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## JOSEPH BEUYS

### BIOGRAPHY

- 1921 Born in Krefeld, Germany  
Moves to Kleve, an industrial town in the Lower Rhine
- 1940 Volunteers for the Wehrmacht and begins military training as a radio operator.
- 1944 Crashes his plane on the Crimean Front. He is found by a German search commando and taken to a military hospital. Beuys later tells a myth of being saved by Tatars who smear him in fat and wrap him in felt in order to keep warm  
Awarded the Iron Cross 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class
- 1945 British forces capture his division and hold him prisoner for several months. He is released in August and returns home to Rindern
- 1947 Enrolls in the Staatliche Kunsthochschule Düsseldorf under Joseph Enseling (1886–1957), a former student of Auguste Rodin. In October/November, Beuys changes classes for new teacher Ewald Mataré (1886–1957)
- 1953 First solo show at the van der Grinten farm, Kranenburg, exhibiting a selection of 85 sculptures, woodcuts and drawings; touring to Von der Heydt Museum, Wuppertal
- 1954 Commissioned by collector Marie Louise von Mahlzahn to produce several pieces of furniture
- 1956 Seeks medical treatment in psychiatric clinics for severe depression following persistent artistic self-doubt, poverty and post-traumatic stress disorder after WWII
- 1957 Recovers on the farm of the van der Grinten family, Kranenburg
- 1958 Commissioned to create a war memorial for the community of Büderich, inaugurated on 16 May 1959  
Begins a cycle of Ulysses drawings, having a deep interest in the writings of James Joyce, completed in 1961
- 1959 Marries Eva Wurmbach
- 1961 First exhibition of works from the van der Grinten collection at Städtisches Museum Haus Koekkoek, Kleve  
Elected as professor of monumental sculpture at the Kunsthochschule Düsseldorf  
Birth of son, Boien Wenzel Beuys
- 1962 Befriends Nam June Paik, a professor at Kunsthochschule Düsseldorf and member of international movement Fluxus, and George Maciunas, founder of Fluxus
- 1963 Initiates and participates in first Fluxus festival to take place in Düsseldorf, ‘Festum Fluxorum–Fluxus. Musik und Antimusik. Das instrumentale Theater’. Beuys performs his first two public actions, ‘Sibirische Symphonie 1. Satz’ (Siberian Symphony, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement) and ‘Komposition für 2 Musikanten’ (Composition for 2 musicians)

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- 1964 Participates in documenta III, Kassel  
Publishes 'Lebenslauf / werklauf' ('Life Course / Work Course') in the accompanying catalogue to *ACTION / AGIT- OP / DECOLLAGE / HAPPENING / EVENTS / ANTI-ART / L'AUTRISME / ART TOTAL / REFLUXUS*, organised by Technische Hochschule Aachen, a fictional biography in the form of an exhibition history, which would become the referential basis for his public persona. During his performance, Beuys is punched in the face by a student  
Birth of daughter, Jessyka Beuys
- 1965 Performs seminal action, 'wie man dem toten Hasen die Bilder erklärt' ('How to Explain Pictures to a Dead Hare'), at Galerie Schmela, Dusseldorf. For three hours, Beuys, his head covered with gold leaf and honey, clasps a dead hare to his chest, whispering into the hare's ear
- 1967 Founds the 'Free Democratic State of EURASIA'  
Founds the 'Deutsche Studenten Partei' ('German Student Party'). In mid-December, Beuys renames the party, 'Fluxus Zone West'  
First museum exhibition, *Beuys* at Städisches Museum Abteiberg Mönchengladbach, where he uses free-standing vitrines for the first time. Two-thirds of the work was bought by Karl Ströher, which formed the basis of the *Block Beuys* collection for which Beuys would continue to expand and modify
- 1968 Nine professors at the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf sign a mistrust manifest against Beuys. The commission of the ministry for education and culture (Kulturministerium) is charged with the examination of the possibility to dismiss Beuys from the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf
- 1969 Performs an opening concert with Christiansen at Berlin Akademie der Künste, which is interrupted by a group of vandalising students, who destroy the inventory in protest against the political message of the action, perceived as not sufficiently revolutionary  
Protests against a newly introduced limit of the number of students admitted to the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf. His protest leads to an open conflict between Beuys and the directors of the academy, and the ministry of culture, and results in the closure of the academy for several weeks
- 1970 Founds 'Organisation der Nicht-Wähler, Freie Volksabstimmung' ('Organisation of Non-Voters-Free Referendum')
- 1971 Makes plans for Freie Internationale Hochschule für Kreativität (Free International Academy for Creativity)  
Journalist Hans Emmerling produces a documentary on Beuys entitled *Joseph Beuys und seine Klasse. Beobachtungen. Gespräche* (*Joseph Beuys and Class: Observations. Discussions*)  
Publishes an appeal protesting the exclusivity of art fairs in Cologne and Berlin, signed by internationally recognised artists, dealers, critics and museum directors  
Founds 'Organisation für direkte Demokratie durch Volksabstimmung (freie Völksinitiative e.V.)', Dusseldorf  
Founds 'Komitee für eine Freie Hochschule' ('Committee for a Free University')
- 1972 Installs the information office 'Büro für direkte Demokratie durch Volksabstimmung', during the 100 days of *documenta 5*, ending in a 'Abschiedsaktion' ('Farewell Action'), a boxing match on day 101 between Joseph Beuys and Abraham David Christian Moebuss  
Dismissed from Kunstakademie Düsseldorf

