

CV
Mara Kirchberg
1994, Frankfurt am Main
Based in Berlin/Tallinn

Education

2024 M.A. Contemporary Art
Estonian Academy of Arts
2022 M.A. Choreography and Performance
Institute for Applied Theatre Studies, Gießen
2020 B.A. Applied Theatre Studies
Institute for Applied Theatre Studies, Gießen
2017 Dance Intensive Program
Qualification Programme in Contemporary Dance, Tanzfabrik Berlin

Solo Exhibitions

2026 Solo Exhibition • Draakon Gallery, Tallinn, EST
2024 Feeding a Leaky Skin • Raja, Tallinn, EST
Test Run • Uus Rada Gallery, Tallinn, EST
2022 Swallowing a Barbed Wire • Kanuti Gildi SAAL, Tallinn, EST

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 fight or flight: SEX • Studio 1, Kunstquartier Bethanien, Berlin, GER
Interconnected Gestures • Neun Kelche, Berlin, GER
2025 UNERHÖRT. • Kunstverein Leipzig, Berlin, GER
Up Close - Goldrausch 2025 • Galerie am Körnerpark, Berlin, GER
Fragments of Reality • PILOT Gallery, Riga, LVA
2024 Resi-Dual • Maa-Tila Project Space, Helsinki, FIN
2023 Links and Loops • K17 - Space for Art and Ecology, Sipoo, FIN
ARTVILNIUS - International Contemporary Art Fair • Vilnius, LTU
Pretty Gimmicks, Charming Trinkets, and All the Other Things •
Kopli Kiosk, Tallinn, EST
Young Sculptor Award Exhibition • ARS Project Space, Tallinn, EST
2022 After The Giant • TUO TUO, Joutsa, FIN
Artificial Gut Feeling • ID_Tanzhaus Rhein-Main, Frankfurt a.M., GER

Performances

2026 Lube, Lust and the Petrosexual Body, Kunstquartier Bethanien, Berlin, GER
Service Hours, Draakon Gallery, Tallinn, EST
These Arms Could Lift Cars, Neun Kelche, Berlin, GER
2025 Service Hours • Galerie im Körnerpark, Berlin, GER
Lube, Lust and the Petrosexual Body, Kunstverein Leipzig, GER
2021 Performance Lecture, Arid Conditions
• Digital Mousonturm, Künstler*innenhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt a.M., GER
• Re-Connect, Online Performance Festival, Teheran, IRN
• State of the Art 13 - Art Ties, Hildesheim, GER
2020 Performance Lecture, Leaky Bodies • Performance Studies International (PSi) 2020,
Crises of Care Conference, Materiality & Corporeality Stream, Rijeka, HRV (cancelled)
2019 Performance Installation, Leaky Bodies • NAKT Festival, Hamburg, GER

2018 Performance Garten 6 • Kunsthaus Rhenania, Cologne, GER

Stipends, Grants and Awards

2026 Grant • Cultural Endowment of Estonia, Tallinn, EST
Grant • Goethe-Institut, Tallinn, EST
2025 Goldrausch Künstlerinnenprojekt • Berlin, GER
2024 Nordic Baltic Young Artist Award, Grand Prix • NOBA Art Platform
Grant • Cultural Endowment of Estonia, Tallinn, EST
2023 Eduard Wiiralt Stipendium • Estonian Ministry of Culture, Tallinn, EST
Grant • Cultural Endowment of Estonia, Tallinn, EST
Young Sculptor Award, First Prize • Estonian Academy of Arts
2021 Scholarship Finalist • Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Residencies

2026 ÖRES Art Residency, Örö, FIN
2025 RED HERRING organized by and with work stays in
• Baltic Art Center, Gotland, SWE
• Contemporary Art Archipelago, Seili, FIN
• KORDON Art Residency, Hiiumaa, EST
2023 Copper Leg Art Residency • Vaskjala, EST
2022 Kanuti Gildi SAAL • Tallinn, EST
2022 TUO, TUO • Joutsa, FIN
2022 ID_Tanzhaus Rhein Main • Frankfurt a.M., GER
2018 Dancefloor Laboratory led by Alle Dicu • Workspace Brussels, BEL

Scenography

2026 MASC, Sveta Grigorjeva, Vaba Lava, Tallinn, EST
2025 Gargantua, Sveta Grigorjeva, VAT Teater, Tallinn, EST
In Recess, Alex Piasente-Szymański, Tanzfabrik Berlin, GER
2024 Firestarters, Sveta Grigorjeva, Kanuti Gildi Saal, Tallinn, EST
2023 Dances to Dream, Re(is)t and Sleep to, Sveta Grigorjeva, STL, Tallinn, EST
2021 FAKERZ, Sveta Grigorjeva, Sõltumatu Tantsu Lava (STL), Tallinn, EST

Publications

2025 Care Mechanics • published by Goldrausch Künstlerinnenprojekt
in conjunction with the exhibition Up Close – Goldrausch 2025
2024 FEEDING A LEAKY SKIN, Artist's publication • self-published

Press

2026 Photo reportage from Mara Kirchberg's installation exhibition and performances My Weight Hangs in Your Arms at Draakon Gallery
• Echo Gone Wrong - Baltic Art Press
Anita Kodanik: His heart pumps oil (*translated*) • Sirp, Eesti Kultuurileht
2025 Christian Titze: "35 Jahre Goldrausch"-Künstlerinnenprojekt, rbb24 Abendschau
2024 Estonia's Mara Kirchberg wins the top Nordic Baltic Young Artist Award • ERR News
2024 Photo reportage from the solo exhibition TEST RUN
• Echo Gone Wrong - Baltic Art Press

- 2023 Sergej Timofejev: Art Vilnius'23: Art against a backdrop of current news • Arterritory
- 2023 Mara Kirchberg: Art is a way to approach subjects beyond logical thinking (translated), Interview with Nele Tiidelepp • ERR News
- 2023 Nele Tiidelepp: Young Sculptor Award Exhibition - Young sculptors show where society hurts the most • Ypsilon Postimees
- 2022 Photo reportage from the exhibition SWALLOWING A BARBED WIRE • Echo Gone Wrong - Baltic Art Press
- 2022 A voice separating itself from its human host, Interview with Heneliis Notton • SAAL Performing Arts Magazine