

Ragna Bley

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Lives and works in Oslo, NO

Education

MA, Royal College of Art, London, UK 2015  
BFA, The National Academy of Art, Oslo, NO 2011

Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

Viridian Land, Pilar Corrias, London, UK 2022  
Stranger's Eye, Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, NO 2022  
Ragna Bley & Inger Ekdahl, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, SE 2021  
Ariel, Copenhagen, DK 2020  
Pluto, OSL Contemporary, Oslo, NO 2020  
Zooïd, Kabuso Art House, Øystese, NO 2018  
Lay Open, Frankfurt Am Main, Berlin, DE 2018  
Zooïd, Kunsthall Oslo in association with The Munch Museum, Oslo, NO 2017  
Superbody Sweet, Editorial, Vilnius, LT 2017  
Armory Show 2017, with Tara Downs, New York, US 2017  
Pine Pitch, Hester, New York, US 2016  
Leather Body - Feather Scope, Gallery LNM, Oslo, NO 2013  
Så nære vi var, with Inga Sund Hofset, Podium, Oslo, NO 2013  
Retrorespection, Semikolon Gallery, Oslo, NO 2011  
To the Quagmires, Gallery 21:25, Oslo, NO 2011  
You Love the Way I Look at You, One Night Only Gallery, Oslo, NO 2009  
Ideal Worlds, with Karin Erixon, Fisk Gallery, Bergen, NO 2009

Selected Group Exhibitions

Notes Toward a Shell, Tara Downs, New York, US 2024  
The Inner Island, Fondation Carmignac, Porquerolles, FR 2023  
The Infinite Conversation, Beijing Biennial, Beijing, CN 2022  
The Hour of Reckoning, Henie Onstad Art Center, Høvikodden, NO 2021  
Editorial, Vilnius, LT 2019  
Wiggle Wiggle, Corridor Project Space, Amsterdam, NL 2019  
Tempo Tempo Tempo, Kistefos-museet, Kistefos, NO 2019  
The Moderna Exhibition, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE 2018  
Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, DK 2018  
Entangled Tales, Rupert, Vilnius, LT 2018  
The Oslo Museum of Contemporary Art, Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo, NO 2017  
Nuuk Nordisk Kulturfestival, Nuuk, GL 2017  
The Norwegian Sculpture Biennial at The Vigeland Museum, Oslo, NO 2017  
XVI International Painting Triennial, Vilnius, LT 2016  
UKS, Young Artists Society, Oslo, NO 2016  
Variations in Scandinavian Abstraction, Galleri Brandstrup, Oslo, NO 2016  
If it bends it's funny, If it breaks it's not funny., Bosse & Baum Gallery, London, UK 2015  
Conflicting Evidence, 1857, Oslo, NO 2015  
Young Pioneers, Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo, NO 2015

Screen Saver, Dyson Gallery, London, UK	2015
Menneskeberget, Edvard Munch's studio Ekely, Oslo, NO	2015
Kunstprisen 2015, Sandefjord Kunstforening, Sandefjord, NO	2015
Marken vi står på, North Norwegian Artist Association, Svolvær, NO	2014
What Thinks Me, Taiga Art Space, St. Petersburg, RU	2014
We met at the far end of the landscape and both acted shy, Grünerløkka Kunsthall, Podium, Oslo, NO	2014
ReadYourCall, Diane Kruse Gallery, Hamburg, DE	2014
WIP, Henry Moore Gallery, Royal College of Art, London, UK	2014
Secret RCA, Dyson Gallery, London, UK	2014
Summer Doldrums residency exhibition, Kunsthall Oslo, NO	2013
Det enkles potensiale, Backspace, Oslo, NO	2013
Sellout, UKS, Young Artists Society, Oslo, NO	2012
The Strange Fete (End), MFAPS, Oslo, NO	2011
En vinterreise, MFAPS, Oslo, NO	2011
Let the lovin take ahold. Stribsendberg collection of modern art..., UKS, Oslo, NO	2011
The Educational Art Show, MFAPS, Oslo, NO	2011
If inside to get out - if outside to get in, Søylegalleriet, Oslo, NO	2011
;akademi- PO, The National Academy of Fine Arts, Oslo, NO	2010
Group exhibition, Knekt Gallery, Oslo, NO	2010
Multiples, Museum of Contemporary Art, Oslo, NO	2009
Pool (avec), Sjokoladefabrikken, Oslo, NO	2009
Moonlight Starlight Sunshine, SKA, Oslo, NO	2009
Initiation, Gallery 21:25, Oslo, NO	2009
 Curatorial and Other Projects	
Public art project, Holbæk Art, Holbæk, DK	2020
Visting lecturer, Rietveldt Academy, Amsterdam, NL	2019
Visting lecturer, Malerskolen, Kunstakademien, Copenhagen, DK	2019
Visting lecturer, Exhibition Laboratory, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FL	2019
Digital work together with Pragheeta Sharma för Triple Canopy, New York, US	2018
Presentation of works at Chart Art Fair, Charlottenburg, Copenhagen with OSL Contemporary	2018
Residency, Rupert, Vilnius, LT	2017
Presentation of works Armory, New York with Downs and Ross, New York, US	2017
Visiting lecturer at Royal College of Art, London, UK	2016
Visting lecturer, Fine Art, Royal College of Art, London, UK	2016
Presentation at NADA Miami, with Hester, New York, US	2016
Presentation at Dallas Art Fair with Hester, New York, US	2016
Visiting lecturer, Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK	2015
Curator, We met at the far end... Grünerløkka Kunsthall, Podium, Oslo, NO	2014
Assistant Curator, Lære for livet, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Bærum, NO	2012
Curator, If inside to get out - if outside to get in, Holodeck, Oslo, NO	2011
Responsible for the lecture series Open Forum, Oslo Academy of Fine Art, Oslo, NO	2010
Curator, Pool (avec), (with Ruben Steinum), Sjokoladefabrikken, Oslo, NO	2009
 Grants and Awards	
Five Year Working Grant, Norwegian Art Council, Oslo, NO	2020
Working grant, Ingvild Lindbäck Langaard's Foundation, Oslo, NO	2018
Nordic-Baltic Mobility Programme for Culture Residency Grant, Oslo, NO	2017
Three Year Working Grant, Norwegian Art Council, Oslo, NO	2017

Hine Painting Prize, Royal College of Art, London, UK	2016
Travel Grant, The Young Artists' Society, London, UK	2015
Exhibition Support, The Norwegian Arts Council, Oslo, Norway	2015
Project Support, Billedkunstnerenes Vederlagsfond, Oslo, NO	2014
Scholarship, Ingvild Lindbäck Langgåard Foundation, Oslo, NO	2014
Annual Working Grant, Billedkunstnerenes Vederlagsfond, Oslo, NO	2013
Annual Working Grant, Billedkunstnerenes Vederlagsfond, Oslo, NO	2013
The Foundation for Art and Design students Grant, The National Academy of Arts, Oslo, NO	2012

Selected Press

Sommer, Mark. "Buffalo AKG Art Museum to open May 25, 2023," Buffalonews. September	2023
Carey-Kent, Paul. "Art in Bloom," FAD Magazine. August	2022
Smalls, Rachel. "Profile: Ragna Bley," TheGuide.Art. March	2021
Anana, Billy. "Ragna Bley's Cerebral, Swirling Abstractions," Hyperallergic. February	2021
Kherbek, William. "Ragna Bley & Inger Ekdahl at Malmö Konsthall," Flash Art. April	2020
Chan, TF. "Chart Fair: The Unmissable Highlights," Wallpaper. August	2018
Acha, Gabriel. "Critic's Guide: Berlin," Frieze. June	2018
Uleklied, Line. "Ragna Bley napper i det maleriske hierarkiet i utstillingen «Zooid» Klassekampen. March	2017
Gotthardt, Alexxa. "The 20 Best Booths at The Armory Show," Artsy. March	2017
Helesvig, Simen Joachim, "Materials Seeking Form," Kunstkritikk. March	2017
Forbes, Alexander, "71 New Galleries Mark Major Overhaul for New York's Armory Show," Artsy. November	2016
Ramos, Filipa. "Ragna Bley—An Idiosyncratic Abecedary," Mousse Magazine No.54	2016
Gottschalk, Molly. "12 Young Painters You Need to Know at NADA, New York," Artsy. May	2016
Lesser, Casey. "21 New York Galleries Where You'll Find Exciting Young, Painters this May," Artsy. May	2016
Editors at ArtNews. "9 Art Events to Attend in New York City This Week," ArtNews. April	2016
Ballard, Thea. "5 Must-See Booths at the Dallas Art Fair," Blouin Artinfo. April	2016
Editors at ArtNews. "Preview the 2016 Dallas Art Fair," ArtNews. April	2016
Gotthardt, Alexxa. "10 Artworks to Collect at Dallas Art Fair," Artsy. April	2016
"Det Man Snubler Over," Bildekunst. Nr. 1	2015

Permanent Collections

The George Economou Collection, Athens, GR  
 Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Høvikodden, NO  
 The National Museum of Contemporary Art, Oslo, NO  
 The Moderna Museum, Stockholm, SW  
 Roberts Institute of Art, London, EN  
 The Kistefos Museum, Jevnaker, NO  
 Malmö Konstmuseum, Malmö, SW