

AILEEN YE

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WEBSITES

Professional Website

aileenye.com/

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/aileen_yxz/

MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

Filmwerkplaats

EDUCATION

- 2022 - A24 Mentorship Programme A24
2022
- 2021 - Decolonial Summer School Horse
2021 Hospital
- 2021 - DIY 16mm Filmwerkplaats, WORM
2021
- 2019 - MSc Sociology Erasmus Universiteit
2020 Rotterdam diploma

EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Rotterdam Art Fair: Prospects Rotterdam
Ahoy Rotterdam, Netherlands Showcasing
moving-image work 'beast'
[www.mondriaanfonds.nl/profiel/aileen-ye/
Group](http://www.mondriaanfonds.nl/profiel/aileen-ye/Group)
- 2024 BFI London Film Festival Institute of
Contemporary Art London, United Kingdom
Official selection screening of 'Midnight
Rising'
Solo
- 2024 Aesthetica Film Festival York, United
Kingdom Official selection screening of
'Midnight Rising' - Documentary
Competition
Solo
- 2024 Ann Arbor Film Festival Michigan Theatre
Ann Arbor, United States Official selection
screening of 'Midnight Rising' - Official
Competition
Solo
- 2024 Norwich Film Festival Norwich, United
Kingdom Official selection screening of
'Midnight Rising' - Documentary

- Competition
www.norwichfilmfestival.co.uk/films/official-selection-2024/midnight-rising/
Solo
- 2024 Leeds International Film Festival Leeds, United Kingdom Official selection screening of 'Midnight Rising' - British Shorts Competition
Solo
- 2024 CinemAsia Film Festival CinemAsia Amsterdam, Netherlands Dutch premiere of film 'Midnight Rising'
Solo
- 2023 Sounds From the Second Floor Celestial Festival Berlin, Germany Screening of 'I Didn't Dare to Speak' and 'beast' as part of short film programme with Q+A yeoja-mag.com/celestial-festival-2023/
Solo
- 2023 Skate Film Short Competition Roffa Mon Amour Rotterdam, Netherlands Winner of the Skate Film Short Competition with film 'I Didn't Dare to Speak'
roffamonamour.com/screenings/your-favourite-skate-film/
Solo
- 2023 Skatepark Theater Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands Live skatepark event with screenings of 'I Didn't Dare to Speak'
www.theaterrotterdam.nl/agenda/10651/mettingvartsen-dk/skatepark
Group
- 2023 XPOSED Film Festival 2023 XPOSED Festival Berlin, Germany Official festival selection for screening of 'beast'
xposedfilmfestival.com/2023/films/shorts-5-how-to-get-more-followers/
Solo
- 2023 FACT FACT Liverpool, United Kingdom Film screening of 'beast'
Solo
- 2023 Positions: Afterlives Stroom The Hague, Netherlands Film screening of 'beast'
stroom.nl/activiteiten/manifestatie.php?m_id=3817492
Group
- 2022 Sinema Transtopia: Stories from the Periphery bi'bak Berlin, Germany Screening

- and Q+A for film 'I Didn't Dare to Speak' [bi-bak.de/en/bi-bakino/stories-from-the-periphery](https://www.bi-bak.de/en/bi-bakino/stories-from-the-periphery)
Group
- 2022 NOWNESS Asia x Movement Festival
NOWNESS Asia World premiere of 'beast'
showcased on NOWNESS Asia and Eaton
HK.
www.nowness.asia/playlist/64877/movement-festival-2022-a-void
Solo
- 2022 Remembering Place esea Contemporary
Manchester, United Kingdom The
programme explored how artists reimagine
post-colonial Asia, migration, family and
friendship. cfcca.org.uk/exchanges-open-house-people-place-space/
Group
- 2021 Queer Diasporas Nieuwe Vide Haarlem,
Netherlands Premiere of moving-image 'I
Didn't Dare to Speak'
nieuwevide.com/expositie/queer-diasporas/?lang=en
Group
- 2021 Haarlem Kunstlijn Haarlem , Netherlands
Screening of 'I Didn't Dare to Speak'
haarlemtownqueers.nl/Kunstlijn-2021
Group

PROJECTS

- 2025 Sun Moon Rising Amsterdam,
Netherlands aileenye.com/SMR-2025
An exploration of movement and the
body as a site for paralanguage,
ancestral chambers, and the beautiful
ugliness contained in physical
euphoria. Through the body, the film
explores the contemporaneous
connection between pasts, present, and
futures, encoded in the natural
elements we share.
- 2024 Midnight Rising London, United
Kingdom aileenye.com/Midnight-Rising-2024 Midnight Rising is an
intimate portrait of London's East and
South East Asian clubbing community,
a world in which the allure of raving,
extravagance, and hyperpop becomes

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2022 Vital Capacities Remote, United Kingdom A
one month research and visual arts
residency where I focus on 'digital death'
and 'immortality' and its erasure of
traditional cultural practices.
vitalcapacities.com/exhibition/aileen-ye/

an affirmation of love, acceptance, and joy. This world-within-a-world is instantly familiar - filled with ambitions, desires, and yearnings that reflect the joy and resistance of today.

- 2022 beast The Hague, Netherlands
aileenye.com/beast-2022 A martial arts inspired dance-fight between a lion dancer and queer performer reflecting the tension between traditional and modern identities in a dreamscape nightmare.
- 2022 Spirited Away Vital Capacities Remote, United Kingdom
vitalcapacities.com/exhibition/aileen-ye/ An interactive experience of what I assume my digital funeral to look like. The focus of this project is on 'digital death' and 'immortality' and its erasure of traditional cultural practices and human connection.
- 2021 ENTER Het Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam, Netherlands
video.enter.hetnieuweinstituut.nl/
Creatively produced a new video conferencing platform for cultural workers. Oversaw artist residencies to create experimental interactive designs on ENTER.
- 2021 I Didn't Dare to Speak Rotterdam, Netherlands
www.girlsinfilm.net/videos/i-didnt-dare-to-speak Shot on 16mm, this introspective short film celebrates loneliness as one of the most fulfilling parts of growing up, because without it, it asks, how can we truly understand ourselves?

COMMISSIONS

- 2023 Midnight Rising Gorilla Gorilla London, United Kingdom
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REVIEWS

- 2024 SCENE with Aileen Ye on Midnight Rising Blog/Vlog BFI London, United Kingdom
www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuCVzTf9E8Q
Interview on filmmaking and on film 'Midnight Rising' as part of BFI London Film Festival
- 2023 Aileen Ye: beast Website The New Current London, United Kingdom

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aileenye.com/Midnight-Rising-2024

finished

2022 beast Tong Global The Hague, Netherlands A martial arts inspired dance-fight between a lion dancer and queer performer reflecting the tension between traditional and modern identities in a dreamscape nightmare. vimeo.com/747919492 finished

2021 I Didn't Dare to Speak Nieuwe Vide Haarlem, Netherlands Short film about a teenage skater in Rotterdam, who is skating in and out of life and friendships. vimeo.com/559589168 finished

www.thenewcurrent.co.uk/beast Interview on film 'beast'

2022 Talent Spotlight: 'beast 囧囧' by Aileen Ye Website TONG London, United Kingdom www.tong.global/point-of-view/article/talent-spotlight-beast-by-aileen-ye Article about short film 'beast'.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2025 Cultuurfonds Voor de Kunst Netherlands

2024 Best International Short Documentary Dublin International Film Festival Dublin, Ireland Competition award for film, 'Midnight Rising'.

2023 Artist Start Mondriaan Fonds, Netherlands Netherlands

2022 FOCUS Award Winner EVCOM Industry Awards London, United Kingdom Designed to celebrate young, diverse creative talent, the FOCUS Award is an award for emerging talent filmmakers.

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

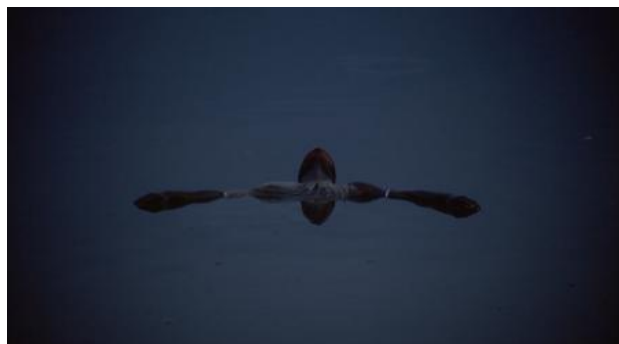
2025 - Jury member for experimental film at NFFTY Festival

2024 - MUBI Netherlands guest host

2023 - Film Programmer at Eye Filmmuseum 2024

2023 - Public lecture on 16mm filmmaking with BA Film students at University of Winchester

2022 - International guest film curator On-going 2025



Sun Moon Rising, 2025
3-channel installation

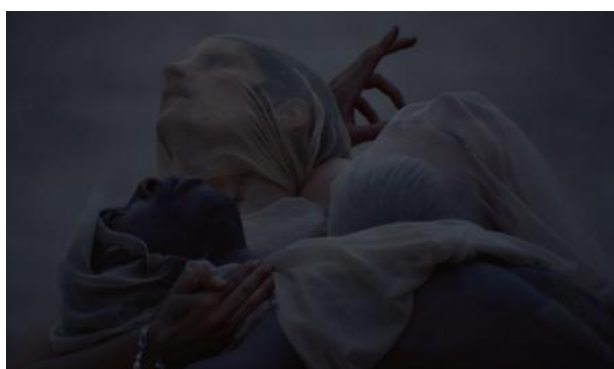
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How to Dance, 2025
16mm



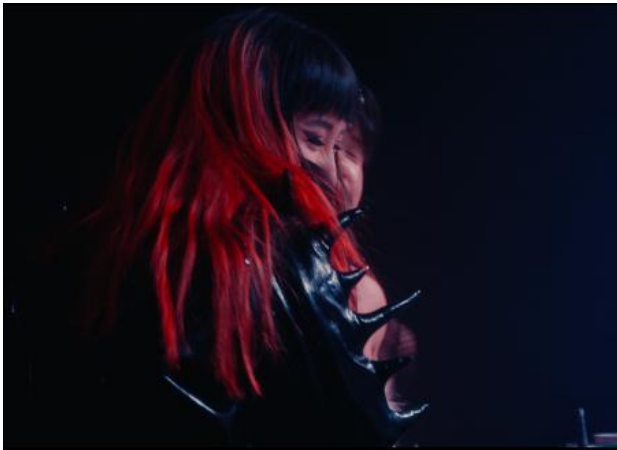
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16mm



Sun Moon Rising, 2025
3-channel installation



Midnight Rising, 2024
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Midnight Rising, 2023
Mixed format



Midnight Rising, 2023
Mixed format



beast, 2022
16mm



I Didn't Dare to Speak, 2021
16mm