

# Capitain Petzel

## CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

Born in 1956, Los Angeles, CA

### EDUCATION & TEACHING

- 2008 - Professor at Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1981 M.F.A. California Institute of Arts, Valencia, CA
- 1979 B.F.A. California Institute of Arts, Valencia, CA

Lives and works in Chicago, IL, Cologne, Germany and Los Angeles, CA

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Radio / Rauhfaser / Television*, Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, Chicago. IL
- 2023 *Heimarbeit Adapted for use IKEA Küchen Ensemble*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany  
*Christopher Williams: R59C Keystone Shower Door — Chrome/Raindrop*, David Zwirner, Hong Kong, China  
*Christopher Williams: Werbung. A 48 Hour Display of Quality Framing Materials*, Maxwell Graham, New York, NY
- 2022 *Stephen Prina, Christopher Williams*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- 2021 *Werbung: Adapted for Use*, Haubrok Foundation, Berlin, Germany  
*Kochgeschirr (Adapted for use)*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin Germany
- 2020 *Footwear (Adapted for Use)*, David Zwirner, New York, NY
- 2019 *MODEL: Kochgeschirre, Kinder, Viet Nam (Angepasst zum Benutzen)*, C/O Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Christopher Williams: Normative Models*, Kestner Gesellschaft, Hanover, Germany
- 2017 *Books plus*, Archiv, Zurich  
*Stage Play. Supplements, Models, Prototypes*, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Supplements, Models, Prototypes, gta exhibitions*, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Models, Open Letters, Prototypes, Supplements*, Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy  
*Open Letter: The Family Drama Refunctioned? (From the Point of View of Production)*, David Zwirner, London  
*Supplements, Models, Prototypes*, Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Open Letter to Model No. 1740*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 *The Production Line of Happiness*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK  
*The Production Line of Happiness*, Galerie Mezzanin Karin Handlbauer, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2014 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 19)*, David Zwirner, New York, NY  
*The Production Line of Happiness*, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL (travelling to The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK; MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland)
- 2013 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 18)*, David Zwirner, London, UK  
Volker Bradtke, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 17)*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany  
*The Production Line of Happiness*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- 2012 *The Production Line of Happiness*, Kabinett für aktuelle Kunst, Bremerhaven, Germany  
*Rochade. Christopher Williams au Paris Bar*, Paris Bar, Berlin, Germany (organized by Haubrokshows)
- 2011 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 15)*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 14)*, House of Art, Budweis, Czech Republic  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 13)*, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium

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- 2010 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 12)*, David Zwirner, New York, NY  
*Andrea Fraser and Christopher Williams*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Antwerp, Belgium  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 11)*, Kunsthalle Baden-Baden, Baden-Baden, Germany
- For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 10)*, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, Germany
- 2009 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 9)*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 8)*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany  
*Mathias Poledna / Christopher Williams*, Kunstverein Bonn, Bonn, Germany
- 2008 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 7)*, David Zwirner, New York, NY
- 2007 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 6)*, Kunsthalle Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Christopher Williams*, Haubrokshows, Axel Haubrok Collection, Berlin, Germany  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 5)*, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Bologna, Italy
- 2006 *For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 4)*, Museu Serralves, Porto, Portugal  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 3)*, Galerie David Zwirner, New York, NY
- 2005 *Christopher Williams. De Rijke / De Rooij*, Wiener Secession, Vienna, Austria  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 2)*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 1)*, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany  
*For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons sur la Société Industrielle (Draft 2)*, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
- 2004 *Christopher Williams Supplement 04 332'17"*, DVD (2004), Paula Cooper Gallery, New York
- 2003 *332 Min 17 Sec*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- 2002 *Wako Works of Art*, Tokyo, Japan
- Christopher Williams Théâtre-Vérité*, Galerie David Zwirner, New York, NY  
Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- 2001 *For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 24)*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- 2000 *For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 23)*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, Wako Works of Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 22)*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, Museum Haus Lange - Haus Esthers, Krefeld, Germany  
*For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 21)*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany  
*For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 20)*, Le Magasin, Centre National d'art contemporain, Grenoble, France  
*For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 19)*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, Galerie Kienzle & Gmeiner, Berlin, Germany  
*For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 18)*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, Galerie Ester Freund, Vienna, Austria  
*For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 17)*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, David Zwirner Gallery, New York, NY
- 1999 *For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 16)*, *Archéologie*, *Beaux-Arts*, *Ethnographie*, *Théâtre-Vérité*, *Variétés*, *Couleur Européenne*, *Couleur Soviétique*, *Couleur Chinoise*, Galerie Marian Goodman, Paris, France
- 1998 *For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 15)*, *Transform the world! Poetry must be made by all*, Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

