

## **NATAŠA PROSENC STEARNS C.V.**

### **EDUCATION**

MFA California Institute of the Arts, School of Film/Video, Los Angeles, USA  
BA Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia

### **SCREENINGS, LECTURES, RESIDENCIES**

2021/22 - CAMERA OBSCURA Artist Residency, City of Santa Monica, USA  
2020 - DELETE\_TV, curated program, International Okto TV  
2019 - CODE L, Original video opera, composed by Milko Lazar, SNG Opera & Ballet Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2018 - MM Center, Program SCCA, Zagreb, Croatia  
2017 - Museum für zeitgenössische Kunst, DIVA Program SCCA Vienna, Austria  
2016 - LACE, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, DIVA Presents, Slovene Video in LA, USA  
- Slovenian Cinematheque, Between Video and Film, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2015 - SCCA Project Room, More Time Every Minute, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2014 - Slovenian Cinematheque, The Trial of Socrates, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2013 - UCLA, Department of Film, Television and Digital Media, Los Angeles, USA  
- SeeFest / Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Art Talk, Los Angeles, USA  
- Mixed Media, SCCA Project Room, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2010 - Cinematheque108 Alternative Screening Series, USC, Los Angeles, USA  
2009 - EU Open House, Embassy of Slovenia, Washington, USA  
2008 - The Meaning of Time, Gateway to Archives of Media Art, Marseille, France  
- Angel of History, Projection of video Vortex as part of a concerto for two orchestras by Vinko Globokar, Viba Studio, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
- Guest Lecture, Pasadena Art Center, USA  
2007 - Transient bodies, Video selection of SCCA works, Gallery Kapelica, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
- The Generic Remix Project, Pacific Film Archives, Berkeley, USA  
- Categorically Not, Santa Monica Art Studios, USA  
2006 - The Generic Remix Project, Red Cat, Los Angeles, USA  
- Ameriške zgodbe / American Stories, Project Room SCCA, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2005 - Guest screening, Cal Arts, Los Angeles, USA  
- Gallery Overtones, Los Angeles, USA  
2004 - USC, Guest screening, Los Angeles, USA

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2022 - Best Short Film Award, ŽIVA - VIFF-Vienna Independent Film Festival, Austria  
2021 - Honorable Mention, WHAT IS ENOUGH? Montauk Film Festival, USA  
2019 - Best Experimental Film, HOTEL DIARY, Ibiza Cinefest, Spain  
2018 - Special Mention, HOTEL DIARY, Arte Non Stop Film Festival, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
2012 - Best Concept Nomination, LAST SUPPER, Long Island Film Expo, New York  
2012 - Cultural Capital of Europe Grant, BACKFILL, Slovenia  
2010 - Third award, MUD, Long Beach Arts, USA  
2008 - Durfee Foundation Grant, Los Angeles, USA  
2007 - Ministry of Culture Grant, Slovenia  
2006 - Best of Festival, SOUVENIR, Berkeley Film and Video Festival, USA  
2001 - Prešeren Fund Award for The Venice Biennale presentation of GLADIATORS, Government Award for great achievement in art, Slovenia  
2000 - Kodak grant, CalArts, USA  
- Special Jury Award, EVENING, Cine Women NY, Brooklyn Film, USA  
- Special Jury Award, EVENING, NY Expo, USA  
1999 - Gold Award, EVENING, WorldFest - Flagstaff, USA  
1997 - 1999 - Fulbright Grant, USA

