

Simon Fujiwara

1982 Born in London, UK
Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

Education

2006-08 Fine Art, Städelschule, Staatliche Hochschule für Bildende Künste, (Prof. Simon Starling) Frankfurt am Main
2002-05 Architecture BA, 1st Class Degree Hons with Distinction, Cambridge University

Residencies/Scholarships/Awards

2011 South Bank Arts Awards (nominated emerging visual artist)
2010 Iaspis Residency, Gothenburg, Sweden
The Baloise Art Prize, Art Basel 41, Switzerland
The Cartier Award, Frieze Art Fair, UK
2009 Arts Foundation Fellowship Award, National Prize, UK
2008 Schindler Residency, MAK Center for Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
2005 Rome Scholarship, British Academy, Rome

Recent Solo Exhibitions & Performances

2024 'Dreams of an Owl, Who the Bær and the Wounded Planet', Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Bielefeld
'It's a Small World', Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki
2023 'World of who?', LagoAlgo, Mexico city
'Whoseum of Who?', Gallery Hyundai, Seoul
'Who is Who-Dimensional?', Gió Marconi, Milan
2022 'Who the Bær', Prada Aoyama, Tokyo
'Simon Fujiwara, Hello Who?', CIRCA Art, public screenings in London, Seoul, New York, Milan, Berlin, Melbourne, Los Angeles
'Once Upon a Who?', Esther Schipper, Berlin
2021 'Who the Bær' Fondazione Prada, Milan
'new work' Kunstinstituut Melly, Rotterdam
2020 'Hope House'Blaffer Art Museum, Houston
'A Conquest', Dvir Gallery, Brussels
2019 'Hamburger Barhnhof' Preis der Nationalgalerie, Berlin
'The Antoinette Effect', TARO NASU, Tokyo
2018 'Revolusion' Lafayette Anticipations, Paris
'Hope House' Kunsthau Bregenz, Bregenz
'Joanne' Galerie Wedding, Raum für zeitgenössische Kunst, Berlin
'The Soul of the Soulless' Condo Shanghai: Edouard Malingue Gallery, Shanghai
'Empathy I' Esther Schipper, Berlin
'Revolution' Lafayette Anticipations, Paris
2017 'Hope House' Dvir Gallery, Tel Aviv
'Heaven', Gio Marconi Gallery, Milan
2016 'Figures in a landscape', Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf
'Joanne', The Photographer's Gallery, London
'The Humanizer', Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin.
'Nouvelles', Dvir Gallery, Brussels
'Merida Paintings', Jose Garcia, mx, Merida
'White Day', Tokyo Opera City Gallery, Tokyo
'Pearl Diving', TARO NASU, Tokyo
'The Way' yu-un, Tokyo
2015 'Modern Marriage' Public Art sculpture for the site of the new American Embassy, London
'A Spire' Public Art Sculpture for the University of Leeds Laidlaw Library, Leeds
'Peoples of the Evening Land', Projectos Monclova, Mexico City
'Lactose Intolerance', Dvir Gallery, Tel Aviv
2014 'Simon Fujiwara: Three Easy Pieces', The Carpenter Center, Harvard University
2013 'Grand Tour', Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig
'Studio Pieta (King Kong Komplex)', Andrea Rosen, New York
'Aphrodisiac Foundations (Imperial Hotel 1968, King Kong Komplex)', TARO NASU, Tokyo
'The Problem of the Rock', Daizaifu Tenmangu Shrine, Fukuoka, Japan
'Simon Fujiwara', ArtSonje Center, Seoul
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- 2012 'Rehearsal for a Reunion (with the Father of Pottery)', Dvir Gallery, Tel Aviv
'The Museum of Incest', Crawford Art Gallery, Cork
'Simon Fujiwara: Since 1982' Tate St. Ives (cat.)
- 2011 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' : HAU 1, Berlin; Performa 11, New York; SFMOMA, San Francisco.
'Welcome to the Hotel Munber', The Power Plant, Toronto
'Phallusies', Gio Marconi, Milan
'Letters From Mexico', Proyectos Monclova, Mexico City
- 2010 'The Personal Effects of Theo Grünberg', Julia Stoschek Collection, Düsseldorf
'Welcome to the Hotel Munber', Neue Alte Brücke, Art Statements, Art Basel 41
'Frozen', The Cartier Award, Frieze Art Fair, London
- 2009 'Impersonator', Schindler House / MAK Center for Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
'Welcome to the Hotel Munber', Neue Alte Brücke, Frankfurt/Main
'The Museum of Incest', Neue Alte Brücke, Frame, Frieze Art Fair, London
- 2008 'The Closet Gallery', Architecture Foundation, London
'The Museum of Incest', Limoncello, London
- 2007 'Kein Trinkwasser', Gallery Stellwerk, Kassel

