

Nina Backman

Performance Artist, Curator

When we silence our words, something potent rises that has no chance of getting to the surface otherwise. When we do it together around a shared meal, the experience is magnified and unexpected.

Jaanika Peerna, Artist

Born in Helsinki in 1971, Nina Backman, originally studied Stage and Performance Design in Liverpool, UK. She lives and works in Berlin, exhibiting internationally. Her work occupies a space between stage design, installation and performance. She has worked within a wide spectrum of creative disciplines: film, theatre, photography and design. Her pieces confront the viewer questioning life concepts, identities and values. Silence is integral to her artistic practice, it brings together related elements within a conceptual frame to create new dialogues. These invite critical reflection, to expose layers otherwise unnoticed, to challenge perceptions of our 'normal' experience.

First conceived as part of the HIAP Residency Programme in 2013, *Silence Meals* have now taken place in Berlin, Finland, Germany, Norway and Shanghai. Nina Backman is the founder of the Silence Project.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Malmö Museum, Malmö, Sweden
- 2011 Berlin Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 Gallery Pirkko - Liisa Topelius, Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 Gallery Pirkko - Liisa Topelius, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Nordic House, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2016 Gallen - Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland
- 2014 Gallery F 15, Punkt Ø, Moss, Norway
- 2014 Meinblau Projekt Raum, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 Gallery Augusta, Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland
- 2013 Foundation, 3,14, Bergen, Norway
- 2013 Kulter, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2013 Mori Stein Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 Daniel Tanner Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2012 Gallery Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
- 2012 Daniel Tanner Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2012 Box Space, Milan, Italy
- 2012 Savvy Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 Garage 4141 Gallery, San Diego, USA
- 2012 The Cornaro Institute, Larnaca, Cyprus

- 2012 Galerie Octobre, Paris, France
- 2012 Zet Foundation, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2012 City Art Gallery, Kharkiv, Ukraine
- 2011 Art Fair 21 Köln, with Berlin Art Project, Germany
- 2008 Art Helsinki, with Pirkko – Liisa Topelius Gallery Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 Janine Bean Gallery, Berlin, Germany
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- 2007 Gallery Loyal, Kassel, Germany
- 2006 Finnish Embassy, Berlin, Germany

PERFORMANCES & PUBLIC EVENTS

- 2018 *Silence Meal*, Flagey, Brussels, Belgium
- 2017 *Silence Meal*, Nordic House, Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2017 *Silence Meal*, Finnish Embassy, Paris, France
- 2016 *Silence Meal*, Gallen - Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland
- 2015 *Silence Meal*, Zagreus Projekt, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *Silence Meal*, Gallery F 15, Moss, Norway
- 2014 *Silence Meal*, The Gallery, West Bund Art Centre, Shanghai, China
- 2014 *Silence Meal*, Aedes & ANCB – The Metropolitan Laboratory, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *Silence Meal*, Meinblau Projektraum, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *Silence Meal*, Gallery Augusta, Helsinki, Finland

CURATORIAL WORK

- 2017 *Silence Project* - Nordic House, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2016 *Silent Space* - Intensified Integrities, Gallen - Kallela Museum, Espoo, Finland
- 2014 *Silent Space* – Intensified Integrities, Punkt Ø Gallery F15, Moss, Norway
- 2014 *Silent Space* - Intensified Integrities, Meinblau Projektraum, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *Silence Project*, Gallery Augusta, HIAP, Helsinki, Finland

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