

Elle Pérez

Born 1989, Bronx, New York
Lives and works in New York

Education

- 2015 MFA, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2015 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Participant
- 2011 BFA, Photography, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore

Solo and Two-person Exhibitions

- 2025 *Deep Jungian Boricua*, Astor Weeks, New York
The World Is Always Again Beginning, History with the Present, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York
- 2024 *Shaper*, Commonwealth and Council, Mexico City
- 2023 *guabancex*, 47 Canal, New York
Elle Pérez: Intimacies, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
- 2022 *Devotions*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore
- 2021 *Host*, Commonwealth and Council, Los Angeles
Devotions, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh
- 2019 *from sun to sun*, Public Art Fund, New York
- 2018 *Diablo*, MoMA PS1, New York
In Bloom, 47 Canal, New York

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Crosscurrents: Works from the Contemporary Collection*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore
- 2024 *Something You Cannot Hold*, Soloviev Foundation, New York
I am standing here surrounded by so much beauty, curated by E. Jane, OCD Chinatown, New York
What Men Live By (online exhibition)
- 2023 *OBSELFED*, Klemm's, Berlin
- 2022 *No Existe en Mundo Poshuracán: Puerto Rican Art in the Wake of Hurricane Maria*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Currency: 8th Triennial of Photography, Hamburg, Germany
Ecstatic Land, Ballroom Marfa, TX
Fire Figure Fantasy: Selections from ICA Miami's Collection, Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami
Shapeshifting: Transformations on Paper, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- New England Triennial 2022*, deCordova Sculpture Park & Museum, Boston
Biennale Arte 2022: The Milk of Dreams, 59th International Venice Biennale, Venice
Orlando: Guest Curated by Tilda Swinton, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland
- 2021 *The Slipstream: Reflection, Resilience, and Resistance in the Art of Our Time*, The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Orlando: Guest Curated by Tilda Swinton, Art on Hulfish, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, New Jersey
3rd 2021: Power Play, Creamcake, Berlin
친구, 47 Canal, New York
Any distance between us, RISD Museum, Providence, RI
Divine, Galerie Neu, Berlin
Masculinities: Liberation through Photography, Les Rencontres de la Photographie, Arles, FR; Fotomuseum Antwerpen, Antwerp
- 2020 *Nine Lives*, The Renaissance Society, Chicago
Masculinities: Liberation through Photography, Barbican Centre, London; Martin-Gropius Bau, Berlin
Orlando, Guest Curated by Tilda Swinton, McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco
Landmarks, Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA
- 2019 *Every Crack, Every _ _ _*, 47 Canal, New York
Orlando, Guest Curated by Tilda Swinton, Literaturhaus, Munich
Orlando, Guest Curated by Tilda Swinton, Aperture Gallery, New York
Whitney Biennial 2019, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: Contemporary Art in the 50th Year of the Stonewall Era, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Umbilicus, Galerie Sultana, Paris
Body Spray, The Buffalo Institute for Contemporary Art, Buffalo, NY
Peel, François Ghebaly, Curated by DM Office, Los Angeles
- 2018 *Intimacy*, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York
This Is Not a Prop, David Zwirner, New York
Putting Out, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York
Everyday Muse, Curated with John Edmonds, LTD, Los Angeles
- 2017 *Visiting Faculty Exhibition*, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2016 *43-35 10th St: Group Show*, Curated by Daniel Shea, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago
Queering Space, Curated by Loren Britton, Shikeith Nieree, Christie Denizio, Erik Freer, Johnathan Robert Payne, Asad Pervaiz, Res, Buzz Slutzky & Erica Wessmann, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
Culture, Curated by Marcel Alcalá, Arend deGruyter Helfer, Kate Ruggeri, & Lauren Taylor, Roots and Culture Gallery, Chicago
New Genealogies, Curated by John Edmonds and Jenny Tang, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
Here and Now: Queer Geographies, Curated by Rafael Soldi, Stonewall National Museum & Archives, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2015 *Lovely Dark*, Curated by Jack Pierson, Regen Projects, Los Angeles and Danziger Gallery, New York
The Model Reader, Transmitter Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2014 *Outliers*, (Solo Exhibition) Michigan Tech University, Rozsa Gallery, Houghton, MI
Bronx X Bronx, Bronx Documentary Center, Bronx, NY
LGBTQ: Perspectives on Equality, Curator Kate Baillon, The Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC
The Time Has Come, Curated by Juanita Lanzo, Longwood Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
Here and Now: Queer Geographies, Curated by Rafael Soldi, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh
- 2011 *You Are Making Me Uncomfortable*, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Eisentrager Howard Gallery, Lincoln, NE

