

## ERWIN OLAF

1959-2023. Born in Hilversum, Netherlands.

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023** Erwin Olaf: A Vanishing World, Centro Niemeyer, Avilés, Spain
- 2022** Solo show, Dance in Close-Up: Hans van Manen seen by Erwin Olaf, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 Dance in Close-Up, Galerie Rabouan Moussion, Paris, France  
 Erwin Olaf: Perfect Moment – Incomplete World, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung City, Taiwan  
 Im Wald, Hamiltons Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
 Dance in Close-Up & Im Wald, Izzy Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
 Solo show, The Black Diamond (Royal Danish Library), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2021** Kunsthalle München, Munich, Germany, First German solo museum show  
 Suwon Museum of Art, Suwon, South Korea, Suwon Museum of Art  
 Edwynn Houk Gallery, New York, USA, April Fool 2020 & Im Wald, 2020  
 Patricia Conde Galería, Mexico City, Mexico, Solo exhibition Patricia Conde Galería  
 Ron Mandos Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, First solo exhibition at Ron Mandos Gallery
- 2020** Izzy Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 'Trilogy' Solo gallery exhibition  
 Gallery Kong, Seoul, South Korea, Post Covid 19, part 2 - Erwin Olaf, April Fool  
 Paci Contemporary, Brescia, Italy, Paci Contemporary  
 Galerie Rabouan Moussion, Paris, France, Erwin Olaf - April Fool
- 2019** Exhibition with a selection of the acquired works at Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 12x Erwin Olaf at Rijksmuseum  
 Xie Zilong Photography Museum (XPM), Changsha, China, Erwin Olaf  
 Shanghai Center of Photography (SCoP), Shanghai, China, Parallel  
 Gemeente Museum The Hague & The Hague Museum of Photography, The Hague, The Netherlands, Anniversary Solo Show  
 Edwynn Houk Gallery, New York, USA, Solo exhibition

- 2018** MIS - Museu da Imagem e do Som de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, Large multimedia retrospective  
Izzy Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 'Erwin Olaf Retrospective'
- 2016** National Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria, 'Erwin Olaf - Four Series'  
Centro de Arte Contemporáneo de Málaga , Malaga, Spain, 'Cell of Emotions'  
The Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow, Russia, 'Homage Louis Gallait'
- 2015** Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Rosario, Rosario, Argentina, 'Erwin Olaf: The Empire of Illusion'  
Fundação Oriente Museu, Macau, China, 'Retrospective'
- 2014** The Museum of New Art, Detroit, USA, 'Erwin Olaf: Breakfast in America'  
MODEM, Debrecen, Hungary, 'Erwin Olaf: Karussell'  
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Santiago, Chile, 'Empire of Illusion'  
Muzeum Narodowe w Gdańsku, Gdańsk, Poland, 'Choreography of Emotions'
- 2013** La Sucrière, Lyon, France, 'Emotions, Installations by Erwin Olaf till 2012'
- 2012** MMKA, Arnhem, The Netherlands, 'Regressive'  
Gaasbeek Castle, Gaasbeek, Belgium, 'Exquisite Corpses'
- 2011** CerModern, Ankara, Turkey, 'Erwin Olaf: Captured Senses'
- 2010** Hermitage Amsterdam , Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 'Dusk / Dawn'  
Fondazione FORMA, Milan, Italy, 'Vite Private' (Private lives)  
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 'A Journey to Excellence'
- 2009** Haifa Museum of Art, Haifa, Israel, 'Moving Targets'  
Domus Artium 2002 (DA02), Salamanca, Spain, 'Darts of Pleasure, Erwin Olaf 1984 - 2009'  
Institut Néerlandais, Paris, France, 'Photographie & Video: Rain, Hope, Grief, Fall et d'autres Oeuvres'  
Fotomuseum, Antwerp, Belgium, 'Erwin Olaf - EyeCandy 1984 - 2009'
- 2008** Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney, Australia, 'Selected Works'

Southeastern Center of Contemporary Art, Salem, USA, 'Still Living: Structure, Surface and Expression'

Fotomuseum Den Haag, The Hague, The Netherlands, 'Rain, Hope, Grief & Fall'

Space E6, Shenzhen, China, Erwin Olaf's first exhibition on the Chinese mainland.

**2007** City Arts Centre, Shoalhaven, Australia, 'Elegance and Perversity'

**2005** Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney, Australia, 'Elegance and Perversity'

Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow, Russia, 'Fashion & Style in Photography'

Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, Bologna, Italy, 'Imitation of Life'

MonteVideo, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 'Moving Targets'

**2003** Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands, 'Silver'

**1998** Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany, 'Chessmen'

**1993** Kunsthal, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 'Joy'

Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany, 'Erwin Olaf'

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2022** Erwin Olaf & Hans Op de Beeck: Inspired by Steichen, Musée national d'histoire et d'art, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

FLASH | BACK, Mauritshuis, The Hague, The Netherlands

The Circus We Are, Le Delta House of Culture, Namurs, Belgium

**2021** Kunstenhuis Harelbeke, Belgium, Belgium, FUCK YOU!

Daegu Photo Biennale, South Korea

Annus Mirabilis, Annex, Kyoto JP

**2020** Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands, What will the

neighbours say? Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany,  
Museum Morsbroich

