

# ARTIST CV

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## EDUCATION

Glasgow School of Art (2017 - 2020) BA(Hons) Fine Art: Painting & Printmaking  
Leith School of Art (2016-2017) Foundation Diploma Art & Design  
University of Edinburgh (2011-2015) MA(Hons) Philosophy and English Literature

## PERFORMANCES & EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Don't be Rice-ist*, [Cyber Clown Girls](#) (Guest performer), online/LA  
*Contemporary Figures*, [Viewing Rooms | Society of Scottish Artists](#),  
online/Scotland  
*Pretty Ugly*. SaltSpace Co-op, Glasgow, ([Opening night performer](#)),  
Glasgow  
*Community & Care*, Cyber Clown Girls ([Guest performer](#)), online/LA
- 2020 *Degree Show Simulator: DS2020*, [virtual degree show](#), Glasgow  
*GSA Graduate Showcase*, [Glasgow School of Art](#), Glasgow  
*Glasgow School of Art Degree Show*, Glasgow (postponed/cancelled)  
*More Excerpts*, [Center for Contemporary Art](#), Glasgow, (postponed)  
*Lady Lumberjacks* GSASA, Glasgow
- 2019 *Soup*, Glue Factory. Glasgow
- 2018 *Test Bed*, Tontine. Glasgow  
*Body Bank*, Old Hairdressers, Glasgow
- 2017 *Professor Mu Daqi's Exhibition*, Tontine, Glasgow  
*LSA Summer Exhibition*. Leith School of Art, Edinburgh
- 2016 *LSA Christmas Exhibition*. Leith School of Art, Edinburgh
- 2015 *LSA Christmas Exhibition*. Leith School of Art, Edinburgh

## EXPERIENCE

- 2021 **Glasgow Open House Art Festival**, Graduate co-coordinator and [advisory committee member](#), Glasgow  
**SCOT-PEP**, [campaign group](#), Scotland  
**Life Model**, Online/Scotland  
**Dirty Slut Mouth**, [blog co-curator](#), Glasgow, Los Angeles & ROI
- 2020 **Code in Place**, Online Course: Stanford University, California USA
- 2019 **Edinburgh's Famous Burke and Hare**, photographer, Edinburgh  
**George Jamieson Taxidermist**, bird and small mammal taxidermy training, Edinburgh
- 2018-19 **Young Women Lead YWCA**, leadership programme participant with [YWCA Scotland & Scottish Parliament](#), Edinburgh
- 2018 **Gallery Assistant**, Frutta Gallery, Glasgow
- 2015-16 **Assistant Editor**, Linen Press Books, Edinburgh  
**Freelance Editor**, Online/Edinburgh
- 2014 **Creative Contributor**, [SKIN. magazine](#), Glasgow  
**Edinburgh Book Festival Writer Interviewer**, [WriterStories](#), Edinburgh
- 2011 **Promotions Designer**, Aurora Winterborn's Candid Cabaret at Edinburgh International Festival, Edinburgh
- 2010-12 **Dance Troupe**, [Kamikaze Girls](#), Edinburgh
- 2008-18 **Self-Employed Lap Dancer**, Edinburgh/London

## CONTRIBUTIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *Class War and Some Class Whores: Sex Workers Organising During Covid* (with Scot-PEP), [Edinburgh Anarchist Feminist Bookfair](#), online  
*Sex Work and the Nordic Model w/ Freja & Elizabeth*, [The Importance of Being Feminist](#) podcast by YWCA Scotland with Iris Pase, online
- 2020 *Feminism & Sex Work Series*, [The Young Women's Movement Blog](#), also available on the [Dirty Slut Mouth](#) blog, online  
*Sushi d\*ck pics, destigmatising sex work, slut shaming ft Elizabeth aka Femme Castratrice*, [But Where Are You From?](#) podcast with besea.n (Britain's East and South East Asian Network) & Viv Yau, online

*Ode to Selfie*, [artist/curator](#), limited edition artist book available via Glasgow Zine Lib, Glasgow Women's Lib & [Good Press](#), Glasgow

- 2019 *More Old Tired Horse*, GSA student zine, featured writer, Glasgow  
*Transend Whorephobia*, *Sex work is work*, Flyer design for Brazilian Wax  
XXL: Queer Latin Disco, organized by the Fuck You Pay Me show,  
London
- 2014 *What It Feels Like to Be a Lap Dancer*, The Herald Magazine, Edinburgh  
2012 *Lap Dancers in Edinburgh* (2012) – featured model, photographed by  
Jannica Honey, Summerhall, Edinburgh

## PRESS

- 2021 [Sex Dolls Gone Wild](#) Adults Only (TV Series), Channel 5, UK  
[Sex dolls are the New Influencers](#) Jessica Lucas, *inputmag.com*, UK  
[Pretty Ugly: A Non-Binary / Trans Masc Perspective](#) *Artificial Womb*  
*Zine*, Glasgow  
[Mira Knoche \(Wench and Artemisia Vulgaris Collectives\) explains](#)  
[the 'Pretty Ugly' Exhibition](#) *You Call That Radio*, Glasgow
- 2020 [Instagram's Cruel & Unusual Guidelines: How they Blacklist](#)  
[Marginalized Bodies](#) Katherine Breeher, *The Revival Zine at Sonoma*  
*State*, Sonoma State University, CA, USA  
[Girl Gaze: the Light is On](#) Jannica Honey, *jannicahoney.com*,  
Edinburgh  
[Love, Dolls and Robots II](#) Tasha's Lifestyle Talk, *Coverdoll.com*, NJ,  
USA  
[Love, Dolls and Robots I](#) Tasha's Lifestyle Talk, *Coverdoll.com*, NJ,  
USA
- 2019 [Insight: Glasgow's lap dancing clubs face stricter regulation](#) Dani  
Garavelli *The Scotsman*, Glasgow

## RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Hospitalfield Graduate Residency  
2020 SPUR Virtual Residency, (community member)

## **AWARDS / FUNDING**

2021            Glasgow Open House Graduates:  
                  The Hope Scott Trust Fund  
                  & match funded by the Glasgow School of Art

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

2021            United Voices of the World  
                  Scottish Artists Union  
2019 / 20 / 21 Society of Scottish Artists  
                  Visual Arts Scotland

## **STATEMENT**

I am an East-Asian multi-disciplinary artist whose practice is heavily influenced by my experiences in sex work. My interests are often fringe as I believe what causes us discomfort speaks volumes about our culture and shared values. My work asks challenging questions that prompt a re-evaluation of our intuitive reflexes, with the aim of reaching a nuanced and more compassionate understanding of each other and the world we live in.