Artist Talks

- 2023 Pratt Institute, New York
Colby College, Waterville, ME
- 2021 Art Center, New York
Bard College, New York
University of California, Los Angeles
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
University of California, San Diego
- 2020 California Institute of the Arts, Santa Clarita, CA
California State University, Long Beach, CA
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York
The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston
- 2019 Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- 2018 Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston
Paris Photo Platform, Paris
Bennington College, Bennington, VT
Georgia State University, Atlanta
High Museum of Art, Atlanta
Yale College, New Haven, CT
SUNY Purchase, New York
Harvard Visual and Environmental Studies, Cambridge, MA
- 2017 Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, Richmond, VA
Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA
The Museum of Modern Art, New York
Lower East Side Girls Club, New York
University of California, Los Angeles
Rutgers University, New Jersey

Artist Talks (continued)

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore

- 2016 The Museum of the City of New York, New York
Yale School of Art, Lesley College, New Haven, CT

Conference And Panel Presentations

- 2017 Forum on Contemporary Photography, Featured Speaker. Moderator: Roxana Marcoci, Senior Curator, Department of Photography, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 2016 Picturing the Bronx on Film, Panel Presenter. Moderator: Michael Kamber, Bronx Documentary Center, The Museum of the City of New York
Photography + Ethics, Panel Presenter. Moderator: Ileana Selejan, Davis Museum at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- 2015 Contemporary Documentary Practices, Panel Presenter. Moderator: Greer Muldowney, Lesley College, Flash Forward Festival, Boston
- 2014 Archival Time Machine: Queer Cultural Production and Ephemeral Worlding, Panel Presenter. Chair: Jenna Brager, Rutgers University, American Studies Association National Conference, Los Angeles
- 2013 The Wilgus Gallery: Empowering Students and Fostering Engagement, Co-Authored Presentation with Jessica Marx and Rafael Soldi, Society for Photographic Education National Conference, Chicago

Publications

- 2025 *the movement of our bodies*, Objektiv #29, Objektiv Press, Spring 2025
- 2021 *NECK*, Volume 3, Spring 2021
- 2016 Aperture Magazine, "On Feminism" #225, Portfolio with Introduction by Salamishah Tillet, Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
NEWSPAPER, Volume 5, No.1, Revived and Published by Marcelo Yáñez
Queering Space, Exhibition Catalog, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
New Genealogies, Exhibition Catalog, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2014 TC Scroll: I Don't Care I Love It, Annual Publication, published by The Contemporary Museum
Youth, Photo Book, Editors Tatiana de Pahlen, Carolina Cavalli, Elizabeth Gilpin, and Sofia de Pahlen, published by Editions de Syrtes (France)
Solstice, Postcard Set, Designed by Ria Roberts, published by Leisure Press
Into The Woods, Exhibition Catalog, Edited by Ginevra Shay, Published by Current Gallery

Selected Magazine Stories, Commissions, and Online Features

- 2017 *Death, Sex, Money: 5 Photographers On 'Power'* Commissioned by Topic.com, Photographs by Jason Fulford, Stanley Wolukau-Wanambwa, Whitney Hubbs, Elle Pérez and Alessandra Sanguinetti
- 2016 *Baxter St.*: Interview with Elle Pérez by Groana Melendez and Martha Naranjo Sandoval for the Camera Club of NY
Saturday Night Out West, Commissioned for California Sunday Magazine, Issue #19
Freedom of the Night: 11 Reflections on Orlando, Aperture Magazine
The Unbreakable Joy Of A Latinx Club Night, The Fader Magazine
The LPV Show Episode 3.6: Elle Perez, interviewed by Bryan Formhals.
- 2015 Farah Al Qasimi in conversation with Elle Perez, Papersafe Magazine Issue #5
The Freedom of Young Photographers by Hilton Als, The New Yorker
Underground Wrestling In The Bronx, The Fader Magazine #97

Honors and Awards

- 2025 Fellowship, Civitella Ranieri Foundation
Fellowship, MacDowell
- 2024 Latinx Artist Fellowship Grant, US Latin Art Forum
- 2023 The Rome Prize, American Academy in Rome
- 2022 Fellowship, MacDowell
- 2022 Light Work Artist-in-Residence Program, Lightwork
- 2015 Civil Society Institute Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center
- 2014 Theo Westenberger Foundation Photography Prize
- 2012 Bronx Recognizes It's Own Grant, Bronx Council of the Arts
- 2011 The Jane Meyer Photography Traveling Fellowship, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore

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Da Corte, Alex, "Elle Pérez Brings Everyone Along," *aperture*, June 26, 2025.
Uszerowicz, Monica, "Love Pulses Through Elle Pérez's Photography," *Hyperallergic*, June 23, 2025.
Wortham, Jenna, "Punk, Monet and Puerto Rico: New Photography From Elle Pérez," *The New York Times*, June 5, 2025.
Fateman, Johanna, "Bathhouse Bods, Punk Shows, and Simulated Birth: Our Critics Cover Shows from Washington Heights to Long Island City," *Cultured*, April 30, 2025.
- 2024 Pérez, Elle, and Patrice Aphrodite Helmar, "Interview: Patrice Aphrodite Helmar by Elle Pérez," *Bomb*, December 16, 2024.

