

POLA BRÄNDLE

Collage/Decollage

Vita

Pola Brändle, born 1980 in Aachen (Germany), studied at the Academy of Fine Art in Maastricht, Holland. Since 2003 she traveled the world to follow her passion - taking photos of old posterwalls. She is based in Berlin, where she creates her Collages/Decollages.

Exhibitions in Germany, Spain, Russia, Turkey, Austria, Lebanon, Hungary and the US.

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Artists Statement

I've travelled the world to follow my passion—photographing posterwalls—exploring the art of collage both natural and man-made. Influenced by wind and weather, dripping rain and fading sunlight mixed with human vandalism, advertisements are changed into something new, something one of a kind. I search for these historically cultural moments and freeze them with my camera, stopping further decay by the preservation of that moment. These collages are in their own way alive. Developing every day as layers are added or stripped. I search for the perfect moment between relevance and destruction, picking out hints of local life among the bold colours and words used to sell events and commodities.

Since 2003 I've explored these phenomena in over 25 countries, taking the photographs that lead to my first book „Plakatief – A World in Layers“, published by Kerber Verlag in 2011 and nominated for the „Deutscher Fotobuchpreis 2012“ (German Photo Book Award 2012).

In 2005 it became clear that the next step in developing my understanding of the poster collage was to make them myself and using a combination of collage and decollage techniques began to build my own works of cultural reference. Sourcing most of my materials from beloved Berlin, but also collecting pieces along my continued travels, enabling me to develop work that mixed cultural references in a way my photography never could.

In 2009 I took the exploration of these techniques one step farther and began building iconic images and large scale Portraits with these techniques. Along with a series of alternative and interactive approaches to presentation, these pieces have become a large focus of my recent exhibitions and an excitingly open concept that I continue to explore.

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Gallery Representation

Galerie 3 Punks | Berlin, Germany

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Selected Exhibitions

- 2015** 3 Punts Galerie | Berlin, Germany
- 2014** Art.ig Galerie | Wien, Austria
Casa Museo de Mijas | Mijas, Spain
MMG Gallery | Budapest, Hungary
Open Air Gallery | Berlin, Germany
Beirut Contemporary Art Fair | Beirut, Lebanon
Mamü Gallery | Budapest, Hungary
Kunstetage K55 | Heilbronn, Germany
- 2013** German Embassy | Moskau, Russia
3 Punts Galerie | Berlin, Germany
Mianki.Gallery | Berlin, Germany
City Museum | Yalova, Turkey
- 2012** Galerie Michael Nolte | Münster, Germany
Galeria K | Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Exhibition Series ArtDinner | Cas Concos, Spain
Galerie Freitag 18.30 | Aachen, Germany
- 2011** Rialto Living | Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Galeria Flohr | Santanyi, Spain
Son Vent | Cas Concos, Spain
- 2010** Galeria BCN untitled | Barcelona, Spain
CoCA - Center on Contemporary Art | Seattle, USA
Galerie Meisterschüler | Berlin, Germany
- 2009** Kunstsalon Europa | Berlin, Germany
YBDD Showroom | Berlin, Germany
WerkStadt Berlin | Berlin, Germany
- 2008** Galerie Borchert+Schelenz | Berlin, Germany
Vospalais >Kunstschau Berlin< | Berlin, Germany
- 2007** Galerie Amadeus Art | Berlin, Germany
Galerie Borchert+Schelenz | Berlin, Germany
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Galerie Meisterschüler | Berlin, Germany
- 2005** Tilke Engineers and Architects | Aachen, Germany
Erholungsgesellschaft | Aachen, Germany

Art Fair Participations

POSITIONS Art Fair | Berlin, Germany | 2014
Beirut Contemporary Art Fair | Beirut, Lebanon | 2014
TEASE ART FAIR #4 | Cologne, Germany | 2011
Art Fair - Berliner Kunstsalon | Berlin, Germany | 2010

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Awards, Scholarships and Symosiums

Fresh Winds Festival | Iceland | 2015
Art-Camp | Erdősölö, Hungary | 2014
Yalova Biennale | Yalova, Turkey | 2013
Nominierung Deutscher Fotobuchpreis | Germany | 2013
Tent Award | Rotterdam, Netherlands | 2003

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Charity Auctions

Benefiz Auktion Telefonseelsorge | KPM Berlin | Berlin, Germany | 2014
Benefiz Auktion Telefonseelsorge | Berlinische Galerie | Berlin, Germany | 2013
6. Kunstauktion für den deutschen Kinderschutzbund | Berlin, Germany | 2013
Junge Kunst Rockt, Hardrock Café | Munich, Germany | 2012
5. Kunstauktion für den deutschen Kinderschutzbund | Berlin, Germany | 2012