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## SHOWINGS

2026	Poetics of the Event Event	Northwestern University (Chicago, IL)
	Breakout Artist at EXPO	Chicago Artist Coalition (Chicago, IL)
	Collaboration with Aleida Perez	Foro del Dinosaurio (Mexico City, Mexico)
	ORROR Ratio	Museo Universitario El Chopo (Mexico City, Mexico)
	Materials and Processes [...]	Soft Systems at Parlouger and Ramp (Chicago, IL)
2025	Materials and Processes [...]	Soft Systems at Plot (Chinatown, LA)
	ORROR Ratio	Museum of Contemporary Art (Chicago, IL)
	ALTÆRITY	First Presbyterian Church (Chicago, IL)
	Hairless Companion Bitch	Loaves and Witches (Chicago, IL)
	Estuaries	Hidden Ideas + sthesia (Chicago, IL)
	Things We Carry	Studio Montclair (Montclair, NJ)
	Untitled installation (slippery wax[...])	Leisure (Chicago, IL)
	Body's First Architecture	Ely Center of Contemporary Art (New Haven, CT)
	digging through softness (installation)	Appendix Gallery (Chicago, IL)
	EXPO Art Chicago (DoVA)	Navy Pier (Chicago, IL)
	Split bill with Maya Odum	PO Box Collective (Chicago, IL)
	My Loser Lizard Brain	Roman Susan at Berger Park (Chicago, IL)
	Digging through Softness with Alana Ferguson	Comfort Station (Chicago, IL)
	Split bill: Where are the concubines?	W.I.H.S.H projects (Chicago, IL)
	Arte Acción Kincerañera Month	No Nation - Tangential Unspace (Chicago, IL)
	Sirens from Monolith	Tritriangle (Chicago, IL)
2024	a cooking machine to melt your heart	Siren Arts from Transformer (Asbury Park, NJ)
	Physical embodiment in multiple [...]	Senior Planet from AARP (online)
	Flooding Virgen (English + Chinese)	Dedualle Art Space (Chicago, IL)
	Flooding Virgen (Chinese subtitles)	Maoworm Short Film Screening (Taichung, Taiwan)
	poems on grieving (open mic)	FRUTAS (Chicago, IL)
	sensuality of remembering (open mic)	PO Box Collective (Chicago, IL)
	How to domesticate Tina (the prequel)	The Lawn (Chicago, IL)
	2024 Artist to Watch artist talk	Comfort Station (Chicago, IL)
	sweat to melt your heart	Graham Foundation (Chicago, IL)
	Tribute to Pope.L	Jessica Stockholder: For Events (Chicago, IL)
	March 24th screening	Kai Inhs + Brett Swensen (Chicago, IL)
2023	Dinosaur visits the gala	Hyde Park Art Center gala (Chicago, IL)
	(swim/survival/sink/soft) TANKING	center • part (Logan Center Exhibitions, IL)
	Two sided frames: Bleeding on my pla	Summer Saudade (Art y Honey online)
	Do you know the pain? Foot's the limi	M. G. Nelson Gallery (Springfield, IL)
	MFA Thesis Show	center • part (Logan Center Exhibitions, IL)
	Mold resiliency paws in place	Pawing The Ground In Place (Logan Gallery, IL)
	Do you know the pain? Foot's the limi	Meadows Gallery (University of Texas at Tyler, TX)
	A perspective on embodiment [...]	Senior Planet from AARP (online)
	Sleeping beauty wakes up	Northern District of Illinois Court (Chicago, IL)
	A hard baby reflects	Chat About Workshop (Logan Center 802, IL)
2022	Lecture performance as C. Tai Tai	Diasporic Practices in Contemporary Art (Logan Center, IL)
	A hard baby cleans	Logan Center Terrace (University of Chicago, IL)
	A hard baby buries	The Kiln House (Logan Center, IL)
	Life quantized	Arts and Science Collaboration Grant (Midway Studios, IL)
	A hard baby's leg armor	Artifacts of Sentience (Monte Vista Projects, CA)
	A hard baby: OOPS I did it again	Essex Flowers Flowers Festival (Essex Gallery, NY)

