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Meryl Meisler

b. 1951, New York

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2028 "Meryl Meisler," Alice Austin House Museum, Staten Island, New York, NY (Curated by Victoria Munro)
- 2025 "Meryl Meisler: Studio 54 and More," Polka Galerie, Paris
"On the Money," Bank Art Gallery, Newburgh, NY (Curated by Shirley Noto)
- 2024 "Fire Island: The Photographs of Meryl Meisler," The Werk Gallery, St. Petersburg, Florida
- 2023 "Simply Scintillating: A Retrospective," CLAMP, New York (Curated by Brian Paul Clamp)
"Nightlife NYC 1977-2023," Zillman Art Museum, Bangor, Maine
"Sensibilities: Friends & Family," Zillman Art Museum, Bangor, Maine
- 2022 "Meryl Meisler," Carole Lambert, Paris
"Souvenirs of Fire Island: The Photographs of Meryl Meisler," Ice Palace Resort, Cherry Grove, Fire Island, New York (Curated by the Fire Island Pines Historical Society)
"QUIRKYVISION | Portrait(s)—10 Ans, Le Rendez-Vous Photographique de Vichy," Le Palais des Congrès de Vichy, Vichy, France
- 2021 "New York PARADISE LOST Bushwick Era Disco," CLAMP, New York (Curated by Brian Paul Clamp)
"Meryl Meisler: New York Paradise Lost," Fotogalerie Friedrichshain, Berlin
"New York PARADISE LOST Bushwick Era Disco," The Center for Photography in Woodstock, Woodstock, New York (Curated by Hannah Frieser)
"Best of Times, Worst of Times," Kathleen O. Ellis Gallery at Light Work, Syracuse, New York
"Paradise Lost & Found: Bushwick," Photoville, Brooklyn, New York
- 2016 "Meryl Meisler," Steven Kasher Gallery, New York
"B&B: Bizarre & Bushwick," Black Box Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2015 "Purgatory & Paradise: SASSY '70s Suburbia & The City," Black Box Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2014 "A Tale of Two Cities: Disco Era Bushwick," Black Box Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2013 "Defying Devastation: Bushwick Now & Then," The Living Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2012 "Defying Devastation: Bushwick in the 80s," The Living Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2011 "Here I Am: Bushwick in the 1980s," Soho Photo Gallery, New York
- 2009 "Locks, Combinations and Keys," PS 122 Gallery, New York
- 2005 "Deep Research," Columbia University Social Work Library, New York [Permanent installation]
- 2004 "Fire and Ice," AT&T Art and Appreciation, South Street Seaport, New York [Public Art Installation]
- 2001 "Submerged," Metropolitan Transit Authority Transit Poster Project
- 1999 "Meryl Meisler: Deep Research," Hopper House, Nyack, New York
- 1998 "Meryl Meisler: Immersions," SUNY Westchester Gallery, Peekskill, New York
- 1996 "Meryl Meisler: Grand Splash," Grand Central Terminal, New York [Installation]

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 "Upstate Photography Biennial," CPW, Woodstock, New York (Organized by Adam G. Ryan and Marina Chao)
"Love is the Revolution," Woodstock Artist Association and Museum, Woodstock, New York (Curated by Erica Bliss)
"Small Works: A Fundraiser Exhibition on International Women's Day," BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center, New York City (Organized by Professional Women Photographers)
"New York Visionaries: Louis Stettner, Meryl Meisler, Phil Penman," Dublin Street Photography Festival, Dublin, Ireland

