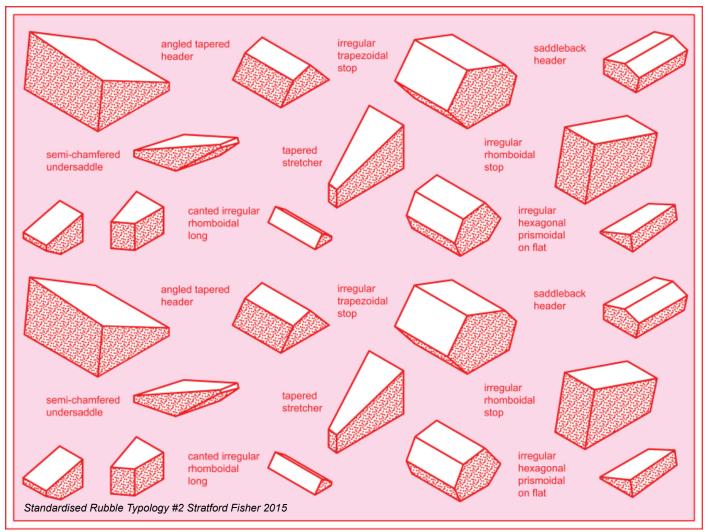
# Helen Stratford CV contact@helenstratford.co.uk

# www.helenstratford.co.uk ESCALATOR live/visual arts artist

Located between live art, visual art, architecture and writing, my art practice analyses the rhythms of daily life to investigate how we can rethink the power of the built environment within social, political, economic and emotional infrastructures. I make work so the overlooked is not forgotten; to prove that the 'mundane' ways places are organised are as valuable as the 'planned' or 'official.' Working with publics, artists and curators, I realise site-specific interventions including live events, video-works, speculative writing and artists' books that search for modalities that work between and expand architectural conventions.

From 2009-15, following a 6-month residency, I was selected to be studio artist at Wysing Arts Centre. In 2010/11 I was selected for Arts Council England (ACE) East's Escalator programme, for visual/live art. In 2013/14, I was awarded ACE Artists International Development Fund for a residency at Celje Contemporary Arts Centre, Slovenia, including a solo show and talk at P74 Ljubljana. In 2015/16 I took part in the Expanded Studio Project, artist-led exchange between studio holders at Primary, Nottingham and Wysing Arts Centre, and participated in MSB2015 artist-led residency between Castlefield Associates, Manchester, Bloc Projects, Sheffield and Extra Special People, Eastside Projects, Birmingham. In March/April 2016 my Bloc billboard 'Standardised Versions (Rubble)', produced with Craig Fisher, was displayed during Art Sheffield and in June/July 2016 my pamphlet 'Migration Paths Accompanying Items' formed part of Europa group Shop Show at Transition Gallery London. At the end of last year I was first resident artist for The Drawing Room at Oriel Davies Gallery with 'Organisational Drawings For Everyday Life,' inviting people to join me in using dead-pan and comic techniques to playfully critique these organising devices that promise to "change you to who you really want to be." Earlier this year I was resident artist at The Remote Lab for Fermynwoods Contemporary Art developing new work exploring new perspectives on rural and urban environments. I am currently completing a part-time practice-led PhD in 'Performative Architectures' at Sheffield University and recently finished a 2-year residency supported by ACE with national arts organisation METAL in Peterborough and Southend-On-Sea, developing a new app with artist Idit Elia Nathan that uses visual and audio prompts to explore a playfully critical approach to the urban environment and landscape, aspects developed through our recent commission for Cambridge Junction, our forthcoming residency at Yorkshire Sculpture Park and commissioned walks for The National Theatre, London.



#### **LINKS**

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**Education / Training** 

2012-current Part-time Practice-led PhD in Performative Architectures University of Sheffield

2003 RIBA PART III University of Cambridge

**1998-02** MA Architecture and Critical Theory, Distinction University of Nottingham

1996-98 RIBA PART II / Diploma in Architecture, University of Cambridge 1991-94 RIBA PART I / BA Hons. Architecture, University of Sheffield

#### Selected Solo Exhibitions & Installations

**2016** The Drawing Room 3-day residency and gallery installation Oriel Davies Gallery, Newtown, Wales

**2015 Demolition Mood Board** Exchange Place Studios, Yorkshire Artspace, Sheffield

The First International Survey On Bird Deterrence: Sheffield, The World Outside SIA, Sheffield

**2014 Market Meditations** solo show, Celje Center for Contemporary Arts (SI)

Things To Do With Shopping Centres solo installation, Smiths Row Gallery, Bury St Edmunds.

