

Sonya Rapoport: Yarn Drawings

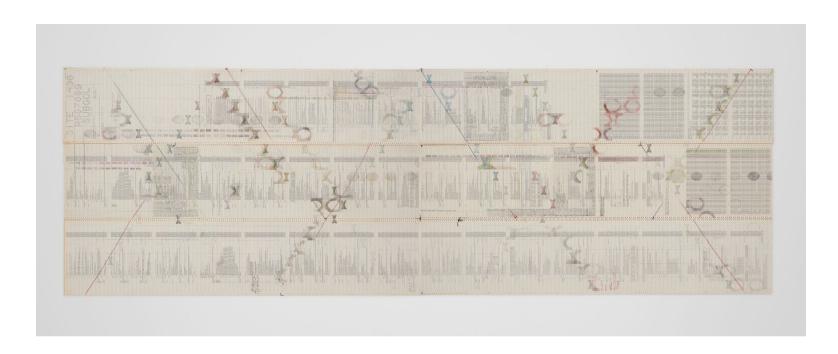
Sonya Rapoport (b. 1923, Brookline, MA; d. 2015, Berkeley, CA), who graduated with an MA in painting from UC Berkeley in 1949, was a vanguard artist who worked for six decades in the Bay Area, emerging first as an abstract expressionist painter. Prior to creating the *Yarn Drawings*, Rapoport—who had been working as a painter since the 1950s—laid down her brush for good. The *Yarn Drawings* marked a significant turning point for the artist, opening conceptual possibilities that changed the trajectory of her work, until her death in 2015 at age 92.

During the era of punch cards and room-sized "mainframe" computers, Rapoport chanced upon continuous-feed computer paper in a trash can in the basement of the UC Berkeley mathematics building. Drawn to the then-futuristic aesthetic of sprocket holes, grid lines, and cryptic inscriptions, Rapoport drew into the existing patterns with graphite, colored pencil, and ink stamps, and used colorful yarn to stitch the pages together into expansive, large-scale constructions.

The Yarn Drawings featured a set of stencils of feminist symbols Rapoport called her Nü-Shu language (after a script exclusively used by women in Hunan, China) that she'd used in paintings throughout the 1970s. In these new drawings on computer paper, overlapping chains of X chromosomes and vulva forms—tracings of a plastic uterus from an anatomy kit—frame the underlying dot matrix printed graphs.

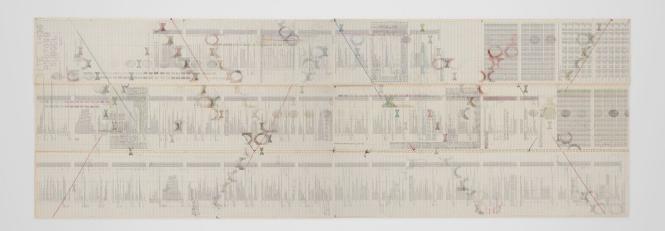
Rapoport's interest in the computer printouts was initially aesthetic; she was excited by their appearance and material presence, using the blocky printed data to structure her compositions. However, her interest quickly evolved into using code as an artmaking tool, gathering data about what she called "soft material" - her shoe collection, her nostalgic keepsakes, the ups and downs of her daily emotional state.

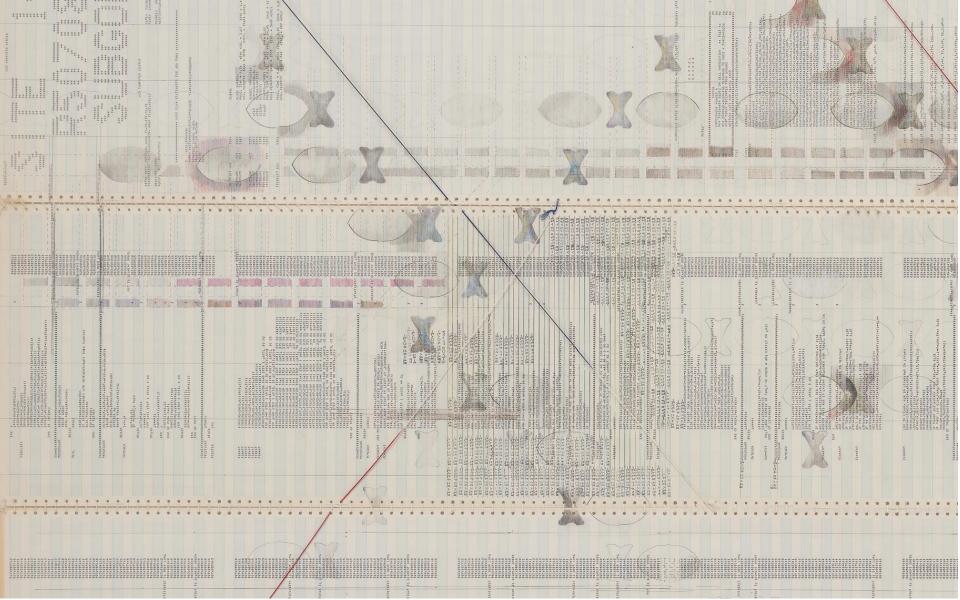
Her Yarn Drawings represent early, yet astonishingly realized examples of how computer coding and its related materials could be adapted for artmaking, while the work itself presaged the transformative role that computing would play in our everyday lives.