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 - DEATH OF THE GODDESS ŽIVA, Gorenjska Museum, Kranj, Slovenia  
2021 - BETWEEN BODY AND SPACE, Hest Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2020 - Ongoing - SELECTED WORKS, Open Air Installation, STRADA, Downtown Los Angeles  
2019 - CODE L - FRAGMENTS, Kibela Gallery, Maribor Slovenia  
2018 - SUSPENDED COLONNADE, Maribor Castle, Slovenia  
- HOTEL DIARY, Lapidarium, Gallery Božidar Jakac, Slovenia  
2017 - CARYATIDS AND MEDUSAS, UGM Studio, Maribor, Slovenia  
2016 - PLANET HEART, WallSpace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
- CRAWLERS, THE LONG TRAVEL, Monfort, Coastal Galleries, Slovenia / Italy  
- HOTEL DIARY, Gallery Velenje, Slovenia  
- BLACK WATERS AND OTHER STORIES, Prešeren Award Winners Gallery, Kranj, Slovenia  
2015 - NIGHT SPRING, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
- NIGHT SPRING, Vžigalica Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2014/15 - WHITE GOLD, Kresija Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2014 - UNDER THE BLACK PALM TREES, MoTA Museum of Transitory Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
- VIDEOS AND PRINTS, With Marianne Magne, The Electric Lodge, Venice, USA  
2013 - BACKFILL, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
- VIDEO OBJECTS, SCCA, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
- VORTEX, WallSpace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
2012 - INNOCENCE DISSOLVED, WallSpace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
- BACKFILL, Maribor castle, Cultural Capital of Europe, Slovenia  
2009 - MUD, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 - RETURNING THE GAZE, Cukrarna Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
- MENSTRUALITIES, Alte Münze, Berlin, Germany  
2020 - 100+ HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UGM COLLECTION, Maribor, Slovenia  
- TREMENDOUS WORLD I HAVE INSIDE MY HEAD - METAMODERNISM IN SLOVENE ART, Monfort Gallery / Coastal Galleries, Slovenia / Italy  
2019 - WHITE GOLD, Exhibition ME CANDY, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, USA  
- 40<sup>th</sup> VENICE ART WALK, Los Angeles, USA  
- control<cultivate>evolve, Škuc Gallery, SCCA Ljubljana, Slovenia  
- VIDEOART FROM THAILAND, SLOVENIA AND NORWAY, BACC, Bangkok Art and Culture Center, Thailand  
2018 - E.CITÉ, Apollonia, Échanges artistiques Européens, Strasbourg, France  
- HIDDEN ROOMS, ART AT THE RENDON, DTLA Arts District, Los Angeles, USA  
- PERSONAL, Kibla Portal, Maribor Slovenia  
2017 - TREES, FM Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
- EPILOG, Novo Celje Mansion, Slovenia  
- HIGH PRIESTESS, ArtShare Los Angeles, USA  
2016 - ARTIST AS SUBJECT, Curated by Andi Campognone, MOAH, Museum of Art and History, Lancaster, USA  
- PROXIMITY EFFECT, Curator Nika Grabar, Vžigalica Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2015 - WE MUST RISK DELIGHT, 20 ARTISTS FROM LOS ANGELES, 56<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale, Collateral Events, Curator Elizabeta Betinski, BardoLA, Magazzino del Sale 3, Venice, Italy  
- Fashionistas Fight Back, Curator Shana Nys Dambrot, OCCCA, Santa Ana, USA  
2014 - FACE 2 FACE, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, USA  
- THE THIRD RING, Disjecta Contemporary Art Center, Portland, USA  
- IMAGES OF BODY, Figurative Images in Slovene and Austrian art, Gallery Slovenj Gradec, SI  
- PANORAMA, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Permanent Collection of the Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor, SI  
- SYNTHESIS, WallSpace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
2013 - One Year Anniversary, WallSpace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
- LINE STROKE THE LETTER, Vžigalica Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
2012 - TARFEST, 10-Year Retrospective, Curator Holly Harrison - Variety Building, LA, USA  
2011 - UNIVERSE CITY, Curator Barry Markovitz, CSULA, USA

- DEEP, Juror Grace Kook-Anderson, OCCCA, Los Angeles, USA
- SMALL WORKS, Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2010 - LAAA, Juror Franklin Sirmans, Los Angeles, USA
- REDEFINING BEAUTY, Juror Peter Frank, OCCCA, Los Angeles, USA
- TARFEST, Juror Edward Robinson, KCC, Los Angeles, USA
- VETTE / HEIGHTS, Juror Laura Spolaore, Palazzo Frisacco, Tolmezzo, Italy
- CALIFORNIA OPEN EXHIBITION, Juror Grace Kook-Anderson, Long Beach Arts, USA
- 2009 - SOUNDS AND VISIONS, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel
- SUMMER, Curator Tomaž Brejc, Art Gallery Maribor, Slovenia
- 2008 - THE LONG WEEKEND, Curator Nancy Buchanan, Phantom Galleries LA, USA
- I-DENTITY, UMKC Fine Art Gallery, Kansas City, MO, USA
- INVENTED WORLDS, New media art from Slovenia Titanik Galleria, Turku, Finland
- 2007 - INVENTED WORLDS, Museum of Contemporary Art of Vojvodina, Novi sad, Serbia
- VALOVANJA, From permanent collection of Umetnostne Galerije Maribor, Slovenia
- 2006 - H2EAU, Red House Gallery, Venice, USA
- VISUAL DIALOGS, City Art Museum, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2005 - SLOVENE ART 1995-2005 - TERRITORIES, IDENTITIES, NETS, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2004 - GALLERY TOUR OF THE TEN, Foreign Affairs Ministry, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 - THE DIFFERENT SAME, Doulon Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China