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- 1974 First visit to the United States, tours a series of lectures entitled ‘The Energy Plan for the Western Man’  
Founds the *Freie Internationale Hochschule für Kreativität und Interdisziplinäre Forschung* (Free International University for Creativity and Interdisciplinary Research)  
Stages longest action ‘I Like America and America Likes Me’ for the opening of the Manhattan gallery of art dealer, René Block  
Participates at an “Oil Conference” organised by the Richard Demarco Gallery in Edinburgh, where he speaks about the effects of the discovery of oil off the Scottish Coast  
Death of his mother, Johanna Beuys  
Teaches as a guest professor at the Hochschule für Bildende Künste, Hamburg
- 1975 Suffers from a heart attack. His rehabilitation takes three months
- 1976 Receives honorary doctorate from the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, Halifax, Canada  
Represents the Federal Republic of Germany at *Venice Biennale XXXVII*  
Runs for Bundestag elections as a candidate for Aktionsgemeinschaft unabhängiger (AUD, Active Society of Independent Germans)
- 1977 Awarded the Lichtwark-Preis of the Hamburger Kunsthalle  
Exhibits ‘Honigpumpe am Arbeitsplatz’ (‘Honey Pump at the Workplace, 1974/77’) at *documenta 6*, Fridericianum Kassel
- 1978 Receives the Thorn-Prikker medal of honour of the city of Krefeld  
Nominated as a full member of the Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Department Bildende Kunst
- 1979 Becomes a member of “sonstige politische Vereinigung” (“other political union”), a party that would become the Green Party. He is elected a candidate for the European Parliament  
Awarded the Kaiserring Prize of the city of Goslar  
Represents Germany at the XV *Sao Paulo International Biennial*
- 1979–80 Major retrospective of Beuys’ work, the first and only during his lifetime, at Solomon R Guggenheim Museum, New York
- 1980 Participates in the founding meeting of the German Green Party in Karlsruhe  
Participates at the Bundesparteitag (federal assembly) of the Green Party in Saarbrücken  
Meeting between Beuys and Warhol at Lucio Amelio, Naples, on occasion of the exhibition *Joseph Beuys by Andy Warhol*, showing nine portraits Warhol made of Beuys  
Participates at *Venice Biennale XXXVIII*  
Founds the ‘Forschungsinstitut Erweiterter Kunstbegriff’, (‘Research Institute for an Enlarged Notion of Art’), Kunstakademie Düsseldorf  
Elected a member of honour of the Königliche Akademie der Freien Künste (Royal Academy of Fine Arts), Stockholm
- 1982 Sings for rock group BAP, ‘Sonne statt Reagan’ (‘Sun not Reagan/Rain’)  
Plants the first group of trees of ‘7000 Eichen’ (‘7000 Oaks’) at the opening of *documenta 7*, the last tree of which is planted at the opening of *documenta 8*
- 1985 Falls ill with interstitial pneumonia
- 1986 Awarded the Wilhelm-Lehmbruck Prize of the City of Duisburg