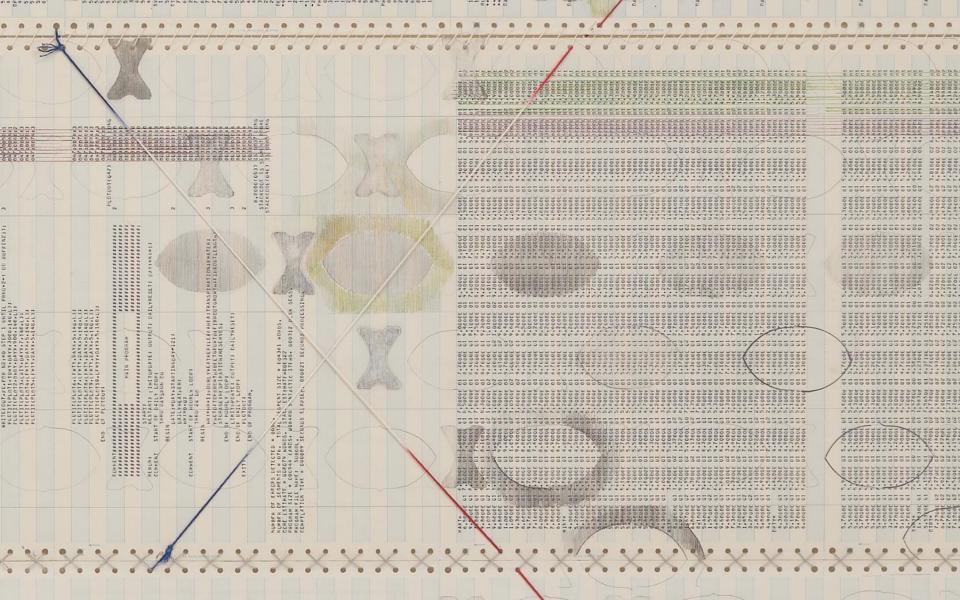
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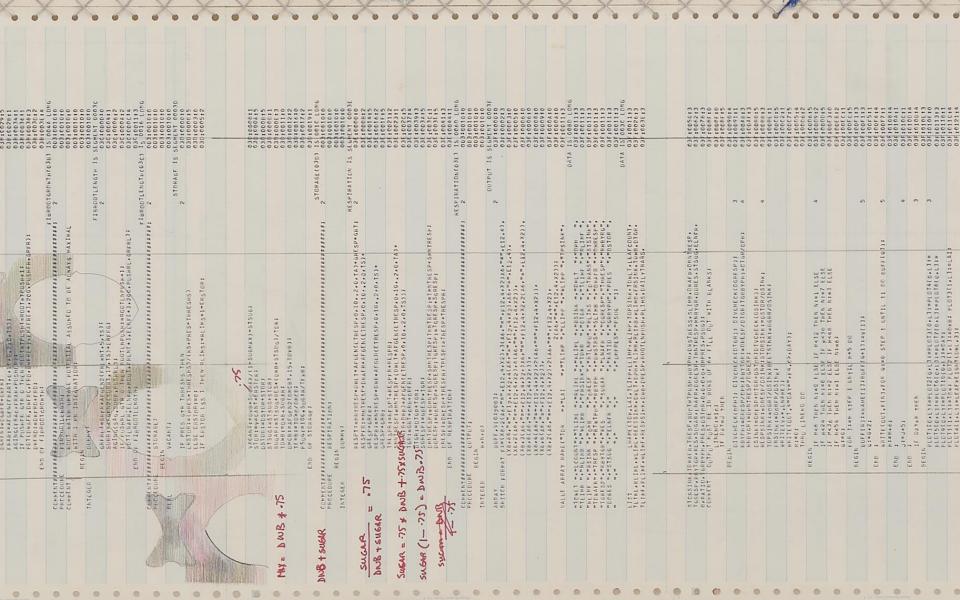
Journey, 1976
Pencil, colored pencil, stamp and thread on found continuous-feed computer paper
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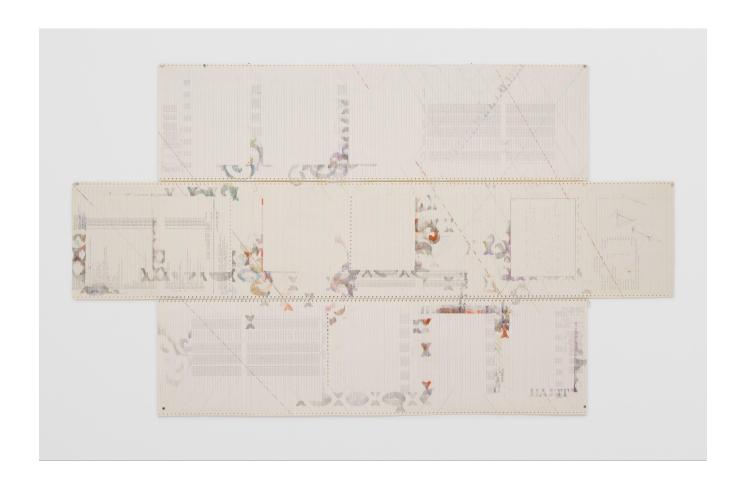




