



CLEMENS WOLF born 1981, lives and works in Vienna, Austria. Since his graduation at the University of Arts Linz, he is fascinated by dilapidated material like fences in front of dumps, abandoned warehouses and unfinished buildings.

In his latest works, he sets his main focus on the process of transformation haunted by his own history. Old discarded parachutes (he is a passionate parachutist) are transformed into sensual objects. After they are immersed in epoxide resin they are layed out in tondi, hung or stand up as sculpture or stretched on frames as paintings, every crease being arranged meticulously and finally left to dry.

When we examine Clemens Wolf's obsessive and mysterious work, it's obvious that the frontier between painting, sculpture and drawing places a great importance. The surface of the pieces with its powerfully vivid palette, reveals a world that is almost organic. While the artist sees the fabric's contractions as a stylized representation of decomposition and decay, the resin he uses to hold the folds in place gives the works a distinctive glossy aspect and an intensity that is brought out by the delicacy of the coiled up parachute cords. The choice of such a lightweight and an aerial object as the parachute conjures up the fundamental notion of gravity.

BIOGRAPHY

1981 born in Vienna, lives and works in Vienna, AUT
2002 University of Art and Design Linz, Fine Arts, AUT
2005 Erasmus scholarship, ABK Maastricht, NL
2006 Artist in residence, Hildesheim, GER
2006 Diesel New Art Award
2007 Graduation University of Art and Design Linz, Fine Arts, AUT
2009 Strabag Art Award
2010 Georg Eisler Preis (nomminee)
2011 Anton Faistauerpreis
2013 SommerFrische Kunst, Artist in residence, Bad Gastein, AUT

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Albertina, Vienna
STRABAG Art Collection
Artothek des Bundes (Austria)
Artothek des Landes (Vienna)
Essl Collection (Private Museum)
Ringturm Collection (Wiener Städtische Insurance Group)
National Bank of Austria Collection

PUBLICATIONS

CLEMENS WOLF #3 Verlag für moderne Kunst, 2021
CLEMENS WOLF #2 Verlag für moderne Kunst, 2019
AUTODUCK Distanz Verlag, 2014
GOLD Hirmer 2012
CLEMENS WOLF #1 Verlag für moderne Kunst, 2012

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 TERRAIN the STABLE S-chanf, Switzerland
CLEMENS WOLF Sanatorium Gallery Pop Up Kempinsky, Bodrum, Turkey
TENSION Plus 359 Gallery Sofia, Bulgaria
PLUS / MINUS Charta Gallery Sofia, Bulgaria

2024 FREEFALL Palais Festecits Vienna, Austria

2023 REMIX - MATERIAL ARCHIOLOGY, SANATORIUM Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2022 LETS PLAY - FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION, Galerie Silvia Steinek, Vienna, Austria

2021 NO ONE KNOWS, Artworld, Vienna, Austria

2020 CANT TOUCH THIS, BACKSLASH Gallery, Paris, France
CAN TOUCH THIS, Galerie Silvia Steinek, Vienna, Austria

2019 LINE DRAWINGS, Collectors Agenda, Vienna, Austria
OUT OF THE BLUE, McNamara Projects, Hong Kong, China

2017 SURFACEBLUES, Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
SOMETIMES YOU LIVE TWICE, BACKSLASH Gallery, Paris, France

2016 GROUNDED, Galerie Steinek, Wien, Austria
WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN, Grenzkunsthalle, Jennersdorf, Austria

2015 GREYSCALE, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Zürich, Switzerland
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAINBOW, BACKSLASH Gallery, Paris, France

2014 HEAVY DUTY, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Zürich, Switzerland

2013 TIME TO BREAK OUT, Galerie Hunchentoot, Berlin, Germany
UNTITLED, DIE THEATRALIK DER BEDEUTUNGSLOSIGKEIT, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria
INES, Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria

2011 HOLES N´GRIDS, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria
DEFORESTOFENCES, Pratersauna Artspace, Vienna, Austria
VIENNAFAIR, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria

2010 OPENED SPACE, Open Space, Art Cologne, Germany
 CLEMENS WOLF, Galerie Ruzicka, Salzburg, Austria

2009 CLEMENS WOLF, AKNÖ, Vienna, Austria
 THE GREAT MESS, Strabag Artlounge, Vienna, Austria
 HINTER DER FREIHEIT / BEHIND FREEDOM, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria

2008 A TOUCH OF RED, Phantom Galleries, Pasadena, United State
 THE GREAT MESS IN LA, The Continental Gallery, Los Angeles, United States

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 KEIN HALBES DUTZEND Galerie Bachlechner Graz, Austria
 SOMMERFRISCHE KUNST 15 YEARS Kraftwerk Bad Gastein, Austria
 CLEMENS WOLF / ESTHER STOCKER Collectors Agenda Vienna, Austria

2024 HUMAN ABSTRACTION The art and design Project Miami, USA
 AEQUILIBRIUM Salon Meiselberg Schloss Meiselberg, Austria

2023 THE IN-VISIBLE ABSTRACTION BEYOND, The line up, Schloss Moosburg, Austria
 POP UP SHOW, Galerie Lisa Kandlhofer, Velden, Austria

2022 FAMILY AND FRIENDS 2, BACKSLASH Gallery, Paris
 ALWAYS ON MY MIND, Galerie Silvia Steinek, Vienna, Austria
 SCHAU 8, Kunsthaus Kollitsch, Klagenfurt, Austria
 VERGOLDET / DORÉ, Chateau de Nyon, France
 VERGOLDET / DORÉ, Schloss Biesendorf, Berlin, Germany
 RENDEZVOUS MIT DER SAMMLUNG, Landesgalerie Lower Austria, Krems, Austria

2020 I HOLD THE WHEEL TO LET IT GO, Collectors Depot, Pörschach, Austria
 I WISH I WERE LIKE YOU: EASILY AMUSED, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Kitzbühel, Austria

2019 CORRESPONDENCE, SANATORIUM Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
 TBD WWS, Collectors Depot, Pörschach, Austria
 SOMMERFRISCHE KUNST, Bad Gastein, Austria
 GROUP SHOW, Galerie Gölles, Fürstenfeld, Austria

2018 HERE WE ARE NOW ENTERTAIN US, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Kitzbühel, Austria
 FUTURE IS COLLECTIVE, BACKSLASH Gallery, Paris, France
 BREAKFAST AT TIFFANYS, Collectors Depot, Pörschach, Austria
 GARTEN DER KÜNSTLER, Minoritenkloster, Tulln, Austria
 HOME BY THE SEA, Collectors Depot, Pörschach, Austria
 ACCOURAGE, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Kitzbühel, Austria
 LOUNGE ACT, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Kitzbühel, Austria

2017 GALERIE M, Galerie Z, Hard, Austria
 WEIHNACHTEN, Galerie Propaganda, Warsaw, Poland
 BLACK IS THE NEW BLACK, Collectors Depot, Pörschach, Austria

OH! YOU PRETTY THINGS, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Kitzbühel, Austria