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## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1963           *Joseph Beuys Fluxus*, van der Grinten farmhouse, Kranenburg
- 1965           *Das Schweigen von Marcel Duchamp wird überbewertet (The Silence of Marcel Duchamp Is Overrated)*, Landesstudio Nordrhein-Westfalen des Zweiten Deutschen Fernsehens (Seconomd German Television Studio), Dusseldorf  
*Joseph Beuys... Any Old Noose*, Galerie Schmela, Düsseldorf
- 1966           *... mit Braunkreuz*, Galerie René Block, Berlin  
*Eurasia Siberian Symphony 1963*, Galerie René Block, Berlin  
*Handzeichnungen*, Galerie nächst St. Stephan, Vienna
- 1967           *Fettraum (Fat Room)*, Galerie Franz Dahlem, Darmstadt  
Städisches Museum Abteiberg Mönchengladbach, Mönchengladbach, Germany
- 1968           *Joseph Beuys Zeichnungen, Fettplastiken*, Wide White Space Gallery, Antwerp  
*schilderijen, objecten, tekeningen*, Stedelijk Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven  
Haus der Kunst, Munich, organised by Galerie-Verein München at the Neue Pinakothek; touring to Kunstverein Hamburg, Hamburg; Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin; Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Dusseldorf; Kunstmuseum Basel, Basel  
*Raum 563 x 491 x 563, Fettecken und auseinandergerissene Luftpumpen*, Künstlerhaus, Nürnberg  
*Zeichnungen—Objekte*, Art Intermedia, Cologne
- 1969           *FOND III*, Galerie Schmela, Dusseldorf  
*Revolutionssklavier*, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Dusseldorf  
*Konzerflüggeljom (Bereichjom)*, Galerie René Block, Berlin  
*Zeichnungen, kleine Objekte*, Kunstmuseum Basel
- 1970           *Zeichnungen von Joseph Beuys aus der Sammlung van der Grinten*, Vleeshal van het Stadhuis, Middelburg, organised by the Zeeuws Museum, Middelburg; touring to Museum Groningen, The Netherlands  
*Freiagsobjekt '1a gebratene Fischgräte*, Daniel Spoerri, Eat Art Galerie, Düsseldorf
- 1971           *Voglio vedere le mie montagne (Show Me My Mountain)*, Stedelijk van Abbémuseum, Eindhoven  
Galerie Schmela, Dusseldorf  
*Zeichnungen und Objekte*, Galerie Art Intermedia, Cologne  
*Ciclo sull'Opra di Joseph Beuys 1946–71*, Modern Art Agency Lucio Amelio, Naples  
*Zeichnungen, Aquarelle, Gouachen*, Galerie Thomas, Munich
- 1972           *Ausfegen*, Galerie René Block, Berlin  
*Arena—Dove Sarei Arrivato Se Fossi Stato Intelligente!*, Lucio Amelio, Modern Art Gallery, Naples; touring to Galeria Attico, Rome
- 1973           *drawings 1947–72*, Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York; Touring to Dayton Gallery, Minneapolis  
*Gesammelte Editionen*, Galerie Loehr, Frankfurt am Main
- 1974           *The Energy Plan for the Western Man*, New Institute of Social Research, New York; touring to Art Institute of Chicago; Minneapolis College of Art; Dayton Gallery, Minneapolis