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- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 14), Transform the world! Poetry must be made by all,* Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 13),* Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 *For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 12), A retrospective from first draft to final draft,* Kunstverein Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 11),* Galleria Lia Rumma, Naples, Italy
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 10), A retrospective from first draft to final draft,* Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, Switzerland
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 9), A retrospective from first draft to final draft,* Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Netherlands
- 1996 *For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 8),* Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 7),* Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 6),* Painter Editions, Vancouver, Canada
- 1995 *Oehlen Williams 95 (with Albert Oehlen) / For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 5),* Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio, Columbus, OH
- Film Screening by Christopher Williams, The Museum of Modern Art Syros, Syros, Greece
- 1994 *For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 4),* Galerie Borgmann Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 3),* Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1993 Person's Weekend Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- Room Tomoyo Kawai,* Room 401, Casa de Verde, Tokyo, Japan
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (Revision 2),* Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York, NY
- For Example: Die Welt ist schön (First Draft),* Kunstverein München, Munich, Germany
- 1992 *Archäologie, Beaux Arts, Ethnographie, Varietes,* Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- Luhring Augustine, New York, NY (with Sophie Calle)*
- Two Evenings of Film,* Film Festival Cologne, Cologne, Germany (with Albert Oehlen)
- Felix Gonzales-Torres and Albert Oehlen, Margo Leavin Gallery, New York, NY (curated by Christopher Williams)
- Luhring Augustine (Viewing Room),* New York, NY
- 1991 Galerie Max Hetzler, Cologne, Germany
- Galerie Crousel-Robelin/BAMA, Paris, France
- 1991 Galerie Nelson, Lyon, France
- 1990 Luhring Augustine Hetzler, Santa Monica, CA
- 1989 Christopher Williams, Shedhalle Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland
- Galerie Crousel-Robelin/BAMA, Paris, France
- Luhring Augustine, New York, NY*
- 1985 *Selections from ADWEEK: Western Advertising News, Vol XXXIV, No. 20, April 30, 1984,* Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, Venice, CA (Programmed with Herbert Gold)
- 1982 *Christopher Williams,* Jancar/Kuhlschmidt Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- Source: The Photographic Archive, John F. Kennedy Library,* Jancar/Kuhlschmidt Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1981 *M.F.A. Exhibition,* California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA
- 1980 Mezzanine Gallery, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA
- 1979 *One Film (Approximately 3,5 minutes in length) will be shown, rewound, and shown again,* Bijou Theatre, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA
- 3 Films,* California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Cameron Rowland, Tiffany Sia, Christopher Williams, Maxwell Graham,* New York, NY
- David Zwirner: 30 Years,* David Zwirner, Los Angeles, CA
- Everyone Loves Picabia,* David Lewis Gallery, New York, NY
- film,* haubrok foundation, Berlin, Germany
- Form Matters, Matter Forms: From Readymade to Product Fetish,* Kunst Museum Winterthur, Switzerland

