

KATZ CONTEMPORARY

ELGER ESSER

*1967 in Stuttgart, lives and works in Düsseldorf, Germany

1969 - 1986 raised in Rom, Italy

- 2012 Fellowship Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK), Institute for Advanced Study, Delmhorst, Germany
- 2010 Rheinischer Artprize
- 2006-2009 Professor of Photography at Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design, Germany
- 2008 Visiting Professor of Photography at Folkwang Hochschule Essen, Germany
- 1998 DAAD-travel grant „Italien“
Advancement award of Fine Arts of the city of Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1997 Academy diplome
- 1996 Student of Master Class
- 1991 - 1997 Studies at Düsseldorf Academy of Fine Arts with Prof. Bernd Becher, Germany

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2017 *Elger Esser - Morgenland*, Parasol Unit, London, England
Elger Esser – Aetas, Landesgalerie Linz, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Linz, Austria
Elger Esser. Morgenland. Parasol unit foundation for contemporary art, London, Great Britain
Elger Esser, Galerie de Zaal, Delft, Netherlands
- 2016 *Elger Esser. From Shivta to Lifta*, Loushy Art & Projects, Tel Aviv, Israel
zeitigen - Oskar-Schlemmer-Preis 2016 - Preisträgerausstellung, Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2015 *Elger Esser*, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris Marais, France
Irides, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Elger Esser. Cabinet de travail, KATZ CONTEMPORARY, Zurich, Switzerland
Rose Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2014 Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany
The Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Tampa, USA
Kewenig Galerie, Berlin, Germany
Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rome, Italy
Nimfees i Ondines, Fundació Palma Espai d'art, Casal Solleric, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 Galerie de Zaal, Delft, The Netherlands
Pôle Image Haute-Normandie, Rouen, France
Schirmer/Mosel Showroom, Munich, Deutschland
MéSéGLISE, Institut für moderne Kunst im Atelier- und Galeriehaus Defet, Nürnberg, Germany
Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 *Ägypten / PART I, Heliogravuren / PART II*, KATZ CONTEMPORARY, Zurich, Switzerland
Galleria Kewenig, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

- Lichte Weite*, LVR-LandesMuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany
Stille Wellen, Landesmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte Oldenburg, Germany
- 2011 Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rom, Italien
Rose Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Kunstforum Baloise, Basel, Switzerland
- 2010 Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany
Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Arnhem, Netherlands
Photobiennale Moskau, Exhibition Hall New Manege, Moscow, Russia
- 2009 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2008 Galerie Johnen & Schöttle, Cologne, Germany
FO.KU.S - Foto Kunst Stadtforum - Innsbruck, Austria
Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rom, Italy
Rose Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
- 2007 Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, USA
Sonnabend Gallery, New York
Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Hamburg, Germany
- 2006 Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich, Germany
- Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea
Musée de la Cohue, Vannes, France
Haggerty Museum, Milwaukee, USA
- 2005 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Galerie Johnen & Schöttle, Cologne, Germany
- 2004 Galerie de Zaal, Delft, Netherlands
Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Hamburg, Germany
Fondation Herzog, Basel, Switzerland
- 2003 Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Kunsthalle Rostock, Rostock, Germany
Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Galerie Johnen & Schöttle, Cologne, Germany
- 2002 Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rom, Italy
Galerie Sfeir-Semler, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Palazzo delle Papesse - Centro Arte Contemporanea, Siena, Italy
- 2001 Galerie Johnen & Schöttle, Cologne, Germany
Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Galleria d'Arte Moderna - Villa delle Rose, Bologna, Italy
- 2000 Alte Feuerwache Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany
Galerie 213, Paris, France
- 1999 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Galerie Andreas Grimm, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
neg-gallery, Milano, Italy
- 1998 Kunstverein Siegen, Siegen, Germany
Galerie de Zaal, Delft, Netherlands

- 1997 Galerie Andreas Grimm, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Kunstverein Hagen, Hagen, Germany
- 1995 Kulturbahnhof Eller, Düsseldorf, Germany

