

Mónica Mays

Born in Madrid, 1990

Lives and works in Madrid and Amsterdam

Education

2015-17	MA Sandberg Instituut, Amsterdam
2009-10	BFA Cum Laude, HEAR / École Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs, Strasbourg, FR
2009-10	Cultural Anthropology, University of New Orleans, USA

Solo Exhibitions (selection)

2027	Pedro Cera, Lisbon (upcoming)
2026	<i>Mónica Mays: Blinds and Shutters</i> , Gratin, New York , USA <i>Pulgar</i> , Matadero, Madrid
2025	<i>ridden</i> , Blue Velvet, Zurich
2024	<i>Fueled, Oasis, Fueled</i> , Pedro Cera, Madrid <i>eventually, Eden</i> , Cibrián, Donosti, Spain <i>Si plou així que, no escampi!</i> , Fabra i Coats, Barcelona, Spain
2023	<i>The Serpent Bearer</i> , Lucas Hirsch, Dusseldorf <i>Buttermilk</i> , Blue Velvet Projects, Zurich
2022	<i>Nail That Stems</i> , Twin Gallery, Madrid
2021	<i>Bucolic Gang</i> , Virgin Maria Church, Rupert, Vilnius <i>Sand Shine</i> , Aparador Monteleón, Madrid
2019	<i>Homies</i> , Corridor PS, Amsterdam
2018	<i>w.i.l.l.i.a.m.</i> , organized by Helena Lambrechts and Tim Roerig, Bologna.cc, Amsterdam
2016	<i>ooo.ooo, A Place Beyond Desire</i> , Rietveld Pavilion, Amsterdam

Group Exhibitions (selection)

2026	<i>To pass from one dream to another</i> , 18th Lyon Biennale - Contemporary Art, Lyon, France (upcoming) <i>Under the skin</i> , MO.CO. Panacée, Montpellier, France <i>Moths</i> , Centre d'Art de la Chapelle de Boondael, Art Brussels
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- 2025 *El sueño de una serpiente*, Luis Adelantado, Valencia, Spain
Chi esce entra, The Bibliotheca Hertziana – Max Planck Institute for Art History, Roma
Fragment and Form: Emii Alrai, Mónica Mays, Dominique White, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK
On Immanence, Pedro Cera, Lisbon
Tragicomedia, Mutaciones, Casa Museo Lope de Vega, Madrid
Tout sera oublié et rien ne sera réparé, Dvir, Paris
Las iguanas van a morder a los hombres que no sueñan, Sala de Arte Joven, Madrid
- 2024 *If only we could master miracles*, Kunstfort, Vijfhuizen, the Netherlands
Carpenter's Gothic, Someday Gallery, New York, USA
Inéditos. Últimas adquisiciones del Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Centro Cultural Conde Duque, Madrid
Residency 2024, Cemeti Institut for Art and Society, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Still Making Art Volume Seven (SMA7), Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam
NN Awards, Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
Prospects, Mondriaan Fonds, Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
Control, Goethe Institute with Catinca Tabacaru, Bucharest
- 2023 *Old sky, old dirt, new grass*, Travesía Cuatro, Madrid
Bodies of Resistance, Galeria Pedro Cera, Lisbon
Y mis ojos son como el jerez que el huésped deja en la copa, Nebrija Art Prize, CC Galileo, Madrid
If we remain silent, Casco Art Institute, Utrecht, the Netherlands
The Serpent Bearer, Lucas Hirsch, Düsseldorf, Germany
Desengaño, Ateneo, Madrid
Lo que pesa una cabeza, TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Tenerife, Spain
How long is an echo?, Städtische Galerie KUBUS, Hannover, Germany
- 2022 *International Art Talent 3PD-AFK*, Felix Meritis, Amsterdam
Dogo Totale - Home, Alte Turnhalle, Lichtensteig, Switzerland
Her Legs, an Egg, Her Toil(e) and Blankets, Linnagalerii, Tallinn Art Hall, Estonia
Broken Open, Gallery Luis Adelantado, Valencia, Spain
fundamental occurrences, Nosbaum Reding, Brussels
Getting Lost in the Woods, Twin Gallery, Madrid
emotions are facts, curated by Chloé Bonnie More, Nosbaum Reding, Luxembourg
Generación 2022, La Casa Encendida, Madrid
- 2021 *Al Revés*, Art Nueve, Murcia, Spain
Silencio Oscuro de los Grandes Troncos, Injuve, Madrid
A Green Jade Lake, Centro Centro, Madrid
Itinerancias Premio de Arte Joven C&L, Museo de Palencia, Museo de Segovia, Spain
Appendix Songs, Punt WG, Amsterdam
Sand Shine, Aparador Monteleón, Madrid
- 2020 *I'm Not Your Territory, We Are My Only Character*, Atelier Chiffonnier, Dijon, France
Young Talent Sculpture Prize, Museo de Zamora, Museo de León, Sala Unamuno,

