

# LES FILLES DU CALVAIRE

**LAIA ABRIL**

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## SOLO SHOWS

- 2027** Solo exhibition, Galerie Les filles du calvaire, Paris, France
- 2026** *On Rape*, International Center of Photography, New York, United States
- 2025** *On Abortion*, Fundació Vila Casas, Palau Solterra, Torroella de Montgrí, Barcelona, Spain  
*On Mass Hysteria*, Le Bal, Paris, France
- 2024** *On Mass Hysteria*, Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland
- 2023** *On Abortion*, FotoArsenal Wien, Vienna, Austria  
*On Healing*, Set Espai d'Art, Valencia, Spain  
*On Mass Hysteria*, Photo Elysée, Suisse & The Finnish Museum of photography, Helsinki, Finland  
*On Rape*, Neimenster, Luxembourg, Luxembourg  
*Menstruation Myths*, L'Appartement - Espace Images Vevey, Switzerland
- 2022** *On Rape*, V&A and Photoworks, London, United Kingdom
- 2021** *On Rape*, Musée des Beaux Arts, Le Locle, Switzerland  
*On Rape*, FOAM, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2020** *On Rape*, Foam Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*On Abortion*, The Museum of Sex, New York, United States  
*On Rape*, BIP, Biennale de l'Image Possible, Liege, Belgium  
*On Rape*, Galerie Les filles du calvaire, Paris, France
- 2019** *On Abortion*, Fondation Foto Colectania, Barcelona, Spain  
*On Abortion*, Valokuva, Helsinki, Finland  
*On Abortion*, Centro de la Imagen, Mexico city, Mexico
- 2018** *On Abortion*, Maison des Metalos, Paris, France  
*On Abortion*, Foto Forum, Bolzano, Italy  
*Suyay*, Centre de la Photographie, Genève, Switzerland  
*On Abortion*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2017** *On Abortion*, City of Women, Ljubjiana, Slovenia  
*Lobismuller*, Museo Municipal de Ourense, Ourense, Spain  
*Menstruation Myths*, Festival PhotoReporter, Saint Brieuc, France  
*Lobismuller*, Fotoleggendo, Rome, Italy
- 2016** *On Abortion*, Photo Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkiye  
*On Abortion*, Les Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, France  
*Lobismuller Images Festival*, Vevey, Switzerland  
*The Asexuals Project*, Galerie im Taxispalais, Vienna, Austria
- 2015** *On Eating Disorders*, Docfield Festival, Barcelona, Spain  
*Tediousphilia*, Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne, Switzerland  
*The Epilogue*, 001 Gallery, Rome, Italy

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**2013** *Thinspiration*, Contraluz Gallery, Pamplona, Spain

**2010** *Femme Love*, Studio la Città Gallery, Vérone, Italy

## GROUP SHOWS

**2026** *Les bonnes mères*, MUCEM, Marseille, France

**2025** *On Rape*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

**2024** *Harm Reduction*, Macba, Barcelona, Spain  
*On Rape*, C/O Berlin, Berlin, Germany  
*On Abortion*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

**2023** *Corps à Corps* displaying *On Abortion*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
*Sade Freedom or evil Ft. On Rape*, au CCCB, Barcelona, Spain  
*Menstruation Myths Foto Wien*, Atelier Augarten, Vienna, Austria

**2022** *Menstruation Myths*, Photo Wien, Vienna, Austria

**2021** *Les Résistantes Ft. Menstruation Myths*, L'Onde, Paris, France  
*In Progress Ft. Menstruation Myths*, RPS, Bristol, United Kingdom  
*Reproductive: Health, Fertility, Agency Ft. On Abortion*, MoCP, Chicago, United States  
*Dear Truth Ft. On Abortion*, Hasselblad Foundation, Göteborg, Denmark

**2019** Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize 2019, The Photographer's Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
Festival Potentiality, Kaapeli Museum, Helsinki, Finland

**2018** *Vigilance, Struggle, Pride*, Umetnostna galerija Maribor, Maribor, Slovenia  
*Losbimuller*, Galerie Les filles du calvaire, Paris, France  
*Menstruation Myths*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb, Croatia

**2017** *Swing State*, Rojas + Rubenstein Gallery, Miami, United States  
*The Epilogue*, Setba Gallery, Barcelona, Spain  
*Las17 part of Fotopress*, CaixaForum, Barcelona, Spain  
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*Photobook Phenomenon*, CCCB, Barcelona, Spain  
*Up to now*, Fotografia Europea, Reggio Emilia, Italy