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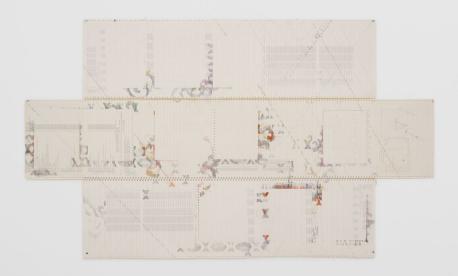
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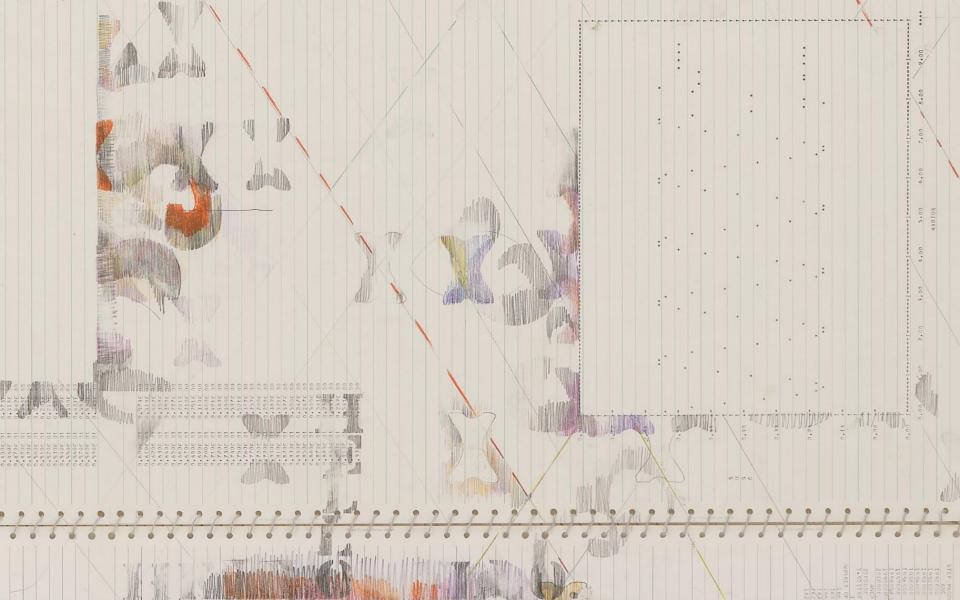
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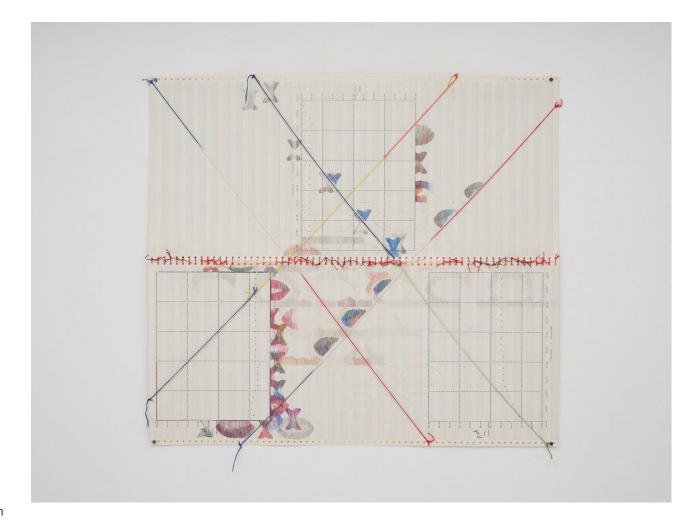
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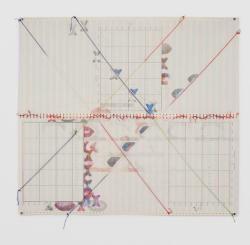
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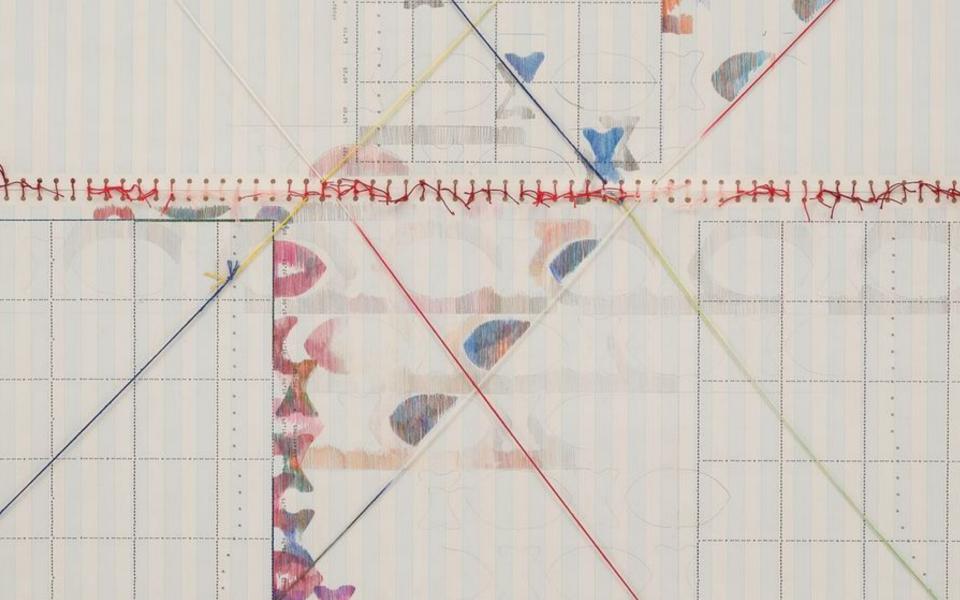