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- Hupcap Diamond Star Halo: Corbett vs. Dempsey at Twenty*, Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago, IL  
*Tabula Rasa*, Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 *The Collection*, FAHRBEREITSCHAFT, Berlin, Germany  
*Figuration Program*, Karma International, Zurich  
*Holly Village II*, Derosia, New York, and GEMS, New York, NY  
*Junkyard of Dreams*, Bortolami, New York, NY
- 2022 *True Pictures?*, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria  
*Fear of Property*, Renaissance Society, Chicago, IL  
*Joan Didion: What She Means*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Lawrence Weiner: *Stars Don't Stand Still in the Sky*, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *Enjoy – the mumok Collection in Change*, mumok – Museum moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria  
*True Pictures?*, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany  
*Werden/Becoming. From Michelangelo to*, organized by L'Accademia delle arti del disegno and Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum, Innsbruck, Austria
- 2020 *Ice and Fire: A benefit exhibition in three parts*, The Kitchen, New York, NY  
Not made, not chose, not presented. By Emilio Prini, ML Fine Arts, London, UK  
*Facetten*, Städtische, Galerie Ostfildern, Germany  
*during the exhibition*, haubrok foundation, Berlin, Germany  
*Wo Kunst geschehen kann. Die frühen Jahre des CalArts*, curated by Philipp Kaiser and Christina Végh, Kunsthaus Graz, Austria  
*room enough for former teasers*, curated by Marcel Hiller, Christof Lötscher and Marco Zeppenfeld, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany  
*The Lives and Loves of Images*, Biennale für aktuelle Fotografie 2020, Heidelberg, Ludwigshafen, and Mannheim, Germany  
*Between Art and Commerce*, curated by David Company, Biennale für aktuelle Fotografie, Port25 – Raum für Gegenwartskunst, Mannheim, Germany  
*Out Of Order: Works From The Haubrok Collection, Part 2*, Neues Museum Nürnberg, Germany  
*Retail Apocalypse*, curated by Fredi Fischli, Niels Olsen and Mark Lee, ETH Zürich, Hônggerberg, Switzerland  
*Sichtweisen. Die neue Sammlung Fotografie*, curated by Linda Conzen, Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2019 *Capitain Petzel at Galerie Mezzanin*, Galerie Mezzanin, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Celebration of Our Enemies: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*Contemporary photography from a private collection*, Nicolas Krupp, Basel, Switzerland  
*The Crisis of Representation as Illustrated with Plants and Flowers*, LAXART, Los Angeles, CA  
*“la Caixa” Collection of Contemporary Art: Selected by Maria Fusco*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK  
*The Vision Board*, Paul Kopeikin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Where Art Might Happen: The Early Years of CalArts*, Kestner Gesellschaft, Hannover, Germany  
*Out Of Order: Works From The Haubrok Collection, Part 1*, Neues Museum Nürnberg, Germany
- 2018 *25 Years! Shared Histories, Shared Stories*, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland  
*Kleine Geschichte(n) der Fotografie/Small Story(s) of Photography*, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany  
*Picture Industry: A Provisional History of the Technical Image, 1844-2018*, Luma Foundation, Arles, France  
*Still Life: Obstnacy of Things*, Kunst Haus Wien, Vienna, Austria  
*Surface Matters*, Mutina for Art, Fiorano Modenese, Italy
- 2017 *Darren Bader (@mined\_oud)*, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Donnaregina Napoli (MADRE), Naples, Italy  
*I am you, you are too*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
*Jump into the Future: Art from the 90's and 2000's*. The Borgmann Donation, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*Perfectly Concocted Context by Jonathan Monk*, Cherry and Martin, Los Angeles, CA

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- The Absent Museum*, WIELS, Contemporary Art Centre, Brüssles, Belgium  
*You Are Looking At Something That Never Occurred*, Zabłudowicz Collection, London, UK
- 2016 *Albert Oehlen*, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH  
*California and the West: Photography from the Campaign for Art*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
*L'image Volée/The Stolen Picture*, Fondazione Prada, Milan, Italy  
*Mit anderen Augen/With Other Eyes*, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany; Kunsthalle Nürnberg, Nuremberg, Germany  
*Ordinary Pictures*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
*We Call It Ludwig*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
- 2015 *America Is Hard To See*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*Anatomies de l'automate*, La Panacée, Montpellier, France  
*Chalet Dallas*, Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, TX  
*Display Show*, Temple Bar Gallery, Dublin, Ireland [itinerary: Eastside Projects, Birmingham, England; Stroom Den Haag, The Netherlands]  
*Everything Must Go: Art and the Market*, Lewis Glucksman Gallery, University College Cork, Ireland  
*It's Obvious*, Collection Vanmoerkerke, Ostend, Belgium  
*Le Souffleur: Schürmann meets Ludwig*, Ludwig Forum Aachen, Germany  
*Open This End: Contemporary Art from the Collection of Blake Bryne*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC (travelling to The Ohio State University Urban Arts Space, Columbus, OH; Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, Columbia University, NY; Ronna and Eric Hoffman Gallery of Contemporary Art, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR)  
*Perfect Likeness: Photography and Composition*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*Under the Clouds: From Paranoia to the Digital Sublime*, Museu Serralves, Porto, Portugal  
*We Are A Parasite On The Institution of Cinema, An Institution Of Parasites, 1st Studio for Propositional Cinema Film Festival*, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Wien (MUMOK), Vienna, Austria
- 2014 *Bringing Light into a Windowless Room*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany (with Diango Hernández and Matt Mullican)  
*1984-1999: The Decade*, Centre Pompidou- Metz, Metz, France  
*Darren Bader: Photographs I Like*, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, NY  
*Love Story: The Anne and Wolfgang Titze Collection*, Winter Palace and 21er Haus, Belvedere, Vienna, Austria  
*A Machinery for Living*, Petzel Gallery, New York, NY (organized by Walead Beshty)  
*(Mis)Understanding Photography: Works and Manifestos*, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany  
*Propaganda for Reality*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany  
*Take It or Leave it: Institution, Image, Ideology*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*To do as one would*, David Zwirner, New York, NY  
*What is a Photograph?*, International Center of Photography, New York, NY
- 2013 55th Venice Biennale: *Il Palazzo Enciclopedico/The Encyclopedic Palace*, Venice, Italy  
*The Feverish Library (continued)*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany  
*Magnetic North*, Ratio 3, San Francisco, CA  
*Life with Pop: A Reproduction of Capitalist Realism*, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Magnetic North*, Ratio 3, San Francisco, CA  
*Official Welcome - New works of the foundation for the acquisition of contemporary art*, Hamburger Bahnhof - Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin, Germany  
*Tradition. A selection from the Center for Research on Old Textiles (CSROT)*, Marres, Maastricht, The Netherlands (travelling to Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria)
- 2012 *Ändere dich, Situation!*, Stadtgalerie Schwaz, Schwaz, Austria  
*A Blind Spot*, Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW), Berlin, Germany  
The Deutsche Börse Photography Prize, The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK (travelling to Deutsche Börse, Frankfurt; C/O Berlin)  
*Fremde überall/Foreigners everywhere: Contemporary Art from the Pomeranz Collection*, Jewish Museum, Vienna, Austria



