



*Child Life Jacket*, Carrara statuario marble, wood plinth with paint and plaster, 2016  
Courtesy Aeroplastics

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### **SELECTED SOLO SHOWS**

#### **2019**

Dust - Travesia Cuatro - Madrid (ES)

#### **2018**

Archipelago - Galleria Poggiali - Milan (IT) [*artist book*]

#### **2016**

Only Words - Aeroplastics - Brussels (BE)  
The 13 Corners - Travesia Cuatro - Guadalajara (MX)

#### **2015**

Inconsolus. Votes for children - Travesia Cuatro - Madrid (ES)

#### **2014**

The architecture of empathy - Galleria Massimo Minini - Brescia (IT) [*artist book*]  
The architecture of empathy - Galerie Haas Zürich - Zürich (CH) [*artist book*]

**2013**

The hand that rocks the cradle - Galerie Michael Haas - Berlin (DE) [*artist book*]  
The architecture of empathy - Travesia Cuatro - Madrid (ES)

**2011**

The closest I ever came to you - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)

**2010**

Tears welling up inside - Wendt + Friedman Gallery - Berlin (DE)  
A perfect soul - OPA - Guadalajara (MX)  
You are innocent in your dreams - Travesia Cuatro - Madrid (ES)

**2009**

Let the golden age begin - Museum 52 - London (UK)

**2008**

Gathering Dust - Travesia Cuatro - Madrid (ES)  
Glass Eye ... Glass Soul - Museum 52 - New York (US)

**2007**

You said you would always be there - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
The supernatural world in which I am professionally involved - Invaliden 1 - Berlin (DE)  
A perfect soul - Museum 52 - London (UK)

**2006**

What is it that there is something and nothing - Museum 52 - Basel (CH)

**2005**

Are you like me full of hope and full of fear - Museum 52 - London (UK)  
Are you like me full of hope and full of fear - Feigen Contemporary - New York (US)

**2004**

Are we not the same you and I - Museum 52 - London (UK)  
If not now then when - Gallery Judin - Zürich (CH)  
Other peoples lives - 20.21 Gallery - Essen (DE)  
Is more than this more than this - De Bond - Bruges (BE)

**2003**

Voices from the id - Beaconsfield - London (UK)  
Dumb planets are round too - VTO Gallery - London (UK)  
Dumb planets are round too - Feigen Contemporary - New York (US)

**2002**

Are you still mad at me - Reykjavík Art Museum - Reykjavík (IS)  
Voices from the id - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)

**2000**

The Turning Point - MArtLab Gallery/Imperial College Residency - London (UK)  
The Diary of a Loner - 20.21 Gallery - Essen (DE)

**1999**

The Incomplete History of Unknown Discovery - 20.21 Gallery - Essen (DE)

**1998**

The Diary of a Loner - Chapter Arts Center - Cardiff (UK)

**1997**

The Matrix of Amnesia - Imperial College - London (UK)

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

**2019**

Painting Still Alive - Centre of Contemporary Art - Toruń (PL) [*catalogue*]  
Wundersame Welten. Von Alten Meistern bis zu zeitgenössischer Kunst - Galerie  
Michael Haas / Kunst Lager Haas - Berlin (DE)  
Asymmetrische Demobilisierung part II - Luis Leu - Karlsruhe (DE)  
Too Cute! Sweet is about to get sinister - Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery -  
Birmingham (UK)

**2018**

Sticky Business. The Temptation of Sugar in Art - Stedelijk Museum Schiedam -  
Schiedam (NL)  
Proof of Life. Weserburg - Museum für moderne Kunst - Bremen (DE) [*catalogue*]  
Why Look at Animals? - The Atkinson Art Gallery - Southport (UK)  
NGORONGORO II. Artist Weekend Berlin - Lehderstrasse 34 - Berlin (DE)  
Da uno a Dieci - Galleria Massimo Minini - Brescia (IT)  
Eat me - Kunstmuseum Trapholt - Kolding (DK)  
Il terzo giorno - Palazzo del Governatore - Parma (IT)  
I left my dog in the car - Galerie Russi Klenner - Berlin (DE)  
Kanu Islands - Darmstadt (DE)  
Art Biesenthal 2018 - Wehrmühle Biesenthal (DE)  
Fo You - Marienburg - Berlin (DE)

## **2017**

So many steps, so little time - De Bond - Bruges (BE)  
Daydreaming with UNKLE Presents...The Road: SOHO - Lazarides - London (UK)  
Small. An exploration of miniature - Sexauer Gallery - Berlin (DE)  
Faith & Fathom - Galleria Poggiali - Florence (IT)  
Fata Morgana: Selections from the Goss-Michael Collection - The Goss-Michael Foundation - Dallas (US)  
My Abstract World - me Collectors Room - Berlin (DE)  
Living in Dreams - De Bond - Bruges (BE)  
Red Desert - Artvera's Gallery - Geneva (CH)  
Elastic Collisions - Kunsthalle Exnergasse - Vienna (AT)  
The inner skin. Art and Shame - MARTa. Museum für Kunst, Architektur, Design - Herford (DE)  
Washington 186 - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Meet me in Heaven - Schloss Tüßling - Tüßling (DE)  
Unique. John Isaacs - Galleria Poggiali - Pietrasanta (IT)  
Abstracted #1 - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Abstracted #2 - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Time for Outrage. Great Eastern Street Gallery Wall - initiated by Alteria Art - London (UK)  
Kunstschorle - Ventilator - Berlin (DE)  
Friends & Family - Galerie Eva Hober - Paris (FR)

