

BERNARD SIMUNOVIC

Bernard Simunovic is a Croatian artist and designer with an inspiring life story: in the early 1990's, Simunovic escaped the Balcan conflict as a refugee. Leaving his mother, his hometown, and his family; Simunovic interrupted his studies and came to Germany as an unaccompanied minor. He pursued the fine arts and became prolific in his techniques from classical painting to collage and sculpture.

Simunovic's work plays with color, form, and minimalist lines to create abstract figures. The compositions in his work begin as sculptural studies, and are then worked through with the meticulous application of acrylic, oil, spray paint and collage. His array of technical abilities comes from an extensive education in the Fine Arts which began with his studies at the Academy of Sarajevo with a focus on graphic arts and painting. When this was interrupted by the Balkan war Simunovic finished his work in Bielefeld, Germany.



Simunovic's carefully crafted compositions frequently express a delicate sense of intimacy and introspection. A simple black line, the "thread of life," run through and along clever color-blocking. Together the two principle elements formulate Simunovic's lyrical figures who appear in transient states of delight, love, or contemplation. As the simple contour line is combined with classical painting and collage a work of extraordinary composition and delightful simplicity is created.

In his latest work, Bernard unites the disciplines of fine art, practical design, and sculpture with unique compositions that appeal to both the creative and practical. Graphic paintings, carefully thought out with shadow and light, become sculptural. His artwork is characterized by impeccable craftsmanship; and a stimulating and unsuspecting complexity, drawn from the strength of simplicity.

Exhibitions

2019 Kutlesa Gallery Switzerland
Artplex Gallery Los Angeles
Artspace Warehouse Gallery Los Angeles
2018 Art Arcadia Gallery San Francisco
Singularart Galerie, Frankreich
2017 Pikto Galerija, Zagreb, Croatia
2016 Artwista Gallery, Berlin
Saatchi Gallery, UK
Carlos Reid Gallery, Florida
2015 Depot, Dortmund
2014 Group Exhibition, Westfalenhutte, Dortmund
2013 Group show 44 | 88, Kunstschauraum Showroom, Berlin
Studios Gallery, New York
Bushwick Open Studios, New York
Group show 44 | 88, Kunstshauraum, Showroom, Berlin

Art Monaco
International Art Expo, New York
AAF, Brussels
Solo Exhibition, Burgerhaus, Essen
2012 Solo Exhibition, "Lebensfaden," Berswordthalle, Dortmund
2011 Solo Exhibition, "Observation II," Blaues Haus, Dortmund
2002 Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Art Exhibition OWL
Creations Art Fair Sinsheim Design/Art
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2000 Solo Exhibition, "Zeichen Untertage," Galerie FH Bielefeld
Solo Exhibition, "Zeichnen Untertage," Zeche Friedrich-Heinrich, Kamp-Lintfort
1999 Diploma Exhibition, FH Bielefeld
Solo Exhibition Mercator Hall, Duisburg
ZiF (Center for Interdisciplinary Research), Bielefeld

- 1998 Group Exhibition, KHG, Bielefeld
- 1997 Solo Exhibition, Aldegrever Gesellschaft, Munster

- 1996 "Observations," St. Joseph Church Bielefeld
- "Sarajevo – A Wounded City," UNESCO, traveling exhibition in 40 European cities and New York, USA
- 1995 Group Exhibition, Mercator Hall, Duisburg
- 1994 International Literature Café Bielefeld
- 1992 "Stop the War in Croatia," with Croatian Artist Branimir Cilic, NRW
- 1991 Gallery of the Academy of Fine Arts, Sarajevo

Select Collections

Hotels, Companies, International Private collectors
1999 ZiF Art Collection, Bielefeld
Aldegrever Gesellschaft
Schloss Solitude