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- Ghosts in the Machine*, New Museum, New York, NY  
*Poule!*, Fundación/Colección Jumex, Ecatepec, Mexico  
*Stand still like the hummingbird*, David Zwirner, New York, NY  
This Will Have Been: Art, Love & Politics in the 1980s, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL (travelling to Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota ,MN; Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Boston, MA)
- 2011 *PHOTOGRAPHY CALLING! Sammlung Wilhelm und Gaby Schürmann*, Sprengel Museum Hannover, Hannover, Germany  
*thank you*, haubrookshows, Berlin, Germany  
*Anarchism Without Adjectives: On the Work of Christopher D'Arcangelo*, Artist Space, New York, NY  
*Moshe Ninio, Haim Steinbach and Christopher Williams*, Dvir Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel  
*Under the Big Black Sun: California Art 1974-1981*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*The boy who robbed you a few minutes before arriving at the ball*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany (curated by Regina Fiorito and Kelley Walker)  
*Heterotopien und Wissensräume in der Kunst*, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, Austria  
*After images*, Musee Juif De Belgique, Brussels, Belgium  
*Buchumschläge von Hannes Jähn*, Antiquariat Buchholz, Cologne, Germany (display window arranged by Christopher Williams)  
*Shapes*, haubrookshows, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 *Atlas. How to Carry the World on One's Back*, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain (travelling to: ZKM, Karlsruhe, Germany; Sammlung Falckenberg, Hamburg, Germany)  
*Picture Industry (Good Bye To All That)*, Regen Projects II, Los Angeles, CA (organized by Walead Beshty)  
*Filmschönheit*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany (curated by Albert Oehlen)  
*Endless Bummer / Surf Elsewhere*, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA (curated by Drew Heitzler)  
*Wunschzettel, im Rahmen der Ausstellung: Nur Papier, und doch die ganze Welt*, Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Germany  
*Swagger, Drag, Fit Together*, Wallspace Gallery, New York, NY  
*Exhibition, Exhibition*, Castello di Rivoli, Rivoli/Turin, Italy (curated by Adam Carr)  
*Filmschönheit*, Galerie Mezzanin, Vienna, Austria (curated by Albert Oehlen)  
*Twenty Five*, Luhring Augustine, New York, NY  
Eight Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, South Korea
- 2009 *Männer und Frauen*, Kunstraum Grässlin, St. Georgen, Germany  
*Das Gespinst*, Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, Germany  
*Modernologies. Contemporary artists researching modernity and modernism*, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain (curated by Sabine Breitwieser)  
*Then the work takes place. Zum Paradigma des Konzeptuellen in der zeitgenössischen Fotografie*, Camera Austria, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, Austria  
*Connected things collected*, Haubrok Collection, Berlin, Germany  
*Walead Beshty, Kelly Walker and Christopher Williams*, China Art Objects Galleries, Los Angeles, CA  
*An Unruly History of the Readymade*, Fundación/Colección Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2008 Galerie Catherine Bastide & Dépendance, Brussels, Belgium  
*Choosing*, Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Hamburg, Germany (curated by Robert Barry)  
*Quiet Politics*, Zwirner & Wirth Gallery, New York, NY  
*Index: Conceptualism in California from the Permanent Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Not So Subtle Subtitle*, Casey Caplan, New York, NY  
*Re-Designed*, Galleria Lia Rumma, Milan, Italy  
*Kavalierstart, 1978 – 1982 Aufbruch in die Kunst der 80er*, Museum Morsbroich Leverkusen, Leverkusen, Germany  
*Photography on Photography: Reflections on the Medium since 1960*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
*Color Chart: Reinventing Color, 1950 to Today*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*15 Years, Part III*, Wako Works of Art, Tokyo, Japan