## **2016**

Forever - Bubox - Kortrijk (BE)  
2050. A Brief History of the Future - Palazzo Reale - Milan (IT)  
The Difference between Sunrise and Sunset - Schloss Tüßling - Tüßling (DE)  
Private Exposure - me Collectors Room - Berlin (DE)  
Divine Decadence - Kasteel van Gaasbeek - Gaasbeek (BE)  
Daydreaming With...Stanley Kubrick - Somerset House - London (UK)  
The De Lirio Curiosity Shop Vol. 1 - Galerie Braubachfive - Frankfurt (DE)  
Sternstunde 100 Zeichnungen - Galerie Michael Haas - Berlin (DE)  
Weird and Wonderful. From the Olbricht Collection - Museum Folkwang - Essen (DE)

## **2015**

Salviamo la pelle - Galleria Claudio Poleschi Arte Contemporanea - Lucca (IT)  
Sueurs Froides - ENAC. Leonard de Vinci Cultural Centre - Toulouse (FR)  
Modell Mittelholzer. Die Afrikaflüge als Anlass - Kulturraum am Klosterhof - St. Gallen (CH)  
NGORONGOR/Artist Weekend Berlin - Lehderstrasse 34 - Berlin (DE)  
Humble Me - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Press Art - Galerie Pascal Polar - Brussels (BE)  
But do we know exactly where it breaks? - Galerie Suzanne Tarasieve Paris/Loft 19 - Paris (FR)  
Playing Pool with a Rope - Metropol Park - Berlin (DE)

Kunstenfestival Watou 2015 - Watou (BE)  
Arcadia Unbound - Funkhaus Berlin - Berlin (DE)  
Tous pour Tous - Centre culturel Les Chiroux - Liège (BE)  
Hospice Thousand Thighs - CAN. Art Centre Neuchâtel - Neuchâtel (CH)  
Falling Fictions - Me Collectors Room - Berlin (DE)  
Imago Mundi. Map of the new Art/Luciano Benetton Collection - Fondazione Giorgio Cini - Venice (IT)  
Absurd builders, handyman utopia - Abbaye Saint André/Centre d'art contemporain, Meymac, Meymac (FR)  
Forgiveness and Reconciliation - Musei Vaticani - Rome (IT)  
About trees - Zentrum Paul Klee - Bern (CH)  
Dark Ages - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
2050. A Brief History of the Future - Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Brussels (BE)  
[*catalogue*]  
Fleischeslust - Museum Villa Rot - Burgrieden-Rot (DE)

#### **2014**

Freedom not Genius. Works from Damien Hirst's Murderme Collection - Multimedia Art Museum - Moscow (RU)  
Kunst und Alchemie. Das Geheimnis der Verwandlung - Museum Kunstpalast - Düsseldorf (DE) [*catalogue*]  
Full House: 100 Artists - AeroPlastics Brussels (BE)  
Aus dem Fundus der botanischen Semantik - Cruise & Callas - Berlin (DE)  
Touch - Galerie Hartwich - Selling (DE)  
Le Mur. Works from the Collection of Antoine de Galbert - La Maison Rouge - Paris (FR)  
Ideal Standard - Oficina de Proyectos Culturales - Puerto Vallarta (MX)  
Schwarze Sauberei - Tete - Berlin (DE)  
The Remarkable Lightness of Being - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)

#### **2013**

Glasstress: White Light/White Heat/Collateral Event of the 55th International Venice Art Exhibition - Venice (IT)  
Babel - Botanique - Brussels (BE)  
C'est la vie. Das ganze Leben - Deutsches Hygiene Museum - Dresden (DE)  
Signs of the Times - Carré Sainte-Anne - Montpellier (FR)  
Flesh Reality - Point Zero - London (UK)  
The name is Burroughs. Expanded Media - Sammlung Falckenberg - Deichtorhallen Hamburg (DE)  
Wonderful. Humboldt, Krokodil & Polke. Die Olbricht Collection - Me Collectors Room - Berlin (DE)  
UndeREALisme - Centre d'Art Contemporain - Perpignan (FR)  
Kaboom!, Weserburg | Museum of Modern Art - Bremen (DE)  
Viewing Room - All Visual Arts - London (UK)

Body Wars - Bargehouse | Oxo Tower Wharf - London (UK)  
Highlights from the Collection II - The Goss-Michael Foundation - Dallas (US)

## 2012

Morbid Curiosity: The Richard Harris Collection - Chicago Cultural Center - Chicago (US)  
Metamorphosis: The Transformation of Being - All Visual Arts - London (UK)  
Freedom not Genius. Works from Damien Hirst's Murderme Collection - Pinacoteca  
Giovanni e Marella Agnelli - Turin (IT)  
Death: A Self-Portrait/The Richard Harris Collection - Wellcome Collection - London (UK)  
Sculptors' Drawings and Works on Paper - Pangolin London - London (UK) [*catalogue*]  
Alice im Wunderland der Kunst - Hamburger Kunsthalle - Hamburg (DE)  
The Aspiration Factory - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Friends & Family - