

# Capitain Petzel

## MIKOŁAJ SOBCZAK

Born 1989 in Poznań, Poland

### EDUCATION

- 2019 MFA Kunstakademie Münster, Germany
- 2016 MFA Academy of Fine Arts Warsaw, Poland
- 2015 Universität der Künste, Berlin, Germany

Lives and works in Düsseldorf, Germany

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Ancora*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany  
*Mikołaj Sobczak – Teilen und Herrschen*, Polnisches Institut Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2025 *Mysteries*, Polana Institute, Warsaw, Poland  
*Prophet Machine*, ROZENSTRAAT – rose is a rose is a rose, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*Moon, Sun, Mercury*, Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg, Austria
- 2024 *Le Boudoir de L'Amour*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany  
*Impossible Songs*, Jester, Genk, Belgium
- 2023 *Heretics Forever*, Galerie Max Mayer, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Panoramas* (with Dominika Kowynia), Polana Institute at Nowy Teatr, Warsaw, Poland
- 2022 *Leibeigene*, Kunsthalle Münster, Germany  
*Blue Wheat*, Galeria Bielska BWA, Bielsko-Biała, Poland
- 2021 *Metamorphoses*, Polana Institute, Warsaw, Poland  
Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
- 2018 *The Doomed Ones*, in the frames of *The Department of Presence*, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland  
*Unbreakable Drag*, Polana Institute, Warsaw, Poland

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Manifesta 16 Ruhr, Germany  
*FIRE. From the Cosmos to the Commons*, St. Nikolai Memorial, Hamburg, Germany  
*Re/Enactments*, Coulisse Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden  
*House of Nisaba: New Stories of Painting*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden  
*In the Meantime*, Villa Romana, Florence, Italy
- 2025 *Let Me Tell You About Halfdreams*, National Museum in Gdańsk, Poland  
*Wojciech Fibak Collection. New Generation*, curated by Paweł Witkowski, Mazowieckie Centrum Sztuki Współczesnej Elektrownia, Radom, Poland  
*LGBT+ Zones: Queer, Art in Times of Good Change*, GaMA (Galeria Miejska Arsenal) Poznań, Poland  
*wild thinX \*festival*, Salzburg, Austria  
*Planetarische Bauern (Planetary Peasants)*, Kunstmuseum Moritzburg, Halle (Saale), Germany  
*Arsenal 60! On Collecting, Collection and the Love of Arsenal*, Arsenal Gallery in Białystok, Poland  
*In anderen Händen. Highlights of the Philara Collection at the Miettinen Collection*, Miettinen Collection, Berlin, Germany  
*Familiar Strangers. The Eastern Europeans*, Bozar. Center for Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium
- 2024 *Cutting the Puppeteer's Strings*, Philara Collection, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Change to come*, Kunsthalle im Lipsiusbau, Dresden, Germany  
*Lines, Lives and Lies*, On The Inside, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*On the Volcano*, Ludwig Forum Aachen, Germany  
*Eine Strasse*, Park am Graf-Adolf-Platz, Düsseldorf Germany

