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As a photographer based in Vienna, I focus on portrait photography and social documentary work. My artistic approach explores the interplay between the individual and society, with a focus on psychological and socio-documentary themes. In self-initiated, research-led projects, I question what is unfamiliar, expanding my understanding as both an artist and a human being. Long-term projects develop through intensive, dialogic engagement with the subjects, providing deeper insights and creating a nuanced picture of human and societal realities.

EXHIBITIONS/GRANTS

- 2026 ATHEN Photofestival 26, shortlisted
- 2026 The Royal Photographic Society, International Photography Exhibition 167, shortlisted, London
- 2026 Photography Foundation Award, highly commended, group exhibition, London
- 2026 WOLF SUSCHITZKY Photography Prize 2025, group exhibition, Juni 11 – Oct 1 Fotohof Salzburg
- 2026 ,25th JULIA MARGARET CAMERON Awards‘ group exhibition, Barcelona
- 2026 PHOTO GRAZ SELECTION VI, group exhibition Fotogalerija STOLP, March 18 – April 18, Maribor/Slovenia Galerija Zuccato, April 23 – May 23, Poreč/Croatia

- 2025 WOLF SUSCHITZKY Photography Prize 2025, group exhibition, Austrian Cultural Forum London, October, London
- 2025 IPA - International Photography Awards 2025, Official Selection
- 2025 FACES, group exhibition, OFF Rencontres d'Arles, July 7 – 15, Arles/France
- 2025 24th JULIA MARGARET CAMERON Awards, group exhibition, June 19 – July 3, House of Photography, Barcelona
- 2025 24th JULIA MARGARET CAMERON Awards, category: winner portrait, winner people
- 2025 Rotterdam Photo Festival, group exhibition, May 16 – 25, Rotterdam/NL
- 2025 Der Greif x Various Others Festival, group exhibition, May 10 – 11, Bayerischer Hof, Munich/Germany
- 2025 TAYLOR WESSING PRIZE, National Portrait Gallery, longlist
- 2025 PHOTO GRAZ SELECTION VI, group exhibition, Austrian Cultural Forum, April 4 – May 5, Istanbul/ Turkey
- 2025 BBA GALLERY, group exhibition, March 1 – April 4, Berlin/Germany

- 2024 PORTRAIT OF HUMANITY, British journal of photography, Winner, group exhibitions:
Four Corners Gallery, September, London/UK
Indian Photo Festival in Hyderabad, November/December, Indian
Łódź Fotofestival's ,Night of Photography‘, June, Łódź/Poland
- 2024 24th JULIA MARGARET CAMERON Awards, Non-Pro Section, Category Winner
- 2024 TAYLOR WESSING PRIZE, National Portrait Gallery, longlist
- 2024 INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 166, The Royal Photographic Society, shortlisted
- 2024 BBA Photography Prize, group exhibition, November 29 – December 8, Kühlhaus Berlin, Germany
- 2024 BBA One shot Award, longlist, August 23 – 25th, at BBA Gallery Berlin/Germany
- 2024 PHOTO GRAZ, group exhibition, October 19 – November 24, Leibnitz/Austria
- 2024 BENEATH THE SURFACE, group exhibition, La Grande Vitrine gallery, OFF Rencontres d'Arles, July 1 – 7, Arles/France
- 2024 DER GREIF x Mirror, June 5 – July 5, Munich/Germany,
- 2024 DER GREIF, Guestroom: Tina Camp & Keisha Scarville
- 2024 FORMAT International Photography Festival 24, LCB Depot, March 22 – April 26, Leicester/UK
- 2024 ATHEN Photofestival 24, shortlisted
- 2024 LensCulture, Editor's Pick

EDUCATION

PHOTOGRAPHY MENTORING PROGRAM WITH LAURA PANNACK,
ARTIST/PHOTOGRAPHER (LAURAPANNAK.COM) ²⁰²⁴
PHOTOGRAPHY MENTORING PROGRAM WITH MARCEL KÖHLER,
ARTIST/PHOTOGRAPHER (MARCELKOEHLER.COM) ²⁰²⁴
FH JOANNEUM, UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES GRAZ,
INFORMATION DESIGN AND EXHIBITION DESIGN ^{2002 – 2006}
UNIVERSITÄT FÜR MUSIK UND DARSTELLENDEN KUNST GRAZ ^{1999 – 2001}
HTBLVA ORTWEIN KUNST UND DESIGN GRAZ ^{1995 – 2000}