	A hard baby searches and strolls [...]	Artifacts of Sentience (Monte Vista Projects, CA)
	A hard baby climbs to (fake sugary) success	The Moving Company and Friends at FiveMyles Gallery (Crown Heights, NY)
	Washing+精靈 @ Church	27 Contact Hours (St. Felicitas Church, IL)
	Washing+精靈: poncho triptych	Roots: New Growth (Center for Visual Arts, WI)
	A hard baby's leg armor	Artifacts of Sentience (Monte Vista Projects, CA)
2021	死角/ esquinas mías// Closed for [...]	Dissolving Borders (New LatinX Collective online, NY)
	Washing+精靈	Logan Center Studios (University of Chicago, IL)
2020	Performative Massage	A Happening (Collective View, NY)
	Un-Becoming	Celebrating Slowness (The Moving Company + Friends, NY)
	self portrait	Corona Care + (Field Projects Gallery, NY)
	Wrinkled	Final showing (EMERGENYC 2020, NY)
	¿comfortidades'[...]?	Group showing (Exponential Festival, NY)
	Functional Aesthetics	Fall Open Call group showing (MAIDENLA, CA)
	死角/ esquinas mías// Closed for [...]	Fundraiser group showing (Adeline Yoga, CA)
	¿comodidades?	Artifacts of Sentience (SUPERCOLLIDER, CA)
	Thirst	Contagion Cabaret group showing (Dixon Place, NY)
	Pedestal of Light	Performance Anxiety group showing (Chinatown Soup, NY)
	Candylicious	Breaking Ground Festival (Tempe Center for the Arts, AZ)
2019	Quench	Exponential Festival (Para\el Performance Space, NY)
	Candylicious	Commune group showing (New York Live Arts, NY)
	Water Me	OFFLINE: Thrive group showing (Nimbus Dance, NJ)
	Water Me	Vital Materials group showing (Local Project Art Space, NY)
	Quenching Thirst	Inundation, [...] group showing (House of Solutions, NY)
	Thirsty	Milk Press Happenings (Poetry Festival, NY)
	Thirst	Multiversant group show (ChaShaMa Gallery NY)
	Filtering through [...]	Group showing (Para/el Performance, NY)
	Heavy Cushions	Immigrant Artist Biennial Fundraiser (Radiator Gallery, NY)
2017	Wedding Mat	Flakes of Dreams' invited guest showing (RESOBOX, NY)
2013	Keep Going	Movement Research Mondays (Judson Memorial Church, NY)
	On Support	Howl Performance Series group showing (Brooklyn, NY)
		Ballet Arts (New York City Center)
		The Kennedy Dancers Repertory Center (New Jersey, NY)

## EDUCATION

2021-2023	Masters of Fine Arts in Visual Arts (University of Chicago, IL)
2021-2023	Sadhana Studies/500 Hour Iyengar Yoga Teacher Training (Adeline Yoga, CA)
2019-2020	Iyengar Yoga Teacher Training (Iyengar Institute of New York, NY)
2019	Crossfit Dutchkills and Crossfit and Strongman Training (Astoria, NY)
2018	Anatomy Training for Yoga Teachers (Yoga 216, NY)
2015-2016	200 Hour Teacher Training (The Yoga Room, Queens)
2014-2016	Masters of Science in Translation Studies (New York University, NY)
2012	Summer Intensive (American Dance Festival, NC)
2011-2013	Certificate Program in Dance Performance (Peridance Capezio Center, NY)
2007-2011	Bachelors of Art in Psychology and Dance (Washington University, MO)

