

Robert Estermann

Born 1970 in Sursee, Switzerland
Lives and works in Berlin and Zurich

Education

1991 – 1992:

University of Sorbonne (French Literature and Philosophy), Paris, France

1992 – 1997:

École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France (DNSAP, Master of Arts)

1999 – 2001:

Jan van Eyck Akademie, Post-Academic Institute for Research and Production for Fine Art, Design and Theory, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Grants & Awards

2009:

Swiss Art Award, Swiss Federal Office of Culture, Bern, Switzerland

Bae Open Space Studio Grant (and residency), Busan, South Korea

2007:

Manor Art Prize, Lucerne, Switzerland

Swiss Art Award, Swiss Federal Office of Culture, Bern, Switzerland

Grant of the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland

2005:

Swiss Art Award, Swiss Federal Office of Culture, Bern, Switzerland

Prize of the Jury, Prize of the Cantons of Central Switzerland, Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland

Grant of the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland

2001:

Neuentdeckung des Jahres 2000, 20. Internationale Kritiker-Umfrage, Art-Das Kunstmagazin, Hamburg, Germany

Jan van Eyck Akademie Grant, Maastricht, The Netherlands

2000:

Jan van Eyck Akademie Grant, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Huygens Scholarship, Nuffic Programme, The Hague, The Netherlands

1999:

Jan van Eyck Akademie Grant, Maastricht, The Netherlands

since 1998:

Various exhibition grants, including Pro Helvetia, Zurich, Switzerland

Selected Solo Shows

2010:

“Announcements Annonces Ankündigungen”, (les halles) espace d’art contemporain, Porrentruy, Switzerland

“Robert Estermann - Sissy Circus and Other Singularities”, Agnès b. Gallery, Hong Kong, China

2009:

“Modern Beach Design”, Hilfiker Kunstprojekte, Lucerne, Switzerland

2008:

“New Sundays”, Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France

2007:

"Robert Estermann. Manor Kunstpreis Luzern 2007", Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland

2003:

"Robert Estermann", Ausstellungsraum restitution, Berlin, Germany

2002:

"Robert Estermann", Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France

2000:

"water is strong", Galerie du Forum Saint-Eustache, Paris, France

"room and anteroom / all desires / I have forgotten your name", gallery 227, Maastricht, The Netherlands

1995:

"sudden, everything", ENSBA, Paris, France

Selected Group Shows

2011:

"Môtiers 2011 - Art en plein air", Môtiers, Switzerland

(until 18 September 2011)

art:gwangju:11, with Kim Kim Gallery, Gwangju, South Korea

(forthcoming: 31 August – 4 September 2011)

Gyeongju Art Fair, with Kim Kim Gallery, Gyeongju, South Korea

(forthcoming: 10 November – 13 November 2011)

"Max von Moos – gesehen von Peter Roesch, Christian Kathriner & Robert Estermann", Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland

"Voici un Dessin Suisse (1990-2010)", Kunsthaus Aarau, Switzerland

"In Erster Linie", Kunstmuseum Solothurn, Switzerland

2010:

"Zentralschweizer Kunstszene", Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland

"Where in this world could I go?", von cirne, Cologne, Germany

"Edition 5, Erstfeld", Haus für Kunst Uri, Switzerland

"Voici un Dessin Suisse (1990-2010)", Musée Rath, Geneva, Switzerland

Gluri Sutter Haus, Wettingen, Switzerland

2009:

"If it works, it's out of date", Gallery Shilla (with Kim Kim Gallery), Daegu, South Korea

"Moving Coastline", Space Bandee, Busan, South Korea

"Sammeln Verpflichtet", Museum of Art Solothurn, Switzerland

"Swiss Art Awards 2009", Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland

MadridFoto, with Galerie du Jour agnès b., Madrid, Spain

"Zeigen", ETH Zurich Höggerberg, Zurich, Switzerland

2008:

"Zentralschweizer Kunstschaffen 2008", Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland

"24. Kantonale Jahresausstellung", Museum of Art Solothurn, Switzerland

"Impression 2008", Kunsthaus Grenchen, Grenchen, Switzerland

"Kim Kim Gallery", ROB-ERT, Berlin, Germany

2007:

"Top of Central Switzerland", Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland

"Werkbeiträge Bildende Kunst 2007 Kanton Zürich", F+F, Zurich, Switzerland

"Swiss Art Awards 2007", Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland

"Prix Spécial Noël", Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France

2006:

"Was macht die Kunst - Ankäufe der Stadt Zürich 2001 - 2006", Helmhaus, Zurich, Switzerland