2012 A Day With A Duck solo curated gallery presentation, Babylon Gallery Ely
 2005 Displacings solo exhibition, Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart (DE)

**2004 Extended Thresholds** one-day taxi residency followed by 6 week solo installation,

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions & Installations**

**2016** Imaginary Worlds Oriel Davies Gallery, Newtown

**Europa** Shop Show Transition Gallery, London

Bloc Billboard Commission with Craig Fisher, Sheffield Bloc Projects

UNIT(e) 2016 group show g39 Gallery Cardiff

The Reading Room artists book show & One Place After Another Cambridge Artspace

**2015 Drawing Conversations** with Craig Fisher, Coventry University

I'M Ten group show and auction, IMT Gallery, London

Variety Show I and XIII Primary Studios Nottingham and Aid & Abet, Cambridge

2014 JUST LIKE THIS annual online project Fermynwoods Contemporary Art

The Walking Encyclopaedia group show, with Idit Nathan AirSpace Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

**2013 Eastern Approaches** open group show, UH galleries at Museum of St Albans

The Air of Songs group show, Celje Centre for Contemporary Arts (SI)

A State of Unplay group show, Atelier 35, Bucharest, (RO)

2012 Please Wait To Be Served (How to Perform a Café) visual arts commission Hunt&Darton Cafe

Intervals Film Screening at Hotbed, The Cambridge New Writing Theatre Festival

2011 Please Wait Here: Instructions for performing a queue for a pleasure pier train

A DIY installation: artside: pause festival Southend-On-Sea

Manchester Blind Spots Film screening at Exhibition, Cambridge, Film Festival & Conference:

MIRROR/LENS: WOMEN IN FILM & WOMEN MAKING FILM, Murray Edwards College,

2010 CUBEOpen 2010 Manchester Blind Spots group show with Diana Wesser Manchester CUBE Gallery

Wysing Arts Contemporary: Partnering group show with Diana Wesser

**2009** Communities Under Construction group show, Wysing Arts Centre, Cambridge

#### **Selected Solo Performative Tours Walks & Actions**

**2015** Perimeter Perambulations Queen's Park, Loughborough, RADAR

Flora & Fauna Tours Castlegate Festival, Sheffield, Yorkshire Artspace

**Mechanisms of Control** participatory workshop for CRAASH conference, Cambridge University

Things To Do With Shopping Centres public event, Cornhill Walk, Bury St Edmunds

2013 An Architectural Cleaning Cupboard Tour Cambridge Junction: Unfinished & Unleashed

2012 Practising Firstsite: 10 ways to Misuse a Visual Arts Centre performative tour, Firstsite Colchester

**2011** Approaching Art performative tour Camberwell School of Art, commission

In-between House & Home performative lecture walk, Arts Theatre, Cambridge Festival of Ideas
 In-between House and Home performative lecture "A Question(ing) of Gesture" Leipzig Opera House

#### **Selected Collaborative Performative Tours Walks & Actions**

**2017** Play Cambridge Now or Never! WATCHOUT Festival, Cambridge with Idit Nathan

**2016/17 ongoing: Lightbulb Walks** National Theatre, London with Idit Nathan

Play The City Now or Never! CounterPlay 16 Aarhus (DK) with Idit Nathan

**2015** Play Welcome Now or Never! Welcome Trust Play Spectacular London with Idit Nathan

**2014** Play Cambridge Now or Never! Curating Cambridge with Idit Nathan

2013 Sunder & Land performative walk, with Idit Nathan On Walking Sunderland University & NGCA
 2012 Time to C&B performative tour with Idit Nathan, CB1, Cambridge Curiosity & Imagination & Aid&Abet
 2011 Choreographing Knowledge with Diana Wesser: Murray Edwards, Cambridge Festival of Ideas
 Walking Through Walls audio walk-for-one with Diana Wesser: Stadttheater Bremerhaven (DE)
 Intervals audio-walk, with Diana Wesser: Metropolis Biennale, www.cph-metropolis.dk/en (DK)

**2010 Walking Through Walls** audio walk-for-one, Centraltheater Leipzig play! LEIPZIG Festival (DE)

**2009 Choreographing Knowledge** performative walk and talk with Diana Wesser:

Murray Edwards College, Nightjar festival & Festival of Ideas, University of Cambridge **Fissures in the Harbour of Knowledge** lecture performance walk with Diana Wesser: TANZ MACHT RAUM \_ RAUM MACHT TANZ, Symposium, Ruhr University Bochum (DE)

Home is where the piano is CROP MARKS contemporary art trail, with Diana Wesser, Cambridge

