

# 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 *Leyla Yenirce. Werdegang*, Landesmuseum Oldenburg, Germany (Upcoming)  
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 Water Biennial *The Traces of Water*, Cascais, Portugal (Upcoming)  
*Rhythmic Stress*, /SAC (Space for Contemporary Art), Bucharest, Romania (Upcoming)  
*Video Killed the Radio Star: The 1980s and their Cultural Echoes*, Mudam Luxembourg – Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg  
*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  
2021 *Federal Prize for Art Students*, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, Germany  
*Herbstausstellung*, Kunstverein Hannover, Germany  
2019 *Hi Ventilation*, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg, Germany  
*There Is No Time Here Not Anymore*, Noisexistance Festival at Kampnagel Center of the Performing Arts, Hamburg, Germany

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- 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 (Upcoming)  
*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*,  
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

## PRIZES

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- 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