lovable, and sustainable world? By combining the untouched essence of northern Finland’s landscapes with the advanced scientific methodologies, I explore themes of diversity, ecology, and the future of living organisms. This unique blend of natural inspiration and technological advancement allows me to describe utopian possibilities for our planet.”

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

2025

Oodi Helsinki Central Library, Helsinki, Finland

Reklector gallery, Uzice (Serbia)

Curator Aleksandar Dimitrijević

2024

Jakobi gallery, Tartu, Estonia

Curator Evelyn Grzinich

Triennial "Unpredictable Futures. Water", Klaipėda Cultural Communication Center, Lithuania

Curator Saule Teibere

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2024

**Supernature*, Annantalo Arts Center, Helsinki, Finland

*Oulunsalo Soi Chamber Music Festival, Selected as the Visual Artist of the Year in collaboration with The Northern Photographic Centre (PVK), Oulu, Finland

Curator Darja Zaitsev

2022

**Territories*, MABD gallery, Oulu, Finland

**Supernature*, Children's Cultural Centre Rulla, Tampere, Finland

2021

**Biofrictions*, Huuto galleria, Helsinki, Finland

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, Dordogne, France

2017

**X-rays*, health care and social center Mehiläinen, Oulu, Finland

**QR- Wild lands*, gallery of the garden atelier dedicated to artistic creation, "Jardin d'Héllys", Dordogne, France

Curator Moniqa Ray Bool

2016

* *Arctic*, gallery Kajaste, Helsinki, Finland

**Invisible*, Oulu Museum of Art, Finland

Curator Elina Vieru

**Arctic*, Centre of photography of Mikkeli, Finland

Curator Olli Jaatinen

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)

2024

*Supermarket art fair, Stockholm, Sweden

2023

*Mältinranta Art center, Tampere, Finland

*Supermarket art fair, Stockholm, Sweden

curator Selina Väliheikki

*Ars Nartae Lapland contemporary Art Weeks, gallery Kellokas, Äkäslompolo, Lapland

*The outsider Art festival, Helsinki, Finland

**Halo*, Exit 11 Art center, Grand-Leez, Belgium

curator Benoit Piret

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

curator Minna Kangasmaa

2019

**L'effet papillon*, Exit11 gallery, Grand-Leez, Namur, Belgium

curator Benoit Piret

*Biennal Organo #5, Bordeaux, France

2018

**Reality 2.0*, gallery Short Cuts, Namur, Belgium

curator Guy Malevez

**H2O*, Art Ii Biennal, Ii, Finland

curator Merja Briñón, Anastasia Patsey, Antti Tenetz

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, Finland

**Ytimessä*, Art Festival ARS Kärsämäki, Kärsämäki, Finland

* *The snawball effect 3*, The North Finland Biennal, Kemi Art Museum, Finland

2015

**New present*, Mänttä Art Festival, Finland

curator Kalle Hamm and Dzamil Kamanger

**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, Savigny-le-Temple, France

* *Contre-nature*, Art center Syndicat Potentiel, Strasbourg, France

curator Jean.François Mugnier

**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 Biennial, Oulu Museum of Art, Finland
 * *PolArt2K* , Kemi Art Museum, Finland, Lapland
 * *Capsule* , Art Fair, Liège, Belgium
 **Sans formats/ sans murs*, gallery CADG, contemporary art Biennial “off”, Liège, Belgium
 2010
 **I'm hungry for art*, Äkkigallery, Jyväskylä, Finland
curator Anna Ruth
 * *Dissection intime*, Art center Syndicat Potentiel, Strasbourg, France
curator Jean.François Mugnier
 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, Finland
 The Bioart Society, Finland
 ADAGP, 1st french visual artists' rights management organisation, Paris, France
 Kuvasto ry, 1st finnish copyright society for artist, Finland
 Huuto gallery, Artist member, Helsinki, Finland
 Catalysti, Transcultural artists in Finland

GRANTS/ STIPENDS

2024
 Project grant, city of Oulu, Finland
 2023
 Project grant, city of Oulu, Finland
 Project grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
 Working grant, Arts promotion centre Finland
 2022
 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

2012-2024

Photography Instructor and visual teacher in various educational institutions, including high schools and colleges, as well as specialized art schools in Finland

2022-2023

Oulu artist's association, member of the board, in charge of international projects, Finland

2018

Expert for Contacts and Arranging Visits in Paris, City of Oulu (Cultural Capital 2026 Project)

2015-2016

Curator and translator for the Belgium printmaking magazine "Actuel" special Finland

2013

Oulu artist's association, member of the board, Finland

2009

Museum Guard, Visitor Guidance, Introduction to Museum Operations, Louvre Museum, Paris, France

2008

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

Museum Guard, Visitor Guidance, Introduction to Museum Operations, Pompidou Art Center, Paris, France

LINKS ABOUT MY WORK

<https://tarantulaauthorsandart.substack.com/p/shortcuts-1>

<https://www.kulttuurivihkot.fi/lehti/jutut/uutiset/1526-taiteen-tieteen-ja-luonnon-vuoropuhelua>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRxeqvbxY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUM7BT7Pwmg>