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Yehudit Sasportas - BIO

Yehudit Sasportas is a senior professor at the department of Fine Arts in the BFA and MFA Programs at Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, where she has been teaching since 1994. She works simultaneously in Berlin and Tel Aviv, with a high level of international professional commitment and involvement.

Her work is focused on site-specific installations, which include sculptures, drawings, video and sound works, and call for an intense and overwhelming sensory experience. Her installations have gone through a process of adapting and responding to the architecture of various museum spaces while forming into artworks that present a new way of reading architecture itself, as well as the wider cultural context it was created in.

Her sculptural installations deal with a fascinating correspondence taking place between subconscious materials, unspoken and unseen, and the way these layers of information activate conscious areas across the surface.

Sasportas represented Israel in the 2007 Venice Biennial, Italy, and has presented more than 17 international solo exhibitions during the last decade, in venues such as: ***Locus Solus***, Arter Museum, Istanbul, Turkey, 2022; ***The Archeology of the Unseen***, Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, Wilhelmshaven, Germany, 2020; ***Rifts Of Absence***, Villa Schöningen, Potsdam, Germany, 2017; ***HaMakom***, GL Strand, Kunsthalle, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2016; ***Seven Winters***, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel, 2013; ***Hasipur – The Story***, Herbert Gerisch-Stiftung, Neumünster, Germany, 2010; ***The Clearing of the Unseen***, DA2 Domus Atrium, Salamanca, Spain, 2009; ***The Laboratory***, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany, 2008; ***By the River***, Matrix 200, the Berkley Museum of Art, San Francisco, USA, 2002; ***The Carpenter and the Seamstress II***, Deitch Projects, New York, USA, 2001.

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Yehudit Sasportas - CV

Born in 1969 in Ashdod, Israel

Since 1993 she teaches at the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel

Since 2004 Lives and works in Berlin and Tel Aviv

Education

2017	Senior professor at the Bezalel Academy for Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel
1997-99	M.F.A., Fine Art Department, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem in collaboration with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
1993	Academy of Art and Science, Cooper Union Academy of Art, New York, USA
1989-93	B.F.A., Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel
1988-89	College for Visual Art, Beersheva, Israel

Fellowships and prizes

2022	Ministry of Culture and Sports, independent creators Award Mifal Hapais Council for the Culture and Arts, development of new artwork grant Ministry of Culture and Sports, Creative Encouragement Award
2009	The Israeli Ministry of Culture award, Israel
2003-2005	The chosen Artist of the Israel Cultural Excellence Foundation (I Excellence), Israel
2004	International studio program of Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
2003	Artist-in-residence, Binz Foundation, Nairs, Switzerland
2001	Arthur Goldreich Foundation, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel
1999	The Israeli Art Prize, Nathan Gottesdiener Foundation, Tel Aviv Museum, Tel Aviv, Israel
1994-1998	Israel-America Fund for Culture, Helena Rubinstein Award for Sculpture Gotsy Reder Prize for Sculpture, Israel
1997	Ingeborg Bachmann Scholarship, established by Anselm Kiefer, Wolf Foundation, Herzliya, Israel
1996	Kadishman Prize for Sculpture, America-Israel Cultural Foundation, Israel Young Artist Award, Israeli Ministry of Culture and Education, Israel
1993	Robert Steinmann Prize for Sculpture, Herzliya Museum of Art, Herzliya, Israel Ehud Elhanani Prize, Fine Art Department, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel

Solo exhibitions

2023	YS Solo show , Gallery EIGEN & Art Berlin, Germany
2022	The Time Dwellers, No-Man's Land , Arter museum, Istanbul, Turkey.
2021	The Archeology of The Unseen, Liquid Desert project , Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, Wilhelmshaven. Germany
2019	Liquid Desert , Gallery EIGEN & Art Berlin, Germany
2017	RIFTS OF ABSENCE , Villa Schöningen, Potsdam, Germany
2016	Vertical Swamps HAMAKOM , Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
2016	HAMAKOM / FILMS 2008 – 2015 , GL STRAND Kunsthalle, Copenhagen, Denmark
2015	Vertical Swamp Raw Material , Gallery EIGEN & Art Berlin, Germany

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- 2013 **Seven Winters**, Solo show, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
2011 **Films**, Gallery Eigen + Art Leipzig, Germany
2010 **HASIPUR – The Story**, Herbert Gerisch Stiftung, Neuemunster, Germany
2009 **Cosmic Rifts**, Sommer Contemporary Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2008 **The Clearing of the Unseen**, DA2 Domus Atrium, Salamanca, Spain
The Laboratory, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Germany
Artist Statement, Gallery EIGEN + ART, frieze art fair, London, UK
- 2007 **The Guardians of the Threshold**, 52. Venice Biennale, **Think with the Senses – Feel with the Mind.**
Art in the present Tense, Israeli Pavilion, Venice, Italy
- 2006 **The Guardian of the Pearl' Shadow**, Sint-Lukas Gallery Brussels, Brussels, Belgium
2005 **The Cave Light**, Leonhardi Museum, Dresden, Germany
The Pomegranate Orchard, Gallery EIGEN + ART, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 **Locher**, Muellerhaus, Literatur und Sprache, Lenzburg, Switzerland
The Guardian of the Pearl's Shadow 1, Sommer Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
The Guardian of the Pearl's Shadow 2, Tilton Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2003 **The Swamp and the Magnetic Ants**, Galerie EIGEN + ART, Leipzig, Germany
2002 **By the River, Matrix 200**, the Berkley Museum Of Art, San Francisco, USA
The Archive, Artist's Statement, Galerie EIGEN + ART, Art Cologne, Cologne, Germany
- 2001 **How did it ever come so far...**, Galerie EIGEN + ART, Berlin, Germany
The Carpenter and the Seamstress II, Deitch Projects, New York, USA
- 2000 **The Carpenter and the Seamstress**, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
1999 **PVC 1999**, Noga Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
1996 **Trash-can Scale**. Work 1995-96, Janco Dada Museum, Ein Hod, Israel
1995 **Mapping**, Office in Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv, Israel
1994 **Drawings**, Jerusalem Artists' House, Jerusalem, Israel

Selected group exhibitions

- 2023 **Works on Paper**, Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland.
2023 **Heard Melodies are Sweet but Those Unheard are Sweeter**, Sommer Salon, Zurich, Switzerland.
2023 **The Dark Brain, Liquid Desert Project**, Berlin, Germany.
2022 **More Than One**, 8th Drawing Biennale, Jerusalem's Artists House, Jerusalem, Israel.
Savage, Shenkar College, Visual Art Department, Ramat-Gan, Israel.
Soft Skills 2, Sommer Contemporary Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel.
After the Lost Memory, Bar-David museum, Kibbutz Baram, Israel.
Everything from Everything, Beita Gallery, Jerusalem, Israel.
Locus Solus, No Man's Land - The Time dwellers, Arter museum, Istanbul, Turkey.
Medium Drawing. Contemporary Positions on the Art of Drawing, Kunstverein Gera e.V., Gera, Germany.
Savage, Shenkar, Ramat Gan, Israel
- 2021 **By The Sea**, Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, Germany.
Wind Mind, Hansen House, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2020 **Vessel**, Sommer Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv, Israel.
Tangle, Maya Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel.
Returning to Nature, The Jerusalem Botanic Garden, Jerusalem, Israel.
Sculpture & Nature, Schloss Schwante, Oberkrämer, Germany
Rohkunstbau 25. Tenderness, Schloss Lieberose, Spreewald, Germany.
Looking at her Reflection, On-line exhibition.
The Mechanical Body, Bar-David museum, Kibbutz Baram, Israel.
Years, Sommer Contemporary Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel

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- 2019 **Feldfantom**, Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
Illuminations, Yeltsin Center Yekaterinburg, Russia.
Illuminations, Stroganov Palace of Russian Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia.
Illuminations, Smena Center Kazan, Russia.
- 2018 **Illuminations**, Triumph Gallery, Moscow, Russia.
Ámbitus. Art and Music Today Kunstmuseum Kloster, Magdeburg
The women Spirit of NARIS, Contemporary Art Center NAIRS, Scuol, Switzerland
Sehnsucht nach Landschaft, Kunsthalle Bahnitz, Bahnitz. Germany
Body Talk, CIRCLE1 GALLERY, Mittenwalder Str. 47, Berlin. Germany
- 2017 **Dreams & Dramas**, Sapņu Fabrika, Riga, Latvia
- 2017 **Drawings & Sculptures**, Sommer gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2017 **"Wären Fluss und Meere Tinte ..."**, Christine König Galerie, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 **PRINT NOW FROM THE ATELIER FOR RADIATION LEIPZIG**
VLADO AND MARIA ONDREJ, Museum Angerlehner, Thalheim bei Wels, Austria
- 2016 **Once in a Lifetime**, the Oude Kerk, Amsterdam, Holland
- 2015 **Harmony and Transition**, Chinese Landscape in Contemporary art, Martha Herford Museum, Herford, Germany
- 2015 **Walk The Line, New Paths in Drawing**, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2015 **Dark Side Of...**, TS ART Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 **Shades of Black and White**, Gallery Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2014 **PAPERWORLDS**, Me Collectors Room Berlin / Stiftung Olbricht, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 **Confrontation**, Galerie Alain Le Gaillard, French
- 2014 **Neighbors**, Istanbul Museum of Modern Art, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2013 **Caution! Things may appear different than they are**, APT institute, Nuremberg, Germany
On Paper, Galerie EIGEN+ART Berlin, Germany
- 2012 **Material Spiritual World**, Deweer Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Unnatural, the BASS museum, Miami, USA
Inner Motion, Art Museum Magdeburg, Germany
Kalte Rinden (landscape), City Gallery, Kiel, Germany
Kunst Museum Wolfsburg, for contemporary art, Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2011 **A rock and a hard Place**, The 3rd Thessaloniki Biennale, Greece
- 2009 **Wall Work**, Yerba Buena Center for The Arts, San Francisco, USA
Artist Statement, Galerie Eigen And Art, Frieze Art Fair, London, UK
Site of Silence, Munster, Germany
- 2008 **Sommer bei EIGEN + ART**, Galerie EIGEN + ART Berlin, Germany
Depletio,: Works from the Doron Sebbag Art Collection ORS Ltd., Tel-Aviv Museum, Tel Aviv, Israel
Real Time: Art in Israel 1998-2008, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
Eventually we'll Die, Young Art in Israel of the Nineties, Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art, Herzliya, Israel
Gegen den Strich, Bielefelder kunstverein, Germany
Access to Israel & II, Jüdisches Museum Frankfurt/Main, Germany
Back to Black, Kestner Gesellschaft, Hannover, Germany
- 2007 **Dialogues Méditerranéens à Saint-Tropez**, France
Ornament, S.M.A.K., Gent, Belgium
Digital Landscapes, The Genia Schreiber University Art gallery, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
Neue Heimat, Berlinische Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Gegen den Strich, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
Ausgezeichnet!, Kunstverein Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany
- 2006 **Raft of the Medusa**, National Museum Warschau & Krakow, Poland
All the best. The Deutsche Bank Collection and Zaha Hadid, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
Far and away: The Fantasy of Japan in Contemporary Israeli Art, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel

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- 2005 **Mini Israel: 70 Models, 45 Artists, One Space**, the Israel Museum of Art, Jerusalem, Israel
The Phoenix Collection, Ashdod Museum, Ashdod, Israel
Dreaming Art dreaming reality, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
25 Jahre Sammlung Deutsche Bank, Deutsche Guggenheim, Berlin, Germany
Temporary Import, Art Forum Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Portrait, Galerie EIGEN + ART, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 **Die Neuen Hebräer - 100 Jahre Kunst in Israel**, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany
Homage to Yona Fischer, Bezalel gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
Drawing today, CAC Málaga, Spain
A European Portrait #2, Rohkunstbau, Groß Leuthen, Germany
Sommer Show, Lehmann Maupin, New York, USA
Romantica, Sommer Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
Point of View, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2003 **Drawings**, Binz 39, Nairs, Engiadina Bassa, Switzerland
Sommer bei EIGEN + ART, Galerie EIGEN + ART, Berlin, Germany
Chilufim, Kunstmuseum Bonn; Kaiser Wilhelm Museum Krefeld; Museum Am Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany
Sommer Contemporary Art at Kilchmann Plus, Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland
Chopsticks, Hamidrasha Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
Imagine, Umm el-Fahem Art Gallery, Umm el-Fahem, Israel
- 2002 **Chilufim**, Herzliya Museum of Art, Herzliya; The Israel Museum of Art, Jerusalem, Israel
Personal Plans, Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, Switzerland
Kill me if you can, The Kalisher Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
Imagine, Um el Fachem Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
Recent Acquisitions, the Uzi Zucker Fund for Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
Sommer bei EIGEN + ART, Galerie EIGEN + ART, Leipzig, Germany
Sadie Coles Gallery HQ, London, UK
- 2001 **Works on Paper**, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
Liste 2001, Basel, Switzerland
Total Object Complete with Missing Parts, Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland
Gallery Barbara Davis, Houston, USA
Las pasiones, Bienal de Valencia, Valencia, Spain
- 2000 **Walkabout**, the Ramat Gan Museum, Ramat Gan, Israel; Galerie Kampnagel, Hamburg, Germany
Ladies and Gentleman, Contemporary Israeli Art, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
Platforma, Sommer Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
Liste, the Young Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
- 1999 **The passion and The Wave**, 6th International Istanbul Biennale, Istanbul, Turkey
Young International Art, Galerie EIGEN + ART, Berlin, Germany
Art Focus, Sultan's Pool, Jerusalem, Israel
Bad kids, good kids, The Israel Museum of Art, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1998 **The Biennial of the Mediterranean**, Rome, Italy
Four Israeli Women Artists, Art Triennale, New Delhi, India
Women Artists in Israel, Haifa Museum of Art, Haifa, Israel
90 Years of Israeli Art - Works of the Joseph Hachmi-Israel Phoenix Collection, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
12 x 12, The Bezalel Graduant Program of Young Artists, The Maurice Louis Gallery, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel
Bamot. The building, destruction and restoration of high places. Israel '48 - '98", Jewish Museum, Vienna, Austria
- 1997 **Biennale of the Mediterranean**, Turin, Italy
Home, Anadiel Gallery, New Gate, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1996 **Balanced**, The Israeli Painters and Sculptors Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel

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- 1995 **Yehudit Sasportas and Smadar Eliassaf – Drawings**, Noga Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
L.A. Biennial Invitational, Posner Art Gallery, Santa Monica, California, USA
Eight Artists, America-Israel Cultural Foundation, Tally Hall, New York, USA
Autumn Salon, Abandoned House Exhibition, Tel Aviv, Israel
Drawing No. 1, Gimel Gallery, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1994 **Michael Kasos, Yehudit Sasportas, Daphna Ron**, The Tel Aviv Artists Studio, Tel Aviv, Israel
Home Works, Herzliya Museum of Art, Herzliya; Art Gallery, University of Haifa, Haifa; Yavneh Art Workshop, Yavneh; Arad Museum, Arad, Israel
Seperate World, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
Back, Gimel Gallery, Jerusalem, Israel
Labyrinth, Pat Studio, Jerusalem, Israel

Selected catalogues

- 2013 **Seven Winters**, Yehudit Sasportas, Editor and Curator: Mira Lapidot, 2013,
Publisher: Hatje Cantz, 160 Pages.
- 2010 **FILMS**, Yehudit Sasportas, Editor and Curator: Martin Henatsch, 2010,
Publisher: Herbert - Gerisch – Stiftung, 64 Pages.
- 2008 **The Laboratory**, Yehudit Sasportas, Editor and Curator: Hilke Wagner, 2008,
Publisher: Pretsel, 111 Pages.
- 2007 **Guardians of the Threshold**, Yehudit Sasportas, Editor and Curator: Suzanne Landau, 2007.
Publisher: Dumont, 66 Pages.
- 2005 **The Cave Light**, Yehudit Sasportas, Editor and Curator: Christoph Tannert, 2005.
Publisher: Leonhardi Museum, 88 Pages.
- 2002 **Yehudit Sasportas – By the River**, Yehudit Sasportas, Editor and Curator: Heidi Zuckerman
Jackobson,
Publisher: University of California, Berkeley Art Museum.