- 2019**    Conciergerie, Paris, France, Marie-Antoinette, Metamorphoses of an Image  
Danysz Gallery, Shanghai, China, Story Smuggler  
Hangar Art Centre, Brussels, Belgium, Photo Brussels Festival
- 2018**    Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns, Australia, Cairns Art Gallery  
Kunstforeningen GL Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark, Vogue Like a Painting
- 2017**    Museum Jan Cunen, Oss, The Netherlands, Museum Jan Cunen  
Villa Rot, Rot, Germany, Villa Rot  
Fabian & Claude Walter Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland, Fabian & Claude Walter Galerie  
Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea, Hangaram Art Museum
- 2016**    Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands, 'After Rodin – Groninger Museum'  
K11 Art Foundation, Hong Kong, China, 'Women's Independence'  
McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, USA, 'Telling Tales: Contemporary Narrative Photography'  
Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland, 'In Search of the Present'  
Museum De Fundatie, Zwolle, The Netherlands, 'Dutch Identity – Dutch Portrait Photography Now'  
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 'Catwalk'  
Whangarei Art Museum, Whangarei, New Zealand, 'Hendrik Kerstens + Erwin Olaf'
- 2015**    Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain, 'Vogue: Like A Painting'  
Fondation Francès, Senlis, France, 'Juke Box'  
MUDAM, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 'Memory Lab: Photography Challenges History'  
Kasteel D'Ursel, Hingene, Belgium, 'Sweet 18'

- 2014** Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany, 'Memory Lab: The Sentimental Turn. Photography Challenges History'
- 2013** Amsterdam City Archives, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 'Studio Portretten'  
Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 'WHITE!'
- 2012** GuatePhoto, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 'GuatePhoto 2012'  
Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow, Russia, 'Vanitas Contemporary Reflections'  
OCT Art & Design Gallery, Shenzhen, China, 'Basic Instincts'  
Künstlerhaus, Vienna, Austria, 'MEGACOOOL 4.0, Jugend und Kunst'  
BIP 2012, Liege, Belgium, 'Only You Only Me – Images of Love, Love of the Image'
- 2011** Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria, 'No Fashion, Please!'  
Museum De Lakenhal, Leiden, The Netherlands, 'The Siege of Leiden'  
Kunsthalle Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany, 'Kunst Macht Schule'
- 2010** Hermitage Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 'Alexander The Great'  
Gallerie Rudolfinum, Prague, Czech Republic, 'Decadence Now! Visions of Excess'  
Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada, 'Cinema X: I Like to Watch'  
CCCB, Barcelona, Spain, 'Atopia, Art and the City in the 21st Century'
- 2009** Centro Galego de Arte Contemporánea, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 'Peguenta Historia de la Fotografía'  
Kunsthalle Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland, 'The Non-Age'  
Museum of the City of New York, New York City, USA, 'Dutch Seen: New York Rediscovered'  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, USA, 'Why Look at Animals?'

- 2008** Museum Für Gestaltung, Zurich, Switzerland, 'Short Stories in Contemporary Photography'
- 2007** The Kinsey Institute Gallery, Bloomington, USA, 'Expressive Bodies'  
FOAM, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 'Oog / Eye'  
Phillips, New York City, USA, 'NYC Photo'  
Chelsea Art Museum, New York City, USA, 'Dangerous Beauty'
- 2006** Artium, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, 'Cross-Referenced Messages – Talk with Reality in Time'
- 2005** Salamanca Arts Centre, Salamanca, Spain, 'Baroque and Neo-Baroque. The Hell of the Beautiful'  
Museum of New Art, Detroit, USA, 'Going Dutch'
- 2004** Cultural Centre Es Pantagruélico, Santiago, Chile, 'Foto America 2004'
- 2002** Mostra Internazionale D'arte Contemporánea, Trieste, Italy, 'Shock & Show. Realtra e Alternative'
- 2001** Bienal de Valencia, Valencia, Spain, 'The Body of Art'
- 2000** Museum Für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany, 'Bodies, Clothing, Surfaces'
- 1991** Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands, 'Haks Was Here'
- 1988** The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK, 'Behold the Man'

## AWARDS

Johannes Vermeer Award

Photographer of the Year at the International Color Awards

**SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Centro de Arte Contemporáneo de Málaga, Málaga, Spain  
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León, León, Spain  
HBC Photo Collection, New York, USA  
Neuflize Vie Collections, Paris, France  
Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art Luxembourg, Luxembourg  
Fotomuseo, Bogota, Colombia  
Koo House, Seojong-Myeon, South Korea  
Collezione Ettore Molinario, Italy  
21c Museum, USA  
Susanne von Meiss Collection, Germany  
Museum Arnhem, Arnhem, The Netherlands  
Fnac Collection, Paris, France  
Musée d'Art Moderne, Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg  
Sir Elton John Collection, UK and USA  
Gemeente Museum Den Haag, The Hague, The Netherlands  
Collezione Ettore Molinario, Milan, Italy  
Banco Espirito Santo, Lisbon, Portugal  
The Franks-Suss Collection, UK  
George Eastman Museum, New York, USA  
North Carolina Museum of Art Raleigh, USA  
West Collection, Philadelphia, USA  
Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany  
Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands  
Rabobank, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Art Progressive Collection, USA  
Deutsche Leasing AG, Bad Homburg, Germany  
ING Art Collection, The Netherlands  
Caldic Collection, The Netherlands  
Fondation Francès, Senlis, France  
Orefi- Vente-Privee, Philadelphia, USA  
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Artium, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain  
Randstad Collection, The Netherlands  
Foto Colectania, Barcelona, Spain