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The artist couple Nabiha + Thom are living and working together in mutual inspiration and collaboration since 1997.

They are known for their longterm project UNITY – a photographic visual diary in double-selfportraits. For Nabiha and Thom, the fascination lies in the concept of the self, one's own personality, as a lifelong process of change.

The assumption that a person always remains the same does not do justice to human life. UNITY – now it its 15th year – is an intense look into this process.

Often exhibited in Germany, their work was also shown in the UK, France, Italy, Syria, Russia, Latvia and the USA.

You can find a recent publication of UNITY in GEO / GEO International magazine, a radio interview with Funkhaus Europa, a video of their speech at the Katapult Babbel Night 2011 and more at www.unityart.eu.

Offering their works in limited editions, Nabiha + Thom are also taking commissions.



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Vita Unity Art Nabiha

Born 1976 as Nabiha Dahhan in Wuerzburg, Germany.
Nabiha and Thom are living and working in Germany and worldwide

Education

1997 - 1999 Studies: Visual Communication Photo-/ Film-Design, University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld
1999 - 2001 Studies: Photographic and Digital Arts, University of Westminster, London
2001 Degree Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Photographic and Digital Arts:
Major Project and Dissertation *Is a self-portrait a portrait of the self?*
freelance artist
Since 2003
2004 Graduate Photo-Designer University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld, Degree work THE DREAM
2006 Foundation of Unity Art Nabiha & Thom online studio

Catalogues

2004 Degree catalogue, University of Applied Sciences, Bielefeld
2004 Magazine klubfoto exhibition *Nachts / At Night*
2005 Magazine klubfoto exhibition *Respekt / Respect*
2006 Exhibition catalogue solo show: UNITY Nabiha Dahhan und Thom,
Photography at Galerie 11, Gruner + Jahr AG & Co KG Hamburg
2006 Magazine klubfoto exhibition *Berühmt / Famous*
2006 Exhibition catalogue Darmstadt Days of Photography, *Selbstsicht – Der Schritt ins Bild*
2006 Exhibition catalogue gesichtet – *Portraiture in contemporary art*, Annual Exhibition BBK
2007 Selected Views No. 9
2008 Magazine klubfoto exhibition *Privat*
2009 Exhibition catalogue *Örtlich Nördlich*, Nordaufnahme 3
2010 Selected Views No. 11
2010 Freelens book *Ein Tag Deutschland*
2010 Magazin klubfoto exhibition *Unterwegs*
2010 Exhibition catalogue *Resonanzen – Bremer Kulturen mit Before Unity*
2011 Exhibition catalogue 7. Wiesbadener Fototage – Wagnis Fotografie with Unity 1997 - 2011

Press (selection)

2006 Profifoto Nabiha & Thom UNITY, 6 pages
2006 KUNSTZEITUNG 116 „Die Galerie 11 von Gruner + Jahr / Images by Nabiha Dahhan and Thom“ /
Isabelle Hofmann
2006 TV report RBB (Rundfunk Berlin Brandenburg) „Heimat Journal / Heute aus Berlin“ / Exhibition
UNITY / *Love is the Message*, Galerie Storckower Bogen / Karla Kniestedt
2007 Interview Bavarian Open Radio *Verliebt, verlobt, verheiratet, fotografiert* / Felicia Reinstedt
2008 DIE ZEIT / CAMPUS Studentenwerke / „Schnappküsse“ („Snap-Kisses“)
Unity Art Nabiha & Thom, 5 pages / Malin Schulz
2010 TV report about *The Big Bodyworlds Artists Night* April 29 2010, broadcasting „Weserzeit“ on April 30
2010 18:00 Uhr featuring Thom as winner of the first prize and Nabiha /
Jagoda Przybyl, editorial department center.tv
2010 Several reports about *The Big Bodyworlds Artists Night and Thom's first prize*
in Kreiszeitung, Nordeseezeitung, NWZ Online, Campus TV and others
2010 GEO magazine, lead story „Paarforschung / What keeps us together“ with
41 UNITY images 1997 – 2010 double-spread
2010 Interview *Radio Bremen/Funkhaus Europa* / Anke Wiebersiek
2010 GEO International magazine – worldwide in 18 countries – lead story „Paarforschung / What keeps
us together“ with 41 UNITY images 1997 – 2010 double-spread
2011 Live performance *Katapult „Babbel Night“*, Frankfurt, presenting „14 years UNITY“

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Exhibitions Nabiha (excerpt)

- 2000 Abstractions, Zapp, London
2001 Degree Show *Is a self-portrait a portrait of the self?*, The Old Trumanbrewery, London
2004 Degree Show *The Dream*, University of Applied Sciences, Bielefeld
2004 *The Dream*, Photokina, Köln
2004 klubfoto *At Night*, PPS Gallery, Hamburg
2005 *The Dream, Best of Aplanat*, Aplanat Gallery for Photography, Hamburg
2005 klubfoto *Respect*, 3. Triennial of Photography, Hamburg
2005 klubfoto *Respect*, Photosummer Stuttgart
2005 *The Dream*, Hypegallery, Rencontres d'Arles
- 2006 Solo Show UNITY, Gallery 11, Gruner + Jahr, Hamburg
2006 Guided Tours UNITY, Long Museum Night, Gallery 11, Gruner + Jahr, Hamburg
2006 klubfoto *Berühmt/Famous*, Gruner + Jahr Foyer, Hamburg
2006 *The Dream*, Gallery Maria Kohl, Darmstadt Days of Photography
2006 Nordaufnahme 2006, Design Centre, Bremen
2006 UNITY, *Love is the message*, Gallery Storkower Bogen, Berlin
2006 klubfoto *Berühmt/Famous*, Martin Gropius Bau, European Month of Photography, Berlin
2006 UNITY, *gesichtet – Das Portrait in der aktuellen Kunst/Portraiture in contemporary Art*, Annual Exhibition Federal Association of Artists of the Fine Arts, Städtische Galerie im Buntentor, Bremen
- 2007 UNITY, *Bremer Förderpreis für Bildende Kunst 2006/Bremen Award for Fine Arts*, Städtische Galerie im Buntentor, Bremen
2007 Solo Show *Tales from India*, Nehru Centre, Cultural Wing of the High Commission of India, London
2007 klubfoto *Berühmt/Famous*, Fotosommer Stuttgart
2007 UNITY, *Women's Art Festival*, Aleppo, Syrien
2007 *Faith, Love, Hope*, Hafenumuseum, Bremen
2008 Solo Show, Steven P. Carnarius, Bamberg
2008 BBK Group Show, Bunker F 38, Bremen
2008 klubfoto *Privat/Private*, Museum für Arbeit, Hamburg
2008 Presentation UNITY 1997 – 2008, DIE ZEIT/CAMPUS, Photokina 2008
2008 klubfoto *Privat/Private*, Uferhallen, Berlin | as part of the Third Month of Photography Berlin 2008
- 2009 Presentation for the group show *The Christmas Photo Album*, Ost-Galerie, Moskow
2009 Group show Nordaufnahme *örtlich nördlich*, *The Knochenhauer Sessions*, Ostfriesisches Landesmuseum, Emden
2009 Group show Nordaufnahme *örtlich nördlich*, *The Knochenhauer Sessions*, Landesmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte, Oldenburg 2
2009 Group show UNITY *Woodstock 1969 - 2009*, Galleria Studio 44, Genova, Italien
- 2010 Group show Nordaufnahme *örtlich nördlich*, *The Knochenhauer Sessions*, Nordwolle Delmenhorst Nordwestdeutsches Museum für Industriekultur
2010 Group show Nordaufnahme *örtlich nördlich*, *The Knochenhauer Sessions*, Kunsthalle Worpswede
2010 Nomination for the exhibition of the Big Bodyworlds Artist's Night, Bremen with *Grace*
2010 Group show klubfoto *Unterwegs*, Cap San Diego, Hamburg
2010 Group show *Resonanzen – Bremer Kulturen* with the solo project *Before Unity*, Villa Ichon, Bremen
- 2011 Yellow Chain Dance, Malaysia 2009 (video), CologneOFF 2011 in Riga, Waterpieces Contemporary Art & Video Festival Riga/Latvia
2011 UNITY 1997–2011, 7. Wiesbadener Fototage, Thalhaus Galerie
2011 UNITY 1997–2011, 7. Wiesbadener Fototage, Nassauischer Kunstverein
2012 *Metamorphosen*, Galerie Jellybrain / Oliver von Feistmantl, Wien

Awards

- 2006 Nomination for the *Bremen Award for Fine Arts 2006* with UNITY
2010 First prize, *The Big Bodyworlds Artists Night*, Bremen with *Unity of Mind*
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Vita Unity Art Thom

Born 1974 as Thomas Kolodziej in Katowice, Poland.
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Education

1993 - 1994 Paratrooper
1994 - 2004 Studies: Law, Universities Wuerzburg and Bremen
1996 - 2000 Stagetechician, mute and ballet, Stadttheater Wuerzburg
Since 1997 collaboration with Nabiha Dahhan, diverse productions and art projects in London, Hamburg and on photojourneys
2004 State Examination in Law
2004 Collaboration on THE DREAM
2005 - 2006 Junior Lawyer: Upper Regional Court Bremen, District Court Bremen, Public Prosecutors office Bremerhaven (juvenile delinquency), Senatskanzlei Bremen (Media Department), Law Offices
2006 Foundation of Unity Art Nabiha & Thom online studio
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