

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

- 2026 *The Game. Christopher Williams: Provisional Props and Blocking Templates*, American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
MODEL (High Line Billboard, 18th Street and 10th Avenue, New York, 10011), High Line, New York, NY
The Pedagogocal Prop, A Product Placement, FMP1, Berlin, Germany
- 2025 *Christopher Williams / Kochgeschirr Schuhwaren. Pedagogical Prop. 12-Inch Single 45 RPM. FMP S7*, Ca'Buccari, Venice, Italy
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS: Hand Painted Signs. Photographs. Long Play Vinyl. Audiophile Bar. Printed Matter, The Perimeter, London, UK
Christopher Williams: Blocking Templates, haubrok foundation, FAHRBEREITSCHAFT, Berlin, Germany
Christopher Williams: A Choreographed Display Of Quality Framing Materials, Kabinett für aktuelle Kunst, Bremerhaven, Germany
- 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, UK
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

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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

For Example: Dix-Huit Leçons Sur La Société Industrielle (Revision 12), David Zwirner, New York, NY

2010 *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

Christopher Williams Supplement 04 332'17", DVD (2004), Paula Cooper Gallery, New York

2004 *332 Min 17 Sec*, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany

2003 *Wako Works of Art*, Tokyo, Japan

2002 *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,

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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*

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/Kuhlenschmidt Gallery, Los Angeles, CA*

Source: The Photographic Archive, John F. Kennedy Library, Jancar/Kuhlenschmidt 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*

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Theatre, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA
3 Films, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Hardcore. The Exhibition*, haubrok foundation, Berlin, Germany
40 Years Galerie Gisela Capitain, Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Germany
Once Upon a Time, Pavilhão Julião Sarmiento, Lisboa, Portugal
Klassenverhältnisse – Die Zweite Staffel, Kunsthaus NRW Kornelimünster, Germany
- 2025 *Consider Listening*, haubrok foundation, Berlin, Germany
Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Film, Video, Sound: Ringier Collection 1995 – 2025, curated by Beatrix Ruff and Wade Guyton, Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany
Im Land der Motive brennt kein Licht mehr / No more Light burns in the Land of Motifs, Sammlung Grässlin, Germany
Seriously., Sprüth Magers, London
- 2024 *Sweet Sixteen*, Capitain Petzel, Berlin, Germany
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
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 *Metamorfosi*, Zweigstelle Capitain II, Rome, Italy
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 Campany, 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, Hönggerberg, Switzerland
Sichtweisen. Die neue Sammlung Fotografie, curated by Linda Conzen, Kunstpalast,

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- 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: Obstinacy 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
The Absent Museum, WIELS, Contemporary Art Centre, Brüssel, 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

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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

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, Kunsthau 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)

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- 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
- 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

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- Into a Journey*, Meyer-Riegger Galerie, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2005 *Kunst aus Los Angeles der 60er bis 90er Jahre*, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig, Germany
- 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)
- 2004 *Roe Etheridge, Zoe Leonard, Christopher Williams*, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
- 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)
- 2003 *Im Rausch der Dinge*, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland
- 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
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