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- The Secret Block for a Secret Person in Ireland*, organised by the Museum of Modern Art, Oxford; touring to National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh; the Institute of Contemporary Art, London; the Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, Dublin; the Arts Council Gallery, Belfast; Kunstmuseum, Basel
- Zeichnungen 1946–71*, Museum Haus Lange, Krefeld
- I Like America and America Likes Me*, Galerie René Block, Manhattan, New York
- Beuys at Forest Hill*, Richard Demarco Gallery, Edinburgh
- Tracce in Italia — Traces in Italy*, Modern Art Agency, Naples; touring to Genoa; Luzerne
- 1975**
- Lithographien und Holzchnitte*, Schellmann & Klüser, Munich
- Hearth*, Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York
- beuys-sculpture—Richkräfte 1974*, René Block Gallery, New York
- Dokumentation zu Joseph Beuys*, Bonnefantenmuseum/Limburgs Museum voor Kunst en Oudheden, Maastricht
- Je/Nous — exposition d'art d'aujourd'hui*, Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels, organised by Harald Szeeman and Isi Fiszman
- Zeichnungen, Bilder, Plastiken, Objekte, Aktionsphotographien*, Kunstverein Freiburg, Städtische Galerie im Schwarzen Kloster
- 1976**
- Bits and Pieces*, Generative Art Gallery, London
- Fond IV/4*, Galerie Schmela, Dusseldorf
- 1977**
- Kartoffelpflanzung*, Galerie René Block, Berlin
- Documenta VI*, Kassel
- Handzeichnungen*, Orangerie, Kassel
- Multiplizierte Kunst*, Städtisches Kunstmuseum Bonn, with participation of the Bonner Kunstverein; touring to Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig; Museum Folkwang, Essen; Kulturhuset, Stockholm; Neue Galerie am Landesmuseum Joanneum, Graz
- 1978**
- Beuys -- Tracce in Italia*, Museo Diego Aragona Pignatelli Cortes, Naples; touring to Palazzo Ducale, Genoa; Kunstmuseum Lucerne, Luzern
- 1978–79**
- Zeichnungen und Objekte*, Kunstverien Bremerhaven; touring to Universitätmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgechichte, Marburg; Kunstverein Göttingen im Städtischen Museum
- 1979**
- Kunst ist wenn man trotzdem lacht – Installationen, Raumkonzepte, 1. Basisraum Nasse Wäsche, 2. Unsichtbare Plastik 1971*, Ediion Galerie Nächst St. Stephan, Vienna
- Ja, jetzt brechen wir hier den Scheiss ab—Coyote II*, Galerie René Block, Berlin
- Zeichnungen and Objects*, Mönchehaus Museum für Moderne Kunst, Goslar
- From Berlin: Neues vom Kojoten*, Ronald Feldman Gallery, New York
- Heute arbeitet Beuys in der Galerie Schmela*, Action a Galerie Schmela, Dusseldorf
- 1979–80**
- Zeichnungen Tekeningen Drawings*, Museum Boymans–van Beuningen, Rotterdam; touring to Nationalgalerie Berlin; Kunsthalle Bielefeld; Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn
- Solomon R Guggenheim, New York
- 1980**
- Joseph Beuys—Sammlung Ulbricht—Multiplizierte Kunst 1965–80*, Wilhelm Hack-Museum, Ludwigshafen; touring to Kunstmuseum, Dusseldorf; Henie-Onstad Kunstcenter, Hovikodden
- Zeichen und Mythen—Orte der Entfaltung*, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn
- 1981**
- Joseph Beuys—Raum: 90.000,—DM*, Galerie Jöllenbeck, Cologne

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*Joseph Beuys Arbeiten in Münchner Sammlungen*, Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich  
Women, works from the van der Grinten collection, Museum Commanderie van Sint Jan, Nijmegen; touring to Stadtsparkasse Düsseldorf; Kunstverein Ulm; Kunstverein Heilbronn  
*Sammlung Ulbricht–Multiplizierte Kunst 1965–1980*, Ständige Vertretung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Ostberlin; touring to Kunstmuseum Bonn