**2016** *Situations #45*, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland  
*Nuevos relator fotográficos*, Arts Santa Mònica, Barcelona, Spain  
*Feminine Masculine*, Photo50, London Art Fair, London, United Kingdom  
*Mapping the Body*, Taxispalais Gallery, Innsbruck, Vienna, Austria

**2015** *Thinspiration*, Mois de la Photo, Montreal, Canada  
*(No)Privacy exhibition*, Fotodok, Utrecht, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*When we share more than ever*, Museum Fur Kunst und Gewerbe, PhotoTriennale, Hamburg, Germany

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*Afterlife*, Athens PhotoFestival, Athens, Greece  
*Under 35*, IvoryPress, Madrid, Spain  
*Do you hear me* Fotodok, Utrecht, Amsterdam, Netherlands

**2014** *On Identity*, Sous Les Etoiles Gallery, New York, United States  
Fotografía 2.0, PhotoEspaña Festival, Madrid, Spain  
Body Conscious Amelie A. Wallace Gallery, Old Westbury, New York, United States  
*I ARTIST*, PhotoFestiwal, Łódź, Poland

**2013** *From Here On*, Arts Santa Mònica, Barcelona, Spain

**2010** Ian Parry Getty Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
Domèstic Caja Madrid, Barcelona, Spain

## AWARDS

**2023** Shortlisted Kraszna-Krausz Book Awards

**2022** Recipient Honorary Fellowship, Royal Photography Society

**2020** Foam Paul Huf Award

**2019** Shortlisted, Deutsche Börse Prize  
Recipient Magnum Foundation Grant  
Recipient Hood Medal, Royal Photography Society  
Nominee Deutsche Borse  
Nominated Prix Elysée

**2018** Shortlisted Paris Photo-Aperture Award

**2017** ICP-Infinity Awards, Artist book nomination  
ICP-Infinity Awards, Emergent talent nomination  
Visionary Award, nominated  
Catchlight Grant, nominated  
Foam Paul Huf Award, nominated  
ICP-Infinity Awards, Art, nominated  
Best PhotoBook, PhotoEspaña, finalist

**2016** Prix de la Photo Madame Figaro-Rencontres Arles  
Fotopres Grant  
Revelación Award PhotoEspaña

**2015** Festival Images, Book Award  
Best PhotoBook, PhotoEspaña, finalist  
Foam Paul Huf Award, nominated

**2014** Aperture, First Book Award, shortlisted  
EPF Burn Magazine, finalist  
Joop Swart Masterclass, nominated

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- 2013** Prix Pictet, pre-selected  
Kassel Dummy Award, shortlisted  
Center Juror's Choice Award  
PhotoLucida Critical Mass, nominated  
Magnum Foundation, nominated
- 2012** EPF Burn Magazine, finalist  
Joop Swart Masterclass, nominated  
Lumix Prix Photojournalism, finalist  
Pla(t)Form, FotoMuseum Winterthur  
Fotovisura, finalist
- 2010/11** Lago Film Fest, International Selection  
ANI prix, selected  
Ian Parry Award, finalist  
Albarracín Festival, scholarship
- 2009** Ian Parry Award, finalist

## COLLECTIONS

- 2025** CNAP, Paris, France  
Musée Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain
- 2021** Musée de L'Elysée, Lausanne, Switzerland  
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2020** Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, United States
- 2020** Museum of Sex, New York, United States
- 2019** FotoColectania, Barcelona, Spain
- 2017** FRAC Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Marseille, France
- 2016** Madame Figaro-Arles collection, Arles, France
- 2015** MNAC Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- 2014** Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2013** Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland

## MONOGRAPHS

- 2024** On Mass Hysteria, Edition Delpire

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- 2022** On Rape Culture, Dewi Lewis
- 2017** On Abortion, Dewi Lewis
- 2016** Lobismuller, RM-Image Festival
- 2014** Tediousphilia; Musée de l'Elysée  
The Epilogue, Dewi Lewis Publishing
- 2012** Thinspiration Fanzine, Self-published

## CATALOGUES

- 2017** Photobook Phenomenon, RM  
Up to Now, FABRICA
- 2016** Laia Abril, Photobolsillo, La Fabrica  
Nuevos Relatos Fotográficos, La Fabrica  
Mapping the body, TaxisPalais Gallery
- 2015** Post-Photographic Condition Mois de la Photo  
Under 35 IvoryPress  
When we share more than ever, Museum Fur Kunst und Gewerbe
- 2013** From Here On Arts Santa Mònica, RM  
Diccionario de fotógrafos Españoles, La Fábrica  
Mapping the body, TaxisPalais Gallery

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