

TR ERICSSON (b. 1972, US)

Since the untimely death of his mother in 2003, TR Ericsson has obsessively constructed an expansive and conceptual mixed-media project investigating the lives of the artist, his family, and the changing cultural landscape that impacted each generation. At the core of his practice is a desire to understand what one can know about another's suffering and the value of that understanding. Ericsson begins with an archive of inherited photographs and documents, repurposing these artifacts with traditional as well as experimental art materials to develop a series of intertwining narratives centered around the artist's mother. These intimate vignettes expand into universal declarations on time, love, loss, memory, and addiction.

This ongoing project has been exhibited and acquired by museums across the USA including the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Modern Art (NY), and many other private and public collections. His books and zines can be found in numerous library collections including the Yale University Arts Library (New Haven, US), the Museum of Modern Art Library (New York, US), and the Smithsonian Institution Libraries (Washington, US). In 2022, he was selected as a finalist of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery's sixth triennial Outwin Boochever American Portrait Competition with his work *Bride*. The accompanying exhibition traveled the US in 2023/24, showing at the Orlando Museum of Art (Orlando, US), The Ackland Art Museum (Chapel Hill, US), Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts (Springfield, US), and the Grand Rapids Art Museum (Grand Rapids, US). Ericsson lives in Brooklyn, New York and Painsville, Ohio.

www.trericsson.com



TR Ericsson in Brooklyn © Daniel Greer, 2024

TR ERICSSON

(b. 1972, US) lives and works in Brooklyn, NY and Painesville, OH

EDUCATION

1991 - 1995

The Art Students League of New York, US

The National Academy of Design, New York, US

1990 - 1991

The Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, US

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary, Cleveland, US (Upcoming)

Neue Welt XYZ, Nashville, US (Upcoming)

2024

OFFSCREEN Paris, solo presentation with Harlan Levey Projects, Paris, FR

Art Brussels, solo presentation with Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

2023

Letters from Home, TOTAH, New York, US

2022

Tom and Sue, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

ARCO Madrid, solo presentation with Harlan Levey Projects, Madrid, ES

2021

Pale Fires, TOTAH, New York, US

2020

Put the Garbage Out, The Garage, New York, US

2019

Blue, SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, Cleveland, US

2018

Industrial Poems - Poèmes Industriels, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

2017

Cinders, Albertz Benda, New York, US

I Was Born To Bring You Into This World, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, US

Jeanne, The Print Center, Philadelphia, US

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

2015

All My Love Always No Matter What, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

TR Ericsson: Crackle & Drag, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, US

Lucifer's Kiss: Photograms by TR Ericsson, Institute of Fine Arts, New York, US

2013

Photographs, Paintings and Objects for a Film, SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, Cleveland, US

2011

SHOT 44, Kunsthalle Marcel Duchamp, Cully, CH

Étant donnés 2°, Francis M. Naumann Fine Art, New York, US

Nicotine, SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, Cleveland, US

2010

Étant Donnés, SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, Cleveland, US

2008

Nicotine Dream, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, US

Narcissus, SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, Cleveland, US

Thanksgiving, The Sculpture Center, Cleveland, US

2007

As if life isn't hard enough they have to tear out your flowers, Heidi Cho Gallery, New York, US

2005

The Year of the Motorcycle, Progressive Art Collection, Cleveland, US

2003

Angste, Cleveland Public Art, Cleveland, US

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

3 Collectionneurs #12, Été 78, Brussels, BE

The Third Perspective, curated by Francesca Gavin, The Merode, Brussels, BE

2024

The Outwin 2022: American Portraiture Today, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan, US

The Outwin 2022: American Portraiture Today, Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, Massachusetts, US

2023

The Outwin 2022: American Portraiture Today, Ackland Art Museum, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, US

The Outwin 2022: American Portraiture Today, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, Florida, US

Les Marcel – Collection R.Patt, curated by François de Coninck, Botanique, Brussels, BE

Entre dos azules. Conmovidos., curated by Renato Della Poeta and Aurélien Le Genissel, Blueproject Foundation, Barcelona, ES

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

Black & White & Red/Read All Over, SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, Cleveland, US
Arco Madrid, with Harlan Levey Projects, Madrid, ES

