

Curriculum Vitae
CHARITY BE
Embodied Sculptor
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An embodied sculptor, Charity Be works four-dimensionally with video, sound, objects, space and gesture, to compose environments, score performative work and make sculpture. With a focus on *change* as a vital force for life, Be seeks to highlight the phenomenal in the cyclical quietudes of nature, and elicit awareness of interconnectivity through the senses. Charity Be has a professional background in film and television, as well as in sound and performance. She also spent many years practicing permaculture-influenced urban farming while working in tech-dependent professions. The tension of a push and pull between the body and machine, the felt and the conceptual, plays a pivotal role in her work. Charity Be has worked and exhibited internationally, including in USA, West Africa, South Africa, South Korea and Germany. She has also participated in international arts residencies. Charity holds a BFA in Intermedia Art from Mills College, Oakland, California (2017) and an MFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, Massachusetts (2022). Hailing originally from Chicago, Illinois, Be spent many years in San-Francisco/Oakland, California and is now based full-time in Berlin, Germany.

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITION

- 2025** KulturAggregat. Germany
- 2023** Field Recordings (Sound Art: Toro)
- 2022** MassArts MFA Exhibition, SOWA Gallery. Boston, Massachusetts USA
Sense of the City–Sensing the City. Berlin, Germany & Lisbon, Portugal
- 2021** LongingBelonging, BarLin at GlogauAiR Project Space. Berlin
Open Studios, GlogauAiR, Berlin
Performance Salon, GlogauAIR, Berlin
SoWa Artwalk. Massachusetts
- 2020** Cityscapes, Czong Institute for Contemporary Art, Gimpo-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
- 2018** Walk the Line, Gearbox Gallery, Oakland, California
Yes, CricketEngine Gallery, Oakland
- 2017** Open Dissonance, BFA Thesis Exhibition, Mills College Art Museum, Oakland
Connect, Group Art Show. Curator and Installation artist. The Seed Factory, Atlanta, Georgia

SELECT SOLO-EXHIBITION

- 2021** Horizontally Speaking, GlogauAiR Berlin, Germany
- 2017** con•text•ual, SlideSpace 123 Oakland, California

RESIDENCY, SYMPOSIUMS & AWARDS

- 2024** Winner, Bryan Robertson Artist Trust Award
- 2023** Time to Listen conference, Akademie der Künste & field notes, Berlin, Germany
- 2021** Glogau Artist in Residence, Six months. Berlin, Germany
- 2020** Carrick Quay, Self-Initiated six month residency. Glasgow, Scotland
Icelandic Textile Center, Two months. Blonduos, Iceland (Postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2018** Vermont Studio Center, One month. Johnson, Vermont, USA
- 2017** Undergraduate Research Grant, Mills College. Oakland, California, USA
- 2014** Oakland Stock MicroGrant, Oakland, California

EDUCATION

- 2022** Master of Fine Arts (MFA). Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2017** Bachelor of Arts in Intermedia Art (BFA) (Honors). Mills College, Oakland, California, USA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025** Professor, The Art of Making Video. Foundation Course. Bard College Berlin. Berlin, Germany
- 2024-cont.** Bard College Berlin, Creative Component Thesis Advisor
- 2024** Open Society University Network. Research Creation website rebuild. Berlin, Germany
- 2022-cont.** Bard College Berlin, AV Specialist & Advisor.
- 2023** Professional Practice Course, Teaching Assistant. The Alternative Art School. Online
- 2020-2022** Time-Based Media Teaching Assistant. Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- 2012-2020** Professor of Movement, Dance BFA program. Dominican University, San Francisco, California
- 2010-2019** Emmy Awards Television Documentary. Juror
- 2011-2018** Founder, Curator, Web designer: CAMP 510 (An arts & maker day camp where youth develop the agency and confidence to shape a better world.) Awarded '*Best Summer Day Camp.*' Oakland, California USA
- 2002-2014** Documentary Film Director & Cinematographer, Oakland & San Francisco, California
made from scratch films, Vaquera Films, MOG
Film & Video Curator & Director. MediaHead, IMAGE Film & Video, Atlanta Film Festival. Atlanta

ECOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010- 2019** Permaculture-inspired urban farmer & fermenter: vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, dairy goats, bees. Oakland, California, USA

LANGUAGES

Speak, read, write: English (native), German (B2), French (B2). Beginner level: Italian, Spanish

SELECTED SOLO WORK, COLLABORATIONS & PARTICIPATORY EVENTS

- 2024** *Censored, Banned, Burned* (in progress) Sculptural sound installation
Oder. A seasonal audio ecology of an endangered wetlands.
- 2022** *Breath Study (#YouBetweenMe)*, Two-channel 4K video and sound installation. Boston, MA
Protection, Digital video animation. Boston, MA
Breathing Bodies Berlin, Sound installation. Berlin, Germany & Lisbon, Portugal
Centriception, Performative HD video & panel discussion. Boston, MA
- 2021** *CLaS-C (COVID Lounge and Social Club)*, Composed social ecosystem. Berlin, Germany
Everything in Life is Vibration-Albert Einstein, In collaboration with Mette Sanggaard. Berlin, Germany
Everything in Life is Vibration-Albert Einstein, Open-Score Performance event. Berlin, Germany
Feucht, Single Channel 4K video & audio installation. Berlin, Germany
Thirty years from now your life will surely be different. Video & textile installation, Berlin, Germany
Horizontally Speaking, Three Channel looped HD text animation video, Berlin, Germany
Circumstantial Self-Evidence, Performative video, Boston, MA
Body Tapping, HD Video, Boston, MA
Centriception. Architectural space and air sculpture
Untitled Hanging Sculpture #2, Sculpture
SALT, Time sculpture
- 2019** *ChairPiece*, Two-Channel video & sound installation (infinite random loop) Korea
- 2018** *Unnatural Disaster #1: Displacement*, Performative Installation, Vermont USA
- 2017** *The (Non) Illusory Nature of Circumstance*, Sculpture and three-channel video installation. Mills Museum
6:05pm 24-hour audio installation, SlideSpace 123, Oakland CA
Connect, Group Art Show. Curator and Installation artist. The Seed Factory, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2016** *Goldfinger Confidential* Goldfinger text, Google Translate, 10 hand-bound books, performative reading
400 Steps Audio walk & earth sculpture
Verses Four-channel video installation with dancer Amy Greene. Music by Fred Frith.