

Manzur Kargar

BIOGRAPHY

Manzur Kargar, an up-and-coming artist from Berlin, Germany was born in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was moved to Germany at a very young age and was raised in West-Berlin. He studied Fine Art and Painting in Braunschweig at one of the most prestigious Universities for painting in Germany.

The paths of Christian Hohmann and Manzur Kargar crossed first in 2000 and Berlin (Germany) was boiling of excitement and anticipation. The new millennium and the fact that Berlin was once again the capital of Germany and still the largest construction place in all of Europe had magnetic powers for all creative people. Musicians, performing and visual artists alike were moving to Berlin. The gallery in Hamburg had been running successfully for a few years at the time and a new challenge was needed. That started the planning of the opening of a new gallery in Berlin, which happened in 2001. One of the many artist encounters was with Manzur Kargar. What made Manzur stand out was the fact that he was little impressed by the hype and the anxiety that was going around Berlin. Unlike most other he had lived in West-Berlin long before the wall came down and he knew Berlin in and out before the new wave of people came to the city to re-discover it. When most artists tried to compete over who would be the craziest, most disturbing and provocative, Manzur simply wanted to create good paintings and he did.

Unimpressed by any trends or new techniques he was working in his own personal style and success proved him right. Since then Manzur has re-invented himself and created a completely new style, influenced by the advertising world around us. In his early work he depicted Roman-Greco mythology and created very contemporary paintings based on the ancient cultures. His recent work is a strong departure from the historical content.

Bold, provocative and sexy is the new language of his passionate paintings. His inspiration is the media and advertising world around us. While his earlier work depicted the gods and goddesses of Antiquity, his new work depicts the icons of our Modern times.

- 1965 Born in Kabul/Afghanistan
- 1985+ Moved to Germany, West-Berlin
- Musician and composer in various band projectsMu
- 1988-1991 Studied painting at the HBK Braunschweig (University of Fine Arts)
- 1991-1994 Studied painting at the HdK Berlin (University of fine Art)
- 1996+ Lived and worked frequently in Los Angeles and New York
- 2006 Co-founder of the project space BEAT. contemporary art gallery

Selected Solo Shows

- 2020 HOHMANN, Palm Desert "GLAM"
- 2019 CHARISSCHWARZ GALLERY, Charisschwarz Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 Gallery Jaeschke, Braunschweig, Germany
- 2017 HOHMANN, Palm Desert, California, USA
- 2016 Burkhard Eikermann Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2015 Simon Bart Gallery, Sardinia, I
- 2014 Kunst & Auktionen am Kettwiger Tor, Essen, Germany
- 2013 Burkhard Eikermann Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany
- Green Middle East, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- The Solo Project Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
- Swissotel, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 MyWay, Halle-Westphalia, Bielefeld, Germany
- 2011 Galerie Eikermann, Düsseldorf, Germany
- Qubique trade fair, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 Christian Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA, USA
- 2009 Feminine Soul Hybrids, WHITECONCEPTS, Berlin, German
- STADTLADEN Berlin, Germany
- 2008 BEAT. Galerie, Berlin, Germany

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MENDO, Amsterdam, Netherlands
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2005 Gallery Kohinoor, Karlsruhe, Germany
2004 Plattform 45, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Bongartz, Hannover, Germany
2003 Showroom Galerie Bongartz, Hannover, Germany
2002 Galerie Eikelmann, Düsseldorf, Germany
2001 Paravent-Projekt, Galerie Eikelmann, Düsseldorf, Germany
2000 Campo Tures, Italy

Selected Group Shows

2019 GROUPSHOW, Andreas Baumgartl Galerie, Munich, GER
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EN BLOC, Codex Show Room, Berlin, GER
SUMMER EXPO, Simon Bart Gallery, Porto Cervo, Sardinia, I
Works on Paper, Codex Show Room, Berlin, GER
2016 Les Miniature, Codex Show Room, Munich, Germany
2015 Gallery Nolte, Münster, GER
2014 Galerie Best, Bielefeld, Germany
2013 EDGE AND SURFACE, Berlin, German
Portraits, WHITECONCEPTS, Berlin, Germany
Simon Bart Gallery, Porto Cervo, Italy
2012 Christian Hohmann Fine Art, Palm Desert CA/USA
Art San Francisco, CA/USA
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA/USA

- 2011 BS-VISITE, Braunschweig, Germany
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA/USA
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- 2008 1 Jahr beat, BEAT.Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2006 SUMMERBEAT 06, BEAT.Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2005 5 Years of MENDO, MENDO, Amsterdam, Netherlands
GERMAN PAINTERS, Hart Gallery, Palm Desert, CA/USA
- 2004 SUMMER EXPO, MENDO, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Art Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten, Germany
- 2003 REPEAT II, Künstlerhaus Bergedorf, Hamburg/D
BLICK ZURÜCK NACH VORN, Plattform 45, Hamburg/D
art Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten/D
- 2002 REPEAT I, Galerie im Turm, Berlin/D
GERMAN PAINTERS, Hart Gallery, Palm Spring CA/USA
- 2001 "...BLÜH' IM GLANZE...", Galerie Bongartz, Hannover, Germany
TROJA: TRAUM UND WIRKLICHKEIT, Landesmuseum Braun schweig, Germany
- 2000 TROJA: TRAUM UND WIRKLICHKEIT, Landesmuseum Bonn, Germany
- 1999 Art Cologne, Cologne, Germany
GEGEN-STAND-HIGH-TECH, Vienna Art Center, Vienna, Austria
LAST SUPPER, Galerie Eikelmann, Essen, Germany
PARAVANT PROJECT, Galerie Eikelmann, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1998 NEW YORK NEW YORK, Galerie Arke, Dortmund, Germany
Galerie Eikelmann, Essen, Germany
Art Frankfurt, Germany
- 1996 Tölke, Dehne, Kargar, Thiel, Galerie Hofkunst, Berlin, Germany
Casus Belli, Kunstfestival am Hafen, Antwerpen, Netherlands
Galerie Szymcinska und Stolz, Wiesbaden, Germany
Galerie InterArt, Cologne, Germany

1995 Momento Mori, Galerie Parzifal, Berlin, Germany
Herrschaft des Schönen, 2. Annuale, Berlin, Germany
Kargar, Schindler, Thiel, Galerie Parzifal, Berlin, Germany
Berlin-Moskau, Avantgarde Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Herrschaft des Schönen, 1. Annuale, Berlin, Germany

Public Collections

Berlinische Galerie

Volkswagen Wolfsburg

Manzur Kargar's work is represented in numerous private collections in Europe and the USA

Projects

ARTISTS ON HORSES, artist music project with live performances, recordings on vinyl and video productions

MOMAK-Project, Worldwide Virtual Museum of Afghan Artists

Göttinnen, Complete wall design of a staircase entrance with 24 oil paintings, private collection, Essen, Germany

Olymp, Interior design of a hotel suite with seven oil paintings on plastered, coloured walls and 40 hand-painted ceramic tiles, Campo Tures, Italy

BEAT. Contemporary Art Gallery, curator, Berlin, Germany

PAIN & PIXELS, photography and painting on industrial banners