

Max Grünauer Student of Fine Arts

Curriculum vitae

1996 2015 2016-2017 2017 2017-2019 2019-now 2020-2021 2022 2022-2023	Career (shortened) born in Munich design graduation, Staatliche Fachoberschule Straubing guest study Dep. III, University of Television and Film Munich founding of the company "Grün & Wild - Bildproduktion" basic studies in printing and media technology, Munich University of Applied Sciences studied fine arts, Academy of Fine Arts in Nuremberg, class for photography / Katja Eydel student assistant class for photography, AdbK Nuremberg start of self-employment as freelance artist, director of photography and gaffer student assistant equipment Ioan, AdbK Nuremberg
2015 2016 2016 2020 2020 2021 2021 2021 2022 2022	Exhibitions "Dear Death" with the j. Kv. Siska, Falkenstein "Analysis of the idyll" with the j. Kv. Siska, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Eberswalde near Berlin "Light" with the j. Kv. Siska, Andreas Stadl Regensburg "Under trees" with Max Pospiech, public space Nuremberg and web presence, annual exhibition of the AdbK Nuremberg "a brief look/in venice", Haus der Eigenarbeit München "What cannot be seen", with the class for photography, academy gallery Nuremberg "Self-portrait as an animal", with the class of photography, annual exhibition of the Academy Nuremberg "Breakfast at the Volcano", with students of the AdbK, Vieleck Kultur Nuremberg "Another Day", with students of the AdbK, Kultur.Lokal Fürth annual exhibition of the Akademie Nuremberg, with the class of photography "Future Memories", Off-Space Roonstraße Nuremberg





Edition02, 2023 Softcover, 40 pages, limited edtion

The hand-bound publication is a working study in relation to Deleuz's theory on the "image of thought" and the analysis of the fact in Fancis Bacon. The sketchy Handy photographs have an affetive quality, not least generated by their shooting technique. The image space seems to wind between two dimensional and three dimensional and the figurative image is diffused into "energetic flows".







future memories, 2022 Videoinstallation, HD, 1 Minute



Artificial intelligence-generated images of landscapes threatened by climate change are shown on three or more screens. Countless network cables stretch through the exhibition space, connecting the monitors. Sometimes ending randomly or interweaving the different rooms. The basis for the work is the reflection that only the spoken word outlasts time. Thus, there will be generations that will have no visual memory of these landscapes. So all that remains is the generation of a new supposed memory through the set pieces of digital consciousness.





solange die Welt die Weltist, wird der Wolf die Ziege belauern, 2022 Mixedmedia-Installation, Digitalprint und Wave, 10.35 Minutes

During the summer semester, the photography class dealt with the topic "Borders" and designed the annual exhibition as an intervention in this sense. The history of the Kurdish people and the development of the Kurdish territory is outlined on a multi-layered timeline. This is accompanied by an interview clip that is played through headphones. The Kurds living in Iraq talk about the reality of life in the conflict-ridden region and the tensions in and around Kurdish society.





Surrogat, 2022 Videoinstallation, HD, 1 Minute

The installation shows a video that develops its intensity in the field of tension of fragmentation and recursion. Through the other closed boxes, the projection associatively multiplies in the perception of the viewers, which according to Freud is to be assigned to the "uncanny" in terms of content. Memories and experiences buried deep in the consciousness are given a vehicle - a coding - through the cardboard boxes in the exhibition space and thus become graspable. A meta-referentiality of individual reality emerges, which works through the veil of the everyday kitsch of our environment.







zooomworld (Anna Steward) , 2021 Chapter-Video, HD, 18 Clips 4 to 9 Minutes

Zooomworld is an experimental dance theater project that uses the medium of film for a multi-perspective narrative. In seven chapters we follow four protagonists. The plot unfolds in parallel choreographies: the same scene filmed from different perspectives and accompanied by different music becomes another scene. After each chapter, the audience chooses which narrative thread they want to follow. There are Lina and Lisa, two friends who meet again for the first time, and Susanna and Jogi, who never left quarantine. While Lina and Lisa rediscover each other, Susanna and Jogi must first overcome the analog loss of communication before they can reinvent themselves. "Zooomworld" is an associative parable that negotiates how the relationship between "I" and "you" is allowed in post-pandemic times.

- Anna Steward -







bestimmt die Irrationalität der Freiheit unsere Wirklichkeit?,2021 Series of 6 and publication, div. sizes, c-prints

Based on the occupation with the system theory of Niklas Luhmann and the concept of culture Andreas Reckwitz the pre-diploma thesis "does the irrationality of freedom determine our reality?" was created.

From the recurrence of photographs from the last 2 years, an installation structure was formed from the publication "Under trees rain twice" and 6 C-prints, which interact in the exhibition space. The publication shows an active relationship of the people of Nuremberg to their living space, describes options for action and traces the effects of participation. As a counterpoint, the loosely hung photo prints present themselves, on which the traces of our collective cultural practice are negotiated.