2016 SESSION 3 PLANÉITÉ, BACKSLASH Gallery, Paris, France

HÖHENRAUSCH, Eigen+Art Lab, Berlin, Germany

GASTRÄUME, Manifesta, Zürich

INTERJEKTION, Galerie Clemens Gunzer Zürich, Switzerland

2015 FIGUR I STRUKTUR, Starabag Artcollection, RLB Kunstbrücke, Innsbruck, Austria

3. DANUBE BIENNALE, Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia

SKULPTURENPARK, Golfclub Dellach, Austria

SUMMER SHOW, Galerie Clemens Gunzer Kitzbühel, Austria

LOOK AT ME NOW, Inoperable Gallery, Vienna, Austria

VERORTUNG, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria

2014 27/1, BACKSLASH Gallery, Paris, France

WHEN BLACK MEETS WHITE, Inoperable Gallery, Vienna, Austria

REDUX, Inoperable Gallery, Vienna, Austria

HIC ET NUNC, Stift Klosterneuburg, Austria

COLLECTED #4, Bank Austria Kunstforum Vienna,

2013 HEAVY METAL, Galerie Clemens Gunzer, Kitzbühel, Austria

LIKE IT, Essl Museum, Klosterneuburg, Austria

ELEVEN, Hohe Bleichen, Hamburg, Germany

SOMMERFRISCHE KUNST, Bad Gastein, Austria

FIRST, Loft 8, Vienna, Austria

2012 DER GEMALTE RAUM, Essl Museum, Klosterneuburg, Austria

SESSHAFT, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria

GOLD, Unteres Belvedere, Vienna, Austria

DEMONS AND PEARLS, Dok, St. Poelten, Austria

2011 IN BETWEEN, CAC, Vilnius, Lithuania

IN BETWEEN, Stadtgalerie, St. Pölten, Austria

KUNSTTOUR 2011, Maastricht, Netherlands

FAISTAUERPREIS 2011, Trakelhaus, Salzburg, Austria

NACHBARN, ABGRENZUNG UND GEMEINSAMKEIT, Eisfabrik, Hannover, Germany

ART IN THE CITY, Park d`Egmont, BGArt Brussels, Vienna, Belgium

ES LEBE DIE MALEREI, Essl Museum, Klosterneuburg, Austria

OPERIA SERIA, Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria

MÄRCHEN MYTHOS MAROTTE, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria

TERMINATOR 2, Projekt LOVE, Vienna, Austria

2010 GEORG EISLER PREIS, Bank Austria Kunstforum, Vienna, Austria

RINGTURM. KUNST, SAMMLUNG VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP, Leopold Museum, Vienna,

4TH BEIJING BIENNALE, Namoc National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China

URBAN LOOK, Die Ausstellungsstrasse, Vienna Biennale, Vienna, Austria

HAPPY IN VIENNA, Galerie Steinek, Vienna, Austria

IN BETWEEN, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey

KUNSTTOUR 2010, Galerie Groen Licht, Maastricht, Netherlands

FOCUS DAILY, Continental Gallery, Los Angeles, United States

IN BETWEEN, Old Patriotissa Market Hall, Nikosia, Cyprus

IN BETWEEN, Zentrum für Gegenwartskunst, Podgarica, Montenegro

- 2009 1ST DANUBE BIENNALE, Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia
 IN BETWEEN, Galerija Umjetnina, Split, Croatia
 SCHWARZ AUF WEISS, IN SHADES OF GREY, Brick 5, Vienna, Austria
 STRABAG INTERNATIONAL ARTAWARD 2009, Strabag Artlounge, Vienna, Austria
 KUNSTTOUR 2009, Galerie Groen Licht, Maastricht, Netherlands
 KOSCHATZKY AWARD NOMINEES, Mumok Hofstallungen, Vienna, Austria
- 2008 IN BETWEEN, Genia Schreiber University Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
 AUSTRIA conTEMPORARY, Essl Museum, Klosterneuburg, Austria
 KUNSTTOUR 08 – Galerie Groen Licht, Maastricht, Netherlands
 ICH HABE NICHT GENUG IHR MATTEN AUGEN, Universal Cube, Leipzig, Germany
 FROM THE STREET ON UP!, VillaNuts, The Hague, Netherlands
 ZEICHEN UND WUNDER, California Market Center, Los Angeles, United States
- 2007 LACYSTREET ARTS, Los Angeles, United States
 BEST OFF 07, Nordico, Linz, Austria
 KUNSTTOUR 07, Maastricht, Netherlands
 ARTMART, Viennart Künstlerhaus, Vienna, Austria
- 2006 STEELCITYKIDS, Junglerushstudios, Los Angeles, United States
 DIESEL NEW ART AWARD, Betonsalon Museumsquartier, Vienna, Austria
 ORTSWECHSEL, Kunstverein Hildesheim, Hildesheim, Germany
 STREETART, DIE LESBARE STADT, Freiraum Museumsquartier, Vienna, Austria (Curator)