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## MIRA LOEW BIOGRAPHY

Austrian born, Mira Loew began her journey as a photographer and filmmaker with audio-visual media training at the Federal Graphic Institute in Vienna, at the age of 14. After extensive travels through Asia, Loew went on to earn her BA in Fashion Photography at the London College of Fashion (2009), and finally an MA in Image and Communication from Goldsmiths, University of London (2011). Her work seeks to create a new artistic space situated within the realm of fine art photography while borrowing aesthetical means from fashion photography.

The exploration of the human body is a central theme to her work, including nudes, portraiture and recently the investigation of the correlation between performance and photography. Working with her own body as well as performers and dancers, she understands the movement of the body as a means of expression. Communicating a bold and provocative vision, she is particularly concerned with the experience of inhabiting and experiencing the world through the female body. Often she combines slick imagery with dreamy, feminine form to powerful effect.

Loew works with a variety of photographic materials, including medium format, 35mm, grainy black and white as well as colour films, polaroids and digital. Fascinated with the delicacy of photographic surfaces, Loew often combines different materials to create a whole new process. Frequently the photographic surface is altered, and the representation of colours manipulated to allow the materiality and the textures of the photograph to come to the forefront. She invites the viewer to challenge the idea of images as representations of reality and identity, and to explore more fully the relationship between human beauty, fragility and mortality.

*“The garments with which we decorate and bedeck our bodies are artificially charged with cultural significations and meanings. We like to employ these false values to construct our identities, which we chose to perform in our social environment. To remove these cultural signs means to address concerns intrinsically to the human existence, beyond our nature as social beings.” – Mira Loew*

Loew's films have been screened at fashion and visual arts festivals across Europe, and her photographic work has been featured in exhibitions across Europe, Asia, Mexico & the USA.

Mira Loew currently lives and works in London, United Kingdom, and is represented by DECORAZONgallery.

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**MIRA LOEW**  
**(b 1984, Vienna)**

## **Curriculum Vitae**

Lives and works in Vienna and London  
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### **Education:**

2012 Curating Moving Image, LUX, London  
2010-2011 MA Image and Communication, Goldsmiths, University of London  
2010 Serial Photography with VALIE EXPORT, Summer Academy Traunkirchen, AT  
2006-2009 BA (Hons) Fashion Photography, London College of Fashion  
1998-2003 Federal Graphic Institute of Higher Education, Department of Photography, Vienna

### **Short Courses:**

2012 Curating Moving Image, LUX, London  
2011 Creative Writing, with Information as Material, Whitechapel Gallery, London  
2010 Serial Photography with VALIE EXPORT, Summer Academy Traunkirchen, Austria  
2010 Mixed Media Painting, Caroline List, Central Saint Martins College, London  
2006 Nude Photography with Andreas H. Bitesnich, Tuscany, Italy

### **Selected Group Exhibitions/ Screenings:**

Upcoming:

01/2015 *London Art Fair*, with Decorazon Gallery, UK  
12/ *SCOPE Art Fair*, with Decorazon Gallery, Miami  
12/ *Despite Efficiency: Labour*, Herbert Read Gallery, UCA, Canterbury

2014

09/ *Seam*, Hoxton Arches Gallery, London  
06/ *Body/Object*, Rampa, Madrid  
05/ *Tres Courtes*, International Film Festival, Paris  
03/ *Affordable Art Fair*, with Decorazon Gallery, NYC  
03/ *Spaced*, Theatre Delicatessen, London  
03/ *Aesthetic of Protest*, Harts Lane Studios, London

2013

10/ *Affordable Art Fair Battersea*, with Decorazon Gallery, London  
10/ *Sculpture in/and Nature*, Studio Altweger, Austria  
08/ *Summer Exhibition*, West Side Gallery, New York City  
05/ *Decorazon Spring Show*, Dallas Design District, Texas, USA  
04/ *YPA at Salon Flux*, Unit10 Art Space, London  
03/ *Affordable Art Fair*, with Decorazon Gallery, Hong Kong  
02/ *Affordable Art Fair*, with Decorazon Gallery, Brussels

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09/ *Cabinet Exhibition*, Islington Arts Factory, London  
05/ *Open House* 05/06, Unit 10 Art Space, London

2011

12/ *Go Foto*, Fotowerk, Vienna  
07/ *The Perverse Library*, Whitechapel Gallery, London  
07/ *Eine Grosse Funf*, the City Art and Music Project, London  
06/ *IC Graduate Show*, Goldsmiths University, London  
05/ *Spotlight Artist at Lightbox*, 93 Feet East, London  
03/ *Salon Flux*, The Old Boysclub, London

2010

09/ *Instant Fishing*, Ragnarhof, Vienna  
08/ *Abschlussklasse VALIE EXPORT*, Kloster Traunkirchen, Austria  
05/ *8Views*, 10Festival for Fashion and Photography, Vienna

2009

07/ *Graduate Show*, LCF at Carnabystreet, London  
06/ *Are You The ONE I've Been Waiting For*, Spring Studios, London  
06/ *Capsule*, Richard Young Gallery, London

2008

10/ *The self vs the Other*, Rosi's Gallery, Central Saint Martin's College, London  
05/ *Catch Me If You Can*, Subsatellit, Soho in Ottakring Festival, Vienna

## **Selected Film Screenings:**

06/2012 *Fashion in Motion*, Schickaneder Cinema, Vienna  
06/2011 *Notting Hill Visual Arts Festival 2011*, The Tabernacle, London  
09/2010 *Façade Video Festival*, Bloddiv, Bulgaria  
06/2010 *Loop Film Festival*, Barcelona  
04/2010 *Salon Video Art Prize Exhibition*, MRA Project Space, Vyner Street, London  
03/2010 *InkTheSky*, Estudio Nómada, Barcelona

## **Selected Residencies/ Prizes:**

2013/ *Summer Residency at SVA*, New York  
2010/ *Best Video*, Matt Roberts Arts (Short listed)  
2009/ *Best Fashion Image*, LCF (Short listed)  
2009/ *Best Undergraduate Dissertation* (Short listed)  
2009/ *D&AD Student Awards*

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