Manchester Rlind Spots performance lecture walk. Get Lectl Festival TRIP conference MML

**2008** Manchester Blind Spots performance lecture walk, Get Lost! Festival, TRIP conference MMU

#### **Selected Event Curation / Organisation**

2016 Interstitial Breakfast with taking place, 13th AHRA international conference KTH Stockholm (SE)

Hands On workshop with Apolonija Šušteršic, Oslo National Academy for the Arts

**2013** Liberty Belle: Floating Micro Cinema with Cambridge Super8, Ely

**2012 A Day With A Duck** live art events, Ely

**2011** Performative Architectures discussion event the Showroom, London

**2008** Feminism is on the Agenda\* Public works and ICA, London, Nought to Sixty Salon with taking place.

#### **Selected Performative Lectures**

2016 Was (is) taking place a nomadic practice? with Teresa Hoskyns 13th AHRA Conference KTH (SE)

A Day With A Duck Pecha Kucha at Walking Women Forest Fringe, Edinburgh

Market Meditations Plank Techniques of Art & Protest Kings College London

**2015 Market Meditations Plank** Techniques of Art & Protest, Kings College, London

**2014** Market Meditations P74 Gallery Ljubljana (SI)

Performing Cities: "Occupy" and Playgrounds presentation at CRAASH, Cambridge

Play the City Now or Never! with Idit Nathan METAL, Peterborough.

**2013** Play the City Now or Never! with Idit Nathan Futurepark METAL Southend-on-Sea

**2013** Mechanical Operations flip-chart presentation with Lawrence Bradby, Cambridge Junction

**2012** Beacon Bi-Monthly 12 Beacon Art Projects, Lincoln

Gestures of Resistance AHRA 2012 9th International Conference

Walking Through Walls performative lecture PSi#17 Utrecht - Camillo 2.0
 Routine Procedures Sexuate Subjects, interdisciplinary event UCL, London

Urban (col)laboratory with Diana Wesser, Metropolis Lab, Copenhagen (DK)

**2009** Not Building Škuc Gallery, Ljubljana (SI)

**Mechanical Operations in Cambourne** book launch with Lawrence Bradby, ICA London

**2007** Form Trans Inform: with Doina Petrescu, Sheffield University, Alternate Currents Symposium

#### Residencies / Research Projects / Professional Development

**2017 forthcoming:** Walk & Play YSP! Yorkshire Sculpture Park with Idit Nathan

The Remote Lab Fermynwoods Contemporary Art, Northamptonshire

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2015 How to Re-Make A City residency with demolition workers, Sheffield, Yorkshire Artspace

MSB2015 three-part residency exchange: Castlefield Manchester, Bloc Sheffield, ESP Birmingham

**2014 AA2A** 8 month residency, Sheffield Hallam University

**2013** Time & Space METAL 1 month residency Peterborough with Idit Nathan

**Birdland is Everywhere** - 6 month residency - Poly-Technic, Soar Works, Sheffield **AIR Celeia** - 2 month residency - The Centre for Contemporary Art, Celie Slovenia

**METAL** Culture Lab, Peterborough, 1 week residency with Idit Nathan

2012 A Day With A Duck - 6-month residency and gallery presentation, Babylon Gallery, Ely

**2012 Mentoring Session** - with Caroline Wright, New Work Network

2011-12 Performative Architectures - ACE funded practice development via Escalator Live Art
 2007-12 taking place 6: The Other Side of Waiting: Routine Procedures curated public arts

project, Homerton Hospital Hackney, London, www.takingplace.org.uk

**2009-2015 Studio Artist** Wysing Arts Centre, Cambridge

2009 Communities Under Construction 6-month residency, Wysing Arts Centre, Cambridge
 2004/5 Architecture Fellowship 9-month residency, Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart, Germany

#### **Publications**

**Books** 

2017 forthcoming: The Day Of The Duck with Lawrence Bradby, Marmalade London
 2009 Mechanical Operations in Cambourne with Lawrence Bradby, Marmalade London

**Chapters** 

2018 forthcoming: The Space(s) Between Us collaborative chapter with Diana Wesser

in Odyssee : Heimat, Natalie Driemeyer and Jan Deck eds. Transcript Verlag, Bielefeld

2016 Market Meditations in Demystifying Architectural Research Prof Flora Samuel

and Anne Dye eds. RIBA Publishing

**2010** In Between House and Home in Verhaktene Beredsamkeit? Politik, Pathos und

Philosophie der Geste, Veronika Darian ed., Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main,

**2007** Micro-Strategies in Altering Practices: Feminist Politics and Poetics of Space

Doina Petrescu ed., Routledge, London

**2006** Unpleasant Matters in Material Matters: Materiality in Contemporary

Architectural Practice and Theory Katie Lloyd-Thomas ed., Routledge, London

## **Publications (cont.)**

**Articles** 

2008 Form Trans Inform: the 'poetic 'resistance in architecture with

Doina Petrescu and Constantin Petcou, ARQ Vol. 12/2

2002 Micro-Strategies of Resistance RFR Journal of Feminist Research, Fall/Winter

**Enclaves Of Expression**: resistance by young architects to physical and psychological control

of expression in Romania during the 1980s, Journal of Architectural Education MIT (Los Angeles)

**Pages** 

2016 A Dialogue between Art & Protest, PLANK Technique of Art & Protest Zine

**2015** Play The City Now Or Never! in Ways to Wander Claire Hind & Clare Qualmann Triarchy Press

**2013** U-Spy Deterrent Survey in Paper Stages book www.paperstages.co.uk

**Believers walk right in and take your seat** in Artists Cookbook, New Work Network **Walking Through Walls** in publication of the festival 'play!LEIPZIG (Dance Archive Leipzig)

**Fissures in the Harbour of Knowledge** (Ed. Ruhr University Bochum)

2010 Mechanical Operations: Repetitive Actions as a Creative Force in New English

Settlements in Surface, YH485 Press, www.YH485press.org with Lawrence Bradby

2008 In Between House and Home "A question(ing) of gesture" Fotohof edition catalogue

#### Consultancy. Workshops, Professional architectural practice and Teaching

2017 Thesis Tutor PGT MA in Urban Design and MA in Architecture

**Sheffield School of Architecture** 

2016-2020 External Examiner - Edinburgh Edinburgh School of Architecture & Landscape

Architecture MSc in Architectural and Urban Design

**2016** Oslo National Academy for the Arts Norway, devising & leading 'Hands On'

workshop & lecture delivery for Apolonija Šušteršic for MA in Art and Public Space

Smiths Row Bury St Edmunds - consultant artist for studio development

2013-2015 Design Tutor - Studio Master, MArch / PGT MA Architecture & Urban Design

**Sheffield School of Architecture** 

2013 - current Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination Trustee www.cambridgecandi.org.uk

2005-2014 MOLE Architects Ltd. Ely (part-time) Architect

**2012-13 Children Take The Lead** with Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination

**2011 Wysing Arts Centre** Young Artists Retreat Workshop with artist Rachael Barker,

Kettles Yard Cambridge Contemporary Art Family Workshops, Kettles Yard, Cambridge

2008 Arts Council England Creative Partnerships Enquiry Schools commission

with artists Townley & Bradby, Bradfield Primary School, Manningtree

**2007** Arts Council England Creative Partnerships From Little Seeds: commission

with artist Sally Brown, Leicester Imperial Avenue Infants and Leicester City Gallery

2006 General Public Agency, London, Creative Consultant: Aldegate Public Realm Strategy,
 2005/6 Arts Council England Creative Partnerships Creative Constructions: commission,

Ravenscroft Infants, Clacton

Shape East/Arts Council England Creative Partnerships Talk about Tomorrow:

commission, with artist Sally Brown, Spring Meadow Primary School, Harwich

**2003/04 Cambridge/Tate Modern,** Inspirer: Immersive Learning Project, www.accessart.org.uk.

**1999/00** Winchester School of Art lecturer 'Architecture and Society' BA Visual Arts

1999 - 2004 5th Studio Architects Cambridge (part-time) Architect

#### Prizes/Grants/Awards

2015/16 Arts Council England ACE: Grants for the Arts award:

with Idit Nathan for Play The City Now Or Never!

Yorkshire Artspace Microgrant: Flora and Fauna Tours, Castlegate, and Open Studios Sheffield

2014 ACE/British Council: Artists International Development Fund Round 6

2013 RIBA LKE Ozolins PhD Studentship

A-N Critical Writing Bursary to review b-side Festival Portland UK

A-N Go & See Venice Biennale Bursary

ACE selected Escalator Digital Arts artist (METAL Culture Lab)

2012 University of Sheffield Faculty of Social Sciences PhD Fees Scholarship

ACE Grants for the Arts award: A Day With a Duck, Babylon Gallery, Ely

2011 ACE selected Escalator Live Art artist, ACE practice development Grants for the Arts.

2010 ACE selected Escalator Visual artist

**2008** ACE Grants for the Arts award: with taking place for The Other Side of Waiting

**2007** ACE Grants for the Arts Research & Development: with taking place for The Other Side of Waiting