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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?

I photograph the future, expressing difference, diversity, and the narrative potential of science. I explore the relationship between living beings and technology with a touch of utopia. “

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

Reklektor 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)

Curator Darja Zaitsev

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'Héllys, 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)

2024

*Supermarket art fair, Stockholm, Sweden

2023

*Mäntinranta 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

*Biennal Organo #5, Bordeaux, France

2018

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

**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

**Yimessä*, Art Festival ARS Kärämäki, Kärämäki, Finland

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

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 and in the castle of "la Grange- la Prévoté", 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 snawball 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 Biennial “off”, Liège, Belgium
2010
- * *I'm hungry for art*, Äkkigallery, Jyväskylä, Finland
- Curator** Anna Ruth
- * *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)
- Catalysti, Transcultural artists in Finland

GRANTS/ STIPENDS

- 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