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Fletcher, Gem, "Shaper," *True Photo Journal*, May 15, 2024.
Broome, Ben, "I Think I Don't Want to Lie. A Conversation with Elle Pérez," *Flash Art*, Winter 2023-2024.
- 2023 Ritter, Zach, "Elle Pérez: guabancex," *The Brooklyn Rail*, September 29, 2023.
Hopkins, Zoë, *Frieze*, September 8, 2023.
- 2022 Soboleva, Ksenia M., "Elle Pérez with Ksenia M. Soboleva," *The Brooklyn Rail*, July 2022.
Halberstam, Jack, "Trans Representation after the Figure," *Frieze*, April 29, 2022.
Escalante-De Mattei, Shanti, "Six Visual Artists Win This Year's Coveted Rome Prize, Including Tony Cokes and Elle Pérez," *ARTnews*, April 26, 2022.
Goldstein, Caroline, "'They're All Made From Really Strong Relationships': Watch Elle Pérez Discuss the Emotional Alchemy of Their Tender Photographs," *Artnet News*, April 21, 2022.
Greenberger, Alex, "The Best Art in the 2022 Venice Biennale's Main Show, From Fragrant Sculptures to Kinky Body Horror," *ARTnews*, April 20, 2022.
Slater, Ella, "Preview of the 2022 Venice Biennale Part Two: 'The Milk of Dreams'," *Frieze*, April 12, 2022.
- 2021 Truax, Stephen, "Object Lesson," *Manual*, Fall/Winter 2021.
Ballard D., Horace, "Horace D. Ballard on the Early Americas and Creative Intentionality," *Art in America*, November 23, 2021.
Frenzel, Sebastian, "Portfolio: Elle Pérez," *Monopol Magazine*, May 2021.
- 2019 Angeleti, Gabriella, "Three exhibitions to see in New York this weekend," *The Art Newspaper*, November 21, 2019.
Philomène, Laurence, "9 Photographers Flipping the Script on Trans and Non-Binary Representation," *Vice Magazine*, November 12, 2019.
Russeth, Andrew, "Looking for Thrilling Public Art in New York City? Head to Your Local Bus Stop —ASAP," *ARTnews*, November 5, 2019.
Llorens, Natasha Marie, "Portrait Elle Pérez," *CURA*, October 2019.
Artsy Editors, "The Artsy Vanguard 2019, The Breakout Artists: Elle Pérez," *Artsy*, September 16, 2019.
Yerebakan, Osman Can, "Bronx Native Elle Pérez Explains the Photos You've Been Seeing on Bus Stops Across NY," *Observer*, August 26, 2019.
Sayej, Nadja, "From Sun to Sun: the photo series livening up New York City bus shelters," *The Guardian*, August 20, 2019.
Leonhardt, Andrea, "Brooklyn Bus Stops Become Mini-Galleries for New Photo Exhibit," *Brooklyn Reader*, August 14, 2019.
Ricciulli, Valeria, "NYC bus shelters become mini-museums as photo exhibit debuts," *Curbed, New York*, August 14, 2019.
Loos, Ted, "Inspired by Virginia Woolf, Curated by Tilda Swinton," *The New York Times*, May 22, 2019.
Moffitt, Evan, "The 2019 Whitney is Unafraid to Be Beautiful," *Frieze*, May, 20, 2019.
Saltz, Jerry, "The New Whitney Biennial Made Me See Art History in a New Way," *Vulture*, May 14, 2019.
Small, Zachary, "Initial Thoughts and Highlights from the 2019 Whitney Biennial," *Hyperallergic*, May 13, 2019.
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- Sheets, Hilarie, "Take Your Child to Work Day Is Every Day for This Collector," *The New York Times*, January 17, 2019.
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- Scott, Andrea K, "Art to See This Weekend," *The New Yorker*, March 23, 2018.
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Public Collections

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Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore
The Block Musuem of Art, Evanston, IL
The Brooklyn Museum, New York
Karpidas Family Collection, Dallas
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles
The Museum of Modern Art, New York
Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
University of Chicago Booth Business School, Chicago
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA