

CHRISTIAN ACHENBACH, Germany

Christian Achenbach, (b. 1978 in Germany, lives and works in Berlin) is a German sculptor and painter. With his artistic roots in 20th century art history, Achenbach composes his own aesthetic symphony of the known isms framed in a fresh postmodern perspective. Achenbach's creative process lends itself to the world of musical composition where the multiplicity of violent clashing of colors and shapes emphasizes the shift of tonality, thereby conjuring a materiality of sound. Achenbach associates his love for music with that of Kandinsky's, who once claimed that he saw colors when hearing musical tones. It can be argued that the compositions and painterly rhythms give both artists pictorial space respective 'sounds'. A close look at Achenbach's art historical quotations reveal an intelligent engagement with Modernity more precisely with Post-Modernity.

Each artwork presents the childlike joy and liberty of Achenbach's brush with an immanent nod to the history of modern art. Modernism, Dadaism and Cubism are undeniably present in each painting where no central motif is to be found, but geometric shapes and symbols instead rhizomatically spirals in and out of each other. Much like the music in which Achenbach finds his inspiration, the definite outlines are blurry, the array of colors explosive.



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- 1978 Born in Siegen, Germany
Studied at „Universität der Künste“, Berlin, Germany, with Burkhardt Held,
Daniel Richter and Anselm Reyle
- 2008 Artist in Residence, Statens Vaerkstaeder for Kunst, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 Artist in Residence WhiteSpaceBlackBox, Neuchatel, Switzerland

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Diotima*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen
- 2024 *Phenometry*, König Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Terra Incognita/Unknown Soil, Galerie Mazzoli, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 *Terra Incognita*, Mazzoli Gallery, Berlin
Calarbodas, Circle Culture Galleries, Hamburg
Objects & Scapes, Galerie ISA, Mumbai, India
Isotopes, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
New Works, Galleria Mazzoli, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2018 *Kaleidoscope*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 *Unique*, Galleria Poggiali, Pietrasanta, Italy
Le Solan, Galerie Marc de Puechredon, Basel, Switzerland
- 2016 *Le Solan*, Galerie Marc de Puechredon, Basel, Switzerland,
Le Solan, WhiteSpaceBlackBox, Neuchatel, Switzerland
- 2015 *Shadows*, LARM Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
Deus ex machina, Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2014 *Acupalco*, SEXAUER Gallery, Berlin , Germany
- 2013 *Melatonin*, Vendsyssel Kunstmuseum, Denmark
Melatonin, Museum Kastrupgaard Samlingen, Copenhagen,Denmark
- 2012 *Bahomas*, Städtisches Museum, Engen , Germany
LARMgalleri, Copenhagen , Denmark
Rien du chien, Laden für Nichts, Leipzig , Germany
- 2011 *OPERA – Paintings from Berlin (exhibition with Jonas Burgert)*, Galleria Mazzoli,
Modena, Italy
- 2010 *Le Peintre et son modèle (with Stefan Hirsig)*,Wendt+Friedmann Galerie,
Berlin, Germany
- 2009 *Lost and Found*, LARMgalleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2008 *Zorlac*,Wendt + Friedmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Ghostwriter, LARMgalleri, Copenhagen, Denmark 2007
... wenn das Licht angeht,Wendt + Friedmann Galerie, Berlin , Germany 2005
Drei wird Vier (with Jim Avignon), Agentur Dreispringer, Berlin , Germany
- 2004 *Noch 70 Tage bis Olympia*, Illgalleries, Berlin , Germany
Home is where the heart is, Kulturverein Badstraße, Siegen , Germany

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *BEYOND REACH*, Galerie SLP, Berlin
- 2025 *On Air* (cur. Jan Kage), Schloss Düneck, Hamburg
- 2023 *Artissima Turin*, Galleria Mazzoli, Turin, Italy
- BEYOND REACH: Navigating Longing in the Modern World*, Galerie SLP, Berlin, Germany
- On Air, a cura di* / curated by Jan Kage, Schloss Düneck, Hamburg, Germany
- India Art Fair*, Galerie ISA, New Delhi, India
- 2022 *Flower*, Choi & Choi Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- Art Busan*, Choi & Choi Gallery, Busan, South Korea
- Art Herning*, Hans Alf Gallery, Herning, Denmark
- Art Abu Dhabi*, Galerie ISA, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2021 *Enter Art Fair*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Going Places*, Galerie Nicole Gnesa, Munich, Germany
- Enter Art Fair*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Endless Summer*, Kleiner von Wiese Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- India Art Fair*, Galerie ISA, New Delhi, India
- Enter Art Fair*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2020 *Beyond Elysium*, Kleiner von Wiese Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- Out there*, kuratiert von Jan Kage, Metzdorf, Germany
- The summer show*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Beyond Elysium*, MOMENTUM / Kleiner Von Wiese Pop-Up, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *NGORONGORO II*, Artist Weekend Berlin, Lehderstrasse 34, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 *Shaping Space*, Galerie ISA, Mumbai, India
- Aus Berlin*, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Nah und Fern*, Skulpturen Triennale, Bingen, Germany
- Golden Ass*, Laden für Nichts, Leipzig, Germany
- Fünfklang*, Galerie Choi & Lager, Köln, Germany 2016
- Quattro Formaggi*, Galerie Jochen Hempel, Berlin, Germany
- Faith and Fanthom*, Galleria Forconi e Poggiali, Florence, Italy
- Between Sunrise and Sunset*, Schloss Tüßling, Tüßling, Germany
- Struktion*, Kühlhaus Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- Wahrheiten*, Kunstverein Münsterland, Münster, Germany 2015
- Gute Kunst?-Wollen!- Bilder aus der Sör/Rusche Sammlung*, AEG Gelände, Nürnberg, Germany
- NgoroNgoro-Artist Weekend*, Lehderstraße 34, Berlin, Germany 2014
- Imaginarium*, LARM Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Wahrheiten -Bilder aus der Sör/Rusche Sammlung*, Bayer Kulturhaus, Leverkusen, Germany
- Kolibri*, former Kolibri Ballhaus, Berlin, Germany
- Loitering with intent*, Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach, Germany
- Janusbygningen PT14*, Museum Janusbygningen, Denmark, 2013
- Weltenschöpfer*, Museum der bildenden Künste, Leipzig, Germany
- Alles Wasser*, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Blomsters/Flowers*, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Berlin, Germany

- Growth*, Charlotte Fogh Gallery , Aarhus, Denmark
Babylon, Wendt und Friedmann Galerie , Berlin , Germany
- 2012 *lles Wasser*, Galerie Mikael Andersen Berlin , Germany
Claim, Neue Berliner Räume, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *Dinner für Spinner*, Laden für Nichts, Leipzig , Germany
Black Beauty White Swan, Wendt + Friedmann Galerie, Berlin , Germany
Alptraum, Projektraum Deutscher Künstlerbund, travelling exhibition Washington D.C., London, Berlin, Los Angeles, Cape Town
KRAUT, Schau Fenster, Berlin , Germany *Baroque*, Larm Galleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
Verschwende Deine Jugend, Wendt + Friedmann Galerie, Berlin , Germany
- 2010 *Alptraum*, Transformer, Washington, DC , USA
Gewalten, Laden fuer Nichts, Leipzig , Germany
A Formal Figure, The Forgotten Bar / Galerie im Regierungsviertel, Berlin , Germany
Radical Adults, The Forgotten Bar / Galerie im Regierungsviertel, Berlin , Germany
Night of the Pawn, The Forgotten Bar / Galerie im Regierungsviertel, Berlin
Christian Achenbach, Andreas Blank, Nicola Samorì, Galerie Christian Ehrentraut, Berlin, Germany
Night of the Pawn, Spinnereigelände, Leipzig , Germany
Hostile Aestetik Takeover, Appartment, Berlin , Germany
- 2009 *Zaunkönig*, Wendt + Friedmann Galerie, Berlin , Germany
Das Unheimliche, Modulorhaus Berlin , Germany
Contemporary Home, Project Space during Documenta, Kassel, Germany,
Prime Time, Wendt + Friedmann Galerie, Berlin , Germany
- 2006 *Farewell Berlin*, Von Brun, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2004 *Friendly Capitalism Lounge 9*, Haus Schwarzenberg, Berlin , Germany
- 2003 *Friendly Capitalism Lounge 8*, Haus Schwarzenberg, Berlin

COLLECTIONS

ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, DK
Kastrupgaard Collection, Taarnby Art Museum, DK
Sammlung Sebastian Vettel, CH
Sammlung Emerson, US
Ole Faarup Collection, DK
Brask Collection, DK
Sr Rusche Collection Berlin, DE
Leif Djurhuus Collection, DK Sammlung
Philara, DE
Sammlung Hildebrandt, DE
Aegidius Collection, DK