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Calligraphy transcends language, becoming a living, evolving art form. Shaped by a life across cultures, my practice bridges the centuries-old tradition of Japanese calligraphy with contemporary experience. Through gestural ink strokes, I transform letters, words, and symbols into a visual language, guided by *Yohaku* the active presence of blank space. The spaces between strokes become invisible drawings, shaping composition through movement and silence. While grounded in paper, my work expands into motion graphics, spatial installations, and digital media. In my practice of **Expanded Calligraphy**, where tradition meets innovation, the art form moves beyond boundaries, crafting contemporary expressions that breathe new life into an ancient tradition. She creates, teaches, and performs internationally, with work exhibited across Europe, the US, and Japan.

Selected Exhibitions

2026 : LUX Helsinki Light Festival, Finland
2025 : ARTMUC Kunstmesse, Munich, Germany
2025 : Design Fair / Messe Frankfurt, Tokyo, Japan
2021-24 : Japan Design Festival, Copenhagen, Denmark
2019 : G2 gallery - Solo exhibition, Tokyo, Japan
2019 : Prema Arts gallery - Solo exhibition, Berlin, Germany
2011 : Nikolaj Contemporary Art Center, Copenhagen, Denmark
2010 : Visual Music Festival, ZKM, Center for Media Arts, Germany
2009 : Den Frie Udstilling, Group Exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark
2007 : Visual Arts Gallery - Group exhibition, NY, USA
2006 : European Media Art Festival, Germany
2006 : Mapping Video Festival, Switzerland

Workshops/Lectures

2016 - Present : Private & Group Calligraphy lessons/workshops in Copenhagen, Berlin, Tokyo
2025 : CPH DOX film festival, Copenhagen, Denmark
2025 - 26 : Danish National Workshops for Arts / Danish Japanese Association
2021- Present : Guest lecture at Copenhagen University, Denmark
2021 : Danish Film Institute in Denmark
2018 - 24 : Copenhagen Sakura Festival, Denmark
2017 : Art workshop at Cisternerne Museum, Denmark
2007: Lecture at The School of Visual Arts, MFA Art Department
2006: Lecture at Bergen Art Academy, Norway

Residency

2026 Invited L'AiR Arts Residency Curated Group Program, Paris France
2016 USF Verftet Artist in Residence, Bergen Norway

Awards

2006 - 2007: New York State Council on the Arts, USA

Education

M.Sc. in Medialogy, Aalborg University Copenhagen, Denmark
BFA, The School of Visual Arts, New York, USA
Creative Art Therapy Certificate, The New School University, New York, USA

Selected commissions

Louis Vuitton · Chanel · MUJI EU · Uniqlo EU · MTV Networks · Nickelodeon / Viacom · CBS · Kontrapunkt