- 1982      *Joseph Beuys letzter Raum? Last space? Dernier espace?*, Galerie Liliane & Michel Durrand-Dessert, Paris; touring to Anthony D'Offay Gallery, London  
*Stripes from the house of the shaman*, Australian National Gallery, Canberra
- 1983      *Drawings*, City Art Gallery, Leeds; Kettle's Yard Gallery, Cambridge; the Victoria and Albert Museum, London; The Harvard University Art Museums, The Busch-Reisinger Museum, Cambridge, Massachusetts; the Guinness Visitors Centre, Dublin  
*12 Vitrines, Forms of the Sixties*, Anthony D'Offay Gallery, London  
*Zeichnungen Dessins*, Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Lausanne; touring to Kunstmuseum Winterthur; Musée des Beaux-Arts, Calais; Musée d'Art et d'Industrie, St. Eienne; Neue Galerie der Stadt Linz; Musée Cantini, Marseille; Sonja Henies og Niels Onstads Stiftelser, Oslo  
*Hinter dem Knochen wird gezählt / SCHMERZRAUM 1941–1983*, Galerie Konrad Fischer, Düsseldorf
- 1984      *Difesa della natura*, Lucrezia de Dimizi  
*Block Beuys*, (extension and reinstallation) Hessisches Landesmuseum, Darmstadt  
*An Exhibition Based on The Ulbricht Collection*, The Seibu Museum of Art, Tokyo  
*Ölfarben 1949–1967*, Kunsthalle Tübingen; touring to Kunstverein Hamburg; Stadtmuseum Ratingen; Kunsthaus Zurich  
*Menschenbild–Christusbild / 4. Ausstellung Joseph Beuys*, Sankt Markus Nied, Frankfurt am Main
- 1985      *Kreuz + Zeichen, Religiöse Grundlagen im Werk von Joseph Beuys*, Suermondt-Ludwig-Museum, Aachen  
*Sculpture and Works on Paper*, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London
- 1985–86    *Dibujos*, Fundacion Caja de Pensiones, Sala de Exposiciones, Madrid; touring to Sara Hildénin Taidmuseo Tampere, Tampere; Städtisches Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach  
*Palazzo Regale*, Museo di Capodimonte, Naples (in collaboration with Fondazione Amelio)
- 1986      Kunstmuseum Bern  
*Beuys zu Ehren*, Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich
- 1987      *Brennpunkt Düsseldorf: Joseph Beuys–Die Akademie–Der Allgemeine Aufbruch 1962–1987*, Kunstmuseum Düsseldorf; touring to Ljivalchs Konsthall; Centro Cultural de la Fondació Caixa de Pensions, Barcelona
- 1987–88    *Fond Sculptures, Codices Madrid Drawings (1974), and 7000 Oaks, a permanent installation furthering Beuys' Documenta VII project*, Dia Art Foundation, New York  
*Bits and Pieces*, Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, New York (originated at Richard Demarco Gallery, Edinburgh, assembled by Beuys for Caroline Tisdall)
- 1988      *Skulpturen und Objekte*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, West Berlin  
*The Secret Block for a Secret Person in Ireland (Zeichnungen)*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, West Berlin; touring to Kunsthalle Tübingen; Kunsthalle Bielefeld