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Untitled #21, 1976

Pencil, colored pencil, ink, stamp and thread on found continuous feed computer paper 30.5 x 33 in. (34.5 x 37 in. framed) [77.47 x 83.82 cm. (87.63 x 93.98 cm. framed)] \$ 25,000.00





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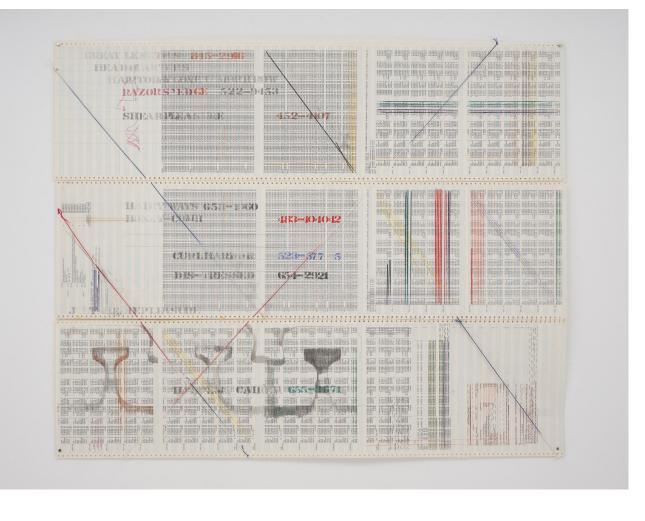
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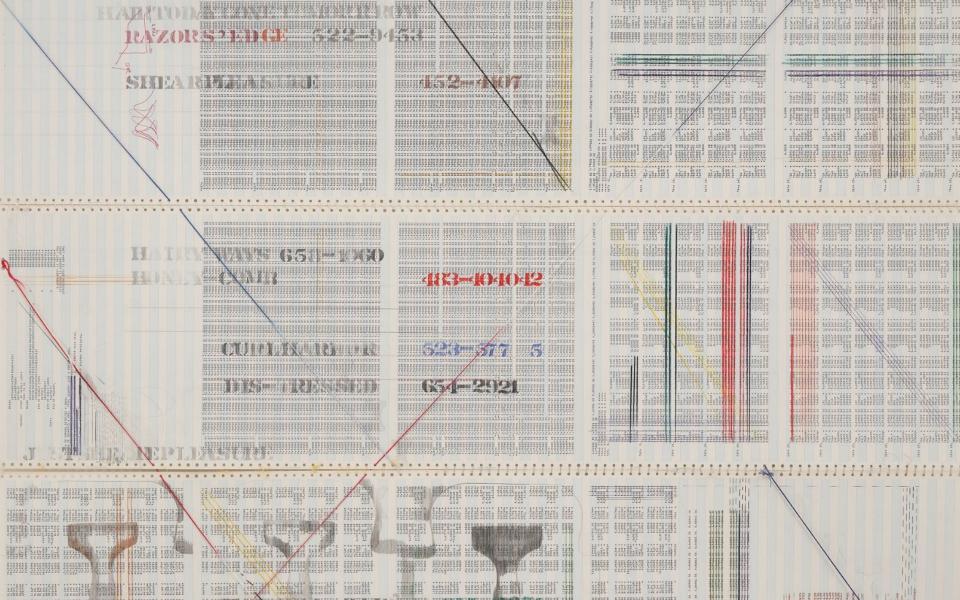
Pencil, colored pencil, stamp, ink, thread, and strands of artist's hair on found continuous-feed computer paper

45 x 55 in. (49 x 59 in. framed)

[114.30 x 139.69 cm. (124.46 x 149.86 cm. framed)]

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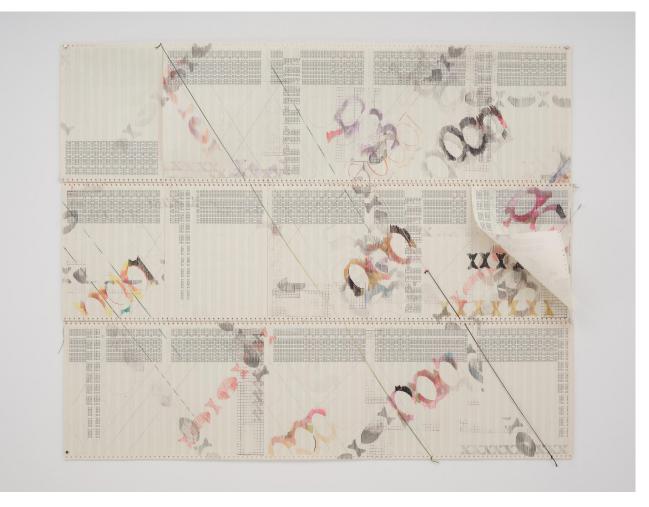




Untitled #17, 1976

Pencil, colored pencil, stamp, ink and thread on found continuous-feed computer paper $45 \times 55 \times 4$ in. $(49 \times 59 \times 5$ in. framed) [114.3 x 139.7 x 10.2 cm. (124.46 x 149.86 x 5 cm.)









"My work is an aesthetic response triggered by scientific data. The format is computer printout, a ritualistic symbol of our technological society. My concerns deal basically with reflecting the society in which I live and clarifying the scientific approach to the understanding of this reality.

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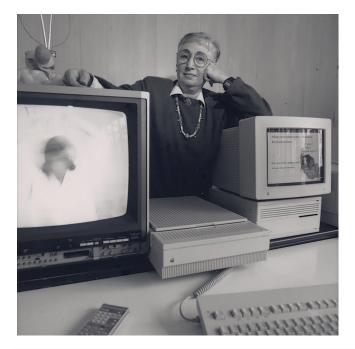
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Artist statement from An Aesthetic Response, Union Gallery, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, 1978

Sonya Rapoport: Biography

Sonya Rapoport (b. 1923, Brookline, MA; d. 2015, Berkeley, CA) was a painter, new media, and conceptual artist whose work is characterized by groundbreaking experimentation with computers and data collection, collaboration with scientists and experts in the humanities, a fascination with categorization and systems of knowledge, a consistent reinvestigation of her own earlier work, and a profound feminist mission marked by strategic forays into male dominated fields. Her career represents a unique path from high modernist painting to contemporary conceptual and new media work.

The first woman to receive an MA in Fine Art at UC Berkeley in 1949, Rapoport's Abstract Expressionist paintings were given a solo exhibition at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in 1963. She went on to explore pattern, painting on printed fabrics and developing a language of feminist stencils. In 1976 Rapoport began drawing on found computer printout paper, eventually leading to her reinvention as a digital artist. Her interactive installations of the early 1980s used computer programs to gather, process, and represent data. She was an integral part of a community of artists experimenting with and communicating via emerging computer technologies. Critical recognition of her contributions gained momentum in the last decade of her life.



She has been shown in over fifty major exhibitions nationally and internationally, including the Whitney Biennial (2006), Bienal de Arte, Buenos Aires (2002), Zero1 Biennial, Silicon Valley (2012), Violence Without Bodies, Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid (2005), and Documenta 8, Kassel, Germany (1987). She was the subject of late-career retrospective exhibitions at KALA Art Institute, Berkeley (2011), Mills College Art Museum, Oakland (2012), The Fresno Art Museum (2013) and the book *Pairing of Polarities: The Life and Art of Sonya Rapoport*, edited by Terri Cohn (Heyday, 2012). Her archives are preserved in the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley.

Education

- 1949 MA, Painting: University of California, Berkeley, CA
- 1946 BA, Labor Economics: New York University, New York, NY
- 1946 Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC
- 1946 Art Students League, New York, NY: Painting with Reginald Marsh
- 1943-1944 Boston University, Boston, pursued MA in Biology
- 1942 Columbia University, New York, NY: with John Dewey
- 1941-1942 Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA

Grants, Commissions, and Awards

- 1995 Festival of Independent Audio/Visual Arts Online
- 1995 Finalist, Voyager Competition
- 1988 California Art Council Grant, ACEN Telecommunication Project
- 1985 Eyes and Ears Foundation
- 1979 San José State University Foundation Commission, Union Gallery
- 1976 Painting Commission, City of Hayward Hall of Justice
- 1967 San Francisco Art Commission Purchase Award, SF Arts Festival
- 1966, 59 Jurors Award, Richmond Art Center
- 1965, 63, 61, 58 San Francisco Women Artist Awards

Selected Lectures

2004 - Art, Technology and Culture Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, CA

2004 - San Francisco Art Institute, Digital Studies Program, San Francisco, CA

2000 - Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

2000 - High Touch / High Tech, ALA Institute, Berkeley, CA

1989 - Artists Turning Process Into Pattern, Lecture, YLEM Forum, Exploratorium, San Francisco, CA

1989 - Women Humanizing Technology, Lecture, Women's Caucus for Art, San Francisco, CA

1987 - Is There a Jewish Art?, Panel Discussion, Judah Magnes Museum, Berkeley, CA

1984 - My Work Using the Computer, Lecture, Sarah Lawrence College, NY

1981 - In the New York Art World, Lecture, New School for Social Research, New York, NY

1980 - My Work in a Technological Age, Lecture, SF Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

1980 - Interdisciplinary Concepts for Aesthetic Expression, Oakland Art Association, CA

Selected Recent Exhibitions and Publications

Sonya Rapoport: Force Fields was a 2023 solo exhibition of computer art—including works on paper, software, and video documentation—at Casemore Gallery in San Francisco, which has hosted three solo exhibitions of Rapoport's work since 2019. The show received favorable coverage, including the article Sonya Rapoport Wrote Artistic Code and the Computers Spit Out Something Wonderful by Sarah Hotchkiss of KQED Arts.