"Heimatflimmern", Brandenburgischer Kunstverein, Potsdam, Germany

"La Luna. La Diva", likeyou.projects, Zurich, Switzerland

Int. Triennale für Originaldruckgrafik, Grenchen, Switzerland

"Performances et Projections", Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France
2005:
"Jahresausstellung Innerschweizer Künstler", Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland
"Werkbeiträge Bildende Kunst 2005 Kanton Zürich", F+F, Zurich, Switzerland
"Swiss Art Awards 2005", Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland
2004:
Fiac, with Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France
"11th Biennial of Visual Arts VALUES", Pancevo, Serbia
"Desidolize Now", Grande-Halle de la Villette, Paris, France
2003:
"Kunstszene Zürich", Toni-Areal, Zurich, Switzerland
Art Cologne, with Elisabeth Kaufmann Gallery, Cologne, Germany
"PARA...SIGNS", Elisabeth Kaufmann, Zurich, Switzerland
"Eine mittlere Ebene", Amtshäuser III und IV, Zurich, Switzerland
2002:
Fiac, with Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France
Art Forum Berlin, with Galerie du Jour agnès b., Berlin, Germany
"seeyuatthepremierefair", Kongresszentrum Rauchstrasse, Berlin, Germany
"Commitment", Las Palmas, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
"Sens Dessus-Dessous", Galerie Jennifer Flay, Paris, France
2001:
"The air palpably thickens ...", MARRES centrum beeldende kunst, Maastricht, The Netherlands
"T-SHIRT", paris project room, Paris, France
"LIE!", Compression Space, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
"drawings", Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, The Netherlands
"UNLIMITED.NL#4", De Appel Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2000:
"objet : projet", Shed im Eisenwerk, Frauenfeld, Zurich, Switzerland
"affinités électives 2", Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France
"open nights", Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, The Netherlands
"Literie", Galerie du Forum Saint-Eustache, Paris, France
1999:
"The Garden Project", Total Open-Air Museum, Jangheung, South Korea
"Drawing a Line", Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea
"affinités électives", Galerie du Jour agnès b., Paris, France
1998:
"Rencontres internationales Hors Circuit Paris/Berlin", Brotfabrick, Berlin, Germany
"Storage", TONIC, New York, USA
"Fin de Siècle", Ambassade Suisse, Paris, France
1996:
"Sin-Aesthetics", MK Galerie, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
"Kaukolämpöä ja muita siirtymä" (District heating and other transitions), former criminal investigation departement, Helsinki, Finland
1995:
"While you kissed the stairway", rue de Lancry, Paris, France
1993:
"Etat de transfert", Galerie Jorge Alyskewycz, Paris, France

Selected Actions & Performances

2010:
"Exile Parliament ", on a proposal by San Keller, Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen, St.Gallen, Switzerland
2009:

"Streetpeople", ETH Zurich Hönggerberg, Zurich, Switzerland
"Brnd mrror kds srrnd accdnt", Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland
2007:
"Alex in Town", Streets of Grenchen, Switzerland
2005:
"Reflexe auf Fensterscheiben in Cartoons (...)", artist's studio, Zurich, Switzerland
2003:
"unreiner Duft", Amt für Hochbau, AH III und AH IV, Zurich, Switzerland
2002:
"Je suis ninja. Voilà ma proposition pour une séance profonde de Rock.", Galerie Jennifer Flay, Paris, France
2000:
"room and anteroom / all desires / I have forgotten your name", Gallery 227, Maastricht, The Netherlands
"water is strong", Galerie du Forum Saint-Eustache, Paris, France
1999:
"Illegal company", Bahnhofstrasse, Zurich, Switzerland
"This is fiction", Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea
1998:
"Streetpeople", Brotfabrick, Berlin, Germany
1997:
"Fighting People", ENSBA, Paris, France
"Sex For a future", ENSBA, Paris, France
"L'oiseau le plus beau de notre époque", ENSBA, Paris, France
1996:
"HI STORY", Railway station square / Kaisaniemen Puisto, Helsinki, Finland
1995:
"Changer des jambes en plantes aquatiques est un crime", ENSBA, Paris, France
"Parkett", Hôtel de Chimay, ENSBA, Paris, France

Film Projections

2010:
"Parallel Discipline", Space Hamilton, Seoul, S-Korea
2000:
"thés vidéos", Galerie Eof, Paris, France
"Singular multiplicity: a re-visitation on 'identity' [breaking the code, part 2]"
Institut für Gegenwartskunst, Wien; Central St Martins? School of Art, London, UK
"Inhabiting Technologies" (Symposia), with Sue Golding [johnny de philo], ICA, London, UK
1999:
"Drive-In", cinéma action cristine, Paris, France "contamination", "contamination continue", cinéart café, Nanterre, France "what is Enlightenment (chapter 2)", symposium, Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Public Collections

City of Zurich, Switzerland
Museum of Art Lucerne, Switzerland
Museum of Art Solothurn, Switzerland
MARRES centrum beeldende kunst, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Total Open-Air Museum, Jangheung, South Korea
Sammlung Hoffmann La-Roche, Basel, Switzerland

Agnès B. Collection, Paris, France
Numerous Private Collections