Recent Group Exhibitions & Performances

- 2024 '50 Für Bad Berlin', Fluss Bad Berlin at Bauakademie, Berlin
- 2023 'Paintings - From the Dazaifu Tenmangu Art Collection', Dazaifu Tenmangu Museum, Fukuoka
- 2022 'Michael Muller. The Salvation of Evil. Possible and impossible images', Museum im Kulturspeicher, Würzburg
LOVELOVELOVE Biennale of Moving Image, UCCA, Beijing
Something new, something old, something desired, Kunsthalle Hamburg
- 2021 Geneva Moving Image Biennial, Geneva
'Intimacy: New Queer Art From Berlin and Beyond', Schwules Museum, Berlin
'Joanne', Seoul Photo Festival 2021, South Korea
Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, Netherlands
- 2020 'Infinite Sculpture: From the Antique Cast to the 3d scan', Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon
'Studio Berlin', Boros Collection, Berlin
'Joanne', Seoul Photo Festival, Seoul
'State of the Arts', Kunsthalle Bonn
'Voyage Autour de ma Chambre', Dvir Gallery (online exhibition)
'Photo 2020', Anna Schwartz Gallery, Melbourne
'Me, Family', MUDAM, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
'Is This Tomorrow?', Museum of Art, Architecture, and Technology, Lisbon
'Infinite Sculpture. From the Antique Cast to the 3D Scan', Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon
- 2019 'Abstract Sex: We don't have any clothes, only equipment', Jana Boutique – Artissima, Turin
'The Seventh Continent', 16th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul
'Preis der Nationalgalerie', Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin
'Step 13', Dvir Gallery, Brussels
'Our Happy Life', CCA, Canadian Centre of Architecture, Montreal
'The Street. Where The World is Made', MAXXI, Rome
'2817', Dvir Gallery, Brussels
'Art & Porn', ARoS Aarhus Art Museum, Copenhagen
'Is This Tomorrow?', Whitechapel Gallery, London
'Casts and Copies', École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris
- 2018 'Insane in the Membrane', Sammlung Philara, Dusseldorf
'Motherland in Art', MOCAM Museum of Contemporary Art in Krakow, Krakow
- 2017 'Stitch' Columbus College of Art & Design
'The New Parthenon' Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg
'Sur/Face: Mirrors' Museum Angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt am Main
'EXIT' Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels
'Home is not a place' German Embassy, London
'Recent Acquisitions, Recent Developments', Si Shang Art Museum, Beijing
Aichi Arts Center Temporary Exhibition, Aichi Arts Center, Aichi
- 2016 'Faisons del'inconnu un allié', Fondation d'entreprise Galeries Lafayette, Paris
'Okayama Art Summit – Development–', Okayama, Japan
'Thicker than Water: Family Concepts in Contemporary Art', Kunstpalais, Erlangen

- ‘Fellbach Triennale’, Alte Kelter, Fellbach
 ‘Berlin Biennale’, Akademie der Künste, Berlin
 ‘Making & Unmaking’, Camden Arts Center
 2015 ‘Drawn by its own memory’, Laura Bartlett Gallery, London
 ‘British Art Show 8’, (Touring Venues) Leeds Art Gallery, Leeds
 ‘13th Contemporary Art in the Traditional Museum Festival’, St. Petersburg, Russia
 ‘Dojima River Biennale 2015’, Dojima River Forum, Osaka
 ‘Presque Rien’, Marian Goodman Gallery, Paris
 ‘Storylines: Contemporary Art at the Guggenheim’ Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
 ‘Parasophia’, Kyoto International Festival of Contemporary Art, Kyoto
 ‘History is Now – 7 artists take on Britain’, Hayward Gallery, London
 2014 ‘Jamaica Biennale 2014’, Jamaica
 ‘Imagineering’, Okayama
 ‘The Other Sight’, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius
 ‘La Photographie Performe’, Centre Photographique d’Ile-de-France, Pontault-Combault
 ‘Berlin Heist’, Poznan Biennale, Poznan
 ‘Studio Pieta’, Centro de Arte Dos de mayo, Madrid
 ‘Les yeux seuls sont encore capables de pousser un cri’, Dvir Gallery, Tel Aviv
 ‘Un Nouveau Festival’, Centre Pompidou, Paris
 2013 Espace culturel Louis Vuitton, Munich
 ‘Museum Off Museum’, Kunstverein Bielefeld, Bielefeld
 ‘Mingei: Are You Here?’, Pace Gallery, London
 ‘Roppongi Crossing 2013’, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo
 ‘Souvenir’, Galerie Perrotin, Paris
 ‘Unattained Landscape’, Japan Foundation/Fondazione Bevilacqua la Masa, Venice
 ‘Angel of History’, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris
 ‘13 rooms’, Kaldor Public Art Project #27, Pier 2/3, Sydney
 ‘I Know You.’, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin (cat.)
 Sharjah Biennial II, (cat.)
 ‘When Attitudes Became Form Become Attitudes’, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit ‘Gio Marconi @
 Gerhardsen Gerner’ Berlin
 2012 ‘Roundtable’, 9th Gwangju Biennial, Gwangju (cat.)
 ‘Modern Monsters/Death and Life of Fiction’ Taipei Biennial 2012, Taipei (cat.)
 ‘When Attitudes Became Form Become Attitudes’, CCA Wattis, San Francisco
 ‘MOT annual 2012; Making Situations, Editing Landscapes’, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo (cat.)
 ‘Reactivation’ 9th Shanghai Biennale, Shanghai (cat.)
 ‘12 Rooms’, Ruhr Triennale, Essen
 7th Shenzhen Sculpture Biennale. Shenzhen (cat.)
 ‘Made In Germany Zwei’ Sprengel Museum, Kunstverein Hannover, Kunstnergesellschaft Hannover (cat.)
 (Forthcoming)
 ‘Duplicitous Storytellers’, Casa Del Lago, Mexico City
 ‘These are not obligations but I want to (a response in two parts)’, CCS Bard, ‘Print /Out’ MOMA, New York
 2011 ‘The Air We Breathe’ SFMOMA (cat.)
 ‘The Museum Show Part 2’ Arnolfini, Bristol (cat.)
 ‘Berlin 2000-2011 Playing Among the Ruins’, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo (cat.)
 ‘Arkhaiologia’ CentrePasquArt, Biel/Bienne (cat.)
 ‘Entanglement’ INIVA, London
 ‘The Eye is a Lonely Hunter’, 4. Fotofestival, Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, Heidelberg (cat.)
 ‘Humid but Cool - I think’, TARO NASU, Tokyo
 ‘Based in Berlin’, Berlin
 ‘11 Rooms’, Manchester International Festival
 ‘Young British Art’ (curated by Ryan Gander), Limoncello, London
 ‘X’, Gio Marconi, Milan
 ‘Archive and Histories’, Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg
 ‘Palace Party’, Charlottenborg Kunsthall, Copenhagen
 ‘Open House’, Singapore Biennale (cat.)
 2010 ‘There is Always a Cup of Sea to Sail In’, 29th Sao Paulo Biennale (cat.)
 ‘The Lecture as a Work of Art’, Public Art Fund, New York