Brought together, the question of access and participation also opens up. As Stephan Lessenich aptly analyzes, the individual and collective relationship to culture is a cornerstone of any political system, and democratic processes are particularly challenged here by the problem of participation. So how can we think about culture in a progressive way and to what extent does the negotiation of a concept of freedom play a role here?







interlaced, 2021 Videoinstallation, PAL SD, 5.25 Minutes

The work is about the moment of alignment, the realignment in the system.

The boundary between individual and society is questioned and examined here. To act independently of a social structure turns out to be a fallacy. But to what extent can such a transformation to the form of the mass, be seen as a subversive moment? Opposite to escapism and protest. To what extent do we reflect the aligning and becoming moments of our everyday life?







unter Bäumen regnet es zweimal, 2021 Softcover, 74 pages, cooperation with Max Pospiech

Under the slogan "Who owns the city?" Max Pospiech and Max Grünauer examine the public space with regard to the self-realization of city residents around the offer of tree sponsorships in Nuremberg. With this, citizens of the city of Nuremberg can take responsibility for the planting and watering of tree discs and thus actively shape their living space. The 72-page publication invites readers to take an analytical stroll through Nuremberg 's city center.

On the one hand, the publication has a documentary value, while it also has the potential to communicate this form of active urban design beyond the borders of the metropolitan region. In addition, we would like to enrich the cultural landscape with a contribution from the young generation of artists.





looking at clouds, 2021 series of three, Rendering, 533x800px

As part of the exhibition "What cannot be seen" 2021 at the Akademie Galerie Nuremberg with the class for photography, a three-part media installation was created. In the work, the reality relationship between digital and analog space is negotiated. In the spirit of the epistemology of system and environment, it can be seen that the computer - like the human being - is subject to the same complex of fact formation and observation. The installation consists of three DeepDream-generated images based on photographs of the cloudy sky. Displayed on three iPads, the images take on a space of their own and detach themselves from our perception of reality.





Edition01, 2021 Softcover, 26 pages, limited edtion

Complementing the work "looking at clouds", the publication deals with the reality relationship between the analog and the digital world.

Using the software DeepDream, image motifs were created that move between absurdity and familiarity.

The hand-bound studio publication was printed on recycled paper.









Das Nest (Marcus Frimel) 2021 Multi Channel Video-Installation, HD, 9 Minutes

Marcus Frimel diploma thesis, under Jochen Flinzer, was created with the claim to function as a video installation as well as a film screening. Both dramaturgy and form were developed in a collective process and continued to evolve throughout the project. Conceived as melodrama, the sequences spin a narrative reality and yet linger in an unspecific, dreamlike moment. For this experimental video work, Max Grünauer developed a visual language and spatial staging that approaches the work of Marcus Frimel and the image content in a conceptualizing way. Above all, iconographic references to painting and to early photographic positions played a role here.

In his diploma Marcus Frimel was awarded a master student title for his video installation and studies. The work, conceived as a film, has not yet been published, but preparations have already begun for a continuation of the project in Berlin.



spaces in trouble, 2020 series of 4, 40x30cm, C-Prints

Upgrading housing is a process that has always been part of modern society. But in more and more cases, the demand for livable and affordable housing and the concrete construction projects and conversion measures are diverging. This is particularly visible in urban contexts and even more so in more southern regions. The selling off of real estate to foreign investors and investors is becoming visible in more and more cities and is drastically changing the living space of local urban populations.

The work tries to trace these processes and to show how much they take over the visuality of urban spaces.



in venice / a brief look, 2019 Dyptichon, 24x16 cm, C-Prints

The photo dyptich is a self-critical wink in the direction of the culture industry.

On the Giardini grounds everything gives itself the grand appearance, but if one changes the perspective a little, a different picture is revealed. The Biennale di Venezia can be understood as a moment of parallelisms, whose inner contradiction stands in as a representative of an entire "industry".



<u>no title, 2018</u> series of 5, 30x40cm / 60x40cm / 16x24 cm, C-Prints

Anyone strolling through Spain's major cities will quickly notice a repetitive pattern that runs through a wide variety of facades. Fracture edges sealed with construction foam protrude over large areas between the buildings. In this way, the buildings adjacent to the ground are sealed for the long term in order to avoid damage to the substance.

It is interesting to see here - in comparison with Germany and other northern EU countries - how no new buildings are erected directly after demolition, how no new buildings are erected directly after demolition, but the building site stands on its own. This points to a situation in the real estate landscape, which is polarized by speculation on land and the inefficiency of construction projects, solely on the increase in value through time and the resulting lack of space.

The series sees itself as a foray through the Spain shaken by economic misery and political dependencies. Contrary to documentary photography, the images show themselves in their narrative and form-aesthetics, whereby the moment of discovery in the viewing situation.

