

Günther Förg

Günther Förg was born in 1952 in Füssen, Germany. He died in 2013 in Freiburg.

Günther Förg studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich from 1973 to 1979, and achieved international renown at an early age.

By means of painting and photography, Förg reflected upon modernity. His photographs of architecture from the Bauhaus period question the parameters of the modern when confronted with the wear and tear of time. His abstract paintings frequently echo motifs used by major American Abstract and Minimalist painters of the 1950s and 60s (Barnett Newman, Clifford Still, De Kooning) or by European artists (Munch, Fautrier), motifs which he interpreted freely.

Since Günther Förg's death in 2013, his art has received growing international recognition. The world's leading museums have acquired and exhibited his work: MoMa (New York), MoCA (Los Angeles), Tate Britain and Tate Modern (London), Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía (Madrid), and the Kunstmuseum Basel. In 2018, he was the subject of a major retrospective, entitled "Günther Förg – A Fragile Beauty", at the Stedelijk Museum (Amsterdam) and at the Dallas Museum of Art. In 2023, his first solo exhibition in Asia, entitled "Trunk Road and Branch Roads", was held at Long Museum in Shanghai. Since 1997, Galerie Lelong has organized ten exhibitions of Günther Förg's work in Paris, in collaboration with the artist and his Estate.

Solo shows (selection)

2025

Paires, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2024

Günther Förg - Le moderne, Maison La Roche, Paris, France

Legacy of Modernism, CAC Málaga, Málaga, Spain

2023

Günther Förg - Trunk Road and Branch Roads, Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China

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Peintures sur Canson, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Tupfenbilder, Hauser & Wirth, London, United Kingdom

2022

Petit formats, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2021

Mostly Landscapes, Tarmak22, Gstaad, Switzerland

2020

Standomi un giorno solo a la finestra..., Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2019

Förg in Venice, Palazzo Contarini Polignac, Venice, Italy

2018

Gemälde, Bleibilder und Werke auf Papier 1976-2007, Kunstverein, Reutlingen, Germany

Günther Förg - With works from the Friedrichs Collection, Friedrichs Foundation, Weidingen, Germany

A Fragile Beauty, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2017

Bronzes et papiers, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Günther Förg - 84 – 90, Galerie Bärbel Grässlin, Frankfurt, Germany

Günther Förg, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany

2015

The Large Drawings, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Günther Förg. Wall paintings, Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, Germany

Verfolgen Malerei, Fundación Luis Seoane, A Coruña, Spain

Lead Paintings, White Cube, London, United Kingdom

Lead Paintings, Skarstedt Gallery, New York, United States

Galerie Lelong

2014

Günther Förg, Kunsthandlung Osper, Cologne, Germany

Günther Förg, Museum Brandhorst, Munich, Germany

Ulrich Erben / Günther Förg. Arbeiten auf Papier, Werkhallen Oberwinter, Remagen, Germany

Günther Förg. Verfolgen Malerei', Fundación Luis Seoane, La Corogne, Spain

2013

Pastels et Aquarelles 2001-2008, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Günther Förg in Rome, a modern city, Museo Carlo Bilotti, Rome, Italy

2012

Günther Förg. Werke aus der Sammlung, Kunstraum Grässlin, St. Georgen, Germany

Günther Förg, Altxerri, San Sebastián, Spain

Forms in Change, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2011

Günther Förg, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2010

Come, or the stellar tide will slip away, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Aufbruch der Farben, ALTANA Kulturstiftung im Sinclair-Haus, Bad Homburg, Germany

Günther Förg, Fondation Beyeler, Basel, Switzerland

2009

Günther Förg, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2008

Back and Forth, Essl Museum - Kunst der Gegenwart, Klosterneuburg, Austria

2007

Gunther Förg, Chateau Lynch-Bages, Pauillac, France

Gunther Förg, Hôtel des Arts - Centre Méditerranéen d'art, Toulon, France

Recent Paintings, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Galerie Lelong

Passage, Fuhrwerkswaage Kunstraum, Cologne, Germany

2006

Günther Förg, Fédération Française de Tennis, Paris, France

Fotografien, Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen, Germany

Landschaft bleibt – Günther Förg, Kunstverein Wilhelmshöhe, Ettlingen, Germany

Alvaro Siza-Santiago de Compostela, Photomuseum, Zarautz, Spain

Günther Förg, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

Paintings on Lead, Thomas Dane Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2004

Günther Förg. Aquarelles et estampes, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Arbeiten auf Papier 1987 - 2003, Kunstkabinett, Regensburg, Germany

Günter Förg, Staatliche Kunsthalle, Karlsruhe, Germany

Make it new, Kunsthalle, Recklinghausen, Germany

Günther Förg, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands

2003

Renaissance, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Günther Förg, Kunstverein Wilhelmshöhe, Ettlingen, Germany

Günther Förg, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel

2001

Förg, Kunsthhaus, Bregenz, Austria

Malerei - Fotografie, Kunstverein, Heilbronn, Germany

2000

Günter Förg, Essl Museum - Kunst der Gegenwart, Klosterneuburg, Austria

Günther Förg, Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark

Arbeiten auf Papier/Malerei, Mannheimer Kunstverein, Mannheim, Germany

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Förg, Deutsche Guggenheim, Berlin, Germany

Günther Förg, Edition Schellmann, Munich, Germany

Günther Förg, Weserburg Museum für moderne Kunst, Bremen, Germany

1999

Günther Förg, Bawag Contemporary - Bawag Foundation, Vienna, Austria

Günther Förg, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

La Grande Dimension, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

1997

Günther Förg, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Günther Förg, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

Wall Paintings, Museum Haus Konstruktiv, Zürich, Switzerland

1996

Günther Förg, Kunstverein , Hamburg, Germany

Möglichkeit der Malerei, Kunstverein, Hamburg, Germany

Gitterbilder, Kunstmuseum , Luzern, Switzerland

1995

Günther Förg, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1993

The Threat of Serenity, CUBITT, London, United Kingdom

1991

Günther Förg, Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, Paris, France

Skulpturen, Kunstverein , Munich, Germany

1990

Stations of the Cross, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, United States

1989

Günther Förg, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, United States

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1988

Günther Förg, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, United States

1987

Günther Förg, Museen Haus Lange / Haus Esters, Krefeld, Germany

1986

Günther Förg, Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster, Germany

Günther Förg, Kunsthalle , Bern, Switzerland

Group shows (selection)

2022

A Family Story, Collection(s) Roeblyn, Musée d'art contemporain (MAC) Lyon, Lyon, France

2020

Abstract Art from the Miettinen Collection, Miettinen Collection, Berlin, Germany

Public collections (selection)

Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Essl Museum - Kunst der Gegenwart, Klosterneuburg, Austria

Centre de la Gravure et de l'Image imprimée, La Louvière, Belgium

Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

National Gallery of Canada - Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Carré d'art - Musée d'art contemporain de Nîmes, Nîmes, France

Kunstmuseum , Bonn, Germany

Museum für Moderne Kunst , Frankfurt, Germany

Städel Museum, Frankfurt, Germany

Städtische Galerie , Karlsruhe, Germany

Galerie Lelong

Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus & Kunstbau, Munich, Germany

Städtisches Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, Germany

The Walther Collection, Neu-Ulm, Germany

Castello di Rivoli Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Turin, Italy

Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy

MUDAM - Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Stedelijk Museum , Amsterdam, Netherlands

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

Kunstmuseum Basel, Basel, Switzerland

Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, United States

Museum of Modern Art , New York City, United States

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, United States

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, United States