## PUBLICATIONS and REVIEWS

2025	Introducing The Old Tai and Beijing Shichahai	Femme Art Review	London, Ontario
	Digging through Softness	Performance Response Journal	Chicago, IL
2024	not knowing or what does knowing [...]	Plumas Revista	Salt Lake City, UT

2023	Chat About 2023-2024 Meet D. Tai Tai Performance Excess (center • part) Chatted About: A Conversation on Resistance and Belonging	with Tianjiao Wang Canvas Rebel David Sami with Carla Nuñez-Hernandez	Chicago, IL (Online) centerpart.site Chat About Chicago, IL
2022	For you, for me (at Goldilocks Zone) Mexico: Near and Far, a la distancia	Sunspot Literary Journal UChicago DoVA	Durham, NC Chicago, IL
2018	Permission to Touch a Virtual/Real Performer	Medium	Chicago, IL (Online)

### TEACHING and ASSISTING

2025	Rehearsal Assistant Adjunct Professor	Tamar Ettun at Jewish Museum School of Art and Art History: <i>Winter 2025 Graduate Committee</i>	New York, NY University of Illinois Chicago, IL
2024-2026 2023-2024	Dance Instructor Teaching Fellow	Lincoln Park Cultural Center Department of Visual Arts: <i>On Images: Translating embodied knowledge to mark making and On Objects: physicality in non-body things</i>	Chicago, IL University of Chicago, IL
2024 2021-2023	Guest Artist Course Assistant	Ceyhun Firat's Asian Art Class Department of Visual Arts at the University of Chicago for Catherine Sullivan, Scott Wolniack, Laura Letinsky, Julia Phillips, Geof Oppenheimer, and Amber Ginsburg	Carthage College, IL Chicago, IL
2023	Guest Teacher	Tamar Ettun's Performance Class	Columbia University, NY
2021 2016-2021 2019	Curriculum Specialist Technology Trainer Guest Critic	Senior Planet from AARP Senior Planet Performance Class by Tamar Ettun	New York, NY New York, NY Parsons, NY
2018 2017-2018 2016-2018 2016-2020	Teaching Artist Rehearsal Director Teaching Artist Rehearsal Assistant Yoga Instructor	The Sable Project Tamar Ettun's The Moving Company  LIVunLTD	Stockbridge, VT Barrick Museum, NV Crown Heights, NY New York, NY New York, NY

### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, and RESIDENCIES

2026	New City Breakout Artist LATITUDE Residency (Chicago, IL)		
2025	Neo-Futurist Infinite Wretch Ensemble Finalist (Chicago, IL) LATITUDE Residency Top 20th Semi-Finalist (Chicago, IL) Stove Works Residency Finalist Waitlist (Chattanooga, TN)		
2024	Chicago Dancemakers Lab Artists Program Top 20th Semi-Finalist (Chicago, IL) Vermont Studio Center November 3-21 Residency Invitation (Johnson, VT) 2024 Artist to Watch (Comfort Station, IL) EAT: Economics. Arts. Transformation (Creative Time, NY) Graham Foundation Grant (EXPO Art, IL) Green Box Arts Residency Semi-Finalist (Green Mountain Falls, CO) Movement and Yoga Art Residency (The First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, IL)		

2023	Graduate Council Community, Wellness, and Social Fund (University of Chicago, IL)
2022	Graduate Council Research Fund (University of Chicago, IL) Humanities Division Conference Travel Grant (University of Chicago, IL)
2022-2023	Blessings Fund for Apprenticeship with Heather Haxo Phillips (Adeline Yoga, CA)
2022	Arts, Science, Culture + Initiative Grant (University of Chicago, IL) Graduate Council Personal Development Fund (University of Chicago, IL)
2021-2023	Dean's Scholarship (University of Chicago, IL)
2021	Summer Artist in Residence (MOtiVE Brooklyn, NY)
2020	Artist Relief Fund (New York Foundation for the Arts, NY, California Arts Council, CA, Dance/NYC, NY) Artist in Residence for Mark Dendy (American Dance Festival online, SC) Summer Artist in Residence (The Floor at Atlantic, NY) Fellowship through The Hemispheric Institute (EMERGENYC 2020 online, NY)
2019	Taller profesional para artistas Latinx (Creative Capital, NY) Summer Guest Artist (The Sable Project, VT) Spaces to Present with the NYFA IAP group (ChaShaMa, NY)
2018-2019	Immigrant Artist Mentorship Program (New York Foundation for the Arts, NY)
2016-2019	O1B Artist Visa (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, USA)

#### SELECT WORK AS PERFORMER

2026	TBA	Shir Ende	Richard Gray Gallery, IL
2025	How to Trap a Demon	Tamar Ettun	Jewish Museum, NY
	Movement-Generated Architecture	Shir Ende	INVERSE Festival, Bentonville, AK
	Constructions	Shir Ende	Chicago Architecture Biennial, IL
	Spilling, sprawling, and other ways of building	Shir Ende	Roman and Susan, Chicago, IL
	Babbles (Lost Boys)	Lizzy May + Keli Gunn	Theater Y Chicago, IL
2024	Remy Charlip's score	Shir Ende	Patient Info, Chicago, IL
	Fête, galante et volupté	Jan Brugger	The Lawn, Chicago, IL
2023	Lit and Luz Festival	Edra Soto and Adalber Salas Hernández	MCA, Chicago, IL
2022	almost	Donna Costello	CPR, NY
	Hate and Grief	Pope.L	University of Chicago, IL
2021	almost (work in progress)	Donna Costello	Arts on Site, NY
	underground	estrellx supernova	Counterpulse online, CA
2020	almost (in the frame)	Donna Costello	FEAST online, NY
	A Letter From Future Past	Hanae Utamura	Brooklyn Museum, NY
	Relational Economies	Stefanos Tsivopoulos	The 8th Floor, NY
2019	Relational Economies w/ Rebecca Pristoop	Stefanos Tsivopoulos	The 8th Floor, NY
	Whose Is A Place	The Moving Company	Art Lot, NY
	Whose Is A Place		Elmhurst Sculpture Garden, NY
	Dead Sea	Tamar Ettun	Pioneer Works, NY
	Study 206	Ariel Asch	92nd Street Y, NY
2018	The Let Go	Nick Cave	Park Avenue Armory, NY
	Blue and Orange	Tamar Ettun's The Moving Company	Times Square 10, NY
	Excerpts of Blue Studies #6		NADA Art Fair, NY
		Tingying Ma	Chambers Art Gallery, NY
2017	Part: PINK	Tamar Ettun's The Moving	Katonah Art Museum, NY

		Company	
	Part: PINK		The Battery Park, NY
	Studies #7	Tingying Ma	Exponential Festival, NY
	Studies #5		Judson Church, NY
	Studies #4		Current Sessions, NY
	Studies #3		ITINERANT Festival, NY
	Part PINK: Playshop	Tamar Ettun's The Moving Company	Leon Charney Center, Israel
2016	I dreamt of the elections		Danspace, NY
	Part: YELLOW		Bryant Park, NY
	Cafe Le Monde	Tatiana Pandiani	Connelley Theater, NY
2015	1989: A Musical Play		Columbia University, NY
	Pre-Midnight	Tamar Ettun's The Moving Company	Andrea Meislin Gallery, NY
	A Mauve Bird with [...]		The Watermill Center, NY
	Alulua in Blue		Fridman Gallery, NY
2014	It's Not A Question [...]		Abrons Arts, NY
	Be Human With Me	Indie Ballet Collaborative	CPR, NY
	I Am New York	Maija Garcia	Museo Del Barrio, NY
	Still Acts	Tamar Ettun's The Moving Company	La MaMa, NY
	The Last Days of Folly		Madison Square Park, NY
2013	Art Prototype	Francesca Harper	Summerstage, NY