ESTHER STERN

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About

I use an installative, interactive, multimedia approach to build scenes in which visitors can play freely. I'm interested in creating environments where performative actions are preprogrammed and feel easy and light. My topics revolve around humanness and trying to figure out what that means.

Education

2020–26	Fine Arts, Performative Art class of Carola Dertnig, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna. Diploma with distinction, January 2026
2023	UCL Slade School of Fine Art, London
2019–21	Forestry, BOKU Vienna
2018–19	Fine Arts, University of Manitoba School of Art, Winnipeg
2014	International Summer Academy Salzburg, with Tobias Zielony

Exhibitions, performances, projects (selected)

2026	Forum Alpbach, project with stamps and pins, project
	a life on it's own, Diploma show, Akademie der bildenden Künste Wien, Schillerplatz, solo
2025	7th Artist Market, Kunsthalle Wien, group
	1st Artcare Young Art auction, with Kollektiv Bande, group
	Salon Parkour #30, with Paula Oberndorfer and Franz-Xaver Rieder, performance
	Lucky Loop Off-Site Art Festival, curation, organisation and works, curation
	Klassenfahrt, print in Clinch 02, publication
	the key to?, kracherl & krawall, Exhibit Eschenbachgasse, group
	where's liu?, US-RADA, Estonia, group
	PAUSE, Aquarium Akbild, curated by Esther Stern, solo
	Dear (in collaboration with Rosa Knecht) and Post-it Party, Rundgang Akademie der bildenden Künste, group
2024–25	das Edith, Grafikklasse print collection, group
2024	Dogtail Print, Die Hundezone, Generic Gallery Funkhaus 1040, group
	CORPORATE UNWELLNESS, DB59, curation, organisation and works, curation
	Pick me up, Kleingarten 3, Fiktiv Kollektiv, group
	Trophäen des Almwolf, Almvernissage Bayrischzell, group
	Esistenza Integrale, Futurama Lab Artists & Friends, Bildraum Studio, group
	SOFT RECIPROCAL, Bootleg Skodagasse, solo
	SHELTER, Klima Biennale Wien, with Elisa Schober, group
	Übers dableiben und weggehen, text in Zeitgenossin Magazin, publication
	Beer Lovers: Print or Drink, Rundgang Akademie der bildenden Künste, group
2023	Choose your luck, UCL Slade, London, group
	IHS Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna, with Kollektiv Bande, group
	Medienfrische Festival, residency and performance 2:1 in an installation by Kollektiv Bande, residency
	ich kann leider auch nicht LG, Exhibit Eschenbachgasse, group
	Summer Showing, Belvedere 21, re-enactment of the performance 2:1, performance
2022	Megaworld Festival, with Paula Oberndorfer, performance
	Medienfrische Festival, residency
	MATERIAL GIRL*Z calendar, with Paula Oberndorfer, edition of 100, publication
2021	Duo exhibition with Judith Kerndl, KunstGallerie Waldviertel, group
	Summer Showing, Schillerplatz, group
	OUT THE BOX, Schillerplatz Container, group
2020	BLURRY FOCUS, solo