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- 2023 *Illiberal Lives*, Ludwig Forum, Aachen, Germany  
*Risjk Open*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*Hallen 4 – Kunstfestival*, Wilhelm Hallen, Berlin, Germany
- 2022 *Weak.End.Opera*, Shedhalle, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Gutsherren*, MOS, Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland  
*omelette papier*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany  
*The Discomfort of Evening*, Zachęta – National Gallery of Art, Warsaw Poland
- 2021 *Illiberal Arts. Institutions, Humiliation, Rituals, Perceptibilities*, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany  
*The Mudam Performance Season: The Illusion of the End*, Mudam – Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg  
*steirischer herbst*, a festival, Graz, Austria  
*In the beginning was the deed*, Galeria Arsenał, Białystok Poland  
*Battlefield*, Galeria Bielska BWA, Bielsko-Biała
- 2020 *Warsaw Under Construction: Something Common*, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland  
*The Kitchen*, Polana Institute, Warsaw Poland  
*Crack Up - Crack Down*, Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art, Warsaw, Poland  
*On the Politics of Delicacy*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany  
*i'm from nowhere good*, Maison Populaire, Paris, France
- 2019 *New Kingdom*, Polana Institute, Warsaw, Poland  
*The Last Place on Earth*, Polana Institute at Museum of the Earth in Warsaw, Poland  
*DISPLAY. Staging Identities*, Dortmunder Kunstverein, Germany  
*Elbow Room, Physical Education I*, Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Body Works*, State Art Gallery, Sopot, Poland  
*The Rose and the Ring*, Polana Institute, Petrykozy, Poland  
*Kurzfilmtage: Short Films Festival*, Oberhausen, Germany
- 2018 *Artists' Film International*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*Wonder Woman*, Polana Institute, Warsaw, Poland  
*Gentle Heterodoxy. Social Body and its Enchantments*, ffriedrich, Frankfurt, Germany  
*Bad Juju*, Exo Exo at New Galerie, Paris, France  
*Somewhere in Between: Contemporary Art Scenes in Europe.*, BOZAR, Brussels, Belgium  
*What Is Enlightenment?*, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland
- 2017 *Akademie [Arbeitstitel]*, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Open Triennial, 8th Young Triennale in Orońsko*, Centre of Polish Sculpture, Orońsko, Poland  
*Love, Memory, Curiosity*, Polana Institute at The Geological Museum, Warsaw, Poland  
*GrandTour project*, Skulptur Projekte Münster, Germany
- 2016 *Wie traurig war das Shooting*, Kunstverein Gelsenkirchen, Germany  
*Studio for Students: Video Art Now*, Studio Gallery, Warsaw, Poland  
*Video Folkwang*, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
- 2015 *Squeez me*, Satellite Space, Santa Monica, CA  
*(Ungeschminkte)*, Galerie 52, Essen; Germany  
*M'YΘOI. Myths. Students/Artists/Teachers. A process of exchange*, Fondazione Pastificio Cerere, Rome, Italy  
*Videonews*, Labirynt Gallery, Lublin, Poland  
*No pasarán*, BWA Tarnów Gallery, Tarnów, Poland

## PERFORMANCES

- 2026 *Anti-Fascist Art Manifesto, Antifascism. Now*, NS Documentation Center Munich, Germany (Upcoming)  
*Anti-Fascist Art Manifesto, Antifascism. Now*, Lothringer 13 Halle, Munich, Germany
- 2025 *Anti-Fascist Art Manifesto, ROZENSTRAAT – a rose is a rose is a rose*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2024 *Permississima: Le Nouveau Festival des Arts Performatifs*, Centre Wallonie Bruxelles, Paris, France  
*Rooms* (with Nicholas Grafia), Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria  
*It's 10PM. Do you know where your children are?* (with Nicholas Grafia), *Eine Strasse*, Park am Graf-Adolf-

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- 2023 *Lutzi Puppe Wutzi*, 56th Steirischer Herbst, Graz; Vienna, Austria
- 2021 *Peasants*, (with Nicholas Grafia), commissioned by Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Weak Links of a Strong Chain*, (video series with Nicholas Grafia), Commissioned by Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen Düsseldorf, Germany
- Rooms*, (with Nicholas Grafia), commissioned for the VII Moscow International Biennale for Young Art, Russia
- Rooms*, (with Nicholas Grafia), Biennale Zielona Góra, Lubuski Theatre, Zielona Góra, Poland
- 2019 *It's 10pm. Do you know where your children are?* (with Nicholas Grafia), commissioned by Dortmunder Kunstverein, Dortmund, Germany
- Parasite Eve*, (with Nicholas Grafia) in the frames of Transcorporealities, Ludwig Museum, Cologne, Germany
- 2018 *The Accursed Ones*, (with Nicholas Grafia), commissioned by the Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland

## PRIZES

- 2025 Villa Romana Prize 2026
- 2021 The Views. Deutsche Bank Award  
Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland  
Paszport Polityki for Visual Arts, Poland  
DAAD Preis, Germany
- 2019 ING Polish Art Foundation, Poland  
The Warsaw Gallery Weekend Prize, Poland
- 2018 NRW.Bank Kunstpreis, Germany

## STIPENDS / RESIDENCIES

- 2026 Villa Romana, Florence, Italy
- 2023 Art Explora, Paris, France
- 2022 Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Collection of the Kunsthaus North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Galeria Arsenał, Białystok, Poland

Galeria Bielska BWA, Bielsko-Biała, Poland

Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany

LACMA | Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

Ludwig Forum, Aachen, Germany

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland

The National Museum, Gdańsk, Poland

The Perimeter, London, UK