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- Palacio Butrón, Spain
Unsayings, Industra Gallery, Brno, Czech Republic
Un gesto que permanece, Salón, Madrid
- 2019 *hypnoquinomagia*, Combo & Microlima, Venice, Italy
Soft Landings, TAC, Eindhoven, the Netherlands
City Circles, wemakethecity, wow, Amsterdam
- 2018 *Shifting Class*, former Gsus Sindustries headquarters, Amsterdam
- 2017 *No zero No two*, SNDO, Academie voor Theater en Dans, Amsterdam
NEWTOWN, Sandberg graduation show, Metro Station Noord, Amsterdam
- 2016 *Bienal Arte Contemporaneo Emergente*, Eve-Maria Zimmerman, Tenerife, Spain
paranymp (slush puppies), De Fabriek, Eindhoven, the Netherlands
A Place Beyond Desire, Rietveld Pavilion, Amsterdam

Performance (selection)

- 2020 *Homies Prayers*, Come Together V, Frascati Theater, Amsterdam
Breathe in, breath out, Neverneverland, Amsterdam
- 2018 *Museumnacht*, Museum Willet-Holthuysen, Amsterdam
- 2017 *Isola 3000*, Amsterdam Art Weekend, ISO, Amsterdam
Amsterdam Dance Event, De School, Amsterdam
- 2016 *Modern Body Festival*, De Nieuwe Regentes Theater, The Hague
Instant Composition, Extra City Kunsthall, Antwerpen, Belgium

Awards, grants, residencies (selection)

- 2025 Premio Arco Comunidad de Madrid para jóvenes artistas, Madrid
- 2025 IX Premio Cervezas Alhambra de Arte emergente, Madrid
- 2024 XVII Illy SustainArt prize
- 2024 Selected NN Awards
- 2024 Cemeti Institute for Art and Society Residency, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2023 Selected Premi Miquel Casablanca
- 2023 Ceramicres Co-net Residency, Alcora, Spain
- 2023 Selected Nebrija Art Prize
- 2022-23 Young Talent Stipendium, Mondriaan Fonds, Netherlands
- 2022 Landescape Residency, Italy
- 2022 Dogo Residency, Lichtensteig, Switzerland
- 2021 Matadero Residency, Madrid
- 2021 Generación 2022 Prize, La Casa Encendida, Spain
- 2021 Bilbao Arte Foundation, Spain

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2021 Visual Arts 3PD Prize, Amsterdam Fonds voor de Kunst, Netherlands
2020 Rupert Residency, Vilnius
2020 Young Talent Sculpture Prize Castilla y León, Spain
2019 Project Grant, Amsterdam Fonds voor de Kunst

Selected Collections (selection)

CA2M Museo Centro de Arte Dos de Mayo, Móstoles, Spain
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid
Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy
DKV Arteria, Spain
Fundación Montemadrid, Madrid
Junta de Castilla y León, Valladolid, Spain
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Madrid
Collection d'art de la Mobilière, Bern, Switzerland
Yan Du Collection, Shanghai, China
Alkar Contemporary, Madrid, Spain