

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
Amorphidian, Galerie ISA, Mumbai, India
PARICUTÍN, König Galerie, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2024 *Phenometry*, König Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Terra Incognita/Unknown Soil, Galerie Mazzoli, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 *Calarbodas*, Circle Culture Galleries, Hamburg
- 2022 *Objects & Scapes*, Galerie ISA, Mumbai, India
- 2020 *Isotopes*, Hans Alf Gallery, 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*, WhiteSpaceBlackBox, Neuchatel, Switzerland
- 2015 *Shadows*, Larmgalleri, Copenhagen, Denmark
Deus ex machina, Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2014 *Acupalco*, SEXAUER Gallery, Berlin , Germany
- 2013 *Melatonin*, Vendsyssel Kunstmuseum, Denmark
Melatonin, Museum Kastropgaard Samlingen, Copenhagen, Denmark *Bahomas*,
- 2012 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 *Artefiera*, Galleria Mazzoli, Bologna, Italy
The great big winter show, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2024 Kenna Xu Gallery, Shenzhen, China
Inner Spaces, KÖNIG SEOUL, Seoul, South Korea
Metaphor to Metamorphosis, KÖNIG BERGSON, Munich, Germany
- 2023 *Beyond Reach: Navigating Longing in the Modern World*, Galerie SLP, Berlin, Germany
On Air, Schloss Düneck, Hamburg, Germany
- 2022 *Flower*, Choi & Choi Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Going Places, Galerie Nicole Gnesa, Munich, Germany
- 2021 *Endless Summer*, Kleiner von Wiese Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Beyond Elysium*, MOMENTUM, Kleiner von Wiese Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Out there, Metzdorf, Germany
The Summer Show, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2019 *The New Abstract*, Galerie Kremers, Berlin, Germany
Both Hands on the Wheel, Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
+1, KWADRAT, 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
- 2016 *Fünfklang*, Galerie Choi & Lager, Köln, Germany
Quattro Formaggi, Galerie Jochen Hempel, Berlin, Germany
Faith & Fathom, Galleria Poggiali, Florence, Italy
The Difference Between Sunrise and Sunset, Schloss Tüssling, Tüssling, Germany
Struktion, Kühlhaus Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Wahrheiten, Kunstverein Münsterland, Münster, Germany
- 2015 *Salon der Gegenwart*, Hamburg, Germany
NgoroNgoro-Artist Weekend, Lehderstraße 34, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *Imaginarium*, LARM Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Wahrheiten-Zeitgenössische Kunst im Dialog mit Alten Meistern, Werke aus der SØR
 Rusche Sammlung Oelde/Berlin, 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
Blumen/Flowers/Blomster, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Berlin, Germany
Growth, Charlotte Fogh Gallery, Aarhus, Denmark
Babylon, Wendt und Friedmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 *Alles 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 Samori, 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