Rapoport's computer printout drawings, including the *Anasazi Series* (1977) and *Shoe-Field Map* (1983), were featured in the major survey exhibition *Coded: Art Enters the Computer Age 1952-1982* at Los Angeles County Museum of Art in 2023, curated by Leslie Jones. Rapoport's work was placed in historical context in the accompanying catalog, which received a prestigious Dedalus Foundation Award for modern art scholarship.

An ambitious installation of Rapoport's computer-mediated interactive performance *Shoe-Field* (1982-89) is included in the exhibition <u>Radical Software: Women. Art & Computing 1960–1991</u> at MUDAM Luxembourg in 2024, and traveling to Vienna in 2025, curated by Michelle Cotton. Rapoport's work is featured prominently in the exhibition catalog, which offers unprecedentedly in-depth historical documentation of computer art by women.

Objects On My Dresser (1979-83), Rapoport's most fully-realized interactive artwork, is included in <u>Digital Capture: Southern California and the Pixel-Based Image World</u> at California Museum of Photography and Culver Center of the Arts, part of Pacific Standard Time 2024, curated by April Baca. Includes an extensive catalog.

Sonya Rapoport: Objects On My Dresser, by Alla Efimova and Terri Cohn (2022) is an 86-page book that offers a comprehensive exploration of Sonya Rapoport's most fully-realized interactive artwork.

Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Art Basel Miami Beach: "Survey" with Julie Casemore Gallery, Miami Beach Convention Center, FL
- 2024 Radical Software: Women, Art & Computing. 1960-1991, MUDAM, Luxembourg
- 2024 Digital Capture: Southern California and the Origins of the Pixel-Based Image World, UCR ARTS, Riverside, CA
- 2024 Reshaping the Narrative: California Perspectives, Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, CA
- 2024 Seeding the Frontier, The Bass School at UT Dallas and online
- 2023 Coded: Art Enters the Computer Age, 1952-1982, LACMA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 Ghost in the Machine, di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, Napa, CA
- 2023 Portals, STARS Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 More Than Meets AI, Worth Ryder Art Gallery, Berkeley, CA
- 2023 West Coast Women of Abstract Expressionism, Barry Campbell Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 Untitled Art Fair, Miami Beach, with Casemore Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2020 The Computer Pays its Debt: Women, Textiles, and Technology, 1965-1985, Center for Craft, Asheville, NC
- 2020 Shifting Terrain Works on Paper from the Collection, SFMOMA, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 Refiguring the Future, Hunter College Art Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 Chance and Control: Art in the Age of Computers, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
- 2018 Way Bay, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley CA
- 2017 Hippie Modernism, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA
- 2012 Zero1 Biennial, Performance Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 Women of the Book: Jewish Artists / Jewish Themes, Park School of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
- 2010 Exhibition of Portraits and Self-Portraits, Meridian Gallery. San Francisco, CA
- 2009 Venice Biennale, WikipediaArt Remix Project, Padiglione Internet, Venice, Italy

- 2008 In Transition: Russia 2008, NeMe, National Centre for Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia
- 2008 Imaging by Numbers: A Historical View of the Computer Print, Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2007 BIOS 4: Arte Biotecnológico Y Ambiental, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Seville, Spain
- 2007, 06 4th International Symposium of Interactive Media, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 Whitney Biennial: included in The Tower by Mark di Suvero, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 2005 30 Years of Innovation, Center for Book Arts, New York, NY
- 2005 Carcel de Amor: Violencia sin Cuerpos, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- 2004 San Francisco and the Second Wave, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
- 2003 SETI Workshop: Encoding Altruism: Interstellar Messaging, Paris, France
- 2003, 02, 1999, 98, 94, 91 Der Prix Ars Electronica, Linz, Austria and others
- 2002 Bienal de Arte, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2000 High Touch/High Tech, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA
- 1999, 96, 95, 93 ISEA (International Symposium on Electronic Art), São Paulo, Brazil and others
- 1999, 98, 97, 96, 95 Digital Salon, Triennale di Milano, Italy and others
- 1998 Out West: The Artist's Book in California, Center for Book Arts, New York, NY
- 1998 Boundless: Liberating the Book Form, San Francisco Center for the Book, San Francisco, CA
- 1998, 95 SIGGRAPH: Touchware, Orlando, FL; Los Angeles. CA
- 1997 Mill Valley Film Festival, Mill Valley, CA
- 1997 Fotofeis 97, Biennale Festival, Glasgow, Scotland
- 1996 Annual Benefit Exhibition, Capp Street Project, San Francisco, CA
- 1996 Generations: Lineage of Influence-Bay Area Art, Richmond Art Center, CA

