

# Sigmar Polke

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## Biography

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| 1941      | Born in Oels/Schlesien, East Germany  |
| 1945      | Family flees to Thüringen, East Germany   |
| 1953      | Emigrates to West Berlin and then settles in Düsseldorf, West Germany   |
| 1963      | Founds "Kapitalistischen Realismus", a painting movement with Gerhard Richter and Konrad (Fischer) Lueg; "Demonstrative Ausstellung", store-front exhibition in Düsseldorf with Kuttner, Lueg & Richter |
| 1964      | "Neodada Pop Decollage Kapitalistischer Realismus", Galerie René Block, Berlin; Awarded the Young Germans award in Baden-Baden with Klaus Geldmacher and Dieter Krieg                                   |
| 1961-1967 | Studies at the Düsseldorf Art Academy under Karl Otto Goetz and Gerhard Hoehme  |
| 1975      | Awarded the prize for painting at the XIII Bienal de Sao Paulo  |
| 1986      | Awarded the "Golden Lion" at the XLII Biennale di Venezia   |
| 1988      | Awarded the 1988 Baden-Württemberg International Prize for Painting   |
| 1977-1991 | Professor at the Academy of Fine Arts, Hamburg  |
| 1995      | Carnegie Award at the Carnegie International, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  |
| 1998      | International Center of Photography, Infinity Award for Art; P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, New York  |
| 2002      | "Praemium Imperiale" awarded by the Japan Art Association   |

Lives and works in Cologne

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## Exhibitions

- 2006 "Sigmar Polke – Alice in Wonderland", The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Osaka
- 2006 "Implosion", Anton Kern Gallery, New York
- 2006 "Mythologies", Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2006 "Sigmar Polke: 64 Photographs from 1977", Springer & Winckler Galerie, Berlin
- 2006 "Frontiers: Collecting the Art of our Time" Worcester Art Museum, MA
- 2006 "Sigmar Polke: Photographs 1960-2005", Städtische Kunsthalle Mannheim, Mannheim
- 2005 "Alice in Wonderland", Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo
- 2005 "Sigmar Polke. Works & Days", Kunsthaus Zürich, Zurich (solo)
- 2005 "Sigmar Polke: Music From an Unknown Source", Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts, Vietnam (solo)
- 2005 "Stratification: an installation of works since 1960", Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge
- 2005 Sigmar Polke, Photographs 1969 – 1974, Nyehaus, New York (solo)
- 2005 Sigmar Polke – Ausgesuchte Werke, Galerie Karl Pfefferle, Munich (solo)
- 2005 Sigmar Polke - Fotografien 1964-1968/1990, Galerie Stefan Röpke, Cologne (solo)
- 2005 Sigmar Polke - Vintage Photographs from a Private Collection, Galerie Judin / Haunch of Venision, Zurich (solo)
- 2004 Sigmar Polke – Fotografien 1964 – 2000, Springer & Winckler Galerie, Berlin (solo)
- 2004 "The History of Everything", The Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas
- 2003-2004 "Sigmar Polke: History of Everything", Tate Modern, London
- 2003 "Sigmar Polke. Original + Fälschung", Rupertinum Salzburg
- 2002 "Sigmar Polke", Ishizaka Art, Spark Inc, Tokyo

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- 2002 Sigmar Polke. Recent Paintings and Drawings", Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas
- 2001 "Sigmar Polke. Music of Unclear Origin", Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh (then to Milton Keynes)
- 2000-2001 "Kunst ist unser Antrieb. Sigmar Polke, Die Gesamten Editionen (1963-2000)", Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn
- 2000 "Sigmar Polke. Die Alten", Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona
- 1999 "Sigmar Polke: Works on Paper, 1963-1974", Museum of Modern Art, New York, (then Hamburg)
- 1998 "Sigmar Polke. Printing Mistakes 1996-98", Michael Werner Gallery, New York
- 1997 "Sigmar Polke. Die drei Lügen der Malerei", Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn (then Berlin)
- 1996 "Sigmar Polke. Arbeiten auf Papier", Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A., Luxembourg
- 1995-1996 "Sigmar Polke Photoworks: When Pictures Vanish", Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (CA), USA (Tournee) (solo)
- 1995 "Sigmar Polke. Join The Dots", Tate Gallery Liverpool, Liverpool, GB
- 1994 "Sigmar Polke", Carré d'Art, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Nîmes, France
- 1993 "Sigmar Polke. Gemeinschaftswerk Aufschwung Ost", Bruno Brunnet Fine Arts, Berlin
- 1992 "Sigmar Polke. Schilderijen", Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1991 "Sigmar Polke", The Brooklyn Museum, New York
- 1991 "Sigmar Polke", Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
- 1991 "Sigmar Polke", Hirshhorn Museum, Washington D.C.
- 1990-1991 "Sigmar Polke", Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
- 1990-1991 "Polke", Michael Werner, New York
- 1990 "Sigmar Polke. Das photographische Werk", Kunsthalle Baden-Baden (solo)
- 1989 Sigmar Polke – Fotografien Paris 1971, Jablonka Galerie, Cologne (solo)
- 1988 "Sigmar Polke", Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, ARC
- 1986 Mary Boone Gallery, New York
- 1986 Athanor. Il padiglione, Pavillon der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, XLII Biennale di Venezia, Venice (solo)

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- 1984 Kunsthaus, Zürich, Kunsthalle Köln
- 1983-1984 "Sigmar Polke", Museum Boymans-van-Beuningen, Rotterdam;  
Städtisches Kunstmuseum, Bonn
- 1983 "Zeichnungen 1963-1968", Galerie Michael Werner, Cologne
- 1983 Sigmar Polke - Carte/Fotografie/Tele, Studio d'Arte Cannaviello, Milan  
(solo)
- 1983 Sigmar Polke - 39 Fotounikate, Galerie Thomas Borgmann, Cologne  
(solo)
- 1982 Holly Solomon Gallery, New York
- 1980 Galerie Rudolf Zwirner, Cologne
- 1979 Galerie Bama, Paris
- 1978 InK, Halle für internationale neue Kunst, Zurich
- 1977 Sigmar Polke -Fotos / Achim Duchow - Projektionen, Kasseler  
Kunstverein, Kassel
- 1977 Sigmar Polke - Fotos, Galerie Klein, Bonn (solo)
- 1976 "Sigmar Polke Bilder - Tücher - Objekte. Werkauswahl 1962-1972",  
Kunsthalle Tübingen; Tübingen; städtische Kunsthalle Düsseldorf,  
Stedelijk Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
- 1975 "Mu Nieletnam Netorruprup", Kunsthalle zu Kiel und Schleswig-  
Holstein
- 1974 "Original + Fälschung", Städtisches Kunstmuseum, Bonn (with Achim  
Duchow)
- 1973 "Franz Liszt kommt gern zu mir zum Fernsehen", Westfälischer  
Kunstverein, Münster
- 1972 Galerie des Goethe-Instituts, Provisorium, Amsterdam
- 1970-1971 Galerie Michael Werner, Cologne
- 1970 Kabinett für aktuelle Kunst, Bremerhaven
- 1968 Galerie René Block, Berlin
- 1966 Galerie h, Hannover (with Gerhard Richter)
- 1966 "Hommage à Schmela", Galerie Schmela, Düsseldorf