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**EDUCATION** 

2022 - 2024	Master of Fine Arts, Zürcher Hochschule der Künste (ZHdK)	Zürich
2021 - 2022	Supplement of Bachelor in Art History at Geneva University (UNIGE)	Geneva
2018 - 2021	Bachelor in Visual Communication, Illustration (Image/Story), Haute École d'Art et Design (HEAD)	Geneva
2020	Erasmus, Fine Arts: BA Drawing, Camberwell College of Arts (UAL)	London (UK)
2017 - 2018	Preparatory course   Propédeutique in Visual Communication, CFP-Arts	Geneva
2012 - 2017	Certificate of High School in Fine Arts (Matura)	Sion(VS)

#### **SELECTED GROUP SHOWS**

2024 ACT Festival	Zürich
2023 <i>«Gift»,</i> Group show at ZHdK	Zürich
2023 Einsichten 2023, Visarte Zürich & Friends. Group show v	vith HOTEL TIGER, Photobastei Zürich
2023 <i>«Dummy»,</i> Group show at ZHdK	Zürich
2023 «On[] My Paracosmic Playdates Reality Show», Open Studio	s, Summer Academy Salzburg(AT)
2023	Zürich
2023 Pavilionesque Gazette Event, Magazine number 4 Launch,	Material Zürich
2022 «Constellation Terrestre» + « <del>Tiny Tragedies</del> » (Julietta Sac	cardi), Galerie Papiers Gras Geneva
2021 Prix de dessin de la Ville de Genève 2021, l'Abri	Carouge (GE)
2021 Fine Arts Grand Tour, exhibition spaces at HEAD-Genève	Geneva
2021 <i>«Constellation Terrestre»</i> , graduation show, le Cube, HEA	D-Genève Geneva
2019 Group show, espace Mora Mora	Carouge(GE)

#### **ARTISTIC RESIDENCIES/ WORKSHOPS**

2023	<i>«On []Paracosmic Playdates Reality Show»,</i> Mette Sterre's workshop, Summer Academy	Salzburg(AT)
2023	Echo Club, Performance Workshop, Gessnerallee	Zürich
2022	Membership at la Zinguerie. Collective and shared studio spaces	Crissier/Renens(VD)

#### **PRICES**

2021 Prix Caran d'Ache

2021 Prix Cryptogame de l'AGPI (Geneva Association for promoting Illustration)

#### LANGUAGES

French Mother tongue
English level C1
German level B1/B2
Italian basic knowledge

#### **INTERESTS**

Contemporary art, art history, design, pro-sex feminism, costume making, theater, performance, music, crafts, folklore and underground cultures



### The Peacemakers

— The Peacemakers is a 20 minutes performative action and reading. It was presented during ACT Festival 2024, in collaboration with the independent art space Kulturfolger in Zürich.

«For this year's ACT, we become the Peacemakers: by using a document shredder and then confetti canons, we will destroy all the refusal letters we ever got. From job and internship offers to Open calls and WG rooms, we will shrink negative replies into insignificant bits before making them fly away. Furthermore, dressed as «corporate» Arlequin and Pierrot, we want to mock bureaucratic codifications and emphasize the ridiculous procedures used by businesses. With this intervention in a public space, we will share our experiences as young artists/designers and liberate ourselves from administrative burdens. This will be a protest. We will open a circulation and celebrate a new start!»

- ACT Festival Zürich 2024
- Collaborative work with Aurélien Uberti
- Costumes, paper, tape, shredder, confetti canons
- 2024















### Dream Flesh in a Girl Monster World

Dream Flesh in a Girl Monster World is an exploration-essay-diary, a collaged research, an attempt to illustrate my conceptions of identity, as an artist and as a female human being. It is a tool I created to explore how to navigate with intimacy and sexual experiences in artworks. Through it, I share my thoughts, visual references and significant literary sources that are influencing my artistic practice. It is a process separated in three distinct yet interconnected parts: three bodies depicting the three layers composing oneself: on a superficial, intimate and carnal level. Visceral feeling as a dream and maybe a reality.

- Drawings, texts and visual references
- Magazine printed on glossy paper, 7 copies, colour, poster cover
- 20 x 26 cm
- 2024











^ Selection of pages from the magazine (inside spreads)

Dessert Magma

Dessert Magma is a series of three postcard-sized collages/assemblages, exploring textures, and mixed media in a delicious candy-like chaos. The materials used in this series recall my first contribution in the HOTEL TIGER show I need a holiday. It is like a persistence, a resonance. In Post-, the letters HT (for HOTEL TIGER) merge with an organism-like texture, creating an emprisoned drawing on fabric. It is like a unique "souvenir" from the off space.