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- 1990–91      *Work from the Dia Art Foundation*, The Menil Collection, Houston  
*Eine innere Mongolei: Dschingis Khan, Schamanen Aktricen (Ölfarben, Wasserfarben und Bleistiftzeichnungen aus de Sammlung van der Grinten)*, Kestner Gesellschaft, Hannover; touring to Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona; Bayerische Akademie der Schönen Künste, Munich; Kunstakademie des Kanton Thurgau, Kartause, Ittigen; The State Russian Museum, St Petersburg; Pushkin Museum of Fine Art, Moscow  
*Plastische Bilder 1947–1970*, Galerie der Stadt Kronwestheim, Kronwestheim; touring to Hessisches Landesmuseum, Darmstadt
- 1991      *Manresa; Zeichnungen, Fotos Materialien zu einer FLUXUS-Demonstration; 25 Jahre MANRESA, 50o Jahre Ignatius*, Kunst-Station Sankt Peter, Cologne  
Städtisches Museum Haus Koekkoek, Kleve  
*Brennpunkt 2, Düsseldorf 1970–1991, Die Siebziger Jahre, Entwürfe, Joseph Beuys zum 70. Geburtstag*, Kunstmuseum Düsseldorf
- 1991–92      *Transit: Joseph Beuys: Plastische Arbeiten 1947–1977; Joseph Beuys: Zeichnungen 1947–1977; Joseph Beuys: Baraque d'Dull Odde: 1961–1967*, Kaiser Wilhelm Museum, Krefeld  
*Natur, Materie, Form*, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf
- 1992–94      *Arena—Where Would I Have Got If I Had Been Intelligent!* (1970–1972), Dia Art Foundation, New York; touring to Öffentliche Kunstsammlung Basel
- 1993–94      *Thinking is Form: The Drawings of Joseph Beuys*, Museum of Modern Art, New York; The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Philadelphia Museum of Art; The Art Institute of Chicago  
*The Revolution is Us*, Tate Gallery, Liverpool  
Kunsthaus Zurich; touring to Museo nacional Centro de arte Reina Sofía, Madrid; Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
- 1997      *Multiples*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
- 1998      *Drawings after the Codices Madrid of Leonardo da Vinci, and Sculpture*, Dia Foundation for the Arts, New York
- 1999      *The Secret Block for the Secret Person in Ireland*, Royal Academy of Art, London  
*Doppelagggregat und Bergkönig: Two Major Sculptures in Bronze and Works on Paper*, Michael Werner, New York; Cologne
- 2002–03      Guggenheim Bilbao, Bilbao
- 2003–04      *Just hit the mark: Works from the Speck-Collection*, Gagosian Galleries, Heddon Street, London; Madison Avenue, New York
- 2004–05      *Actions, Vitrines, Environments*, The Menil Collection, Houston; Tate Modern, London Ely House
- 2008–10      *Focus: Joseph Beuys*, Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 2010–12      *We are the revolution*, Mary Boone Gallery, New York

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*Artist Rooms*, Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery, Glasgow; touring to National Museum of Wales, Cardiff

- 2012      *Hirschdenkmaler*, Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris Marais
- 2013      *Iphigenie*, Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris Pantin
- 2013–14    *Zeichnung / Drawings*, Galerie Bastian, Berlin
- 2015      *Multiples from the Reinhard Schlegel Collection*, Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York
- 2017      *Sculpture and Early Drawings*, Thaddaeus Ropac, London  
*Boxkampf für die direkte Demokratie*, Waddington Custot, London

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## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1963      *Nein De / Coll / Agen (Happening)*, Galerie Parnass, Wuppertal  
              *Leben mit Pop. Demonstration für den kapitalistischen Realismus*, Möbelhaus Bergen, Dusseldorf
- 1964      *documenta III*, Kassel  
              *ACTION / AGIT- OP / DECOLLAGE / HAPPENING / EVENTS / ANTI-ART / L'AUTRISME / ART TOTAL / REFLUXUS*, Technische Hochschule Aachen, Aachen  
              *THE CHIEF*, Galerie René, Berlin
- 1965      *24 Hours*, Galerie Parnass, Wuppertal, organised by Beuys, Charlotte Moormann, Nam June Paik, Ekhard Rahn, Tomas Schmit, Wolf Vostell  
*Infiltration-Homogen für Konzertflügel, der grösste Komponist der Gegenwart ist das Contergankind (Infiltration-Homogen for Grand Piano, the Greatest Contemporary Composer is the Thalidomide Child)*, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf
- 1966      *Experimentalforestillingen Tilstande*, Galerie 101, Copenhagen
- 1968      *documenta IV*, Kassel  
              *Zweite Realität*, Art Intermedia, Cologne  
              *Cream Cheese*, Dusseldorf
- 1969      *Blockade '69*, Galerie René Block, Berlin (performance located at Berlin Akademie der Künste)  
*Live in your Head. When Attitudes become Form: Works-Concepts-Proceses-Situations-Information*, Kunsthalle Bern; touring to Institute for Contemporary Arts, London  
...oder sollen wir es värndern? (...Or Should We Change It?), Städtisches Museum Abteiberg Mönchengladbach, Mönchengladbach  
*Titus / Iphgenie*, Theater am Turm, Frankfurt am Main, on occasion of experimenta 2, organised by the German Academy of the Performing Arts  
Düsseldorfer Szene, Kunstmuseum Luzerne
- 1970      *Bildnerische Ausdrucksformen 1960–1970*, Hessisches Landesmuseum Darmstadt, Darmstadt  
*Strategy: Get Arts, Contemporary Art from Düsseldorf*, organised by the Städtischen Kunsthalle Düsseldorf in collaboration with Richard Demarco Gallery, Edinburgh, exhibited at Edinburgh College of Art, on occasion of the Edinburgh Festival  
Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Dusseldorf
- 1971      *Collected Editions*, John Gibson Gallery, New York
- 1972      *Seven Exhibitions*, Tate Gallery, London; Whitechapel Gallery, London  
Venice Biennale  
*documenta V*  
*Amsterdam–Paris–Düsseldorf*, Solomon R Guggenheim, New York
- 1973      *Collected Editions*, John Gibson Gallery, New York
- 1974      *Collected Editions II*, John Gibson Gallery, New York  
*Art into Society–Society into art*, Institute of Contemporary Art, London
- 1976      *Mit/neben/gegen/Joseph Beuys und die Künstler der ehemaligen und jetzigen Beuys-Klasse*, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt am Main