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- 2007 *Been Up So Long it Looks Like Down to Me*, Presentation House Gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
*Brasil: desFocos [o olho de fora]*, Centro Cultural Banco Do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro; Paço das Artes, São Paulo, Brasil  
*Yäg, La Planta*, Arte Contemporáneo Omnilife, Guadalajara, Spain  
*Ten Years*, Emily Tsingou gallery, London, UK  
*15 Years, Early and New Works Part XX*, Wako Works of Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*Angelegenheiten, die sich daraus ergeben*, Künstlerhaus Bremen, Bremen, Germany  
*L.A. Desire*, Galerie Dennis Kimmerich, Düsseldorf, Germany (curated by Wilhelm Schürmann)  
*Conditions of Display*, The Moore Space, Miami, FL  
*Cross-border. Fotografie und Videokunst aus dem MUMOK Wien*, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany  
*What does the jellyfish want?*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany  
*Die Wörter, Die Dinge*, Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Les Temps moderne: Collection du Frac Bretagne*, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Bignan, France  
*Tomorrowland: CalArts in Moving Pictures*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2006 *Motore Immobile*, Greene Naftali Gallery, New York, NY  
*Los Angeles – Paris, The Los Angeles Art Scene, 1955-1985*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France (curated by Catherine Grenier)  
*Whitney Biennial 2006: Day for Night*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*staged/unstaged*, Emily Tsingou Gallery, London, UK  
*Make your own life: Artists in & out of Cologne*, Institute of Contemporary Art - University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, PA  
*Why Pictures Now*, MUMOK Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria  
*The Swan is very peaceful...*, Richard Telles Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Surprise, Surprise*, ICA London, London, UK  
*1,82*, Haubrokshows, Berlin, Germany  
*Make Your Own Life: Artists In & Out of Cologne*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; The Power Plant, Toronto, Canada  
*Keep passing the open windows or Happiness*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany (curated by Anke Kempkes)  
*Strange Drugs*, Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels, Belgium  
*Into a Journey*, Meyer-Riegger Galerie, Karlsruhe, Germany  
*Kunst aus Los Angeles der 60er bis 90er Jahre*, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany
- 2005 *bildwechsel/01, Sammlung F.C. Gundlach*, Deichtorhallen Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany  
*L'estasi delle cose / The Ecstasy of Things / Im Rausch der Dinge*, Spazio Oberdan, Milan, Italy; Museo di Fotografia Contemporanea, Cinisello Balsamo, Italy  
*It takes some time to open an oyster*, Centro Cultural Andraxt, Mallorca, Spain (curated by Yilmaz Dziewor)  
*I really should...*, Lisson Gallery, London, UK (curated by Stefan Kalmár)  
*Roe Etheridge, Zoe Leonard, Christopher Williams*, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2004 *Before the End*, Le Consortium, Dijon, France  
*Playing with Nature: Flowers Observed, Flowers Transformed*, Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburg, PA  
*Quodlibet (Teil 1)*, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne, Germany  
*Documentary Evidence*, Galerie Chez Valentin, Paris, France (curated by Sophie Berrebi)  
*Artists' Favourites Act I*, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK  
*Das Kreuz der Venus- Feuer, Tod und Schönheit*, Maximilianmuseum, Augsburg, Garten Eden, Germany  
Galerie Bärbel Grässlin, Frankfurt. Germany (curated by Doris Kettner)  
*Quodlibet (Teil 2)*, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne, Germany  
Biennial Lodz, Lodz, Poland  
*Last One On is a Soft Jimmy*, Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, NY  
*100 Artists See God*, The Jewish Museum of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA (travelling to: Contemporary Arts Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA; ICA Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK)  
*Im Rausch der Dinge*, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland

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- 2003 *Re-Production 2*, Georg Kargl, Vienna, Austria  
*100 Artists See God*, Independent Curators International, New York, NY  
*Unreal Estate Opportunities*, PKM Gallery, Seoul, Korea  
*Raid the Icebox*, Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Society for Contemporary Art: Acquisition Selections*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Adorno. Die Möglichkeit des Unmöglichen*, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany  
*fast forward – Media Art. Sammlung Goetz*, ZKM, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2002 *Prophets of boom. Werke aus der Sammlung Schürmann*, Staatliche Kunsthalle Baden-Baden, Baden-Baden, Germany  
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