## **FESTIVALS**

- 2022 - VASTLAB Experimental, Los Angeles, USA
- Vienna Independent Film Festival, Vienna, Austria
- StradaFest, Los Angeles, USA
- Arthouse Asia Film Festival, Kolkata, India
- Bideodromo, International Experimental Film and Video Festival, Bilbao, Spain
- 2021 - Los Angeles Short Film Festival, USA
- Altered Images Film and Music Festival, London, UK
- The Comeback Fest, ArtShare LA, Los Angeles, USA
- Kinolokbez Festival, Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation
- Girona Film Festival, Spain - VASTLAB Experimental, Los Angeles, USA
- Montauk Film Festival, USA
- Secret Treaties Film Festival, New York, USA
- 2020 - Oxford Film Festival (virtual festival, drive-in and open-air projections), Oxford
- Bideodromo, International Experimental Film and Video Festival, Bilbao, Spain
- Bogota Experimental Film Festival – Cine Autopsia (virtual festival), Bogota Columbia
- Experimental Superstars 6, Novi Sad, Serbia
- 2019 – Ibiza Cinefest, Spain
- Altered Esthetics Film Festival, Minneapolis, USA
- Oaxaca Film Festival, Mexico
- Muestra Movimiento Audiovisual, Guadalajara, Mexico & Melbourne, Australia
- Victoria Short Film Festival, Canada
- 2018 - AVIFF Art Film Festival, Cannes, France
- Girona Film Festival, Spain
- ArteNonStop Film Festival, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Visionaria Film Festival, Siena, Italy
- 21<sup>st</sup> International Film Festival ZOOM - Zbizenia, Poland
- Mosaic Film Festival, Rockford, USA
- Video Art Event, Oradea, Romania
- Diversions International Short Film Festival, Sveti Ivan Zelina, Croatia
- 2017 - Bideodromo Festival, Bilbao Arte, Spain
- London Experimental, Pumphouse Museum, London, UK
- Cisterna Film Festival, Italy
- Festival Mutoscopio, Puebla, Mexico
- Corti in Cortile Film Festival, Catania, Italy
- 2016 - Toronto Arthouse Film Festival, Canada

- Seattle Transmedia & Independent Film Festival, USA
- Femmes Video Art Festival, Curated by Micol Hebron, LACE, Los Angeles, USA
- EBAFF, Culture Club Pindanguillo, Barcelona, Spain
- 2015 - Oaxaca Film Festival, Mexico
- 2014 - Experimental Film Fest, Portland, USA
- 2012 - The Los Angeles New Wave International Film Festival, USA
- Long Island International Film Expo, USA
- Maremetraggio, International Short film Festival, Trieste, Italy
- 2010 – Antimatter, Victoria, Canada
- Steps, International Rights Film Festival, Kiev, Ukraine
- Alternative Film/Video, Belgrade, Serbia
- 2009 - Not Still Art International Festival, Micro Museum, New York, USA
- Video Dia Loghi, Velan Centro Contemporanea, Turin, Italy
- 2007 - Reel Women International Film Festival, LA, USA
- Hollywood DV Film Festival Los Angeles, USA
- 2006 - San Diego Film Festival, USA
- Berkeley Film & Video Festival San Francisco, USA
- Chicago Independent Film Festival, USA
- Videolab Coimbra, Portugal
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sopot Film Festival, Poland
- 2004 - Malibu Film Festival - Malibu, USA
- 2003 - Had To Be Made Film Festival - Los Angeles, USA
- DaVinci Film Festival - Corvallis, USA
- WorldFest - Houston, USA
- 2000 - Films de femmes - Paris, France
- South by Southwest - Austin, USA
- Victoria Independent Film Festival - Victoria, Canada
- Art in Motion - Los Angeles, USA

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- Natasha Maidoff, Interview with Nataša Prosenc Stearns, Visual podcast Artist Planet, February 2021
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- Melita Forstnerič Hajnšek, Code L - Fragments by Nataša Prosenc Stearns in KiBela, Večer, Maribor, Slovenia, September 29, 2019
- Francis L. Quettier & Dora S. Tennant, Hotel Diary, Interview with Nataša Prosenc Stearns, Women Cinemakers, July 2018
- Meta Kordiš, Hotel Diary, Exhibition Catalogue, Gallery Božidar Jakac, Slovenia, September 2018
- Mirjana Koren, Suspended Colonnade, Exhibition Catalogue, Museum Maribor, Slovenia, June 2018
- Breda Kolar Sluga, A Woman's Voice and Space, Caryatids and Medusas, UGM Studio, Maribor, Slovenia, 2017
- Exhibition Catalogue, Artist as Subject, MOAH - Lancaster Museum of Art and History, USA, May 2016
- Andrej Medved, The Gaze Along Diagonals, Exhibition Catalogue, Monfort Art Space, Coastal Galleries, Slovenia/Italy, 2016
- Jody Zellen, Nataša Prosenc Stearns' current installation, "Night Spring,"... ArtScene, USA, October 2015
- Jure Mikuž, White Gold, Exhibition Brochure, Slovenia, 2014
- Lisa Young-De Leon, Vortex: A Swirling Mass of Terrestrial Elements... Life in L.A, USA, 2013
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