

# MARC STRAUS

## Hermann Nitsch

b. 1938, Vienna

- 1957 Develops the idea of the Orgien Mysterien Theater, a six-day-festival based on the artist's philosophy and which he has been developing down to the present day. The O. M. Theater is a new form of the total work of art, one where reality is staged. All the senses are stressed and involved.
- 1960-66 Action performances and exhibitions take place in Vienna, resulting in several court trials and three prison terms.

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Hermann Nitsch, Galerie 422 Margund Lössl, Gmunden, Austria  
Ausstellung "Hermann Nitsch: Memorial Against the War", Osthaus Museum, Hagen, Germany  
"Hermann Nitsch, Galerie RX, Paris, France  
"Hermann Nitsch – Life and Work", Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria  
"Hermann Nitsch", Kurhaus, Hinterzarten, Germany  
"Hermann Nitsch", Massimo De Carlo Gallery, London, UK  
"Hermann Nitsch – solopresentation", MARC STRAUS, The Armory Show, New York, New York
- 2017 "Hermann Nitsch – paintings 1957-2017", Büro Weltausstellung, Vienna, Austria  
Galerie Navratil, Prague, Czech Republic  
"Tools and Relics of the Orgies Mysterien Theaters", Nitsch Foundation, Wien  
MARC STRAUS, New York, United States  
Kunsthalle Arlberg 1800, Innsbruck, Austria  
Galerie Geuer, Düsseldorf, Germany  
"Hermann Nitsch and His Artistic Pilgrimage", UM MUSEUM, Bongdam Hwaseong, Korea  
"Hermann Nitsch – O.M.T. Colore dal Rito", Museum CIAC, Foligno, Italy  
IAGA Contemporary Art, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
"Hermann Nitsch – das druckgrafische Werk", Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria  
Museum for printed graphics, Rankweil, Austria  
Parenthesis organized by the Goss-Michael Foundation as part of Dallas Biennial, The Box, Dallas Texas
- 2016 Feast of Existence. Hermann Nitsch and the Theatre, Museum Villa Stuck, Munich  
Posters from 5 Decades, Daniel Löwenbrück, Berlin  
Paintings, Drawings, Print, Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich  
Hermann Nitsch. Passion – Resurrection, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna  
Arena - Opere dall'Opera, Museo Nitsch, Naples  
Rituals, Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
- 2015 MARC STRAUS, New York  
Leviticus, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, New York  
ZAC, Palermo, Italy  
Theatermuseum, Wien
- 2014 Aktionsmalerei, Galerie Dirimart, Istanbul  
Arena, nitsch museum, Mistelbach  
Malaktionismus, Museo Nitsch Neapel  
carne e luce, Fondazione Ducci, Rom  
Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava
- 2013 Sinne und Sein – Retrospektive, nitsch museum, Mistelbach
- 2012 Utopie Gesamtkunstwerk, 21er Haus, Vienna  
Levitikus, Kunstkulturkirche, Frankfurt

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- Thoman modern, Innsbruck  
Explosion! Painting as action, Moderna Museet, Stockholm  
Personale, Museum Moderner Kunst Kärnten, Klagenfurt  
Aus dem Gesamtkunstwerk, Galerie Walker, Schloss Ebnet  
In vivo Hermann Nitsch, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
Galerie 422, Gmunden  
Explosion. The legacy of Jackson Pollock, Fondació Joan Miró, Barcelona  
A bigger splash: painting after performance art, Tate Modern, London
- 2011  
Blood Lines, MCA Denver  
Mike Weiss Gallery, New York  
Obsession and Intimacy: The body in contemporary austrian drawings - from Alfred Kubin to Birgit Jürgenssen, B&M Theocharakis Foundation, Athens  
Leo Koenig inc., New York  
Das frühe Werk – die Essenz der Duerckheim Collection, Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach  
Eroi, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Turin  
Personal structures, 54th Venice Biennale  
Galerie Thomas Modern, Munich  
Strukturen, Leopold Museum, Vienna
- 2010  
Kasa Galeri, Istanbul  
Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach  
Pio Monte della Misericordia, Naples  
Kunst im Karner, Lower Austria  
Exhibition and presentation of the book Levitikus, Har-El Printers and Publisher, Jaffa Asolo Art Film Festival  
Museo Nitsch, Naples  
Musée d'Art Moderne, St. Etienne  
Museum für Druckgrafik, Markus Gell, Vorarlberg; Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna  
Stella Art Foundation, Moskow  
Nitsch Foundation, Vienna  
Art Austria, Vienna  
Video screening and talk, GAM, Turin  
Hermann Nitsch. Ein Dokumentarfilm by Daniela Ambrosoli
- 2009  
Galerie 422, Gmunden  
Galerie am Stein, Schärding  
Galerie Gölles, Fürstenfeld  
Künstlerhaus, Vienna  
Kavernen, Salzburg  
De Pont Museum, Tilburg, Netherlands  
Incubate Festival, Tilburg, Netherlands  
Forum Alpbach  
GAM, Turin  
Sant'Agostino, Galleria d'Arte e Casa d'Aste, Turin  
Box Art, Galleria d'Arte, Verona  
Officina d'Arte, Rome  
Dirimart, Istanbul
- 2008  
Opening of the Museo archivio laboratorio per le arti contemporanee Hermann Nitsch, Naples  
Galerie Lelong, Zurich  
Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach  
Fondazione Morra, Naples  
Yamamoto Gendai, Tokyo  
Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg
- 2007  
Opening of the Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach  
Galerie Hilger, Vienna  
Niederösterreichisches Landesmuseum, St. Pölten

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- Galerie Maringer, St. Pölten; Galerie am Stein, Schärding  
Galerie Fortlaan 17, Gent  
Fondazione Morra, Naples  
Marina di Ravenna, exhibition hall, Park Hotel, Ravenna  
Galerie Beaumontpublic, Luxemburg  
Box Art, Galleria d`Arte, Verona  
Galerie Beaumontpublic, Paris  
Galerie Jünger, Baden  
Galleria de Foscherari, Bologna
- 2006  
Galerie Curtze, Vienna  
Galerie White Space, Peking  
Galerie 422, Gmunden  
Galerie Yamamoto Gendai, Tokyo  
Mike Weiss Gallery, New York  
Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin  
Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg  
Primo Piano LivinGallery, Lecce
- 2005  
NÖ Dokumentationszentrum für Moderne Kunst, St. Pölten  
Saatchi Gallery, London  
Neue Galerie, Graz  
Galerie König, Vienna  
Galerie Jünger, Baden  
Station Museum of Contemporary Art Houston, Texas  
Slought Foundation, Philadelphia
- 2004  
Mike Weiss Gallery, New York  
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna  
Galerie Curtze, Vienna  
Brucknerhaus, Linz  
Haus der Musik, Vienna  
Galerie am Stein, Schärding
- 2003  
Graphische Sammlung im Städelmuseum, Frankfurt;  
Haus der Musik, Vienna  
Galerie Gerersdorfer, Vienna  
Galerie im Traklhaus, Salzburg
- 2002  
Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg;  
Fondazione Morra, Naples  
Kulturhaus, Bruck an der Mur  
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna  
Galerie Curtze, Vienna  
Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna  
Museum der Moderne, Rupertinum, Salzburg  
Galerie Thoman, Innsbruck  
Galerie 422, Gmunden
- 2001  
Österreichische Galerie, Oberes Belvedere, Vienna  
Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin
- 2000  
L'ultima cena“, Palazzo Stelina, Milan
- 1999  
Exhibition of the relics of the 6-day-play: Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig,  
Palais Liechtenstein, Vienna  
Kiscelli Museum, Budapest  
Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin
- 1997  
Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der BRD, Bonn  
Retrospektive, Konsthallen, Göteborg  
Musée d'Art et d'Historie, Luxemburg
- 1996  
Retrospektive, Casa Solleric, Palma de Mallorca
- 1995  
Künstlerhaus, Vienna
- 1994  
Raiffeisenhalle, Frankfurt
- 1992  
Expo, Sevilla; David Nolan Gallery, New York.

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- 1991 Galerie Mazzotta, Milan  
Galleria Civica d'Arte Contemporanea, Trient, Fox Fine Art Center, El Paso
- 1990 Rupertinum, Salzburg  
Nationalgalerie, Prague  
Kunsthalle, Krems
- 1989 Luhring, Augustine & Hodes, New York
- 1988 Biennale Sydney  
Retrospective, Lenbachhaus, Munich  
Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts, Vienna
- 1987 Villa Pignatelli, Naples
- 1984 Galerie Franz Paludetto, Turin;
- 1983 Stedelijk van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
- 1982 documenta 7, Kassel
- 1972 documenta 5, Kassel;

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 "Hermann Nitsch / Elgar Esser / Lee Bae / Bae Bien-u", Galerie RX, Paris, France
- 2017 "Hermann Nitsch / Julian Beck / Shozo Shimamoto / Joseph Beuys", Casa Morra, Naples  
"Psycho Drawing - Art Brut and the '60s and '70s in Austria", Lentos, Linz  
"Reinheit und Ritual – Hans Karl Kandel and Hermann Nitsch", Galerie Fürth, Fürth, Germany  
Parkview Green Museum, Beijing, China  
"Psycho Drawing", LENTOS, Linz, Austria
- 2016 Body, psyche & taboo, Mumok, Vienna  
Closed universe? (part 1), Gallery Martinetz, Colone
- 2015 Sleepless – the bed in history and contemporary art, 21er Haus, Vienna  
Vienna for Art's Sake, Belvedere / Winterpalais, Vienna  
My body is the event - vienna actionism and international performance, Mumok, Vienna
- 2014 Biennale di disegno, Rimini  
CIA, Honkong  
Fondazione Ducci, Rom  
Im Dialog: Wiener Aktionismus, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg  
Made in Austria, Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg  
Biennale di disegno, Rimini  
Vieneser Actionism, Hauser & Wirth, New York
- 2013 Flesh and blood, Museum on the Seam, Israel  
Personal structures, 55th Venice Biennale  
La perversion de lo clásico: anarquía de los relatos, museo archeologico, Cuban Pavilion, 55th Venice Biennale  
Wagner200, k. k. Post- und Telegrafenam, Vienna  
Nitsch & Attersee. Duetto per Napoli, Castel del' Ovo, Naples
- 2008 Galerie Fortlaan 17, Gent  
Triennale, Yokohama, Parma  
Künstlerhaus, Vienna
- 2006 Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg
- 2005 arte contemporaneo austriaco y pintura de la posguerra", Mexico City
- 1999 Lost paradise lost, Stephansstift, Hannover
- 1998 Out of actions, MOCA, Los Angeles  
Valencia, Tokyo
- 1990 Gegenwart-Ewigkeit, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- 1983 Der Hang zum Gesamtkunstwerk, Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna

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## SELECTED PERFORMANCES

- 2017 150th Action, Dark Mofo, Hobart, Tasmania  
75th Painting Aktion dedicated to Marc and Livia Straus, Prinzendorf, Vienna
- 2016 147th Action, Museum Villa Stuck, Munich
- 2015 Painting Performance, Prinzendorf, Vienna  
143. action, Belvedere / Winterpalais, Vienna
- 2014 70 action painting, Galerie Thoman, Vienna
- 2013 138th action performance, 3-day-play, Centraltheater, Leipzig  
66th action painting, Istanbul Contemporary
- 2012 135th action performance, Havanna, Cuba  
64th action painting, Museo di Arte moderna e contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto
- 2011 60th painting action, Mike Weiss Gallery, New York  
131th action performance, teaching action, Leo Koenig inc., New York
- 2009 56th painting performance, Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
- 2007 123th action performance, teaching action, Kunsthaus, Bregenz
- 2005 122th action performance, Burgtheater, Vienna  
setting and costumes for "Le Renard" by Igor Strawinsky, Vienna Opera
- 2004 120th action performance  
2-day-play, Prinzendorf Castle
- 2003 114th action performance, teaching action, Galerie Kunst & Handel, Graz
- 2002 110th action performance, teaching action, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London
- 2001 105th action performance, teaching action, Hürlimann Areal, Zurich  
109th action performance, teaching action, Pöstlingberg Schössl, Linz  
Prinzendorf Castle, stage setting and costumes for the opera "Satyagraha" by Philip Glass, Festspielhaus, St. Pölten
- 1999 Performance of the music of the 6-day-play: Radiokulturhaus, Vienna
- 1998 100th action performance, 6-day-play, Prinzendorf
- 1997 40th painting performance, Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts, Vienna
- 1996 96th action performance, 12 hours, San Martino, Naples  
38th painting performance, Schömerhaus, Klosterneuburg
- 1995 Stage setting and costumes for the opera "Hérodade" by Jules Massenet at the  
Vienna Opera
- 1992 89th action performance, teaching action, Wilhelm-Hack-Museum, Ludwigshafen
- 1990 First performance of the 8th Symphony, Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Vienna
- 1987 20th painting performance, Secession, Vienna
- 1984 20th painting performance, Secession, Vienna
- 1984 80th action performance, 72 hours, three days and nights of the 6-day play,  
Prinzendorf
- 1975 50th action performance, 24-hours-play, 1st day and 1st night of the 6-day-play,  
Prinzendorf
- 1972 40th action performance, first 12-hour-play, Mercer Arts Center, New York
- 1970 Action performances in New York, Munich and Cologne
- 1968 25th and 26th action performance and exhibition, Cinematheque, New York
- 1966 20th action performance, The Destruction in Art Symposium, London
- 1962 1st action performance in Vienna