- 1992 Digital Concepts and Expressions, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, NY
- 1991 Cross <+> Currents: Bookworks from the Edge of the Pacific, (traveling exhibition)
- 1990-95 Book Arts in the United States, US Information Service, (traveling exhibition)
- 1990 Interactive Installation (Shoe-Field), Cadence Design Systems, San José, CA
- 1990 National Museum of Women, Washington, DC
- 1989 A Video/Art Festival, The Multi Media Arts Gallery, New York
- 1989 Revealing Conversations: Art and Technology in the Bay Area, Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA
- 1988 Book Arts Exhibition, Cooper Union Gallery, New York, NY
- 1988 Digital Concepts and Expressions, An Exhibition of Art Software, Tisch Art Gallery, New York University, New York, NY
- 1988 Visual Poetry, Centro Cultural Center, São Paulo, Brazil
- 1987 Documenta 8: Art Com Digital Concepts, Kassel, West Germany
- 1987 Jewish Themes/Northern California Artists, Judah L. Magnes Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1985, 84 SF/SF San Francisco/Science Fiction, San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery, CA
- 1985 Future Histories: The Impact of Changing Technology, Anderson Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
- 1984 The First Decade, Center for Book Arts, New York Public Library, New York, NY
- 1983 CADRE Exhibition & Conference, Foothill College and San José State University, CA
- 1982 Libros de Artistas, Paseo de Recoletos, Madrid, Spain
- 1982 Exhibition in Print / JOURNAL, Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 1982 Artists' Books: From the Traditional to the Avant-Garde, Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 1982 Bookworks: New Approaches to Artists Books, Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
- 1981 Word/Image, Heller Gallery, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

- 1980 Lucy Lippard Curates Women Artists' Books, A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY
- 1980 Point of Departure / R.S.V.P., moon gallery, Berry College, Mt. Berry, GA
- 1980 Painting and Sculpture Today 1980, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN
- 1980 Art Documentation '80, Gallery Maki, Tokyo, Japan
- 1979 Art and Technology, Center for the Visual Arts, Oakland, CA
- 1979 Electronic Editions, Union Gallery, San José State University, San José, CA
- 1978 Jock Truman Selects, Drew University, Madison, NJ
- 1978 Artists Soap Box Derby, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1977 New Talent, Truman Gallery, New York, NY
- 1977 Drawings, Union Gallery, San José State University, San José, CA
- 1977 The Works, Lonny Gans, Los Angeles, CA
- 1977 A Feminist Point of View, Sacramento State University, CA
- 1976 Vance Martin & Co., Triangle Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1975 California Landscape: A Metaview, Oakland Art Museum, Oakland, CA
- 1975 Interstices, San José Museum of Art, CA & Cranbrook Academy of Art, MI
- 1974 San Francisco Scene, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1974 San Francisco Artists, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MA
- 1973 15th Anniversary, Bolles Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1973 Sonya Rapoport & Esther Hammerman, Aimes Gallery, Berkeley, CA
- 1972 Painting Show, College of Marin, Kentfield, CA
- 1972 Anhalt Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

- 1972 Adam Gallery, New York, NY
- 1971 Serigraphs, Pagent Gallery, Miami, FL
- 1970 Ward-Nasse Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1969 American Graphics, College of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
- 1967 Women Prize Painters, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA
- 1967 The Art of Collage, Junior Center of Arts, Oakland, CA
- 1965 100 American Drawings, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1965, 64, 63, 60, 58, 57, 50, 49 San Francisco Women Artists, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1965 Salon des Refuses from 80th San Francisco Museum of Art Painting Annual, Bolles Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1965 The Jew in Art, Temple Rodef Sholom, Santa Venetia, CA
- 1965 L'Exposition D'Artistes, Oakland Jewish Community Center, Oakland, CA
- 1965 From the West Exhibition, Art Bank of the San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 1964 New Images of San Francisco, M.H. de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1964 Arts of San Francisco, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1963 Major Group Show, Bolles Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1963 Fourth Winter Invitational, Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
- 1963, 62, 61 Abstract Expressionism in the West, (traveling exhibition)
- 1963, 62, 61, 60, 58, 56, 51, 50 San Francisco Art Institute Drawing and Printing Annuals, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
- 1962 Artists for Free Speech, Berkeley Gallery, Berkeley, CA
- 1962 Contemporary Trends, Valley Art Center, Moraga, CA

