



Francesca Fini is an interdisciplinary artist focused on **experimental cinema, new media, installation and performance art**. Her live projects, often addressing issues related to femininity, the distortions in the perception of beauty, the influences of society on gender and women's issues, are a mix of traditional media, with lo-fi technology, homemade interaction design devices, live audio and video. Primarily interested in video and live art, she also creates artworks assembling performance art *relics* or manipulating video stills. With a deep training as a digital artist, she worked for fifteen years in the field of television authoring and production.

Among the most important art events in which she took part in the last few years, we would mention the 2011 WRO Biennale in Poland, Currents New Media in Santa Fe, CINEMED Film Festival in Montpellier, NordArt International Art Exhibition, Berlin Directors Lounge and IKONO TV Film Festival in Germany, Videoformes Festival in Clermont Ferrand, Szczecin European Film Festival (SEFF) in Poland, FILE Electronic Language International Festival in Brasil, Athens Videoart Festival, IVHAM New Media Arts Fest and Projector Festival in Madrid, CYBERFEST and Now&After in Russia, Videoart Yearbook and Robot Festival in Bologna, Instants Video numériques et poétiques in Marseille, MEM Festival at the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and the Japan Media Arts Festival in Tokyo.

In 2012 she has been invited to the first Venice International Performance Art Week, featuring among the others the work of Valie Export, Jan Fabre, Yoko Ono, Marina Abramovic and Hermann Nitsch. In 2013 she won the FONLAD Performance Art Residency in Coimbra and was invited in Chicago for the Rapid Pulse Performance Art Festival. In 2014 she has been selected for the Margaret Guthman Musical Instrument Competition, organized by the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

In 2014 and 2016 she was artist in residence at Bob Wilson's Watermill Center in New York. In 2016 she wrote and directed *Ophelia did not drown*; an experimental feature film based on the hybridization between found-footage (from the national archive Istituto Luce Cinecittà) and original contemporary performative language. The film premiered in New York, Clermont-Ferrand and at Macro Contemporary Museum in Rome.

That same year she wrote and directed Gold - looking for Oz, a 60 minutes experimental documentary produced during an art residency in Jerusalem and financed by Musrara Mix Festival. She is cited by Treccani Encyclopedia as one of the greatest exponents of cyber-performance in Italy.

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2017-2018

Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

Japan Media Art Festival

NordArt 2017 exhibition, Būdelsdorf, Germany

MOMENTUM Festival, Kolkata, India

KALA GHODA Festival, Mumbai, India

BIKANER HOUSE, New Delhi, India - screening of the movie "Ophelia did not drown" and performance

KIPAF Performance Art Festival, Kolkata, India

FLUX FACTORY, "The Endless and Mobile Beautiful Collapsible Labyrinth" exhibition, New York

2016

"Submerge Festival", performance art Festival, Bristol, Uk

"Live Cinema Festival", Museo Macro, Rome

"Mother, I have reached the land of my dreams", exhibition at RADIALSYSTEM V for ID Festival 2016, curated by Alona Harpaz (CIRCLE 1 Gallery) and Sharon Horodi, Berlin

FILE 2016 Electronic Language International Festival, Sao Paulo, Brasil

"Puertas Cambiantes" videoart exhibition, Valparaiso, Chile

Special projection of "Ophelia did non drown" at IVAHM New Media Art Festival, Madrid, Spain

Proyector Festival 2016, official selection, Madrid, Spain

Art Residency at The Naggat School of Art, Jerusalem, Israel

SAVE THE BEAUTY 2016, Mondrian Suite Contemporary, Rome, Italy

MOMENTUM experimental Art Festival, Range Art Gallery, Kolkata, India

Art Residency at Bob Wilson's Watermill Center, with "La Masca" project, New York

VIDEOFORMES 2016, world premiere of "Ophelia did not drown" for the exhibition program, Clermont Ferrand, France

Official release of "Ophelia did non drown", long-feature performance-art based experimental movie, distributed and produced in association with Istituto Luce Cinecittà

2015

Copypat Academy artist in residence 2015 - Luminato festival - Toronto - Canada

CCCB Cultural Innovation Prize finalist - Barcelona - Spain

Magmart Videoart Festival 2015 winner - Naples - Italy

AVIFF Art Film Festival - Cannes - Cannes - France

NOW&AFTER Videoart Festival - Schusev State Museum of Architecture - Moscow - Russia

HI>DANCE Festival 1.0, art direction (www.hi-dance.com) - Rome - Italy

Anthropologie numérique / 3ème édition - Paris - France

VIDEOFORMES 2015, in competition with videos "Mother-Rythm" and "White Sugar" - winner of First Prize // Prix Université Blaise Pascal des étudiants

and ex-aequo of Prize Conseil Général du Puy-de-Dome - Clermont Ferrand - France

2014

MusicVideoArt 2014 - PALAIS DES BEAUX ARTS - Lille - France

27th edition of the Festival Instants Vidéo Numériques et Poétiques - Marseille - France

VIDEOPLAY CELEBRATION special videoart screening program - Worldwide

SCREENGAB New Media Art Prize, International Competition - Queensland - Australia