## SELECTED CONCERTS

- 2017 Organ Recital, Marc Straus Gallery, New York  
10 years Nitsch Museum", Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria
- 2016 Pipe organ concert in the Epiphaniienkirche, Berlin  
String quartet in 4 movements, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna  
Organ concert at Kraak Festival, Begijnhof Church, Amsterdam
- 2015 Symphony for Mexico City, Ex teresa arte actual, Mexico City  
String quartet in 4 movements, Gallery Konzett, Vienna
- 2014 Symphony for Fondazione Ducci Rom

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- 2013 1938, concert for strings, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna  
Organ Concert, Jesuitenkirche, Vienna  
Concert with C. L. Attersee, Naples
- 2012 Sinfonie für 100 PianistInnen an 33 Klavieren und 1 Synthesizer,  
Oberösterreichisches Kulturquartier, Linz
- 2011 Direction and setting for the opera, "Saint François d'Assise" by Olivier Messiaen,  
Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich  
Organ concert, Mozarteum, Salzburg
- 2010 Organ concert, Kunst im Karner, Lower Austria  
Organ Concert, Theater Duse, Asolo Art Film Festival  
Presentation of the CD, Egyptian Symphony, Gramola, Haus der Musik, Vienna'
- 2009 Organ concert, Glasgow, INSTAL Musikfestival  
First performance of the Egyptian Symphony, Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
- 2003 Organ concert, Frankfurt and Bad Ischl  
first performance of the symphony Punta Campanella;

## SELECTED LECTURES

- 2013 University Leipzig  
Museum der Bildenden Künste, Leipzig  
Ars Electronica Center, Linz
- 2007 Kongresszentrum Frankenthal
- 2006 Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Tirana  
Kulturwochen, Frankfurt  
Hudson Valley of Contemporary Art, New York;

## TEACHING ACTIVITY

- 2014 Summeracademy Bad Reichenhall  
Kunstakademie Alte Spinnerei Kolbermoor
- 2013 Summeracademy Bad Reichenhall
- 2008 Granting of the doctorate h.c. by the University Cluj, Romania
- 2006 Summeracademy Bad Reichenhall  
Summeracademy Hortus Niger, Halbenrain  
Summeracademy Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg  
Asolo film award
- 2005 Summeracademy Hortus Niger, Halbenrain; Summeracademy Galerie Weihergut,  
Salzburg;
- 2004 Visiting professor, department of dramatics, University of Vienna
- 2003 Summeracademy Salzburg
- 1989 Taught class of interdisciplinary art at Frankfurt Academy of Fine Arts (Städelschule)  
Starts to give painting courses at the Summeracademy, Salzburg on a regular basis

## AWARDS

- 2005 Golden Medal of Honor of the City of Vienna; Big Austrian State Award; stage

## PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard  
Castello di Rivoli, Turin  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris  
Ferdinandeam, Innsbruck

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Galleria d'arte moderna, Bologna  
Gallery of Ontario, Toronto  
Guggenheim Collection, New York  
Graphische Sammlung, Munich  
Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, New York  
Kunsthalle, Hamburg  
Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf  
Kunstmuseum, Bern  
Kunstmuseum, Winterthur  
Lenbachhaus, Munich  
Mart, Trento  
Metropolitan Museum, New York  
Museo Capodimonte, Naples  
Museo d'arte della città di Ravenna, Tang  
Museum Ludwig, Köln  
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna  
Museum of Modern Art, New York  
Museum Neue Galerie, Saarbrücken  
Nationalgalerie, Berlin  
Nationalgalerie, Munich  
Rupertinum, Salzburg  
Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri  
Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg  
Schloss, Morsbroich, Leverkusen  
Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart  
Stedelijk van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam  
Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, New York.  
Tate Gallery, London  
University of Cambridge  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis  
Wolfgang Gurlitt Museum, Linz  
Yale University Art Museum, New Haven