- Group Show with HOTEL TIGER
- Photobastei for the Einsichten 2023, Visarte Zürich & Friends 2023
  - (I) Pollen 15 x 1 x 15 cm Cardboard, fabric, sponge, glue, tape, plastic candle holder, plaster, beeswax, fake leather.
  - (II) Post- (pocket-sized persistence) 15 x 1 x 12 cm Fabric, beeswax, pen, watercolour.

(III) Poison 15 x 0.5 x 12 cm Pencil drawing on fabric, watercolour, gouache, glue.









^ Details, and exhibition view @Samantha Zaugg

# Menthol is my new diet

Form: fragment of an ongoing process - texture experimentation Flavour: à la menthe Factor: delicious fragility Framework: ageless Footprint: foodprint Focus: many or none, it depends on the atmospheric pressure Future: maybe in your hand ?!

- «Gift» - Group show at ZHdK organised by Francisca Patrocinio and Anna-Sophie Knobloch

- Papier mâché, styrofoam, sponge, cigarette paper, glitters, watercolour. 10 x 7 x 4 cm

- 2023

- I also made the poster of the show (-> see on the right)









Kaleidoscope Love is a performance emphasing the sense of touch and feeling of the others. Where are the kisses, caresses and embraces going once they leave our skin? Could I keep those wanted gestures forever with me, on me? The red lipstick applied on the lips in an unpleasing way is a tool to mock romantic feminine cliché as well as a recording instrument, keeping track of a loving gesture. A tool to share vulnerability. After kissing the paper and the floor, the performer wraps herself in it and a reading closes the action.

- «Dummy» Group show at ZHdK
- Costume, Performance and reading (app.10 min): fabric, lipsticks, roll of silk paper 60g, microphone.
- 2023











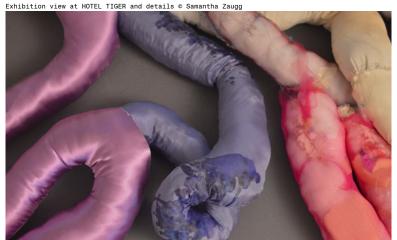


Salomé is a fabric creature, made in a collaged way with various materials. Recalling an invading specie, she grows and expands in the rooms of HOTEL TIGER. She mesmerizes or disgusts. Her body lurks in human pulsions and desires. Sexy temptress inspired by Herodias' story. A possible performative gesture could still occur...?

- Fabrics, leatherette, fishnet, found fake fur, beeswax, plaster, tape, latex, silk paper, beads/pearls, yarns, iron wire, hotglue, glitter glues, sponges, cotton wool, steel wool, varnish, watercolor, ink, markers, colored and grey pencils. Variable dimensions.
- HOTEL TIGER - I need a Holiday











# Sincerely Yours (la petite mort)

Sincerly Yours (la petite mort) is a see-through letter to an orgasm, a recording of the feeling, emprisoned in wax, a pause in an ecstatic moment. It was associated to Salomé in the show I need a Holiday, as they have common shapes, and conceptual similarities.

- Colored/grey pencils and black pen on silk paper dipped in beeswax
- 55 x 32 cm (and 1 m metallic chain)
- HOTEL TIGER I need a holiday
- 2023





