

# UNIT 17

**Gabi Dao** (b. 1991)

Lives and works in Rotterdam, the Netherlands

## Education

2021-2023

Piet Zwart Institute Rotterdam, the Netherlands

2014

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, Canada

## Solo and Two-person Exhibitions

2022

*soothsay* (with geetha thurairajah), Centre Clark, Montreal, Canada

2020

*soothsay* (with geetha thurairajah), Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada

2019

*a sentimental dissidence*, grunt gallery, Vancouver, Canada

2018

*A knife to wither your petal fingers*, BLINKERS, Winnipeg, Canada

2015

*Open Sesame*, Spare Room (solo exhibition), Vancouver, Canada

## Group Exhibitions

2022

*Related*, Libby Leshgold Gallery at Emily Carr University, Vancouver, Canada

2021

*Sobey Art Award Exhibition*, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

*Vancouver Special, Disorientations and Echo*, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

2020

*Sawsawan: Conversations in the Dirty Kitchen*, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines

*Where do we go from here?*, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

*Crocodile Tears*, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada

*Sorry*, Unit 17, Art Toronto, Toronto Canada

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2019

*Relations of Responsibility*, group exhibition at Simon Fraser University Audain Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

*Archival Pulse*, group show, P40 collective, online

2017

*Dream Islands*, Nanaimo Art Gallery, Nanaimo, Canada

*Nor There*, Western Front, Vancouver, Canada

*Sky Island*, 211 E. Georgia, Cargo Collective, Vancouver, Canada

*NOPE - Woodward's Anti-Capitalist Foundation*, 221A, Vancouver, Canada

*Noise gives the listener duration as an artifact*, Artspeak, Vancouver, Canada

*Peer Pressure*, Plaza Projects, Richmond, BC, Canada

*SOOT*, Unit 17, Vancouver, Canada

2016

*My Goods be Said*. Intersite Visual Arts Festival, National Music Centre, Calgary, Canada

2015

*Limited Time Library*, Unit/Pitt, Vancouver, Canada

*No Monologue*, 221A, Vancouver, Canada

*Fort Eff*, Deep Blue, Vancouver, Canada

2014

*Balmoral 12 Tone*, Avenue Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

*Paperweight Biennale*, Maillardville Cultural Appreciation Society, Coquitlam, BC, Canada

*It's A Long Story*, Dynamo Arts Association, Vancouver, Canada

*Spirit Music*, Index, Vancouver, Canada

2013

*Avenue*, Avenue Projects (8-person collective), Vancouver, Canada (2013-2015)

*Print Ready*, Dynamo Arts Association, Vancouver, Canada

*Happy Hour*, Avenue Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

*Jump In, It's Warm*, Avenue Gallery in collaboration with Tommy Richardson, Vancouver

2012

*Dimensions Variable*, Dynamo Arts Association, Vancouver, Canada

<>, Satellite Gallery in collaboration with Show Tell Press and Kara Hansen, Vancouver,

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Canada

2011

*International Mail Art Exhibition 2011*, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC, Canada

*Rubble Gallery Launch*, Rubble Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

*Su(UUU)per Fragile*, Apartment Show, Vancouver, Canada

2010

*International Mail Art Exhibition 2020*, Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond, BC, Canada

## **Selected Talks, Workshops, and Screenings**

2022

artist talk; *soothsay*, Centre Clark, Montreal, Canada

2021

online and in-person workshop, Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, Canada

*The Protagonists*, Winnipeg Underground Film Festival, Winnipeg, Canada

Sensory So-Called Scripting, online workshop, Winnipeg Underground Film Festival, Winnipeg, Canada

2020

Artist Talk with Pao Hua, Her + Others, Or Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

2019

Twilight Hour Speaker Series, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver, Canada

Domestic Cinema Ch. 1 screening, The Works Festival, Edmonton, Canada

*The Protagonists*, Domestic Cinema, Images Festival, Toronto, Canada

*The Protagonists*, Inquiring Minds program, 48th International Film Festival Rotterdam, the Netherlands

*The Protagonists*, Documentarian, VIVO Media Arts, Vancouver, Canada

2018

On Producing Safer Spaces: Accountable Cultural Creation, CURRENT Feminist Electronic Arts Symposium, Vancouver, Canada

Eat Your Art and Vegetables CKUW radio, Winnipeg, Canada

Active Research Lecture Series, Platform Centre for Photographic + Digital Arts in Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Canada

Back Alley Entrance Panel Discussion, Duplex, Vancouver, Canada

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## Curatorial Projects

2018

Artspeak Radio Digest, Vancouver Co-op Radio, Vancouver, Canada

2017

*Blood Love Trouble*, Burrard Arts Foundation, Vancouver, Canada

2016

*Tent Shop: Pleasure Fair*, DUPLEX, Vancouver, Canada

## Press

2021

Watts, Rachel. "Sobey Shortlist: Gabi Dao Says COVID Crisis Helped Her Realize the 'Healing' Value of Art," *Capital Current*, June 2021. Web.

2017

Jimenez, Eija. "The Sounds of Artists," *The Source*. Print. April.

Dury, Lucien. "Vancouver Report: From Black and White to Coloured Lights," *Canadian Art*.  
March 8. Web.

2016

"News in Brief: Canadians at Manifesta 11, Lind Prize Winner, Twenty- Three Days at Sea  
Artists Selected," *Canadian Art*. April. 8 2016. Web.

2015

Wojitra, Tonik. "Gabi Dao, Open Sesame at Spare Room." *ISSUE 4.1*. Print.

Ling, Steffanie. "Akimblog- Gabi Dao at Spare Room, Vancouver." *Akimbo*. May 5 2015.  
Web.

## Writing

2017

Dao, Gabi. "M.I.A.," Commissioned text for Whitney Houston et al. Issue no.1. Ed.  
Casey Wei. Print

2016

Dao, Gabi, Sam Ellis. "Fanta-Glyphs," Interview with Casey Wei. *Agony Klub*. Print.

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Dao, Gabi, Sam Ellis. "Fanta-Glyphs in 3.1." Editorial. Discorder Magazine. May 2016: 38-41. Print

2015

Dao, Gabi. "The Future Lives Here," Bartleby Review August 2015. Print + Web.

## **Residencies**

2021

Centrum Emerging Artist Residency, Port Townsend, USA

2016-2017

Early Career Development Media Arts Residency, Western Front, Vancouver, Canada

2015

Truth, Lies, Lore, 6 week thematic residency, The Banff Centre, Banff, Canada

## **Awards, Grants, and Nominations**

2021

Sobey Art Award 2021 Shortlist, National Gallery of Canada

2017

Canada Council for the Arts, Research and Creation Grant for ad-hoc artist group (Duplex)

Contemporary Art Society Emerging Artist Prize, long list

2016

British Columbia Arts Council, Early Career Development Grant, residency category  
2016 Annual Portfolio Prize, BFA category

2009

Brother Carruthers Arts Scholarship, Saint Thomas More Collegiate, Burnaby (B.C)

CISVA Fine Arts Scholarship, Saint Thomas More Collegiate, Burnaby

Burnaby Council of Arts Scholarship