

# BARBARA NITKE PHOTOGRAPHY

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Barbara Nitke (b. 1950, Lynchburg, VA)

### Selected One-Person Shows:

- 2024 *American Ecstasy*, Storage APT, NYC
- 2014 *American Ecstasy*, One Eyed Jacks Gallery, Brighton, England
- 2012 *American Ecstasy*, Barrister's Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2010 *Smooth Hotel*, Gansevoort 69, NYC
- 2004 *Illuminata: Are You Curious?* Art@Large, NYC
- 2004 *Kiss of Fire*, Radiant Light Gallery, Portland, ME
- 2002 *Twenty Years*, Art@Large Gallery, NYC
- 2000 *Private Moments*, Barrister's Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 1999 *Barbara Nitke: Private Moments*, Musselman Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 1994 *Resurrection*, Camera Club of New York, New York, NYC
- 1991 *Barbara Nitke*, Photographic Museum of Finland (traveling exhibition)

### Selected Group Shows:

- 2023 *Body Mind Spirit*, Chashama Pop-Up Gallery, NYC
- 2023 *Family: Blood or Bond*, curated by Orestes Gonzalez, Culture Lab LIC, NYC
- 2023 *Breaking Boundaries*, curated by Orestes Gonzalez, Culture Lab LIC, NYC
- 2019 *Photography After Stonewall*, Soho Photo, NYC
- 2015 *For Love or Money*, Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN
- 2015 *Irreverent*, curated by Jennifer Tyburczy, Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, NYC
- 2014 *Alternatives*, Galerii Noorus, Tartu, Estonia
- 2013 *Past/Present*, Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN
- 2012 *Another Country: Photographs from the Rogers Collection*, New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH
- 2012 *Alternatives*, Gallery BE' 19, Helsinki, Finland
- 2012 *Alternatives*, Galleria Emil, Tampere, Finland
- 2012 *Lewd*, Curated by Greg Garry, Krause Gallery, NYC
- 2010 *The Exquisite Landscape*, International Center for Photography, NYC
- 2009 *Cupido 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show*, Oslo, Norway
- 2008 *Chelsea Hotel Through the Eyes of Photographers*, Chelsea Hotel, NYC
- 2006 *Bearings: The Female Figure*, curated by Allen Frame, PS 122 Gallery, NYC
- 2005 *A Knock at the Door*, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, NYC
- 2004 *Body Commodities/Queer Packaging*, WORKS/San Jose, CA
- 2003 *Boys of Summer: Photographs of and about Men*, ClampArt, NYC
- 2002 *NYC Sex: How New York City Transformed Sex in America*, Curated by Grady Turner, Museum of Sex, NYC

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- 2002 *Continuum*, Kipp Gallery, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 2002 *Multi Exposures*, Radiant Light Gallery, Portland, ME
- 2002 *Out Like That*, Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD!), NY
- 2002 *Women on Board*, Barbara Levy Gallery, Fire Island, NY
- 2000 *Living is Easy*, Richard Anderson Fine Arts, NY
- 2000 *Fire Island 2000*, Barbara Levy Gallery, Fire Island, NY
- 2000 *Mettre a Nu: the Body Exposed*, Radiant Light Gallery, Portland, ME
- 1999 *Bodywork: the Sacred and Profane*, Radiant Light Gallery, Portland, ME
- 1999 *8th Lesbian & Gay Photo Annual*, Leslie Lohman Gay Art Foundation, NYC
- 1998 *Kink: A Woman's Perspective*, Leather Archives & Museum, Chicago
- 1997 *Sacred Tattoo*, The Body Archive, NYC
- 1996 *Religious Expressions*, Lightzones Gallery, NYC
- 1996 *Tattoo*, Staten Island Studio Museum, NYC
- 1995 *Erotic Materials*, MBM Gallery, New York, NYC
- 1995 *Two Sisters*, Youth and Cultural Center of Oulu, Finland
- 1994 *Two Sisters*, Galleria Be' 19, Helsinki, Finland

## **Collections:**

Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN  
John Teti Library and Special Collections, New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH  
Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki  
Leather Archives and Museum, Chicago  
Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art  
Museum of Sex, New York

## **Monographs:**

American Ecstasy  
Introduction Arthur C. Danto, New York, Pierrot Press, 2012

Kiss of Fire: A Romantic View of Sadomasochism.  
Introduction A. D. Coleman, Kehrer Verlag Heidelberg, 2003

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## **Selected Books:**

Anais Carayon. *La Chose*. Paris: Prive Publishing, 2016

Kaufman, Frederick. *A Short History of the American Stomach*.  
New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008

Steinberg, David. *Photo Sex: Fine Art Sexual Photography Comes of Age*. San Francisco:  
Down There Press, 2003

Turner, Grady. *NYC Sex: How New York City Transformed Sex in America*. London: Scala  
Publishers, 2002

Maddex, Alison. *Sex in the City: An Illustrated History*. New York: Universe Publishing, 2002

Krell, Alan. *The Devil's Rope: A Cultural History of Barbed Wire*. London: Reaktion Books,  
2002

