

# DRIFTS

## Janina Sabaliauskaitė

Born in 1991 in Vilnius, Lithuania

Lives in Newcastle upon Tyne, works between Lithuania and abroad

### Education

2011 – 2014 BA Photography, Video and Digital Imaging, Sunderland University, UK

### Solo exhibitions

2025 *Pleasure*, curator Monika Kalinauskaitė, Radvila Palace, Vilnius, LT

2024 *Love Diaries*, curators Viktorija Kolbešnikova and Augustas Čičelis, Išgiřsti, Vilnius Queer Archive, Vilnius, LT

2023 *Trust*, curated by Laima Kreivytė, Drifts gallery, Vilnius, LT

2022 *Sending Love*, Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK

### Group exhibitions and collaborations

2025 *Anna-Stina Treumund: How to Recognise a Lesbian?*, KUMU Art museum, Tallinn, EE (upcoming)

*Main Protagonist*, Slugtown, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK

*The Secret Lives of Bottle of Notes*, MIMA, Middlesbrough, UK

*1st Klaipėda Biennial: Sunset Every Two Years*, Klaipėda Cultural Communication Centre (KCCC), Klaipėda, LT

2024 *The Skin We Live, Portraits from the NGCA Collection*, Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK

*Paris Photo. The Forms of Things, The Forms of Skulls, Forms of Love*, Grand Palais, Paris, FR

*Les Ambassadeurs*, Fondation Fiminco, Paris, FR

*Hotel Warsaw Art fair*, Warsaw, PL

*In the Name of Desire*, Latvian National Museum of Art, Riga, LV

*We Don't Do This. Intimacy, Norms and Fantasies in Baltic Art*, curated by Inga Lāce, Adomas Narkevičius, Rebeka Pöldsam, MO museum, Vilnius, LT

2023 *WE/US Butches and Studs from working class backgrounds within the British landscape*, photographer Roman Manfredi, co-curator Ingrid Pollard, London, UK

2022 *Voices*, Low Gallery, Riga, LV

2019 Photographer / Videographer, Collaboration with filmmaker, artist and gender rights activist Anne Chamberlain, US

Personal 16mm film *Your Body is a Wave* presenter, collaboration with Deborah Bower, Circa Projects & Giles Bailey: Festival of the Not, Star and Shadow Cinema, Newcastle, UK  
Personal 16mm film *Your Body is a Wave* preview presenter, collaboration with Deborah Bower, The Rough Cut, Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle, UK

- 2018 *Art Houses*, Whitley Bay, UK  
2017 *I Can't Remember The Last Time I Used Cardamom*, TESTT space, Durham, UK  
*Moving on up, Moving on out*, The NewBridge Project, Newcastle, UK

### **Residencies and workshops**

- 2023 Workshop facilitator, *Introduction to queer feminist photography history & the b&w darkroom*, Sodas 2123, Vilnius, LT  
2022 Curatorial residency at Northern Gallery For Contemporary Art, initiated by Sunderland Culture, Sunderland, UK  
Workshop facilitator together with Phyllis Christopher, *Image Making as Community Making*, Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK  
2021 Artist in residence, Kaunas Photographers Gallery, Kaunas, LT  
2021 Co-producer, Lesbian Zine Portraits, Micro Residency at Star & Shadow Cinema, Newcastle, UK  
2019 Residency / Archival researcher, Meno Avilys, Women in Lithuanian Film Industry, Vilnius, LT  
2018 Participant & Workshop Organiser, *Lesbian Semiotics*, Strange Perfume Book Fair, Chetham's Library, Manchester, UK  
2016 Artist in residence, AA2A, North East Photography Network, Sunderland, UK

