

Capitain Petzel

LEYLA YENIRCE

Born 1992 in Qubîn, Kurdistan
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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)
Serê Çiya, 47m Contemporary, Leipzig, Germany
Werdegang, Landesmuseum Oldenburg, Germany
Finkenwerder Kunstpreis 2026, ICAT der HFBK Hamburg, Germany
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 *KAF Young Art Prize Final Exhibition*, Krupa Art Foundation, Wrocław, Poland (Upcoming)
The Traces of Water, Bienal Del Agua, Cascais, Portugal (Upcoming)
Video Killed the Radio Star: The 1980s and their Cultural Echoes, Mudam Luxembourg – Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg
Carrying, Museum Brandhorst, München, Germany
Rhythmic Stress, /SAC (Space for Contemporary Art), Bucharest, Romania
As the Veneer of Democracy Starts to Fade, Galerie Derouillon Paris
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
Herbstaussstellung, 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
- 2017 *The Xmas Show*, Gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts, Hamburg, Germany
- 2012 *Essays*, Gallery Raum Linksrechts, Hamburg, Germany

PERFORMANCES

- 2026 *Stühle* (together with Solomon Garçon), Konzerthaus, Werner-Otto-Saal, Berlin, Germany (Upcoming)
Rosacea (together with Solomon Garçon), Paradise Must Be Nice Festival, Zwingli Kirche, Berlin, Germany
- 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

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- 2019 *Ava*, digital release LP, Xquisite Releases
Nadia's Escape, Cassette LP, Neoprimitive
- 2018 *Keseb*, 6inch Split Single, Neoprimitive

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