Pauline Berger Selected Works 2017 - 2024



foraminiferen Fauske Marble 175cm x 60cm x 60cm 2024



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stop me later series Paperwork+Metal+Bag ca. A3 2023 *o.T., stop me later series* Marble block, Aluminium cast 40cm x 20cm x 15cm 2024



o.T., stop me later series various aluminium embossings on wood ca. A4 2024





Sie haben Ihr Ziel erreicht. (you have reached your destination) Print on polyester silk and aluminium cast 120cm x 80cm 2024





above:

detail of o.T., (stop me later series) marble, band-aid, aluminium cast 120cm x 40cm 2024

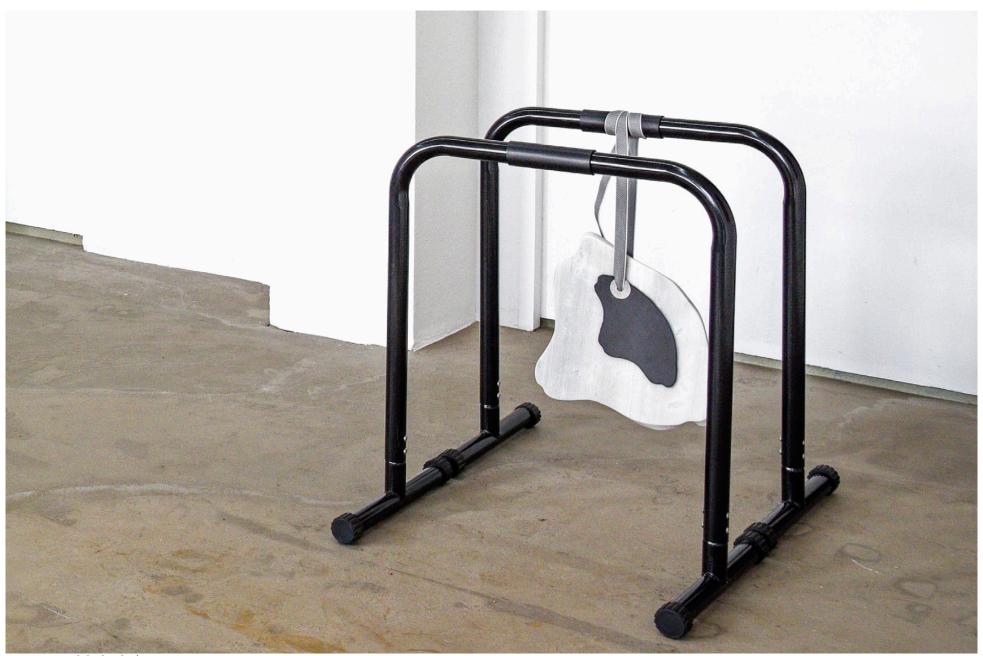
pressure pressure precious pressure aluminium embossing on wood ca. A4 2024

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o.T. lime stone 170cm x 30cm 2023



memories of matters Greek marble, straps, suction cups, mirror, safety glass. 140cm x 120cm x 40cm 2023



carry me, weight (series) Greek marble, straps, dip bars, rubber.. 100cm x 90cm x 60cm 2022



carry me, weight (series) Italian marble, metal bar, foam. 120cm x 30cm x 30cm 2022





carry me, weight (series) Greek marble, rope, metal plates. 40cm x 40cm x 40cm 2022

<u>right:</u> carry me, weight (series) "Atlas and Axis" poster (digital drawing/collage) A3 2022





carry me, weight (*process detail*) 40cm x 40cm x 40cm 2022

right: carry me, weight (series) digital collage 21cm x 28cm 2022





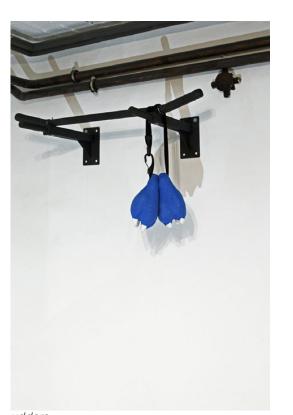
While playing with aesthetics of gym culture and thinking about the relationship of work, working-out and the body though different times of human history, for the *carry me weight series*, I also wanted to question the role of big sports companies.

The urge to self-optimize and be "the better version of oneself" has become a huge market. As much as sports can boost self-love and confidence, the omnipresent representation of "better" bodies and perfectly shaped efficiancy also can be exploitive and harmful.

