

CV Laura Mahnke

*1991, based in Hamburg, Germany

2027 Master of Fine Arts, University of Fine Arts (HFBK), Hamburg
2024 Bachelor of Fine Arts, HFBK, Hamburg
2022 École Supérieure des Arts et de Design Marseille-Mediterranée

Grants and Nominations

2025 Project funding, HFBK
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2023 Art Grant, with Cake&Cash, Zeit Stiftung E. und G. Bucerius
2022 Project funding, ZGD, HFBK, Karl H. Ditze Stiftung
2022 Travel Grant, Office franco-allemand pour la Jeunesse
2022 Erasmus Travel Grant
2021 - 2022 Project funding, HFBK and BWFG Hamburg
2021 Nominee, German Academic Scholarship Foundation
2016 - 2018 Grant, Chamber of Crafts Lübeck

Recent Publications and Contributions

2025 Publication: Clouds
2024 Communal Digestion, workshop during Olga Schubert's seminar on Anti-Academies, HFBK Hamburg
2024 Haben wir noch Butter? Lecture and publication, with Cake&Cash, Kunstverein Gastgarten, Hamburg
2024 Have we passed peak collective? Panel discussion with Cake&Cash and etc, Künstlerhaus Lauenburg
2024 Book: Prendre la Parole - on shame and the urgency of speaking at all or speaking anyway
2021 SeeUTh3re #5, Podcast on care with Dr. Sascia Bailer, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof

Work and Education

2022 Research associate, Center for Gender and Diversity, Hamburg University
2022 Curatorial Internship, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof
2020 - 2021 Research associate, HFBK Hamburg
2019 Founding of Cake&Cash Collective
2018 Apprenticeship as trainer in ceramics, Grade A
2015 – 2017 Journeywoman (Compagnonne)
Since 2015 Work for various ceramic studios
2012 – 2015 Apprenticeship in ceramics, Grade B
2010 - 2016 Active in educational politics

Selected Shows and Projects 2020 - 2025

Upcoming in 2026: Sisters in Crime @ Westwerk, Hamburg

2025

Sisters in Crime (still) riding a Horse together, Residency and Duo show with Paula Hoffmann, Vorfluter, Berlin
A Dry Mouth, group show with Razan Sabbagh and Remi Alkhiami, Frappant Galerie, Hamburg
Art Off, group show, Barlach Halle K, Hamburg
Fragile Uncertainties, group show curated by Nadja Quante, ICAT, Hamburg

2024

ex libris book fair, Extended Library, HFBK Hamburg
Lost & Holy, group show, Golden Pudel Club, Hamburg
South of the Elbe River, group show curated by Sophia Leitenmayer, HYCP, Hamburg
Prendre la parole, solo show, lecture performances, workshops, Modos Dever, Leipzig
Prendre la parole - exercises, public sessions, exhibition, and graduation, HFBK Hamburg
with Paula Hoffmann: Think & Feel! Speak & Act!, group show curated by Nadine Droste, ICAT, Hamburg

2023

Curator (with Paula Hoffmann): Untitled (Mothers) – Penny Monogiou & Laure Boer, Hamburg
4 Days spent across my Universe, lecture performance, Frappant Galerie, Hamburg
Cake&Cash & Friends, exhibition series, MOM ART Space, Hamburg
Curator: TAP MILK, group show, MOM Art Space, Hamburg
Situation / Condition / Position, group show curated by Susanna Eremjan, ICAT, Hamburg
Draft: Der Traum vom Staubsaugerroboter, lecture performance with Cake&Cash, Kunsthaus Hamburg
The F* word, with Cake&Cash, Museum for Arts & Crafts, Hamburg
Reading from my Raw Journals, lecture performance, Variety Room, HFBK Hamburg

2022

Curator: DIENST, exhibition series, micro artist residency, bar, Galerie LADØNS, Hamburg
Grind & Shine Inc. by Cake&Cash, curatorial residency, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg
Friture sur la ligne, group show, Dos Mares, Marseille
Sexed Power, with Cake&Cash, MOM Art Space, Hamburg

2021

Annual Editions, with Cake&Cash, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg
If sweet talkin' you could make it come true, group show, Einstellungsraum, Hamburg
grind now, shine later? Series of lectures and workshops with Cake&Cash, HFBK Gallery
Verpuppungen, group show, Galerie LADØNS, Hamburg

2020

SeeUTh3re #3, duo show with Alexandra Tretter, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg
Pop & Squat online festival, with Cake&Cash, HFBK Hamburg / HfG Offenbach
It takes place behind glass and windows, duo show with Ali Quaies, HFBK Hamburg
Archive of Encounters, M.1, Hohenlockstedt