## **Selected Publications:**

Brenner, Julia: "New York City Art Space, Storage APT, Opens with Barbara Nitke  
Photography Exhibition 'American Ecstasy'", Forbes Magazine, February 2024

Pursley, Angela: "Barbara Nitke: American Ecstasy", Hunger TV, May 2015

Dolding, Sian: "American Ecstasy: Passion vs. Practicality in NY Photographer  
Barbara Nitke's X-Rated Porn Memoir", Dazed and Confused, December 2013

Denis, Daphnee: "An X-Rated Trip Down Memory Lane", Slate Behold, May 2013

Martin, Nathan C: "The Porn Romantic: An Interview with Barbara Nitke", Press Street,  
November, 2012

Mirabelli, Gene: "American Ecstasy", Critical Pages, October 2012

Sciortino, Karley: "American Ecstasy – A Chat about Porn with Barbara Nitke",  
Vice Magazine, February 2012

Carlson, Jen: "Want a Closer Look at the 1980's Porn Industry in NYC?", Gothamist,  
February 2012

Kaufman, Frederick: "Debbie Does Salad: The Food Network at the Frontiers of  
Pornography", Harper's Magazine, October 2005

Kennedy, Randy: "An Online Artist Challenges Obscenity Law", New York Times, July 2005

Ratner, Lizzie: "The Sweetheart of S. and M.", New York Observer, November 2004

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- Ford, Dave: "Photographer Shoots to Expose the Romanic Side of SM", San Francisco Chronicle, September 2004
- Keyes, Bob: "Exploring Myths of a Sexual Subculture", Portland Press Herald, February 2004
- Strausbaugh, John: "Publishing: What's Obscene in Podunk", New York Press, August 2002
- Schabner, Dean: "Love of Obscenity" S/M Photographer Challenges Internet Decency Standards", ABCNews.com, July 2002
- Bowman, David: "Ashcroft in Bondage: An Interview with SM photographer Barbara Nitke About her Lawsuit Against the Attorney General, her Art, and the Thousand-Yard-Stare" Salon.com, July 2002
- Steinberg, David: "Standing Up to Be Counted: Barbara Nitke Challenges John Ashcroft On SM and Internet Obscenity", Spectator Magazine, January 2002
- Trebay, Guy: "Slap Happy: Two Photographers Document the SM Life", Village Voice, November 1998

## **Selected Public Appearances:**

- 2017 "Panel: The Kinsey Institute and Changing Cultural Contexts: 60 Years After US v. 31 Photographs" Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN
- 2015 "Irreverent Artist and Curator Panel" Leslie Lohman speaker series, NY
- 2014 "Lost Lectures" The Knockdown Centre, NY
- 2012 American Ecstasy Slide Show, Press Street, New Orleans, LA
- 2009 The Judith Regan Show, Sirius Satellite Radio, NY
- 2006 Slide show and talk, Columbia University, NY
- 2006 "New Forms, New Venues: Sexual Fine Art Outside the Porn Paradigm" Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 "Criminal Art" slide show and panel discussion, Museum of Sex, NY
- 2005 "A Knock at the Door" panel discussion, LMCC at Cooper Union, NYC
- 2005 "Criminal Art" slide show and talk, The Eulenspiegel Society, NYC
- 2005 "Art and Activism" slide show and talk, Gay Male SM Activists, NYC
- 2004 Human Sexuality Educational Show, Columbia University Television
- 2003 "Kiss of Fire" slide show, Museum of Sex, New York, NY
- 2003 Panel discussion/slide show, Gershwin Hotel, NY
- 2003 "Naked New York" with Bob Berkowitz, Metro TV, New York
- 2002 Kidd Chris Show, 93.7 KXOA, Sacramento, CA
- 2001 "Lovers, Masters and Slaves" New School for Social Research, NYC
- 2000 "Sexual Freedom Through the Arts Panel" Matrix, Philadelphia, PA
- 2000 "Sexual Journey" New School for Social Research, NYC
- 2000 "Lovers and Other Strangers" slide show and talk, Sexuality Series at the Gay and Lesbian Center, NYC
- 1998 "Lovers" Slide Show, The Camera Club of New York

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- 1998 Barnes & Noble, NYC panel discussion for "Erotic New York"
- 1998 Tower Books, NYC, panel discussion for "Erotic New York"
- 1997 "A Woman's Gaze" New School for Social Research
- 1996 "Lovers and Other Strangers" Rutgers University
- 1996 "A Woman's Gaze" New School for Social Research
- 1996 "Mondo Manhattan" Polish National Television
  
- 1995 "Real Personal" CNBC Television Networks, New York
- 1994 "New York and Company" WNYC Radio, New York
- 1994 "Good Morning, Finland" Finland National Television

## Career Related Experience:

- 1992-present Instructor at School of Visual Arts, New York
- 2008 Master Class at ICP
- 2002-2006 President, The Camera Club of New York
- 1998-2000 Vice President, The Camera Club of New York