

ISABELLE YOUNG

born 1989, London, UK; lives and works in London, UK

BIO

Isabelle Young blends a keen eye for detail and perspective with a poetic narrative ability. Often informed by shade and absence, Young weaves the presence of stories into the curious and intriguing architecture and interiors she photographs. 'I like the details. The details say much more than wide shots. The framing and compositions do not speak of the whole but bow down before quieter moments. I often think of my work alongside the unreliable literary narrator who is also God within the world I created. My photographs, akin to the narrator, may appear to be all knowing but they are certainly not all telling.' Colours come together like in a masterful painting, sometimes rich and bold, sometimes idiosyncratic and warm and gentle but always arranged like a painting. The architectural form is central to the artist's work, and the act of devotion is always present – not in the religious sense, but in Young's approach to the subjects she depicts. There is mystery in what has been captured, and an incredible sense of presence, as if the actors in a melodrama have just vacated the frame.

Isabelle Young graduated from the Royal College of Art, London with an MA in Photography (2022). Her solo exhibition *Isabelle Young: 'In Camera'* at Galerie Fabian Lang, Switzerland (2022) focused on various architectural series, and the gallery recently presented her work at Felix Art Fair, Los Angeles, USA (2023). Additionally Galerie Fabian Lang and the artist Isabelle Young have transformed the top floor of a Victorian building in Wardour Street, Soho, London into a temporary exhibition space to showcase Young's latest series '*Stills*' in June 2023. In September 2023 the group exhibition '*Painting with Light*' opened at the same location in London, which was curated by Isabelle Young and Vortic Curated. Further exhibitions include Palazzo Monti: Transatlantico, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, USA (2020); Van Gogh House, London, UK (2020); Galerie Norbert Arns, Cologne, Germany (2019). Collections include Credit Suisse Collection, Switzerland; Museo Casa Mollino, Turin, Italy; Katrin Bellinger Collection, London, UK; Simmons and Simmons, London, UK; and Palazzo Monti, Brescia, Italy. In 2024 Isabelle Young was granted the Pollock-Krasner grant.

CV

Education

2019 – 2022 MA Photography, Royal College of Art, London
2010 BA English Literature, University of Sussex

Selected exhibitions and projects

2024 *Villa Lena Artist Residency*, Tuscany, IT (upcoming)
Photo London Art Fair, presentation of Galerie Fabian Lang, London, UK (upcoming)

2023 *Artissima Art Fair*, presentation of Galerie Fabian Lang, Turin, Italy
Painting with Light, curated by Isabelle Young, Vortic Curated, London, UK
Isabelle Young: Stills, Galerie Fabian Lang, London, UK
Felix Art Fair (presentation of Galerie Fabian Lang), Los Angeles, US

- 2022 *After The Waiting Room*, Copeland Gallery, London, UK
Isabelle Young: "In Camera", Galerie Fabian Lang, Zurich, CH
RCA2022 Grad Show, Royal College of Art, London, UK
3rd Floor MA Photography Exhibition #3, curated by Julia Albrecht & Katrine Hoff, Royal College of Art, London, UK
Isabelle Young: A Sense of an Ending, Neutro - Sophie Westerlind, IT (Published by Neutro)
- 2021 *The Royal College of Lost Art*, curated by Arabella Hope in collaboration with AVM, virtual exhibition
Artists at HIGH, collaboration with HIGH Couture, IT
- 2020 *Palazzo Monti: Transatlantico*, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, USA
5 hours curated by Emily Moore, Gianna Dispenza, and Hawazin Alotaibi, Sook, London, UK
Venice Galleries View x Storage, Galerie Norbert Arns, Venice, IT
Van Gogh House, London, UK
Idle Thoughts: An Isolation Exhibition, Soho Revue, London, UK
Work in Progress Show, Royal College of Art, London, UK
- 2019 *Involving Ourselves: Dolly Brown, Rivkah Gevinson, Ruby Squires, Isabelle Young*, Galerie Norbert Arns, Cologne, DE
- 2018 *Art For Youth*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
Overhaul, Peckham 24 Photography Festival, London, UK
To The Women I Know, Gallery Cafe, St. Margaret's House, London, UK
- 2011 *Houses of Parliament*, London, UK

Selected Collections

Credit Suisse Collection, Switzerland
 Museo Casa Mollino, Turin, Italy
 Katy Hessel, London, UK
 Katrin Bellinger Collection, London, UK
 Simmons and Simmons, London, UK
 Palazzo Monti, Brescia, Italy

Awards & Grants

- 2024 Pollock-Krasner Grant
- 2022 Labyrinth Lab Award

Selected Press

- 2023 Spotlight Photographer Isabelle Young, The WICK
 Top photography exhibitions in London, Time Out London
- 2022 Top photography exhibitions in London, Time Out London
 Arts Life, Italy
- 2021 a+u: Architecture and Urbanism, Japan
 Vogue Italia, Italy
 The Guardian, UK

- 2020 Los Angeles Times, USA
The New York Times, USA
Chantal Joffe: For Esme - with Love and Squalor, Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
The New York Review of Books, USA
NR Magazine, The Space and Composition Issue, Spring/Summer 2020, UK
- 2018 Elephant magazine, Issue 35, UK