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Michelle Sank is Archisle International Photographer in Residence 2013. As our first Photographer in Residence and recipient of the Archisle Bursary she will be working on a commission of new work in Jersey from April to September this year. Following a solo exhibition in September, a set of works will join the Archisle collection at the Société Jersiaise Photographic Archive for future public enjoyment.

Michelle Sank was born in Cape Town, South Africa and now lives and works in the UK. The recipient of numerous awards, commissions and residencies her work is represented in collections and publications in the UK, Europe and the USA. Her photographs reflect a preoccupation with the human condition and to this end can be viewed as social documentary encompassing issues around social and cultural diversity. She is presently Senior Lecturer in Photography at Falmouth University, UK.



Sank describes her work as being concerned with '...the notion of encountering, collecting, and re-telling. I am interested in creating sociological landscapes, interplays of human form and location that are significant in their visual, sociological, cultural and psychological nuances. I work closely with all my subject matter in an empathetic and symbiotic manner often exposing the spectacular in the ordinary. The interweave of portrait and environment is essential in setting up contextual narratives. I see my work as a celebration of the constantly changing moments and phases in life.'

www.michellesank.com

— **Michelle Sank Solo Exhibition: 12 – 29 September 2013 / Unit 3, Liberty Wharf, St Helier, Jersey**

This major solo exhibition will premier Michelle Sank's 2013 Archisle commission.
www.liberty-wharf.com

— Images: Cover & above right from *The Submerged*, 2009. Above left: *Bye-Bye Baby*, 2001 – 2006.

The Project: The Archisle project aims to promote contemporary photography through exhibitions, commissions and educational initiatives and to connect photographic archives with contemporary practice. As Archisle Photographer in Residence 2013, Michelle Sank will produce new work in response to the social and cultural landscapes of Jersey using the island's photographic archives as points of interpretation.

Get Involved: Throughout the residency we will be conducting a community engagement programme of workshops, lectures, exhibitions and events.

Scheduled events & opportunities: [Archisle Photo School / 27– 31 May 2013](#) (half term) in partnership with Jersey Youth Service.

Learn photo skills, shoot new projects and take part in an exciting group exhibition in this five day workshop for 18's and under led by Michelle Sank at La Motte Street Centre, St Helier, Jersey.

For info see: www.facebook.com/lamottestreet, call into La Motte Street Centre telephone: +44(0)1534 729081 or email: lamottebookings@youthservice.yc.je

— [Skipton Open Studios / 21 – 30 June 2013](#)

Look out for Michelle Sank's work at the Skipton Open Studios event in Weighbridge Place, St Helier, Jersey. Opportunities for portfolio reviews and intensive photography workshops. For details see: www.arts.je and the event programme in the Jersey press.

— [Contemporary Photography Workshop](#) at Jersey Arts Centre
Saturday 6th, 13th & 20th July / 10am – 4pm (3 days)

Join Michelle Sank Archisle Photographer in Residence and Gareth Syvret, Project Leader to get fresh ideas from the international photography scene. Gain technical and critical skills and discuss your own photographs in a friendly and supportive environment.

For bookings contact:
Jersey Arts Centre Box Office, telephone: +44(0)1534 700444
or visit www.artscentre.je

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— Follow the Archisle Project online at: www.archisle.org.je. Here you can interact with online exhibitions and oral archives, follow our blog and contribute your own views and experiences. Have you got your own idea for an event or exchange? Please email: archisle@societe-jersiaise.org

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