

MONIKA GRABUSCHNIGG

Monika Grabuschnigg, born 1987 in Austria, made her Master in Fine Arts at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna (Austria) and studied as an exchange student at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem (Israel).

Grabuschnigg's works circle questions about the meaning, identity and cultural affiliation of objects, symbols and ornaments once they have experienced a shift or de-contextualization, particularly in the form of souvenirs and other consumer products. Working mostly in the medium of sculpture her materials are clay and resins, which are processed in different mould and casting techniques, reassembling found and hand built shapes.

One of her latest works The Relics Collection 2015-2016 deals with the influence of war aesthetics in the local Afghan rug industry since the 1980s. Focusing on the representation of these rugs in contemporary art collections in Europe, referring to cultural voyeurism and the link between artwork and consumer commodity, The Relics Collection consists of several ceramic sculptures translating the war-rug imagery into vitrine destined fetish objects.

Born 1987 In Vorarlberg, Austria
Lives and works in Berlin

Education

2012-2013 MA, Art in Context, UDK University of Arts, Berlin
2012 Guest Studies Media class, HGB Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig
2011 MA: Magistra Artium, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Austria
2005-2011 Fine Arts Studies, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Austria
2010-2011 Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile
2008-2009 Bezalel Academy for Arts and Design, Jerusalem

Solo Exhibitions (selected)

2019 "Fantasy electrifies my hand", Reiter Gallery, Germany
2018 "What satisfaction could you possibly have", Carbon 12, Dubai
2016 "Visceral Silence", Carbon 12, Dubai
2015 "Rest, you restless guardians", Cosmos Gallery, Spain
2014 "Warporn" IN:SURGO, Berlin

Group Exhibitions (selected)

2019 Schau Fenster, Berlin
"Nightshades", Polansky Galerie, Czechia
2018 "Haptic House", Horse and Pony Fine Arts, Berlin
"NGORONGORO II", Studio Space Lehderstrasse 34, Berlin
"INSIDE TÖPFERN", Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Berlin
"Open Mode", Paradiso Berlin, Germany
"A Strong Desire", PS120, Berlin
2017 "On invitation" Kunst Vorarlberg = Forum for contemporary art, Austria
2016 "Flight suit" Alfred Gallery, Tel Aviv
"Eau&Gaz Artist in Residence Exhibition" Lanserhaus Eppan, Eppan, Italy
"UNEARTHED" Rockelmann and Gallery, Berlin

- 2015 "Open Door Exhibition" BilbaoArte Foundation, Bilbao, Spain
"Visuelle Poesie" Theater am Saumarkt, Feldkirch, Austria
"Verfremdung" Borg Götzis, part of Lange Nacht d. Museen, Götzis, Austria.
- 2014 "Revealing the concealed" P8 Gallery, Tel Aviv
- 2013 "Open Door Exhibition", Bilbao Arte Foundation, Bilbao, Spain
- 2012 "Montag ist erst übermorgen", Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Vienna
"New members exhibition", Palais Thurn und Taxis, Bregenz, Austria
- 2010 "...and the travel goes on." Gallery Schillerplatz, Vienna
- 2009 "Final year exhibition" Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2006 "Walking doubting rollin shining and musing" Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Vienna, Austria

Residencies / Grants / Scholarship / Public installation

- 2019 Artist in Residency. Marrakech
- 2018 Public Installation, "Blickbank", Alpine Art Muttersberg, Austria
- 2017 Residency, SoART, Millstatt, Austria
- 2016 Fine Art Awardee, Federal State Government of Vorarlberg, Austria
- 2016 Residency, VA Independent Space For Contemporary Art, Isfahan, Iran
- 2016 Grant, Alfred Gallery, Tel Aviv - Federal State Government of Vorarlberg, Austria + Austrian Cultural Forum, Tel Aviv
- 2016 Studio grant, Federal State Government of Vorarlberg, Austria
- 2015 Artist Residency, Bilbao Arte Foundation, Bilbao, Spain
- 2015 Studio grant, Federal State Government of Vorarlberg, Austria
- 2014 Grant, Federal State Government of Vorarlberg, Austria
- 2013 Artist Residency Exchange, Bilbao Arte Foundation, Bilbao, Spain: In collaboration with the Vorarlberg Art and Culture Department, Austria, Funded by the Federal State Government of Vorarlberg, Austria
- 2005 Scholarship, International Summer Academy for Fine Arts, Salzburg, Austria

Collections

State Museum Vorarlberg, Austria
The Federal Artothek. Austrian Government Art Collection
The Graphic Collection of the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna

Awards

- 2018 Berlin Art Prize, Germany
- 2016 Federal State Government of Vorarlberg, Austria