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- "In Community: Gestures of Care, Resilience, and Connection," CPW Community Gallery, Kingston, New York (Curated by Shari Diamond)
- 2025 "Lens of Her Own: 20 & 20—Trailblazers and Contemporary Women Photographers," ANU: Museum of the Jewish People, Tel Aviv, Israel
"50th Anniversary Exhibition: Past. Present. Seen.," Salmagundi Club, New York [Organized by Professional Women Photographers (PWP)]
"Sharing the Space," Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild, Woodstock, New York (Curated by Anne McDonald)
"She Sells Sea Shells," Alice Austin House Museum, Staten Island (Curated by Gemma Rolls-Bentley)
"The Importance of Being Engaged," HOWL! Happening—An Arturo Vega Project, New York (Curated by Heidi Russell and Eva Mueller)
"Disco, I'm coming out," Cité de la Musique, Philharmonie de Paris, Paris (Traveling to Wereldmuseum, Amsterdam, 2026-2027; Kunsthalle München, Munich, 2027-2028; MAS – Museum aan de Stroom, Antwerp, 2028)
"Photographic Currents," Woodstock Artist Association and Museum, Woodstock, New York (Curated by Brian Wallis)
"Care/Condition/Control," 601Artspace, New York (Curated by A.E. Chapman)
"The Stilled Moment," Vanda Gallery, New Rochelle, New York
"Free, For All," CPW, Kingston, New York
- 2024 "Stark Contrast," CLAMP, New York
"American Families," Polka Galerie, Paris
"Fire Island: The Art of Liberation," Long Island Museum, Stony Brook, New York
"Skye Cleary Never Gets Old," Untitled Space, New York
- 2023 "Carter Burden Gallery Introduces Two by Two Media," Carter Burden Gallery, New York (Curated by Marlena Vaccaro and Gigi Stoll)
"Exponential," Jessica Hagen Fine Art + Design, Newport, Rhode Island
"Breaking More Boundaries," Culture Lab LIC, Long Island City, New York (Curated by Orestes Gonzalez and Jesse Egner)
"50th Anniversary: Selections from Light Work Collection," Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York
"Beneath the Surface," Olive Free Library, West Shokan, New York
"Thrills and Chills: Circus and Amusements in Photography Exhibition," Salmagundi Club, New York
- 2022 "New York State of Mind: Invitational Photography Launch," Salmagundi Club, New York
"Behaving Badly," The Lockwood Gallery, Kingston, New York
"Women Photographers Collective of The Hudson Valley: Point of View," Orton Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
"Women Photographers Collective of The Hudson Valley: Inaugural Exhibition," The Lace Mill, Kingston, New York
"PRESENT—Queer Art for the Here & Now," Duo Multicultural Arts Center (DMAC), New York City (Curated by prideART)
- 2021 "12th Annual Self-Published Photobook Show," Davis Orton Gallery, Hudson, New York (traveling to the Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, Massachusetts)
The Border Project Space, Bushwick, Brooklyn, New York
"ART/WORK: How the Government-Funded CETA Jobs Program Put Artists to Work," Cuchifritos Gallery + Project SpaceCityLore and City Lore Gallery, New York
"Women Streer Photographers Exhibition," Carlos Pellicer Cámara Regional Museum of Anthropology, Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico
"Splash," Griffin Museum of Photography, Lafayette Center, Boston, Massachusetts (Curated by Paula Tognarelli)
"Bushwick x Fuchs x Meisler," Thames Art Center, Brooklyn, New York
- 2020 "Studio 54: Night Magic," Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, New York (traveling to Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada)
"Pride Marches On: Celebrating 50 Years," Art of Our Century, New York

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- “From Acid to Ecstasy,” Lockwood Gallery, Kingston, New York
“Members Exhibit,” Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, New York
“Grace Before Jones: Camera, Disco, Studio,” Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, United Kingdom
- 2019 “Meryl Meisler,” title of work, New York
“10th Anniversary Edition of A Book About Death, The Last Waltz / An International Mail Art Exhibition”
- 2014 “Signs of Education,” Ventana244 Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2013 “Street Photography 2013,” Soho Photo Gallery, New York
- 2012 “Abandonment,” PowerHouse Arena, Brooklyn, New York
- 2011 “An Exchange with Sol Lewitt,” MASS MoCA, North Adams, Massachusetts
- 2007 “Up From Flames: Mapping Bushwick’s Recovery 1997-2007,” Brooklyn Historical Society, Brooklyn, New York
- 2004 “Tomorrow,” New York Hall of Science, Queens, New York
- 2002 “WaterWalks,” ISE Cultural Foundation, New York
“Ground Zero,” Detroit Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit, Michigan
- 2001 “Digital: Revolutions in Printmaking,” Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, New York
- 2000 “WomenTek,” Peninsula Fina Arts Museum, Newport News, Virginia
- 1999 “The Time of Our Lives,” The New Museum, New York
“The Light Show,” Islip Art Museum, Islip, New York
- 1996 “All American Portraits,” Naproskovo Museum, Prague, Czech Republic
- 1991 “Whitney Biennial,” Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (As part of Group Material’s “AIDS Timeline”)
- 1988 “Democracy,” Dia Art Foundation, New York