^Exhibition view at HOTEL TIGER







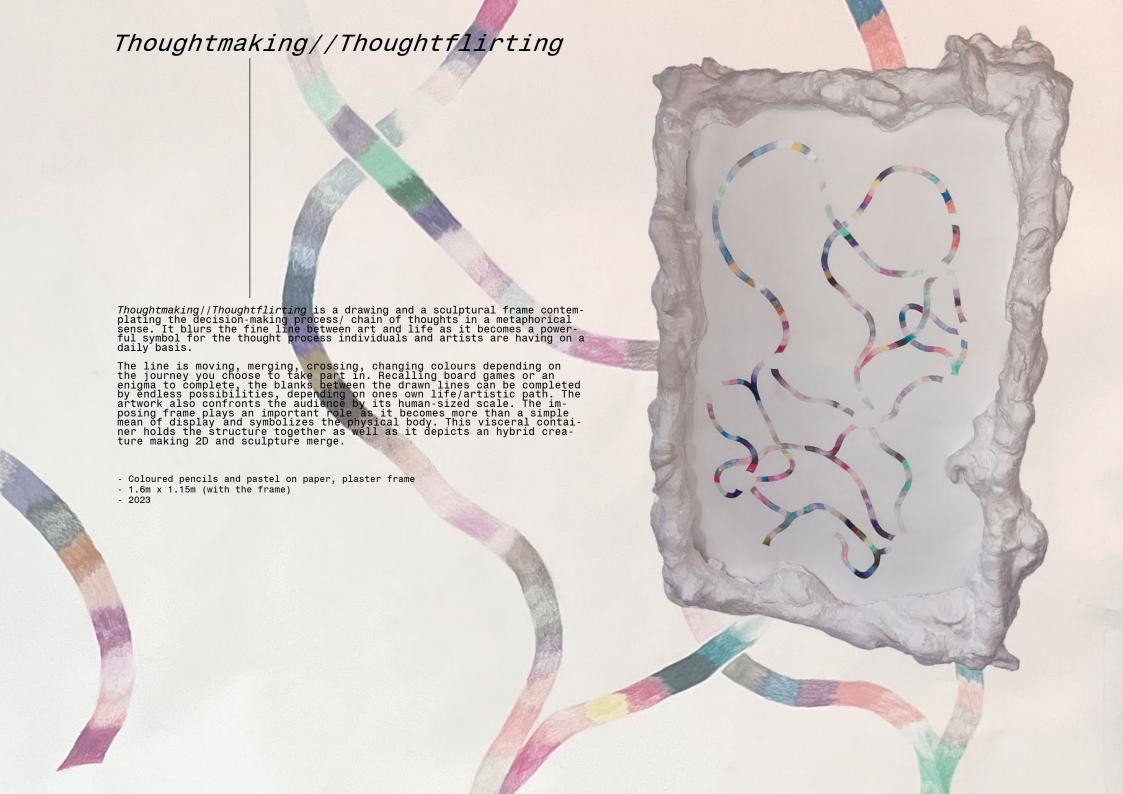






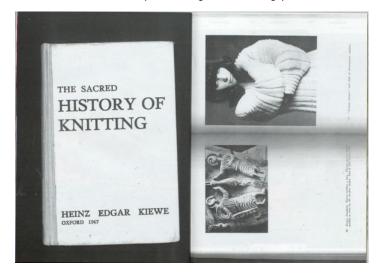
Wet is a filmed performance piece that took place during the Open Studio Vernissage of the Summer Academy during On Furlough /// To Entertain My Paracosmic Playdates Reality Show. It is a mixed-media experiment with costume making, drawing, water, hydrofeminism, eroticism, gestures, and discoveries around world-buildings.

- Performance, installation and costume : fabric, mirrors, water, found fourniture, watercolour, brushes, paper, jars, styrofoam, glue, glitters, nailpolish, plastic sheets, cardboard, pearls, Mozart Kugel Chocolates, silver shoes and white gloves
- Summer Academy Salzburg
- 2023



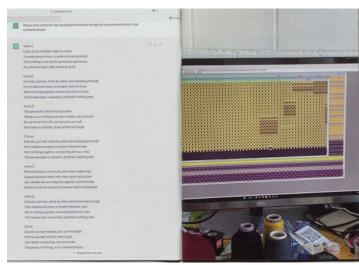
### The Knitting Club

The Knitting Club is a project developed in collaboration with Anaïs Strübin, Francisca Patrocínio and Selina Zürrer, focusing on knitting practices.



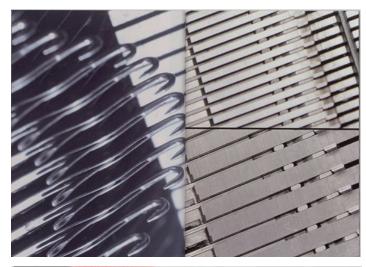
Through a series of discussions, workshops, and shared experiences, we explored various aspects of knitting, from its historical significance to contemporary interpretations. Drawing from our diverse interests and approaches to knitting practices, we contributed with research material, our own perspectives and references.

As part of the project we finally developed a zine that compiles our collective explorations - featuring a blend of visual research, knitting material and experiments, speculative conversations, and personal reflections on knitting techniques. With a focus on image-based content, the publication aimed to capture the multifaceted nature of knitting and its intersection with art, design, and social discourse.





Selection of pages from the magazine (inside spreads) < ^ >





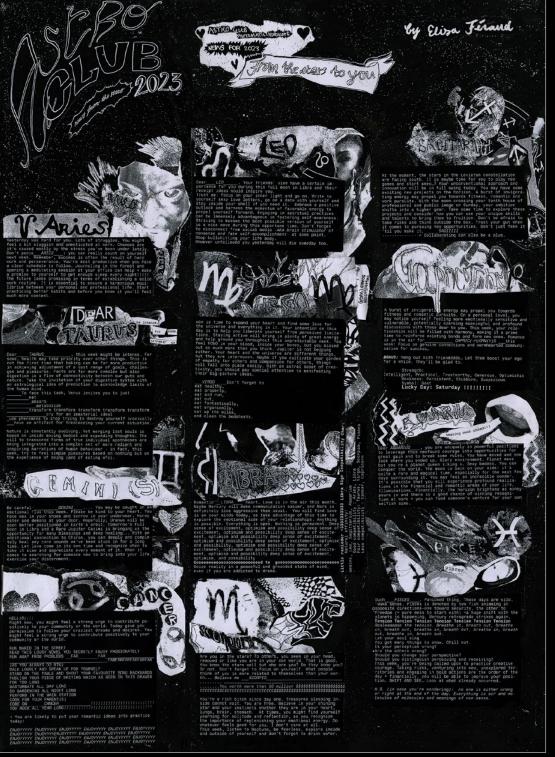


- In collaboration with Anaïs Strübin, Francisca Patrocínio, and Selina Zürrer
- Instagram account: @knitting.unites
- First edition of magazines, 120 copies, colour
- 2023

