

Capitain Petzel

LEYLA YENIRCE

Born 1992 in Qubîn, Kurdistan
Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

EDUCATION

2016 – 2022 Academy of Fine Arts, Hamburg, Germany
2013 – 2014 Bryn Mawr College, PA
2011 – 2015 Hafencity University, Hamburg, Germany

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany (Upcoming)
m47 Contemporary, Leipzig, Germany (Upcoming)
Werdegang, Landesmuseum Oldenburg, Germany (Upcoming)
Finkenwerder Förderpreis der HFBK Hamburg 2026, ICAT - Institute for Contemporary Art & Transfer at HFBK Hamburg, Germany (Upcoming)
Amplifier, Jeremy Scholar, London, UK
2025 Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
2024 *Splitter*, Kunstmuseum Kloster Unser Lieben Frauen Magdeburg, Germany
Eye Level, Petzel, New York, NY
Fountain, Neue Kunst im Hamburg, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
2023 *Ich krieg Geschwindigkeit*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany
Splitter, Schiefe Zähne, Berlin, Germany
2022 *SO MUCH ENERGY*, Kunsthaus Hamburg, Germany

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Video Killed the Radio Star: The 1980s and their Cultural Echoes*, Mudam Luxembourg – Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg (Upcoming)
The Traces of Water, Water Biennial, Cascais, Portugal (Upcoming)
Carrying, Museum Brandhorst, München, Germany (Upcoming)
Rhythmic Stress, /SAC (Space for Contemporary Art), Bucharest, Romania (Upcoming)
As the Veneer of Democracy Starts to Fade, Galerie Derouillon Paris (Upcoming)
Ascendancy: The Self in Contemporary Art, Baker Gallery, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
2025 *damit - das Geräusch des Krieges nachlässt, sein Gedröhn*, NS-Dokumentationszentrum, Munich, Germany
A Hidden Well, n.b.k., Berlin, Germany
2024 *IN WITH THE NEW*, Deichtorhallen. Sammlung Falkenberg, Hamburg, Germany
Grow it! Show it! A look at hair from Diana Arbus to TikTok, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
Path Widens: Leyla Yenirce, Kunsthalle Münster, Germany
2023 *Video Digest by Videonale and IMAI – Inter Media Art Institute*, Molkerei Werkstatt, Cologne, Germany
Gallery Weekend Festival, Studio Mondial, Berlin, Germany
Holy. Energy. Masters. ars viva 2023, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
TARGET GROUP SHOW, Braunsfelder, Cologne, Germany
Looking for a New Foundation, Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Leipzig, Germany
2022 ICAT - Institute for Contemporary Art & Transfer at the HFBK Hamburg, Germany
ars viva 2023, Goethe Institut, Paris, France
The State I Am In, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany
Helbest, Composition and Soundinstallation for Deutschlandfunk Kultur at the Center for Immersive Media Art, Music and Technology, ZIMMT, Leipzig, Germany

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- 2021 *Federal Prize for Art Students*, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, Germany
Herbstausstellung, Kunstverein Hannover, Germany
- 2019 *Hi Ventilation*, Kunstverein Harbuger Bahnhof, Hamburg, Germany
There Is No Time Here Not Anymore, Noisexistance Festival at Kampnagel Center of the Performing Arts, Hamburg, Germany
- 2017 *The Xmas Show*, Gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts, Hamburg, Germany
- 2012 *Essays*, Gallery Raum Linksrechts, Hamburg, Germany

PERFORMANCES

- 2025 *Leyla Yenirce, Mazlum Nergiz: Troubadour 2*, Wiener Secession, Vienna, Austria
Troubadour, Basel Social Club, Switzerland
- 2024 *Landschaften, die schöner nicht sein könnten*, Klosterruine, Berlin, Germany
A Piece of the Storm, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Germany
- 2023 *Code*, Sophiensæle, Berlin, Germany
Göttin sein, Gallery Weekend Festival, Studio Mondial, Berlin, Germany
Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
Gallery Weekend Berlin, Surprise Club, Germany
- 2022 *Dekade*, Halle für Kunst, Lüneburg, Germany
Wunder/DNA, Kaserne Basel, Switzerland
The letters of Rosemary & Bernadette Mayer, Performance at the exhibition of Rosemary Mayer, Lenbachhaus Munich, Germany
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 *Carbon*, Performance at the Berliner Festspiele, ICC Berlin, Germany
Wunder/DNA, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *A Silent Place*, Click Festival, Helsingør, Denmark
Horizontal Darkness in Search of Solidarity, Performance at the exhibition of Oscar Murillo, Kunstverein Hamburg, Germany
- 2019 *A cause so heavy*, Pop-Kultur Festival Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Tour de Madame - Cold Chills*, Performance at the exhibition of Jutta Koether, Münchner Kammerspiele, Germany

SCREENINGS

- 2026 *Being Strong is Hard*, Iniva (Institute of International Visual Arts), London, UK
- 2025 *Being Strong is Hard*, 41. Kurzfilm Festival Hamburg, Germany
- 2024 *Being Strong is Hard*, International Film Festival Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2020 *Paradise*, Kurdisch Filmfestival, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *The Dancer*, Tri-Co Film Festival, Bryn Mawr Film Institute, PA

MUSIC LPS / EPS / SINGLES / COMPOSITIONS FOR RADIO

- 2024 *Souvenirs*, 12inch LP, Petzel, New York, NY
- 2021 *DNA*, 12inch LP, Pudel Produkte
Reinigungskraft, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Efia*, 12inch LP, Pudel Produkte
Bakur, Cassette LP, Neoprimitive
Matrix, Live-Art Festival, Kampnagel, Hamburg, Germany
- 2019 *Ava*, digital release LP, Xquisite Releases
Nadia's Escape, Cassette LP, Neoprimitive
- 2018 *Keseb*, 6inch Split Single, Neoprimitive

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PRIZES

- 2026 Finkenwerder Grant, Kulturkreis Finkenwerder e.V. and HFBK, Hamburg, Germany
- 2024 Kunstpreis Berlin, Akademie der Künste Berlin, Germany
- 2022 ars viva Prize 2023, Kulturkreis der deutschen Wirtschaft, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 Exhibition- und Catalog Prize 2022, Alfried Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach-Stiftung, Essen, Germany
Federal Prize for Art Students, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, Germany
Playground Art Prize, Nuremberg, Germany
- 2020 Karl H. Ditze Art Prize, Hamburg, Germany
- 2019 Music Prize of the City of Hamburg, Germany

STIPENDS / RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Art Explora – Cité internationale des arts residency program, Paris, France
- 2022 Travel stipend, Neue Kunst in Hamburg e.V., Germany
- 2019 Project stipend, Freundeskreis of the HfBK Hamburg, Germany
- 2013 Exchange study fellowship, Bryn Mawr College, PA
- 2012 Scholarship holder of the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 Travel stipend by the Zis - Stiftung für Studienreisen, Salem, Germany

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Mudam, Luxembourg
- Kistefos Museum, Jevnaker, Norway
- Kunstmuseum Magdeburg, Germany
- Detroit Institute of Arts Museum, MI
- Landesmuseum Oldenburg, Germany