



EXHIBITION OF SONJA LACKNER  
CURATED BY CHIARA GIARDI

"Muse gesucht" is a sensual journey which starts with ambiguous photos, seduces to immerse into a fluffy feather sculpture and mesmerizes with hypnotic videos. Feelings, skin and to sense are central elements. The visitors are invited to become the muse of the artist and being part of a new Polaroid series.



OCTOBER 15TH - 17TH, 2020  
KABINETT VISARTE ZURICH  
SCHOEFFELGASSE 10, 8001 ZURICH

ARTIST IS PRESENT DURING OPENING HOURS:  
DAILY 11:30 - 20:00

**POLAROID LIVE EVENTS:**

15.10 AT 14:00 - 15:00

16.10 AT 17:30 - 18:30

17.10 AT 11:00 - 12:00

Registration for events:  
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Maximum 5 participants per event.

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## Muse gesucht

(Open to a Muse)

"The white father told us: I think, therefore I am. The Black mother within each of us - the poet - whispers in our dreams: I feel, therefore I can be free."

(Audre Lorde, Poetry is not a Luxury, 1985)

Close-ups of organic forms into abstract lines, a fluffy feather labyrinth and breaking spheroid-waves. [Sonja Lackner's](#) work is a journey into the sublime of inner places, into the depths of female power and awe. Where to start a sensual voyage if not from the body, the original and closest, the most intimate and alienating of spaces? With the scientific eye of a chemist, the artist scrutinizes the body as the object and subject of her research. Yet, she doesn't rationalize its poetry, its secretive, unpredictable power.



She focusses on the sensuality of touch, on the immediacy of skin against skin, as well as on the multifaceted emotions which arise during this playful expedition. Her bright, deep, and carnal palette conveys a red mystery: 'Who dares to enter?'. Lackner pushes us, viewers, in an uncomfortable position by laying bare an obscure intimacy. We want to understand, to neutralize the mix of voyeurism and visceral curiosity that simultaneously attracts and scares us away. But the tension won't be released, so let it bewitch you.

Sonja Lackner, Photography, "From Deep Inside", 2019

*Muse gesucht (Open to a Muse)* - 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - is Sonja Lackner's first solo exhibition. Embedded in the *Frisch* series by Visarte Zurich at Schoffelgasse 10, it brings together a selection of recent works (2019-2020) on different media: photography, video and installation. Each visitor brings his/her own story and character and can step into the position of a Muse during the Polaroid live events. Curiosity and playfulness are the key to this unique experience and will intensively influence the content of the new Polaroid series.

After a master's degree in Chemistry (2010), Sonja Lackner (b. 1983, Kufstein/Austria) studied at the F&F School of Arts and Design and the Zurich University of the Arts. She currently lives and works in Zurich. Her work has been featured at "Kunsthalle Zurich" (2020, CH), "photo Schweiz" in Zurich (2020, CH), "ARTBOX.SCREEN" at ARTBOX Gallery Zurich (2019, CH), "Walk of Art" during Swiss Art Expo at central station Zurich (2019, CH), "A touch of" at Estudio Nomada in Barcelona (2019, ESP) and "Young Blood 3" at Gallery Macelleria d'Arte in Saint Gallen (2018, CH). In winter 2019 the artist joined "Estudio Nomada" during her residency in Barcelona followed by a residency in Iran.

Text: Chiara Giardi