Rachel Ashton

Biography

Rachel Ashton is a British artist and filmmaker based in Berlin. She studied Fine Art at Goldsmiths College, London, and Städelschule, Frankfurt am Main.

Her short experimental films move between documentary and fiction through improvisation and observation, allowing narratives to emerge through a playful, personal, essayistic approach. Her works are often presented site-specifically, engaging with cultural memory through reenactment and text, treating the archive as a living practice.

Ashton appears alongside participants in her films, considering how the camera shapes both performer and spectator. Her practice reflects on the tension between control and unpredictability in filmmaking, as well as how human experience is witnessed and represented.

CV

Education

2019 - 2023
Hochschule fuer bildende Kunste Staedelschule

2018 - 2019
Hochschule fuer bildende Kunste Hamburg

2015 - 2018
Goldsmiths College London

Solo

2025
(number of) weeks later - Kunstverein fur die Rheinlande und Westfalen in Dusseldorf (DE)

2024
Another Film about Love - 1822 Sparkasse Forum Gallery. Frankfurt (DE) Crossing the Bar - Weissnicht/Knoechel. Braunschweig (DE)

2023
Rauch - Akademie Gallerie. Nuremberg (DE) Living Too Late - Die Biest. Nuremberg (DE)

2022
Breaking The Waves - Opelvillen. Russelsheim (DE)

2020
Allora - Galerie Genscher. Hamburg (DE)

Group
(Selected)

2026
Belleville - Julia Stoschek Foundation, Berlin - January 23rd 2026.

2025
A Film Screening Vol.1 - Screening series, Louche Ops, Berlin (DE) (C)eremonies - ttwentysix, Screening, Vienna (AT)
Jahresgaben - Kunstverein Braunschweig. (DE)

2024
Jahresgaben - Kunstverein Wiesen. (DE)
There Is No Future Like No Future - Rind and Rhein. Dusseldorf (DE)

2023
POWER HOUSE - Episode 05 - Energy Rising. Schiller Museum, Weimar (DE) Rocking Meadows - Kunstverein Wiesen, Wiesen (DE)
Soil - Theatre Collaboration - studioNAXOS. Frankfurt am Main (DE) Sepia - Screening, Shower, Seoul (KR)
Spring Breakers - Screening, UA Collection, Vienna (AT) Projection de films - Tour Orion, Montreuil, Paris (FR)

2022
Ztscrpt - Screening Finissage, Cittipunkt, Berlin (DE)
Until you reveal we continue the game - Thorn Apple Project, Berlin (DE) Medium Rare - Staedelschule Graduation Show, Frankfurt am Main (DE) Sleepwalking - Goethe Institute, Dublin (IRL)

2021
Moving Plants - Palmengarden, Frankfurt am Main (DE)

Awards and Grants

2024
Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg (MBB) Grant for A New Film about Love - Berlin (DE)

2023
Arts, Works, Fra. Post-graduate studio scholarship, Frankfurt am Main (DE)

2022
RS Daimlerstrasse Film Prize. Staedelschule Rundgang. Living Too Late (2022) - FFM (DE)

2018
Hamburg Residency Prize. Goldsmiths.for Vukovosko, Land of the Wolves (2018) - London (UK)

Art Biennials

2023
Condition Report - Festival der jungen Talente, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt am Main (DE)

2020
Once More, with Feeling…(On Non-Alignment and Non-Polarity) - Sixth New Wight Biennial, UCLA California (USA)