

Jen Liu

Jen Liu (b. 1976, New York, USA) works with video, painting, sculpture, biomaterial, and dance performance to speak to issues of diasporic Asian identities, postcolonial economies, speculative feminism, and the remotivating of archival artifacts. Based on her research on existing socioeconomic conditions, Liu creates fabulated narratives which reinterpret contested accounts of the past and present. From 2017 to 2023, Liu worked on *Pink Slime Caesar Shift*, a multifaceted project that proposes new tools for communication through biological encryption. In recent works, Liu explores the impact of technological advancements on labor and the environment.

Jen Liu's solo exhibitions were held at / slash art (San Francisco, 2024), Cornell Tech (New York, 2022), ARIEL Platform for Feminist Art (Copenhagen, 2020), Bogor Zoology Museum (Bogor, 2017), LAXART (Los Angeles, 2016), SomoS Kunsthau (Berlin, 2016), and the Whitney Museum (New York, 2015). Her works have also been exhibited at SculptureCenter (New York, 2024), 13th Taipei Biennial (Taipei, 2023), which commissioned her film *The Land at the Bottom of the Sea* (2023), Today Art Museum's Future of Today Biennial (Beijing, 2023), Power Station of Art (Shanghai, 2021), MAK Center for Art + Architecture in collaboration with LACMA (Los Angeles, 2021), Smithsonian Museum of American Art (Washington D.C., 2020), ACC (Gwangju, 2019), MoMA (New York, 2019), Kunsthal Rotterdam (Rotterdam, 2019), Times Museum (Guangdong, 2019), Singapore Biennial (Singapore, 2019), New Museum (New York, 2015), Shanghai Biennial (Shanghai, 2015), Royal Academy of Arts (London, 2008), Kunsthau Zurich (Zurich, 2008), and Institute of Contemporary Art (London, 2004), among others.

Liu is recipient of the Hewlett 50 Arts Commission, Creative Capital Grant, LACMA Art + Technology Lab, Guggenheim Fellowship in Film/Video, the Cornell Tech \Art Award, the NYSCA/NYFA Fellowship in Digital/Electronic Art, and the Pollock-Krasner Award. She was artist-in-resident at Asia Art Archive in America in 2024 where she conducted research for *I Am Cloud*, and at Para Site Hong Kong in 2016, among others.

Liu currently lives and works between New York and Vermont, USA.

Education

2005	De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2001	MFA Fine Arts and Integrated Media, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, California, USA
1998	BA Creative Writing, BA Studio Art High Honors, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, USA

Selected Solo Exhibitions and Presentations

2024	"Jen Liu: GHOST_WORLD", / slash art, San Francisco, USA
2023	"ELECTROPORE", Upstream Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands "Jen Liu", MIMA Digital billboard, Los Angeles, USA

- 2022 \Art Award Project in AI, Cornell Tech, New York, USA
- 2020 “Jen Liu”, ARIEL Platform for Feminist Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
“GOLD LOOP”, solo commissioned video, curated by Christina Millare / American Export, funded by the British Arts Council
- 2019 “Gold Loop Bombard”: choreographic performances and installations, various locations
- 2018 “Pink Slime Caesar Shift”, Upstream Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2017 “The Red Detachment: Bai Wei’s Natural History–”, solo commission by OK.Video/ruangruppa, Bogor Zoology Museum, Bogor, Indonesia
- 2016 Digital Billboard Platform: “Jen Liu’s The Pink Detachment”, LAXART, Los Angeles, USA
“The Pink Detachment”, SomoS Kunsthaus, Berlin, Germany
“The Red Detachment of Women”: Online, commissioned by Triple Canopy as part of the Standards issue
- 2015 “The Red Detachment of Women”: Performance for 6 Dancers, co-commissioned by Triple Canopy and The Whitney Museum, Whitney Museum, New York, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 “Small World Cinema”, SculptureCenter, New York, USA
- 2023 “The 13th Taipei Biennial: Small World”, Taipei, Taiwan
“4th Future of Today Biennale: To Your Eternity”, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
“Exotermia”, MUSAC, Leon, Spain
“New Harvest I”, Eye Film Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
“Paradise Tossed: Where Do We Go From Here?”, IMAI Foundation, NRW Forum, Duesseldorf, Germany
“Play & Loop V”, Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong
“Stuttgarter Filmwinter 2023”, Stuttgart, Germany (received Expanded Media Award from Media in Space exhibition)
“Mixed Feelings”, Upstream Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2021 “Jen Liu + Aleksandra Domanovic”, MAK Center for Art + Architecture in collaboration with LACMA, Los Angeles, USA
“Blue Cables in Venetian Watercourse” (virtual), Power Station of Art, Shanghai, China
“Stories of Resistance”, Contemporary Art Museum, St Louis, USA
“Girl U Want”, ArtYard, Frenchtown, New Jersey, USA
- 2020 “Women Filmmakers Festival: Jen Liu, Meriem Bennani, Lizzie Borden”, Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington DC., USA
“Arsenal 3”, curated by Angelika Ramlow, Das Arsenal Institut fur Film und Videokunst, Berlin, Germany
“ALT_CPH 2020: Patterns in Resistance”, Copenhagen, Denmark
“DEAR FUTURE...: Jessica Houston, Ariel René Jackson, Jen Liu and Sherwin Rio”, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado, USA

“THE EYE CAN SEE THINGS THE ARM CANNOT REACH”, San Giuseppe Church, Poligno a Mare, Italy

- 2019 “Migration Narratives”, curated by Meiya Cheng, ACC Gwangju in collaboration with the Goethe Institute, Gwangju, Korea
“Modern Mondays: Jen Liu”, MoMA, New York, USA
“Trouble in Paradise”, Kunsthal Rotterdam, The Netherlands
“The Race Will Continue, The Dancing Will Stay”, Guang Dong Times Museum, Guangzhou, China

Grants and Residencies

- 2024 Asia Art Archive in America, New York, USA
- 2022 Hewlett 50 Art Commission, San Francisco, USA
Cornell Tech \Art Award, New York, USA
- 2021 Surf Point Art Residency, Maine, USA
- 2019 Creative Capital Award, USA
Swatch Art Hotel Art Residency, Shanghai, China
- 2018 Pioneer Works, Brooklyn, New York, USA
LACMA Art + Tech Lab Grant, Los Angeles, USA
Baker Tilly Award
- 2017 Tulsa Artist Fellowship, Tulsa, USA
2016 Para Site, Hong Kong
LMCC Process Space Governor’s Island, New York, USA
- 2012 Quartier 21, Vienna, Austria
- 2011 Krems AIR, Krems, Austria
- 2008-2009 ISCP, New York, USA
- 2008 Pollock-Krasner Grant, USA
- 2006 Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart, Germany
Sommerakademie im Zentrum Paul Klee, Bern, Switzerland
- 2005 Grizedale Arts, Cumbria, England, UK
- 2003-2005 De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands