

Aleydis Rispa. *Planets and stars*

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Press Release

The foyer of the Fundació Joan Miró presents *Planets and stars*, a small-format exhibition of images by Aleydis Rispa evoking outer space

The show includes 23 photographic prints making up a fictional cosmology

***Planets and stars* will be presented at the foyer Fundació Joan Miró until 17 January, 2016**

Planets and stars is an installation that recreates a set of fictional planets with a series of photographic prints made with different materials. With this alternative cosmology, Aleydis Rispa explores something as far away as celestial bodies beyond our Solar System.

These works were made at a time (1997-2001) when the Hubble space telescope was discovering a whole host of exoplanets in remote areas of the Milky Way. The proliferation of space images in the media led the author to experiment with the idea of the universe, and to build her own imagination on this particular subject by using alternative photographic processes.

The project was driven by the artist's interest in the space race and also pays tribute to Joan Miró, who always had a very special place for planets and stars in his work.

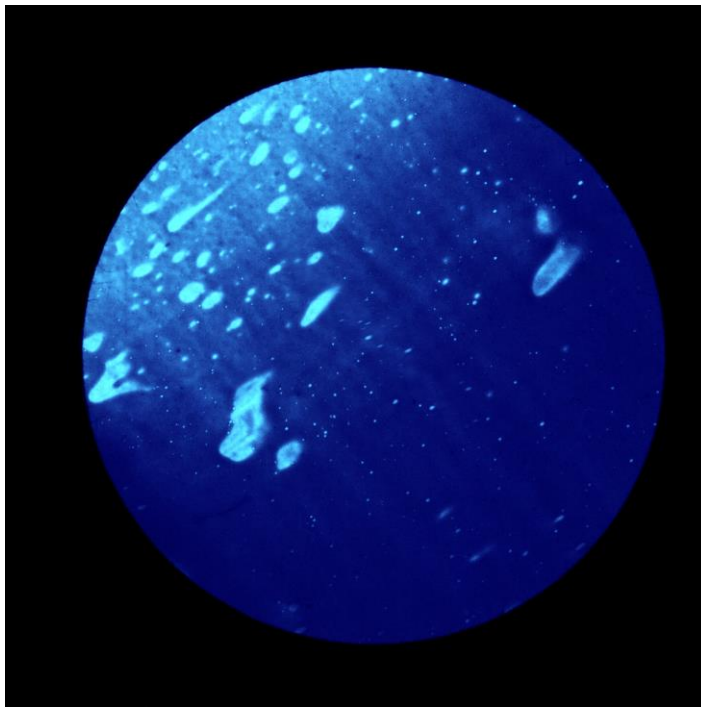
Aleydis Rispa (Sort, 1964) has always opted for a minimalist and poetic aesthetic and artistic photography. Degree in Fine Arts, specialized in imaging, by the University of Barcelona, combines artistic creation with educational projects. She has been Associate Professor of the Design and Image Department and workshop teacher at lab Photography (Faculty of Fine Arts, UB). She has also taught photography courses and workshops in various specialized schools.

In 1989 Rispa won the Photography Biennial award of Young European Artists (Barcelona City Council). Since then, she has exhibited his work, among others, at Barcelona, Lleida, Torroella de Montgrí, Sort, Castellbisbal, Tarragona, Osca, Saragossa, València, Madrid and Paris. Their projects have been published in

specialized journals such as EXIT, Analog mag, FV, Film und foto, Photovision, Café Crème, European Photography or Camera Austria, and in numerous catalogues and reference books.

Aleydis Rispa's work is represented in several collections. Among others, Fons d'Art de la Generalitat de Catalunya, MNAC (Barcelona), Fundació Vila Casas (Barcelona), Fundación Arte y Tecnología (Madrid), UNED (Madrid), University of Salamanca (Salamanca), and Julio Álvarez Sotos Collection (Zaragoza).

Since 2012, the Fundació Joan Miró programmes photography exhibitions in its foyer. Through an agreement with the heirs of Joaquim Gomis and the Catalan Government, the Fundació manages the Gomis archive, disseminates it, and promotes the study of this Catalan photographer's work. To this end, Gomis' work is temporarily exhibited in this space, alternating with exhibitions of the work of other photographers.



BSO N815 (blue stellar objet), 2001. Courtesy of Aleydis Rispa

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