MONOGRAPHS:

Street Walker (EYESHOT, 2024)

DUOS (Two by Two Media, 2023)

New York PARADISE LOST Bushwick Era Disco (Parallel Pictures Press, 2021)

Purgatory & Paradise: Sassy '70s Suburbia & The City (Bizarre Publishing, 2015)

A Tale of Two Cities: Disco Era Bushwick (Bizarre Publishing, 2014)

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Marc Zinaman, *Queer Happened Here: 100 Years of NYC’s Landmark LGBTQ+ Places* (Prestel: New York, NY, 2025)

Meryl Meisler, *Fire Island: The Photography of Meryl Meisler—A Celebration of 1970s Gay Culture* (The Werk Gallery: St. Petersburg, Florida, 2024)

Cher, *On the Dance Floor: Spinning Out on Screen* (A24 Films: New York, 2022)

Adam Scott and Dave Waddell, *The Experience Book: For Designers, Thinkers & Makers* (Black Dog Press: London, 2022)

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James Panero, *Contact Sheet (Light Work Annual 2020)* (Light Work: Syracuse, New York, 2020), No. 207, pp. 68-75, illus.

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Renee Ghert-Zend, “Photographer Rediscovered There’s No Place Like Home,” The Times of Israel (December 2015)

Mia De Graaf, “From settled suburbia to the wild city,” Daily Mail (November 29, 2015)

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Brad Feurhelm, "Meryl Meisler: The World That Summer," American Suburb X (November 5, 2015)

David Rosenberg, "A Memoir in Photos: New York's Sassy '70s," Slate (November 5, 2015)

"Seventies Long Island: The Whole Mishpocha," *The New Yorker* (June 6, 2015)

Janet Flanagan and Kristi Itameri, "A Tale of Two Cities: Disco Era Bushwick in Photos," PBS WNET TV (October 2015)

Michael Ernest Sweet, "Meryl Meisler's Vintage NY Photographs," Huffington Post (August 31, 2015)

Angelika Hala, "Wo bitte liegt Bushwick? Where on Earth is Bushwick?" (August 22, 2015)

James Nichols, "Meryl Meisler Explores the History of a Neighborhood," Huffington Post (October 23, 2014)

Genevieve Fussell, "Meryl Meisler's Disco Era," *The New Yorker* (August 7, 2014)

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"Disco-era Bushwick," Melissa Stern, Hyperallergic, 05/30/14

"The Latest Vibe Moved to Brooklyn," Holland Cotter, *The New York Times*, 06/07/12

"New York fur Forgeschrittene," Suzanne Lingemann, Klaus Prompers, German ZDF TV, 08/11/12

"Bushwick: Brooklyn's Newest Frontier," Gabe Pressman, NBC TV, 02/17/11

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS:

2021 Affinity Award, The Center for Photography at Woodstock, New York

2020 Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) Creative Engagement Grant

2014 Puffin Foundation Grant

2002 China Institute Study/Tout of China Fellowship

2001 Japan Society Study/Tour of Japan Fellowship

2000 New York Foundation for the Arts Catalogue Project Grant for Women Photographers

1990 New York Foundation For The Arts Fellowship in Photography

1979 C.E.T.A. Photographer Grant for The American Jewish Congress, NYC

RESIDENCIES:

2020 LMCC

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA)

2019 Yaddo

Light Work

2015 Carter Burden Center

COLLECTIONS:

American Jewish Congress

AT&T

Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris

Center for Photography in Woodstock

Chrysler Museum of Art

Columbia University

Islip Art Museum

Library of Congress

Metronome Library

Metropolitan Transit Authority, New York

Museum of Modern Art, New York

New York Hall of Science

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Picker Art Gallery, Colgate University

Reuters

Smith College Museum of Art

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