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2016 *Gärten der Welt*, Museum Rietberg, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2015 *Landscape in my Mind - Landscape photography today*, Kunstforum Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 *Los Bragales. Pasión y fotografía de una colección*, Centro de Arte Juan Ismael, Puerto del Rosario, Fuerteventura, Spain
Home (Very) Sweet Home, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Una Colección Basada En La Naturaleza Y El Medio Ambiente, Colección MP de Arte Contemporáneo, Sevilla, Spain
Temporary living, Galerie de Zaal, Delft, The Netherlands
One Work, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, USA
Los Bragales. Pasión y fotografía de una colección, Centro de Arte La Regenta, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
Human Landscape, Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2013 *Vacatio. Fotografia - Festival Internazionale di Roma*, MACRO, Rome, Italy
Old school. Anachronism in Contemporary Art, Kunsthalle zu Kiel, Kiel, Germany
Ghosting Machine, Delmar Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Tour d'horizon – Landscapes, KATZ CONTEMPORARY, Zurich, Switzerland
Land in Sight! Landscapes from the Collection, Museum der Moderne Mönchsberg, Salzburg, Germany
Landmark: The Fields of Photography, Somerset House, London, Great Britain
Disaster - The End of Days, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Wetterdämmerung - ein Blick zurück, Sammlung Alison und Peter W. Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, Germany
- 2012 *Im Schein des Unendlichen - Romantik und Gegenwart*, Altana Kulturstiftung, Sinclair-Haus, Bad Homburg, Germany
Fotografia Contemporanea Tedesca La Scuola di Düsseldorf, Galleria Alberto Peola, Turin, Italy
Religion und Riten, DZ Bank Kunstsammlung. Art Foyer, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Nine x Nine, Rose Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
Landscape: Scene / Re-seen. The Westport Arts Center, Westport, USA
Great Photographs: Scape, Hasted Kraeutler Art Gallery, New York, USA
Exposition photographique: Eaux précieuses - Eaux sauvages, Galerie d'art du conseil général, Hôtel de Castillon, Aix-en-Provence, France
Kalte Rinden - Seltene Erden, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
Les Territoires du désir ou les métamorphoses d'un musée imaginaire, Musée d'Art moderne André Malraux - MuMa, Le Havre, France
Il Fuoco Della Natura / The Flash of Nature, Salone degli Incanti, ex Pescheria, Triest, Italy
- 2011 *Kunst befreit! Neupräsentation der Sammlung*, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany
ILEANA SONNABEND. AN ITALIAN PORTRAIT, Peggy Guggenheim Collection - New Wing, Palazzo Venier dei Leoni, Venice, Italy
- 2010 *Der rote Bulli: Stephan Shore und die neue Düsseldorfer Fotografie*,

- NRW-Forum Kultur und Wirtschaft, Düsseldorf, Germany
Viaggio in Italia, sguardi internazionali sull'Italia contemporanea,
 Palazzo Fabroni, Pistoia, Italy
Konstellationen, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria
- 2009 *Tago-Mago*, Galería Fúcares, Almagro, Spain
Siedlungen und Wohnanlagen 1858–1937, Stadtmuseum Düsseldorf,
 Düsseldorf, Germany
Voyages pittoresques, 1820–2009: La Normandie contemporaine,
 Musée des Beaux-Arts de Caen, Caen, Germany
- 2008 *True North*, Deutsche Guggenheim, Berlin, Germany
Objectivités, la photographie à Düsseldorf, Musée d'Art moderne de la
 Ville de Paris, Paris, France
How to look at Venice? Galleria Contemporaneo, Venice, Italy
- 2007 *Guggenheim Collection: 1940s to Now*, National Gallery of Victoria,
 Melbourne, Austria
FOTO.KUNST, Essl Museum, Klosterneuburgberlin_nl. Niederländische
 Botschaft, Berlin, Germany
- 2006 *Arcadia*, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, USA
Peintres de la vie moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2005 *The City: Contemporary Views of the Built Environment*, Lehman
 College Art Gallery, New York, USA
XL Photographs, Barbara Mathes Gallery, New York, USA
Memoria y Tiempo, Fundació Foto Colectania, Barcelona, Spain
- 2004 *Art History: Photography References Paintings*, Yancey Richardson
 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2003 *Dialog im Bunker I. Sublime Landschaften*, Kunsthalle Mannheim,
 MannheimBeaufort 01. Oostende, Belgium
- 2002 *MOVING PICTURES*, Guggenheim Museum, New York / Guggenheim
 Museum, Bilbao, Spain
From Pop to Now, Tang-Museum, Saratoga Springs, USA
Photobiennale Moscow, House of Photography, Moscow, Russia
- 2001 *Christina Doll, Elger Esser, Michael van Ofen*, Galerie Sfeir-Semler,
 Hamburg, Germany
- 2000 *Landscapes - Portraits*, Michael Hue-Williams Fine Art,
 London, United Kingdom
Retrospective, Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
- 1999 *Views from the Edge of the World*, Marlborough Gallery, New
 York, USA
Biennale della Fotografia, Fondazione Italiana per la Fotografia, Turin, Italy
- 1998 *Landschaftsbilder*, Städtische Galerie Tuttlingen, Tuttlingen, Germany
- 1996 *Auslöser: Professionelle Fotografie aus Düsseldorf*, Düsseldorf, Germany

COLLECTIONS

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
 Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, USA
 Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA
 Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Stiftung Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany
 Kunsthaus Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland

Fonds national d'art contemporain, Paris, France
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany
Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany
Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Wien, Wien, Austria
DZ Bank Kunstsammlung, Frankfurt, Germany
SMS Contemporanea, ex Palazzo Delle Papesse, Siena, Italy
Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg / Wien, Austria
Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany