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Education

Norman Mine

- MFA Fine Art, Goldsmiths University, London, UK (2016–2018)
- BA Fine Art, Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, London, UK (2011–2014)

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- Acting, Identity School of Acting, London, UK (2021–2022)

Residencies (Norman Mine unless stated)

- 2025 – Cadlavolp, Asti, Italy
- 2024 – Polyvocalcity, Theatrum Mundi, UK
- 2024 – PAF, France (with Rosa Dornenbal & Natalie Price Hafslund)
- 2023 – Saari Residence, Kone Foundation, Finland
- 2022 – Penarth Centre, London Performance Studio, UK

Nominations and Grants (Norman Mine)

- 2025 – Film and Video Umbrella, shortlisted, UK
- 2025 – Mayor of London Community Fund, UK
- 2025 – Croydon Loves You, UK
- 2024 – Mayor of London Fund, UK
- 2023 – WELOVESE25 Fund, UK
- 2022 – Croydon Borough of Culture Fund, UK
- 2022 – DYCP, Arts Council England, UK
- 2019 – Gilbert Bayes Award, shortlisted, Royal Society of Sculptors, UK
- 2018 – Red Mansion Art Prize, shortlisted, UK

Ongoing Projects

• 2022 – Norwood JunkAction, eco-community project, UK (ongoing)
• 2023 – Steering group, Culture Access, supporting inclusive practice for disabled artists, UK

Selected Solo Projects, Exhibitions and Screenings

Norman Mine

• 2025 – Chemist Gallery, The Flip Side of The Coin, co- curated show, UK
• 2025 – Polisemey, Group Show, Rome, Italy
• 2025 – Liberating Love, Curated Show, UK
• 2024 – Bar.lina, Screening, San Lorenzo, Rome, Italy
• 2024 – PAFF Short Film Festival, Curator, France
• 2019 – Utopia Through Nostalgia, Group Show, The Koppel Project, London, UK

Dino Desica

• 2025 – Croydonites, Performance Festival, UK
• 2025 – Amsterdam Fringe Festival, Performance, Netherlands
• 2024 – Chemist Gallery Fundraiser, Performance, London, UK
• 2023 – Their Majesties, Performance Space, Croydon, UK
• 2022 – The Will to Believe, Performance, SET Studio, London, UK
• 2021 – Performance Istanbul Festival, Turkey