The <u>de-motivational towel</u> is ironically quoting and adjusting the slogans of the five biggest sports companies.



de-motivational towel towel, printed 140cm x 100cm 2022





udders. pull up bar, rubber strap, plastillin, tape. ca.: 100cm x 60cm x 60cm 2021 The video was made by attaching a phone with duct tape to my belly and recording my daily hike as cow-herder.

Its shows closeups of the ground, my feet, hands, sometimes the surrrounding, bumping in the rhythm of my walking pace. The audio is a recording of a text I wrote about the impact of continous walking on the mind of the herder and was recorded while walking on the treadmill.

The treadmill is transformed into a morph between technical efficency and fitness, and anachronistic organic animal aesthetics. It resembles a creature in between the urban and the rural.

This work is questioning the physical involvement in 21th century urban daily life and work environments.

walki talki

sculpturally transformed treadmill, video/audio raisin, treadmill, rubber straps, pigments 120cm x 120cm 60cm 2021



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through, out of, and into those two practices, I am examining matters crucial to both fields: The Body, the non-human, the urban/the rural, art-ing as action, specific ways of seeing, communication of a cow.

Other thinkers and practitioners are visited and questioned along the way, as much as my own works of art, memories, and thoughts. The aim was, to define a set of principles, that can be interwoven into a navigation net, facing ever-fluid truths and values, environmental distress, and multidisciplinary artist hood. The installation is playfully inviting viewers to interact with and relate to the resulting publication.

Herd/Arting was my Master Fine Arts Project and it was nominated for the EKP Excellence in Research Prize.

herd/arting book, dog leashes, horns, poster, milking chair. differents sizes 2022



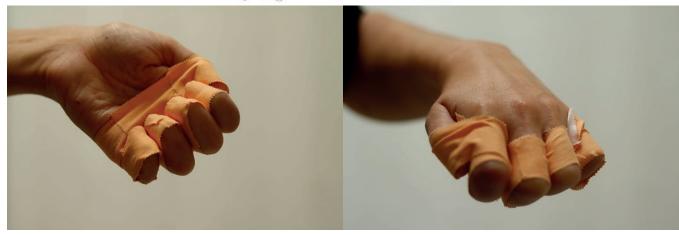




prosthesis series ceramics, objets trouves diverse sizes. 2021







prototaping series performances, photo, video. ongoing since 2021

















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In the prototaping series I make experiements and videos while having my body restricted by tape aid in various ways.

I eplore shapes and movement of an altered body constellation, posture, moveability:

What happens if hands become feet, head goes down, knees can't straighten up, elbows are attached to knee.

I enjoy shifting the shape of my own body and to re-learn how to move with my "new" body. How to walk, how to sit, how to rest, how to run.

Becoming a coral, becoming a cow, having paws, being paralized in motion but sensing, what happens to the thinking when the head is not up and the hands are not free? Dealing with the fluidity/stability of shapes and meaning. Meaning is created by shape and shape is recognized by meaning, I like playing with that.

Resrictions of my own body as method to evaluate the potential of shape shifting into other life forms. Restriction as potential.

Any shape as prototype of other shape. Limitation of habitual motions as trigger for inventive motions.

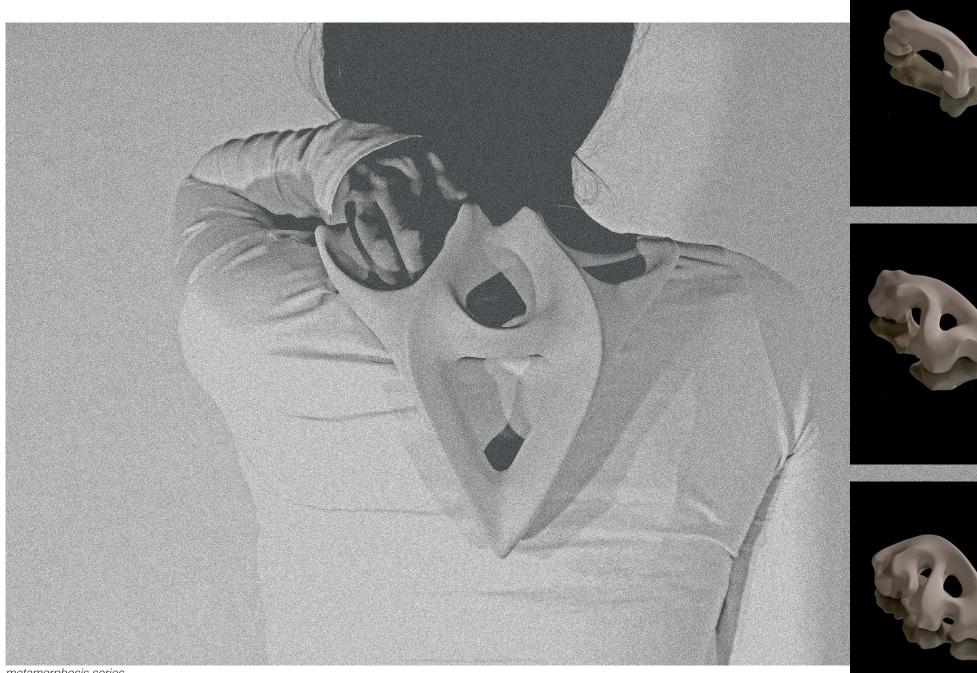


Investigating my backproblems, I learned I was suffering from an innate condition, in which a lower vertabrae was growing freely into new shapes, causing trouble but also proving, that evolution is an ongoing process still. This reminded me of a basic course in the beginning of my BA studies with Prof. Jochen Breme as teacher of metamorphosis of shapes, especially bones and of a book by L.F.C. Mees.

I then made a series of forms, starting from a thigh bone growing into free shapes. In total I made 13 Forms all reaching back to the first one.

Some of the shapes occuring on the way I find very interesting, because they are at the same time very abstract, but still reminding of something, which is one of the key qualities I search for in my artistic processes. I put some of the forms onto my body following a impulsive observation of them looking like an exo-skelleton as much as an endo-skelletton. As in *Prototyping Series*, this is as a research on how the body/any shape can be seen as a juvenile form of anything and an investigation growth.

metamorphosis series 13 pieces, ceramics. diverse sizes. 2021



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pre-intentionals series: Elliot+Emil+Elsa Norwegian Granite, Norwegian Porphyr 30cm - 80cm 2022, 2017



the herd about 18 udders made from fabric from 20cm to 2,5 meters 2019





Trollstein Norwegian Granite/Emerald Pearl Larvikite about 4m3 2022

shape.

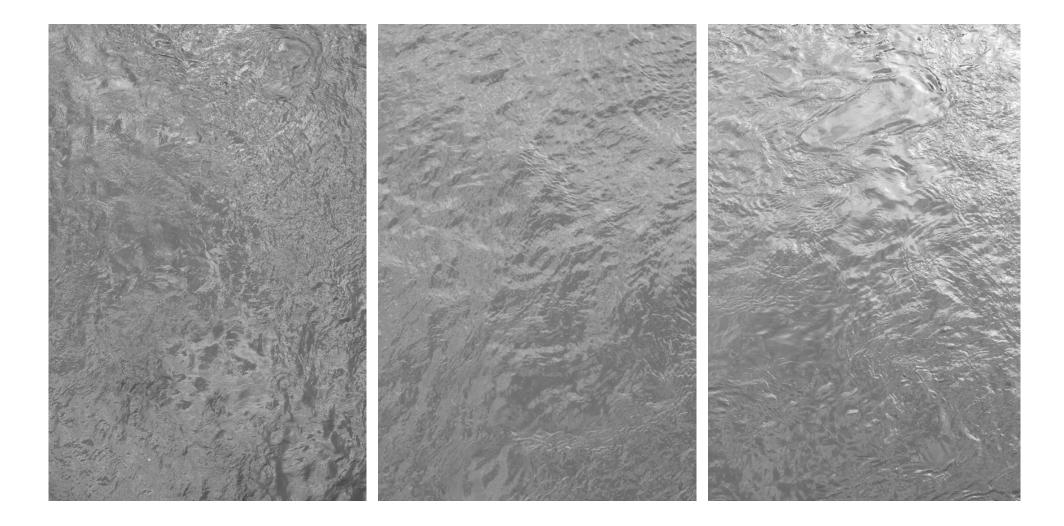


Norwegian Sea Surfaces series 2022





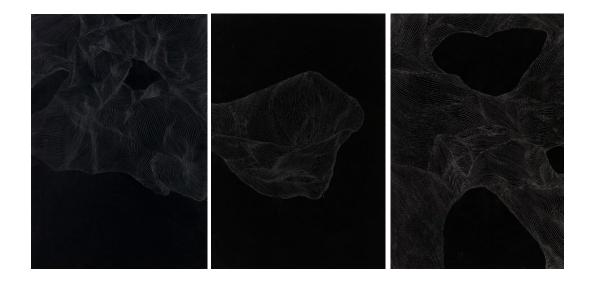




Bonn Surfaces series 2017



right: o.t. tritych ink, acrylic paint ca. A3 2017



above: o.t. etchings in wax (various) 20cm x 17 cm 2021 *right: o.t.* drawing 220cm x 100 cm 2017





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