2022

The Outwin 2022: American Portraiture Today, The Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington D.C., US
A Place for the Affections: Dwelling in Anguish (Torment) and Love, co-curated with DJ Hellerman, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE
Local to Global: Zygote Press Artists in Residence 1999-2022, Atrium Gallery, University of Akron, Akron, US
Forever is Composed of Nows, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, US

2020

Call and Response, a project of Melissa McGill Studio, New York City, US
THE SHADOW, TOTAH, New York City, US
Depicting Duchamp, Francis M. Naumann Fine Art, New York City, US

2019

Frederick Douglass: Embers of Freedom, The SCAD Museum of Art, US
Earth Piece, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, US
In the Presence of Absence, curated by Jillian Steinhauer, The Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, US
America Will Be!: Surveying the Contemporary Landscape, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, US
Hummingbird, Marguerite Hoffman Collection, Dallas, US
Recent Acquisitions: 2015-2018, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, US

2018

Polarities, TOTAH, New York, US
Anton Kern x Harlan Levey Projects Dallas Pop-Up, The Centrum, Dallas, US

2017

Family, Akron Art Museum, Akron, US

2016

Imprints, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE
Paris Photo-Aperture Foundation PhotoBook Awards 2015 Exhibition, Aperture Foundation, New York, US
New Acquisitions, Ikon Ltd. Contemporary Art, Santa Monica, US

2015

Paris Photo-Aperture Foundation PhotoBook Awards 2015 Exhibition, Paris Photo, Grand Palais, Paris, FR
Every day I'm..., Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

2014

Dirge: Reflections on [Life and] Death, MOCA Cleveland, Cleveland, US

2013

A Different Kind of Order, The ICP Triennial, Artist Book Installation, International Center of Photography, New York, US
Where I'm Calling From, curated by Todd Hido, Transformer Station, Cleveland, US
A Family Affair: Selections from the Progressive Art Collection, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Museum, Colorado Springs, US

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

Light of Day, Transformer Station, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, US

Graphite, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, US

2012

DIY: Photographers & Books, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, US

Earth: Language and Symbols, Cara and Cabezas Contemporary, Kansas City, US

2011

Nicotine, SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, Cleveland, US

ABC Artists' Books Cooperative, Printed Matter, New York, US

Piece of Mind, Elga Wimmer PCC, New York, US

SCREENINGS

2016

Crackle & Drag, Erie International Film Festival, Official Selection, Erie, US

Crackle & Drag, BLOW-UP Chicago Arthouse Film Festival, Official Selection, Chicago, US

2015

Crackle & Drag, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

Crackle & Drag, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Transformer Station, Cleveland, US

2014

Vermont International Film Foundation, BCA

Burlington City Arts, Burlington, US

2006

The Year of the Motorcycle, The Cleveland

International Film Festival, Cleveland, US

The Year of the Motorcycle, The Progressive Art

Collection, Mayfield Heights, US

AWARDS, GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

2022

Finalist for the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery's Sixth Triennial Outwin Boochever American Portrait Competition

2016

Kraszna-Krausz Book Awards, Best Photography Books Shortlist

2015

The Paris Photo-Aperture Foundation PhotoBook Awards Shortlist: Photography Catalogue of the Year

1997

Anna Lee Stacey Foundation Grant, Oklahoma City, US

Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant, Montreal, Quebec, CA

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

1995

Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant, Montreal, Quebec, CA
Lloyd Sherwood Grant, New York, US

1993

National Arts Club, Award of Distinction, New York, US

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Agnes Gund Collection, New York, US
Akron Museum of Art, Akron, US
Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University, New Haven, US
Cleveland Institute of Art Library, Cleveland, US
Cuyahoga County Public Library, North Royalton, US
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, US
Eaton Center Collection, Cleveland, US
Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, US
Fine Arts Library of the Harvard College Library, Cambridge, US
Fisher Fine Arts Library, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, US
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, US
Ingalls Library and Museum Archives, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, US
Joseph Curtis Sloane Art Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, US
JP Morgan Chase Collection, New York, US
Museum of Modern Art Library, New York, US
Pfizer Corporate Collection, New York, US
Progressive Art Collection, Mayfield Village, US
Raymond Learsy and Melva Bucksbaum, Sharon, US
School of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, US
The Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, US
The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, US
The Fred and Laura Ruth Bidwell Photography Collection, Peninsula, US
The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Gardens, Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Washington D.C, US
The Indie Photobook Library, Washington DC, US
The Joan Flasch Artist Book Collection, Chicago, US
The Rockefeller Library, Serials Department, Providence, US
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, US
Yale University Arts Library, New Haven, US

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books & Catalogues:

- Ericsson, TR, *Nicotine*, TBW Books, Oakland, 2024
- Ericsson, TR, *Pale Fires*, TOTAH, New York, 2023
- *The Outwin 2022 American Portraiture Today*, exh. cat., National Portrait Gallery, 2022
- Delahunty, Gavin (ed.), *Amor Mundi, The Collection of Marguerite Steed Hoffman*, Ridinghouse, 2022
- Walker, Anne, *Rowdy Meadow*, Vendome Press, New York, 2021
- Pearce, Nathan, Carpenter, Tim, and David Crowther, Matthew (eds), *Distant Zine #8*, Self-published, 2021
- Ericsson, TR, *Put the Garbage Out*, The Garage, New York, 2020

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

- Ericsson, TR, *I Want Your Body* (1963), Self-published, 2020
- *Depicting Duchamp: Portraits of Marcel Duchamp And/or Rrose Sélavy*, Francis Naumann Fine Art, New York, 2020
- *The Hummingbird*, exh. cat., Marguerite Hoffman Collection, Dallas, 2019
- *Industrial Poems - Poèmes Industriels*, exh. cat., Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, 2018
- *I Was Born To Bring You Into This World.*, exh. cat., Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, 2017
- Tannenbaum, Barbara and Gerspacher, Arnaud, *TR Ericsson: Crackle & Drag*, The Cleveland Museum of Art and Yale University Press, 2015
- Weston, Paul, *Instigator 02*, Printed Matter, New York, 2015
- Ericsson, TR, *Crackle & Drag Zines*, Self-published, 2014
- *Dirge: Reflections on Life and Death*, exh. cat., MOCA Cleveland, Cleveland, 2014
- *Crackle & Drag; Film Index*, exh. cat., Burlington City Arts, Burlington, 2014
- Gallagher, James, *Secret Behavior Issue 02: Family*, New York, 2014
- *Marcel Duchamp: Nude Descending a Staircase An Homage*, exh. cat., Francis Naumann Fine Art, New York, 2013
- Leifheit, Matthew (ed), *MATTE Magazine No. 13*, New York, 2013
- Green, Sarah Urist, *GRAPHITE*, exh. cat., Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, 2013
- *DIY: Photographers & Books*, exh. cat., Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, 2012
- *Given*, exh. cat., Francis Naumann Fine Art/SHAHEEN Modern and Contemporary Art, New York, 2011
- *Piece of Mind*, exh. cat., Fashion Institute of Technology, Elga Wimmer PCC Gallery, New York, 2011
- *Performance Research: A Journal of the Performing Arts*, Wales, 2010
- Ericsson, TR, *Étant donnés 2°*, Self-published, 2010
- Ericsson, TR, *Thirst Magazine Issues no. 1 – 16*. Self-published, 2001 - 2009
- Cattelan, Maurizio and Manfrin, Paola (eds), *Permanent Food Magazine No. 12*, les presses du réel, Dijon, 2004

Articles:

2025

- Brad Feuerhelm, "TR Ericsson Nicotine", *American Suburb X*, 23 February 2025
- Zach Ritter, "TR Ericsson's Nicotine", *Brooklyn Rail*, March 2025

2024

- Maxwell Rabb, "Art Brussels 2024 closes with several significant sales", *Artsy*, 29 April 2024
- Jordane de Fay, "Art Brussels, 40 éditions de collectionneurs fidèles", *Le Quotidien de l'Art*, 29 April 2024
- Nicole Buesing and Heiko Klaas, "40 Male und kein bisschen müde", *DARE*, 28 April 2024

2023

- Magnani, Francesca, "Letters from Home. TR Ericsson's family ties on display in New York", *exibart*, September 2023
- Magnani, Francesca, "TOTAH Gallery opens the season with TR Ericsson's solo exhibition", *La Voce di New York*, September 2023
- "Must see: Letters from Home", *Artforum*, September 2023

2022

- Perce, Olivia, "Critics Picks: TR Ericsson", *Artforum*, November 2022
- Weyts, Kathleen, "De Kunstenaar en Zijn Moeder", *Glean Art*, November 2022
- "In de galerie: TR Ericsson", *Knack Magazine*, October 2022
- "Must see: Tom & Sue", *Artforum*, September 2022

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

- Allen, Brian, "The State of American Portraiture is Strong", *National Review*, June 2022
- Jenkins, Mark, "A portrait competition that stretches the definition of a likeness", *The Washington Post*, May 2022
- Le Genissel, Aurélien, "The Best of ARCO 2022", *Neo2 Magazine*, February 2022

2021

- Cassidy, Stephanie, "Interview, LINEA, Artist Snapshot: TR Ericsson", September 2021
- Steinhauer, Jillian, "4 Art Gallery Shows to See Right Now", *The New York Times*, April 2021
- Chun, Emily, "Review", *The Brooklyn Rail*, March 2021
- "Must see: Pale Fires", *Artforum*, February 2021

2020

- Pearce, Nathan, *Yield Magazine*, April 2020
- Lawrence, Deirdre, "Connections: Whitman, Duchamp, Ericsson...A collage of ideas linking Walt Whitman to Marcel Duchamp to TR Ericsson", *Deidre Lawrence BLOG*, April 2020
- Press, Clayton, "Depicting Duchamp, Francis Naumann Fine Art, New York," *Forbes*, February 2020

2019

- Smith, TK, "Frederick Douglass: Embers of Freedom", *Art Papers*, November 2019
- Richard, Kimberly, "'America Will Be!' Celebrates the American Landscape at the DMA," *NBCDFW*, July 2019
- Holt, Jo Ann, "Dallas Museum of Art Exhibition 'America Will Be!'" *Focus Daily News*, April 2019
- Huib Haye van der Werf, "TR Ericsson, Industrial Poems - Poèmes Industriels", *Artforum*, January 2019

2018

- "Blues is Happy Music", *Artsy*, November 2018
- Veys, Christophe, "TR Ericsson, "Au Nom de La Mère," *MU in the city*, October 2018
- "TR Ericsson, 6 Sep — 3 Nov 2018 at the Harlan Levey Projects in Ixelles-Elsene, Belgium", *Wall Street International Magazine*, October 2018
- Goukassian, Elena, "A Family Portrait in Ash," *Hyperallergic*, January 2018

2017

- Mellor, Carl, "Everson Show Celebrates Maternal Instincts," *Syracuse New Times*, November 2017
- Cross, Anne, "The State of the Print," *Title Magazine*, August 2017
- Newhall, Edith, "Poetic, deeply personal works," *The Inquirer* and *Philly.com*, July 2017

2016

- Meaker, Abbey, "Crackle and Drag: An Interview with Artist TR Ericsson", *AUTRE*, 2016

2015

- Johnson, Christopher J., "The Best Books of 2015", *photo-eye BLOG*, December 2015
- McWhorter, Melanie, "The Best Books of 2015", *photo-eye BLOG*, December 2015
- Ladd, Jeffrey, "The Best Books of 2015", *photo-eye BLOG*, Tuesday, December 2015
- Johnson, Christopher J., "Book of the Week: A pick by Christopher J. Johnson", *photo-eye BLOG*, November 2015
- Reich, Megan Lykins, "From the Ashes", *art HOPPER*, October 2015
- Maksimov, Denis, "All My Love Always No Matter What by TR Ericsson at Harlan Levey Projects," *The Brussels Times Magazine*, September 2015
- "Les choix d'Elisabeth Martin", *MU in the City*, September 2015

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

- "Un rêve parti en cendres", *l'Echo Week-End*, September 2015
- "This Season's Highlights, Exhibitions", *Agenda Magazine*, Brussels, Belgium, September 2015
- Meszoros, Mark, "A constant inspiration," *The News Herald*, August 2015
- Litt, Steven, "Love, beauty and suicide in TR Ericsson Transformer Station show on mother's troubled life," *The Plain Dealer*, August 2015
- Turner, Anderson, "Brave enough to expose your family's issues to the world? This artist is and does throughout Cleveland exhibit," *Akron Beacon Journal*, August 2015
- Usmani, Josh, "Reality of Devastation Crackle and Drag at Transformer Station underscores fleeting nature of life," *Cleveland Scene*, Vol. 45 Issue 52, June 2015
- TR Ericsson – "Crackle & Drag", *The Sound of Applause* with Dee Perry, WVIZ ideastream, May 2015
- Feuerhelm, Brad, "A Family Reduced to Ash: TR Ericsson and the Ephemeral Image of Lamentation", *American Suburb X*, May 2015
- Mitchell, Jacqueline, "Tragedy & Triumph," *Canvas*, May 2015
- Simek, Peter, "10 Galleries You Can't Miss at the Dallas Art Fair", *Front Row, D Magazine*, April 2015
- "The 21 Art Exhibitions You'll Be Talking About This Year", *Huffington Post*, January 2015
- "Last Words: TR Ericsson: Crackle and Drag at Transformer Station", *CAN Journal*, Spring Issue, 2015

2014

- Litt, Steven, "Thoughtful MOCA show on death reminds visitors to seize the day", *The Plain Dealer*, May 2014
- Usmani, Josh, "REVIEW: New Exhibition @ MOCACleveland Celebrates Life By Contemplating Mortality," *Cool Cleveland*, March 2014
- Lilly, Amy, "Past Forward," *Seven Days*, February 2014
- Reich, Megan Lykins, "To Deepen The Dash," *Dirge*, MOCA Cleveland, 2014
- Hellerman, DJ, "TR Ericsson: the Son of No One," *Film Index*, BCA Burlington City Arts, January 2014

2013

- Wender, Jessie, "MATTE MAGAZINE," *The New Yorker Blog*, August 2013
- Trenholme, Anne, "TR Ericsson's Crackle & Drag Vol. 2," *Ingalls Library Blog*, May 2013
- Mulson, Jennifer, "Family Ties," *The Gazette* and *Colorado Springs.com*, February 2013

2012

- "T.R. Ericsson's Studio", *Art Babble*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, December 2012

2011

- Cormier, Zoe, "The Reel McCoy," *Toronto Standard*, November 2011
- "Étant donnés 2°," 365 A Book a Day, *Photo-Eye*, September 2011
- Buller, Agustin Yarde, "Untitled, Issue 6", *Libertarian Magazine*, May 2011
- Nelson, Mark, "A Conversation with TR Ericsson", Francis M. Naumann Fine Art/ SHAHEEN modern and contemporary art, January 2011
- Epstein-Deutsch, Eli, "Recreating Etant Donnes at Francis Naumann," *Marcel Duchamp.Net, Duchampian News and Reviews*, February 2011
- Robinson, Walter, "Weekend Update," *Artnet Magazine*, January 2011
- Nathan, Emily, "Picture Post," *Artnet Magazine*, January 2011

2010

- Litt, Steven, "Powerful drawings of woman by Ericsson push many buttons", *The Plain Dealer*, October 2010

H A R L A N L E V E Y P R O J E C T S

- Juhasz, Brandon, "T. R. Ericsson @ Shaheen: Looking through Duchamp's peephole", *Hello My Name Is Art Blog*, October 2010
- Fake, Edie, "Adderall," Review, Quimby's Books, Fall, 2010

2009

- Sokol, Brett , "36 Hours Cleveland," *The New York Times*, September 20, 2009

2008

- Utter, Douglas Max, "Through The Woods," *Cleveland Scene*, Vol. 1 Issue 21, Cleveland, December 2008
- Tullis, Matt, "A Life Story," *Cleveland Magazine*, October 2008
- Lushetich, Natasha, "On The Performativity of Absence," Connections Interdisciplinary Conference, Reflections on Materiality and Time, Bristol, Avon, UK, 2008

2007

- Hofmo, Victoria, "Review", *Norway Times*, November 2007
- Cotter, Holland, "Review", *The New York Times*, October 2007

2005

- Pollack, Barbara, "Corporate Power," *Art and Auction Magazine*, December 2005

2004

- Downtown Cleveland, Documentary, WVIZ Ideastream, written/produced by David C. Barnett, 2004

2002

- Perry, Dee, Applause, WVIZ ideastream, Interview #511, 2002