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Dupré lives and work in Orléans, France and published regularly her research, contributing to <https://www.lacritique.org/author/francoise-dupre/>

<https://francoisedupre.com>

<https://doraproject.wordpress.com/>

<http://axisweb.org>

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### **Solo exhibitions**

- 2017. *Tracing lace*, Peckham Festival, Haymerle Road [ space ] studio 216, London, UK
- 2015. *Belles îles flottantes*, Camberwell Arts Festival, Haymerle Road [ space ] studio 216, London, UK
- 2013-2012. *AOI (étrangère)*, La Vitrine, Paris, France
- 2012. *étoile*, The Gallery at Idea Store Whitechapel, London, UK
- 2011. *Spirals*, Lion Brand Yarn Studio, New York, USA
- 2011. *autre mers (other seas)*, Women's Library, London Metropolitan University, London, UK
- 2009. *Mille-fleurs* Cejvan Cehaja Hamam, Mostar, French Institute in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2007. *joie de faire (the making of stuff)*, Menier Chocolate Factory Gallery, London, UK
- 2004. *parterres*, Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia
- 2004. *de fil en aiguille... snáth nasc*, IMMA, Dublin and Kilkenny City Gallery, Ireland

### **Group exhibitions**

- 2020. *Threads*, Five2Watch, Axis website
- 2017-15. *Migrations* touring Kaneko Centre, Omaha, Nebraska, USA and National College of Art & Design Gallery, Dublin, Ireland; ADspace, UNSWA&D, Sydney, Australia, Huddersfield Art Gallery, UK
- 2014. *Knitting Nottingham*, Bonington Gallery, Nottingham, UK
- 2011. *Mailles*, Maison du Danemark, Paris, France
- 2009-07. *Radical Lace & Subversive Knitting*, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, and touring, USA
- 2006. *Blurring the Boundaries: Fashion Design Innovation in Contemporary Knitting*, Fairfield City Museum and Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2006-05. *Knit 2 Together Concepts in Knitting*, Crafts Council England, London, touring, UK and Ireland

### **Commissions**

- 2012. Royal London Hospital, Vital Arts (Barts and The London NHS Trust), London, UK
- 2008. The Barkantine, Barts & The London NHS Trust, Isle of Dogs, London, UK
- 2008. Paintings in Hospitals Loan Collection, UK
- 2007-2006 *joie de faire (the making of stuff)*, Paintings in Hospitals Alexandra Reinhardt Memorial Award Artist residency, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK

### **Commissioned and published texts and chapters**

- 2026. *Fil Rouge (Red Thread)*. In Encyclopedia of World Textiles, Volume 4, Color, London: Bloomsbury
- 2024. *Transparaître, Gaëlle Bosser et Lucie Damond, une pratique transversale*. In Nos paris critiques, lacritique.org edited by Christian Gattinoni, Paris: Naima
- 2024. *Lucie Damond, une pratique transversale*. In lacritique.org
- 2023. *Magdalena Abakanowicz Every Tangle of Thread and Rope*. In lacritique.org
- 2014. *From Brixton to Mostar, social practice through textiles*. In Cultural Threads edited by Jessica Hemmings, London: Bloomsbury
- 2008. *Making Stuff*, Summer/Autumn Dialogue journal, Axis, [www.axisweb.org/dialogue/francoisedupre](http://www.axisweb.org/dialogue/francoisedupre)
- 2005. *de fil en aiguille... snáth nasc*, CONTEXTS Arts and Practice in Ireland, Vol 4 issue 2/2005, The Art Work Issue, pp 60-67, Dublin

## Published exhibition catalogues and artworks

- 2011. Textile: The Journal of Cloth and Culture. Front cover Volume 9 Issue 3
- 2011. *autre mers (other seas), Crafting the everyday, here and there*, exhibition booklet
- 2009 OUVRAGE [uvra:ž] French Cultural Centre, Mostar, French Institute in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2009 *exotic mk* Milton Keynes Gallery's Offsite Education Programme, exhibition booklet
- 2008 Project B: *sebilj* exhibition booklet
- 2006 Axis Seasons Greetings set of postcards
- 2007 Project B: *avlja* exhibition leaflet
- 2007 *joie de faire (the making of stuff)* publication Article Press, distributed by Central Books
- 2005 *Knit 2 Together Concepts in Knitting*, Crafts Council England

## Collaborative-participatory projects

Between 2003 and 2016, Dupré successfully developed a collaborative-participatory model of art making in the social, working mostly with women groups, using textile for its plasticity and sociability, its cultural specificity and transnationalism. Her socially engaged practice and strategic use of textile are discussed in her 2014 published chapter *From Brixton to Mostar, social practice through textiles* – in *Cultural Threads* edited by [Jessica Hemmings](#).

2016-2014. DORA PROJECT, a cross-generational archiving and participatory project that addressed, through art, the contemporary relevance of the history of World War Two and early rocket engineering. In collaboration with visual and participatory artist Rebecca Snow. Peckham Platform, London, UK

2012-2011. Brixton Calling!, a collaborative and participatory project and exhibition connecting contemporary Brixton to its past - through the history of 1980s Brixton Art Gallery & Artists Collective and their archives. In collaboration with BACA (Brixton Artists Collective Archives), 198 Contemporary Arts and Education, Tate Archive, London, UK

2012-2009. St Alfege Millennium Project, Greenwich Royal Parish Church of St Alfege, London, UK

2011-2003. *here and there*, an international research project that sought to develop an ethical collaborative-participatory model of art in the public sphere  
OUVRAGE [uvra:ž] (2011-2009) French Cultural Center, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
*exotic mk* (2009) Milton Keynes gallery, UK  
*de fil en aiguille... snáth nasc* (2003) Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland

2011 and 2005. Two projects with London-based Somali Women's Group *Back to Basics* developed with group leader and textile designer Rakha Ismail.

*Farshaxanaka Dumarka, (women artists)* (2011) Women's Library, London Metropolitan University  
*Fujaan* (2006-2005) Crafts Council England commission for International touring exhibition Knit 2 Together

2008-2007. Project B, a Birmingham-based trans-national collaborative public art community project referencing the functionality of ornament and its transformative quality on architectural space. In collaboration with artist Myfanwy Johns, architect Sabina Fazlic and the Bosnian Cultural Centre-Midlands (BCCM)  
*sebilj* (2007-2008) New Generation Arts, Birmingham, UK  
*avlja* (2007) Birmingham Architecture Week & New Generation Arts, Birmingham UK