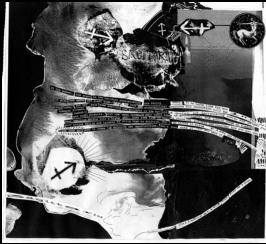
## ASTRO CLUB

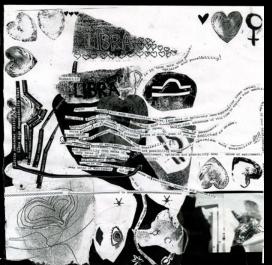
ASTRO\_CLUB is an automatically written horoscope, recalling feminist punk culture aesthetic. It was made for the 4<sup>th</sup> Issue of Pavilionesque Magazine, created by the polish artist Paulina Olowska: the Pavilionesque Gazette.

- Black and white hand-made paper collages and texts. Original drawings are monotypes with black ink. Black pen, photocopies from books, and altered self-portraits.
   Originals are 30 x 30 cm or 45 x 35 cm, the poster is 72 x 34.
   Launch of the Pavilionesque Gazette in Material, Zürich













The Magician is a collaborative project made with Mathias Lüscher, a swiss artist. It is an article about Tarot Card readings and astrology that was published in the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of *Pavilionesque Magazine* created by the polish artist Paulina Olowska: the Pavilionesque Gazette.

Fragments of texts, drawings and found images merge together in a trashy way. We experimented with shapes and meanings, we generated new ways of conceiving a newspaper article. Freedom and hybridations of images, styles, annd so on were the main concerns, although the columns are structuring and recalling a classic article.

- Texts by Mathias Lüscher. Collages made togheter with scans of my drawings and monotypes.
- Originals have variable dimensions from 42x10cm to 84x20cm
- Launch of the Pavilionesque Gazette in Material, Zürich
- ---> The main title and titles for the articles in the magazine were also made by me.









The tests of typographies, the night of the launching, and the front page of the Magazine > The three original collages for the Magician in column as a reference to the newsapaper format

### Cells

Cells is a coloured pencils drawing dipped in beeswax. It works as a study of visual content, an attempt to grasp materials in a drawing form, and anable experimentations with the representation of substances. It finds its inspiration in surrealism, especially Meret Oppenheim's work, playing with hybridation. In fact, the four estones» depicted here recall water, body tissue, microorganisms,... held together in a human body. in a human body.

- Paper 150g, coloured pencils, beeswax and metallic chain 45 x 30 cm, 1m metallic chain Winter Auction ZHdK 2023

- 2022-2023





# Loop(s) in my heart



Loop(s) in my heart is an attempt to translate physically the drawings in Untitled (Expansion I), in a continuous research about transformation and erotic bodies. These loops are remains of an internal strong experience translated in a fragile form. It is also a way of recording an artistic gesture where the traces of the body are present.

- Papier mâché, plaster, wool, metallic tread, flour. 90 x 68 cm 2022

### Pink

Pink is an ongoing research on materiality as well as on hybridation of sculpture and drawing. The borders between the mediums, textures and translucency are the main exploratory aspects of it, whereas its fragility is entirely part of it, as it slowly desintegrates and collaps.

The texture and the title refers to flesh, Pink like an erotic body and a universal bodily feeling outpacing the feminine stereotypes of the colour. It is linked to two different texts: Flesh of my Flesh by Kaja Silverman and Mike Kelly's text about Paul Thek work and his use of the pink colour.

- Pink candle wax and pure bee wax on a watercolour and pencil drawing on paper.

- 28 x 21cm

- 2022











# Untitled (Expansive I)



Untitled (Expansive I) is the first drawing of an on-going series. It is in the continuity of a constant formal research on fractured reality, material/immaterial transformations and traces that the series appeared. Living organisms, water, skin, transformation, intimacy, vegetal and visceral coexist on the paper. Organic shapes inspired by objects, plants and light merge together and free polymorpgic lines run around them, like bodies caressing eachothers silently.

- Drawing on cardboard with graphite, coloured pencils, gouache, watercolour, silver pen.

- 100 x 80 cm

- 2021, on-going