- 1957, 56, 55, 53 SF Art Institute Watercolor Annuals, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA
- 1955 San Francisco Art Festival, Civic Center, San Francisco, CA
- 1954 Western Painter's Annual Exhibition, Oakland Art Museum, Oakland, CA
- 1953 The Twenty-Five, Lucien Labaudt Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1950 Annual Exhibition: Oil Paintings and Sculpture, Oakland Art Museum, Oakland, CA
- 1949 State Wide Exhibit, Fresno State College, Fresno, CA
- 1949 Seventeenth Annual Exhibition: Water Colors, Pastels, Drawings and Prints, Oakland Art Gallery, Oakland, CA
- 1949 San Francisco Women Artists: Twenty-Fourth Annual Exhibition, San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 Digital Mudra, Bibeau Krueger, New York, NY
- 2023 Sonya Rapoport: Force Fields, Casemore Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2022 Sonya Rapoport: Fabric Paintings, Casemore Kirkeby, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 Sonya Rapoport: biorhythm, San José Museum of Art, San José, CA
- 2020 Frieze Art Fair, Spotlight, with Casemore Kirkeby Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 Sonya Rapoport: An Aesthetic Response, Casemore Kirkeby Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 Rapoport Remembered, Kala Art Institute, Berkeley, CA
- 2015 Sonya Rapoport: Final Works, Krowswork, Oakland, CA
- 2013 ImPossible Conversations?, Fresno Museum of Art, Fresno, CA
- 2013 Data Gathering Event, Martina \{ Johnston Gallery, Berkeley CA
- 2012 The Nuclear Family in the Atomic Age, Zero1 Biennial, Performance Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2012 Spaces of Life: The Art of Sonya Rapoport, Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, CA
- 2011 Sonya Rapoport: Pairings of Polarities, KALA Institute, Berkeley, CA
- 2007 (in)AUTHENTIC: Woman, War, Jew, with Robert Edgar, Web Art
- 2004 Kabbalah/Kabul: Sending Emanations to the Aliens, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 2001 Redeeming the Gene, Molding the Golem, Folding the Protein, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1999 Make Me a Jewish Man, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1998 Digital Mudra, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1998 Arbor Erecta, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1997 Make Me a Man, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA

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- 1996 Objective Connections, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1996 Brutal Myths, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1995 Smell Your Destiny, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1994 The Transgenic Bagel, Web Art: users.lmi.net/sonyarap/, Berkeley, CA
- 1992 Vuorovaekutus (Interaction), Kuopio Art Museum, Kuopio, Finland
- 1992 The Animated Soul, Takada Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 1991 The Animated Soul, Ghia Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1990 Interactive Shoe-Field, Cadence Design Systems, San Jose, CA
- 1988 Digital Mudra, Hearst Art Gallery, Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA
- 1987 Digital Mudra, KALA Institute, Berkeley, CA
- 1986 Shoe-Field, MEDIA, San Francisco, CA
- 1984 Coping with Sexual Jealousy, ASUC Studio / Heller Gallery, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- 1984 Shared Dynamics, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
- 1984 Paintings, Young Gallery, San Jose, CA
- 1983 Back to Nature, Humboldt State University, Arcada, CA
- 1983 Biorhythm: How Do You Feel?, WORKS, San Jose, CA
- 1982 Biorhythm, Graduate School of Business Administration, New York University, New York, NY
- 1982 A Shoe-In, Berkeley Computer Systems, Berkeley, CA
- 1982 20th Century Portrait, +LOCUS+, Los Angeles, CA
- 1982 The Object Connection, Q Novelties, San Francisco, CA

Solo Exhibitions (cont.)

- 1981 Shared Dynamics, Artist Space; New York, NY
- 1981 Shared Dynamics, New School for Social Research, New York, NY
- 1980 Psycho-Aesthetic Dynamics, 80 Langton Street, San Francisco, CA
- 1979 Pictorial Linguistics, Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
- 1979 Bonito-Rapoport Shoes, Donnell Library Center, New York Public Library, New York, NY
- 1979 Interaction: Art and Science, Truman Gallery, New York, NY
- 1978 Sonya Rapoport, An Aesthetic Response, Union Gallery, San José State University, San José, CA
- 1976 An Aesthetic Response, Tozzer Library, Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1976 An Aesthetic Response, Lonny Gans Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1975 Sonya Rapoport: New Works, ADI Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1975 Sonya Rapoport, Baxter Art Gallery, California Institute of Technology, Ventura, CA
- 1974 Sonya Rapoport: Recent Drawings, E.B. Crocker Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 1974 Sonya Rapoport: Paintings, San José Museum of Art, San José, CA
- 1974 Recent Work, Zara Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1974 Small Paintings, Ames Gallery, Berkeley, CA
- 1974 Mendocino County Library, Ukiah CA
- 1973 Sonya Rapoport, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA
- 1972 Sonya Rapoport, John Bolles Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1970 Recent Paintings, John Bolles Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1969 Drawings and Paintings by Sonya Rapoport, Valley Art Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA

Solo Exhibitions (cont.)

- 1968 Sonya Rapoport: Paintings and Drawings, Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA
- 1967 Sonya Rapoport, John Bolles Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1965 College of the Holy Names' James D. Kennedy Memorial Art Center, Oakland, CA
- 1964 Sonya Rapoport: Contrasts, John Bolles Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1963 Sonya Rapoport Paintings and Drawings, The California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
- 1961 Berkeley Public Library, Berkeley CA
- 1958 Sonya Rapoport, East West Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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