### **Curating and contribution**

- 2017 - 2024 Organiser, Sapfo Queer Feminist Festival, LT  
2022 Curator, Rimaldas Vikšraitis Solo Exhibition, Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK  
2021 Co-Editor / Co-curator, LGBTQ+ printed Art and Culture Magazine, Issue 2, *Kreivės*, Vilnius Queer Festival, Vilnius, LT  
2021 Co-producer, Lesbian Zine Portraits, Micro Residency at Star & Shadow Cinema, Newcastle, UK (ongoing research)  
2020 Co-Editor / Co-Curator, LGBTQ+ printed Art and Culture Magazine, Issue I, *Kreivės*, Vilnius Queer Festival, Vilnius, LT

- 2019 Co-curator, *Cinematic Inclusions*, Lithuanian Poetic & Experimental Documentary Filmmaking, Glasgow, CCA, UK; Napier University, Edinburgh, UK; Star and Shadow Cinema, Newcastle, UK
- 2017 Co-Curator, *On Our Backs: An Archive*, featuring Phyllis Christopher, The NewBridge Project, Newcastle, UK

### **Talks and publications**

- 2024 WePresent by WeTransfer - New Rules, *Navigating The Future of Photography*, Round table with Charlie Engman, Jermaine Francis, moderated by Gem Fletcher
- 2023 In-conversation on Queerness, Photography, Self-Publishing and Activism with artist Jade Sweeting, writer & curator Anastasiia Fedorova facilitated by Senior Lecturer in Art History Dr. Fiona Anderson, Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK
- In-conversation on Photographic Practise and Curating with Art & Photography Historian Dr. Carol McKay, Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK
- Contributor, *Field Trip, A Collective Playbook For Making Art In The Outdoors*, Foundation Press In Collaboration With Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK
- 2022 Co-Editor, Rimaldas Vikšraitis Monograph in Lt / En (*upcoming*)
- Contributor, *HÄN, An Archive and Publication Dedicated to Dyke, Lesbian, Trans, Non-Binary and GNC Communities and Their Creativity*, created by Ella Boucht, Anya Gorkova and Anastasiia Fedorova
- 2021 Visiting Speaker, North East Photography Network, Sunderland University, online
- Discussion participant, *Activism In Arts and Art As Activism*, Queer Culture Festival, Vilnius, LT
- Visiting Speaker, Mima School of Art & Design, MiMA + Teesside University, online
- Book, featured Artist, *LGBT+ History in Lithuania*, Tolerant Youth Association, Vilnius, LT
- 2020 Discussion participant, *How to represent LGBT+ people in arts while avoiding stereotypes*, Vilnius University LGBT+ Society, Vilnius, LT
- Readings of recently transcribed love letters to Veronika Šleivyte*, Kaunas Artists House in collaboration with Thomas Mann Memorial Museum, Nida and Vilnius, LT

- 2018 Artist Talk, Bound Art Book Fair, The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, UK  
 Publication Contributor, *Peripheries*, Issue 23, Art Licks Magazine, London, UK  
 Artist Talk, *On Our Backs: An Archive*, Curious LGBTQ + Festival, Show & Tell, Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Newcastle, UK  
 Artist Talk, *Deep Down Body Thirst*, Radclyffe Hall, Glasgow International, Glasgow, UK  
 Artist Talk, *Parley*, Fine Art, Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK
- 2017 Publication Launch, *Habits of The Co - Existence Part Two*, *On Our Backs: An Archive Bibliography*, Edinburgh, UK  
 Artist Talk, *On Our Backs: An Archive*, Rebel Dykes Fundraiser, DIY Space, London, UK

### **Film screenings**

- 2023 Actress, *Blue Jean*, writer, director Georgia Oakley, Altitude Films, UK
- 2019 Festival Programmer, *Short Films: Personal Archives of Desire*, Cinema Camp, Salos Manor, LT

### **Awards & Grants**

- 2024 Individual Grant, Lithuanian Council for Culture
- 2023 Nominated for the North East Culture Visual Artist of the Year Award for her solo exhibition *Sending Love*
- 2021 BALTIC Bursary + virtual studio visit, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK  
 Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grant
- 2020 Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grant
- 2019 Sunderland Culture Creative Bursary