5h edition of Samples Videoart Festival 2014 - Mexico

7a*11d International Festival of Performance Art, invited by FADO and Istituto Italiano di Cultura - Toronto

16th edition of Paris Festival for Different and Experimental Cinema, International Competition - Paris

Performing in Milano Triennale, at Illy Art Lab, for the "Illy Red Night" curated by Bob Wilson

Selected as artist-in-residence for Bob Wilson's Watermill Center Summer Program - New York

2014 Videoart Yearbook, curated by the Department of Visual Arts at the University of Bologna
Personal Exhibition "Mother-Rythm" at Mondrian Suite ContemporaryArtSpace - Rome
Tri-personal exhibition at Circle1 Gallery - Berlin: Francesca Fini, Michal Helfman & Olaf Kühnemann
Instantes entre el Placer y el Dolor - Galeria Santafé - Bogotá
Public Art Screens, i/o/lab - Center of Future Arts - Norway
A.M.A. Art & Music Around Festival - Brescia (winner with the video "Touchless")
Rapid Pulse Performance Art Festival 2014 - Chicago (videoperformance section)
FILE Electronic Language International Art Festival 2014 - Sao Paulo - Brasil
Miden Festival 2014, Kalamata - Greece
Berlin International Directors Lounge 2014 - Berlin - Germany
Videoformes 2014 - Clermont-Ferrand - France
Margaret Guthman Musical Instrument Competition 2014 - Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta - Usa

2013

Modern Panic IV - Apiary Studios - London (<http://www.guerrillazoo.com/modern-panic-4.htm>)
Gallery Week - Santander - Spain
Video Remakes, curated by Carlo Montanaro and Elisabetta di Sopra, AplusA Gallery - Venice - Italy
Premio Arte Rugabella - Age of Aquarius (finalist) - Italy
VideoHeart, Mestre Film Festival - Italy
Simultan Videoart Festival - Timisoara - Romania
Dimanche Rouge Performance Art Festival - Helsinki Art Museum - Helsinki
CINEMED Film Festival Montpellier (finalist) - France
IKONO TV on-air video art Festival - Berlin and worldwide (<http://www.ikono.org/artist/francesca-fini/>)
Il Corpo e i Media - personal lecture and performance at Bologna Fine Arts Academy
Rapid Pulse Performance Art Festival - Chicago - Usa
Five actions with red gloves solo exhibition - Opera Unica Art Gallery - Rome
Time is Love 6 International Video Art Program - STIFTELSEN 3,14 International Contemporary Art Foundation - Bergen - Norway
100X100=900 International Video Art Project - Cinema Aquila - Rome
Visioni d'Arte Video Art Program - Auditorium Santa Margherita - Venice
Save the Beauty - Mondrian Suite Contemporaryartspace - Rome
MAD DONNA - Museo Emilio Greco - Sabaudia - Italy
Magmart Video Art Festival (among winners of 2013 edition with the video "Wombs") - Naples - Italy
Cologne OFF 2013 - Aferro Gallery - Usa
Time is Love 6, International Video Art Program - Mori + Stein Gallery - London
XII Festival Internacional de la Imagen - Colombia
Time is Love 6, International Video Art Program - SAZMANAB Platform for Contemporary Arts - Teheran
Fonlad Best Off 2005-2012 - Coimbra - Portugal
Voci di Arte Contemporanea - MLAC Museo Laboratorio di Arte Contemporanea - Roma

2012

Venice International Performance Art Week - Palazzo Bembo - Venice
Cyberfest At Heaven's Door - St Petersburg - Russia
FAD Festival De Arte Digital - Belo Horizonte - Brasil
File Electronic Language International Festival - Sao Paulo - Brasil
Festival of Migrant Film - Ljubljana - Slovenia
Cinemed Montpellier (finalist with the video "Parnasus") - Montpellier - France
Sardinia Film Festival (finalist with the videos "Mediterraneo" and "Parnasus") - Sardinia - Italy
LPM 2012 (Live Performers Meeting) - Teatro Valle Occupato - Rome
Athens Video Art Festival - Athens
Magmart Videoart Festival (among winners of 2012 edition with the video "Blood") - Naples
10 Ragazze per Freud - Palladium Theatre - Rome
Norme per la rivoluzione Video Art Program, Volksbühne Berlin and Cinema Massimo of Turin
Digital Marrakech - Centre Culturel Atlas - Marrakech
TakeS Video Art Program - Bernardo Museum - Portugal
Berlin Directors Lounge Video Art Festival - Berlin

Oslo Screen Festival - Oslo
LOW LIVES:OCCUPY! - Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics - New York
Women's glance Video Art Program - PAN Palazzo delle Arti - Naples

2011

I Care, per Art White Night - Casa Bolognini - Bologna
Pixelpops 2011 - Paris
Celeste Prize 2011 (finalist in the Live Media and Performance Art Section) - Invisible Dog Art Gallery - New York
RobotFestival 2011 - Bologna - Italy
Visioni Acustiche - MACRO Contemporary Art Museum - Rome
Alterazioni 2011 - Castello Aldobrandesco di Arcidosso - Italy
Now & After 2011 - Moscow Museum of Modern Art - Moscow
Proyector Festival - Madrid
Miden Film Festival 2011 - Greece
OMISSIS Contemporary Performing Arts Festival - Gradisca D'isonzo - Italy
ADD Digital Art Festival - MACRO Contemporary Art Museum - Rome
LPM 2011 (Live Performers Meeting) - Cinema Aquila - Rome
Fonlad Digital Art Festival - Coimbra - Portugal
WRO Biennial Alternative Now 2011 - Wroclaw - Poland
No Performance's Land? Performance Art Festival - Lisbon - Portugal
Arte Laguna International Art Prize (finalist in the Performance Art Section) - Arsenale di Venezia - Venice
Temps d'Images Video Art Program - Palladium Theatre - Rome
Escrita na Paisagem Videoperformance Festival - Portugal
Contravision Film Festival - Berlin

2010

Biennale Marsica 2010 - Italy
Premio Termoli 2010 - Museo Civico di Termona - Italy
Art Shake Festival - Mondo Bizarro Art Gallery - Rome
Art Shake Festival - 91mQ Art Project Space - Berlin
Currents 2010 - Santa Fe' Biennial - USA
Magmart Video Art Festival (among the winners of 2010 edition with the video "Cry me") - Naples
MOVES10 Movement On Screen Festival - FACT (Foundation for Creative Art & Technology) - Liverpool

GRANTS/AWARDS

2016 - DigitalBigScreen 1st prize / videoart section
2016 - Musrara Mix Festival residency program - Jerusalem
2016 - Watermill Center winter residency program - New York
2015 - SEFF Szczecin European Film Festival - Poland (first prize)
2015 - Copycat Academy artist in residence 2015 - Luminato festival - Toronto
2015 - (Id)Art Videoart Festival - Belforte del Chienti - Italy (first prize)
2015 - CCCB Cultural Innovation Prize - Barcelona - Spain (finalist)
2015 - Prix Videoformes 2015 - Prix Université Blaise Pascal des étudiants and Prize Conseil Général du Puy-de-Dôme - Clermont Ferrand - France (first prize)
2014 - Watermill Center 2014 International Summer Program, directed by Robert Wilson - New York
2014 - A.M.A. Art & Music Around Festival - Brescia (first prize)
2013 - Fonlad Performance Art residency
2013, 2012, 2010 - Magmart Videoart Festival - Naples (first prize)
2011 - Celeste International Art Prize - Bologna (finalist performance art section)
2011 - Celeste International Art Prize - New York (finalist performance art section)
2011 - Arte Laguna Prize - Venice (finalist performance art section)
2012 - Cinemed Montpellier Film Festival (finalist)
2012 - Sardinia Film Festival (finalist)

LECTURES

2014 - RUFA Fine Arts Academy - Rome
2014 - Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute - Kolkata - India
2013 - Helsinki, for Dimanche Rouge Performance Art festival
2013 - Fine Arts Academy - Bologna
2013 - Coimbra University - Portugal
2013 - ESAD University - Caldas da Rainha - Portugal
2012 - Effetti Collaterali - Oser - Latina - Italy
2011 - Istituto Quasar - Rome

FEATURING IN PRINTED PUBLICATIONS

2016 - "Complici di una scena presente - performance art in Italia", by Massimo Schiavoni, Sigismundus Editore
2016 - "La Videoarte italiana a 360° - dagli anni '70 ad oggi", by Maurizio Marco Tozzi, Danilo Montanari Editore
2015 - "Italian Performance Art", SAGEP EDITORI, Genova
2015 - "Venice International Performance Art Week", Catalogue of 2015 edition - link
2014 - "Emergency Index - an annual document of performance practice", Volume 3, Ugly Duckling Press Editor - link
2014 - HIGHLIKE Book - FILE – Electronic Language International Festival , SESI-SP Editora, Brasil
2014 - "A terra do não lugar: diálogos entre antropologia e performance", Editora UFSC, Brasil - link
2014 - "Italian Videoart Yearbook 2014", IX edition, Bologna University
2013 - "Intercultura TV" essay on a documentary project about integration, Ministry of Education, Italy
2011 - "QOS Quasar Outer Space" curated by Carlo Prati, Palombi Editori, Italy - link
2010 - "Imago" by Miriam Mirolla, Premio Termoli di Arte Contemporanea, Lampi di Stampa, Italy - link
2006 - "Così parlò Mickey Mouse" a novel by Francesca Fini, Ediesse Editor, Italy - link

Filmography

1996 - "Immortals", documentary, 75 min (USA, Ita)
2001 - "I give up", documentary, 60 min (Dominican Republic, Canarias, Ita)
2008 - "Donne - born to be kings", documentary, 75 min (Ita)
from 2009 to 2016 - more than 65 video-art short pieces (among them award winning "white sugar", "white moise", "fair and lost", "touchless" and "dadaloop")
2016 - "Ofelia non annega" (Ophelia did not drown), performance-based experimental art film, 90 min (Ita)
2016 - "Gold - looking for Oz", performance-based experimental art film, 60 min (Israel, Ita)

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