- 'More Pricks Than Kicks', David Roberts Foundation, London
 'One Could Speculate that what Happened Here Made a Difference to Somebody or Something', Kunsthaus Bregenz, Bregenz
 'Exhibition, Exhibition', Castello di Rivoli, Turin (cat.)
 'Huckleberry Finn', CCA Wattis Institute, San Francisco (cat.)
 'The Marathon Marathon Project' Acropolis Museum, Athens
 'Map Marathon', Serpentine Gallery, London
 Manifesta 8, Murcia (cat.)
 'Seven Little Mistakes' (with Tim Davies), Museo Marino Marini, Florence (cat.)
 'Disidentification', Göteborgs Konsthallen, Gothenburg
 'Woodman Woodman Spare that Tree', Lüttgenmeijer, Berlin
 'Bringing Up Knowledge', MUSAC, Leon
 'All the Memory in the World', GAM, Turin (cat.)
 2009 'Zeigen' Curated by Karin Sander, Temporärer Kunsthalle, Berlin
 'The Collectors', Nordic Pavilion, 53rd Venice Biennale, Venice
 'Scorpio's Garden' (with Tim Davies), Temporäre Kunsthalle, Berlin (cat.)
 Art Perform (curated by Jens Hoffmann), Art Basel Miami Beach
 'A Tale of Two Cities', Galleria Massimo De Carlo, Milan (cat.)
 'Performance Project' (curated by Silke Blitzer), Liste Art Fair, Basel
 Second Row (with Tobias Rehberger), Oppenheimer, Frankfurt am Main
 'What is Not But Could Be If', Neue Alte Brücke, Frankfurt am Main
 'Gallery, Gallerie, Galleria' (curated by Adam Carr), Norma Mangione, Turin
 'Friends of The Divided Mind', Royal College of Art, London (cat.)
 2008 'Home is the Place You Left' (curated by Elmgreen & Dragset), Museum of Modern Art, Trondheim (cat.)
 2007 'Gallery Exchange', Neue Alte Brücke, Frankfurt am Main -- Periodicals

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Do It, The Compendium, edited by Hans Ulrich Obrist, Independent Curators International(2013)
Roundtable, 9th Gwangju Biennial, Gwangju (2012)
MOT annual 2012; Making Situations, Editing Landscapes, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo (2012)
Made in Germany Zwei, Kunstverein Hannover, Hannover (2012)
Simon Fujiwara: Since 1982, Tate St. Ives (2012)
The Air We Breathe, SFMOMA, San Francisco (2011)
Archeologia, Centre PasquArt, Biel/Bienne (2011)
Playing among the ruins, Berlin 2000-2011, MOT, Tokyo (2011)
Alias, Photomonth in Krakow 2011, Foundation for Visual Arts, Krakow (2011)
Open House, Singapore Biennale (2011)
Huckleberry Finn, CCA Wattis Institute, San Francisco (2010)
There is Always a Cup of Sea to Sail In, 29th Sao Paulo Biennale (2010)
Manifesta 8, Murcia, SilvanoEditoriale, (2010)
Exhibition, Exhibition, Castello di Rivoli, Archive Books, Turin (2010)
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Artists' Shelves, 'Dier Europa' Edited by IMPress (2010)
All the Memory in the World, GAM, Archive Books, Turin (2010)
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Beef Curtains, short story, The Mock and Other Superstitions (2009)
Fujiwara, Simon. 'Enigma', Kaleidoscope Magazine. (oct. 2009)
Friends of The Divided Mind, Royal College of Art. (spring 2009)
Home is The Place You Left, 'Obituary to Penreen', König Books (2008)
The Diaries of Louis Leakey, short story, Starship Magazine (2008)
The Final Act: Rehearsing Realities, FormContent Publications (2008)
Dirt is a Never Ending Cycle, GQ Magazine (2008)
Paquito, Egg-White Jack-Off, short story, NADA Art Fair Catalogue (2008)
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Work in Public Collections

MoMA, New York
 MMK, Frankfurt
 Centre Pompidou, Paris
 Guggenheim, New York
 American Embassy, London
 Leeds University, Leeds
 Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg
 Sammlung Verbund, Austria
 Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah
 The Tate Collection, London
 The Prada Collection, Milan
 Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Tokyo
 Aichi Arts Center, Aichi
 Ishikawa Collection, Okayama
 Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, Fukuoka