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- 1977 *Skulptur '77*, Munster
- 1979 *International Biennale für Graphik und visuelle Kunst*, Vienna
- 1980 *Beuys–Burri*, Perugia  
*Kunst in Europa na '69*, Museum for Hedendaagse Kunst, Ghent  
*Alternative Policies and the work of the FIU*, Richard Demarco Gallery, Edinburgh
- 1980–82 *Stripes from the house of the shaman, 1964–1972 Words which can hear*, Anthony D'Offay Gallery, London; touring to Australian National Gallery, Canberra
- 1981 *Art allemande Aujourd'hui*, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris  
*Das Kapital Raum 1970–1977*, Hallen für internationale neue Kunst, Zurich  
*documenta VII*, Kassel
- 1982 *ZEITGEIST*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- 1983 *Der Hang zum Gesamtkunstwerk—Europäische Utopien seit 1800*, Kunsthaus Zurich; touring to Kunsthalle Zürich; Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf; Museum moderner Kunst, Vienna
- 1985 *7000 Eichen–34 Künstler stiften eine Arbeit für die Aktion von Joseph Beuys*, Kunsthalle Tübingen; touring to Kunsthalle Bielefeld; Orangerie, Kassel
- 1985–86 *German Art in the Twentieth Century, Painting and Sculpture 1905–1985*, Royal Academy of Arts, London; touring to Staatsgalerie Stuttgart
- 1986 *Joseph Beuys, Enzo Cucchi, Anselm Kiefer, Jannis Kounellis*, Kunsthalle Basel
- 1987 *Beuys, Klein, Rothko: Transformation and Prophecy*, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London; touring to Sala de la Fundación Caja de Pensiones, Madrid  
*Warhol/Beuys/Polke*, Milwaukee Art Museum; touring to Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston
- 1990 *The End of the Twentieth Century*, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London
- 1997 *Joseph Beuys and Wilhelm Lehmbruck*, Michael Werner, Cologne
- 2001 *Venice Biennale XXXIX*
- 2004 *Drawings*, Gagosian Galleries, Heddon Street, London
- 2011 *Made in Italy*, Gagosian Galleries, Rome
- 2017 *Balula, Beuys, Klein, Nauman, West*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen

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## SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard University Art Museums, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Froehlich Foundation, Stuttgart  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris  
Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, The Netherlands  
Kunstmuseum Basel  
Museum am Ostwall, Boston  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
Nationalgalerie im Hamburger Bahnhof, Museum für Gegenwart-Berlin (Joseph Beuys Medien-Archiv), Berlin  
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh  
Solomon R Guggenheim, New York  
Speck-Collection, Cologne  
Staatliche Museum Kassel  
Stedelijk-Museum Voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent  
Tate, London  
Collection Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, The Netherlands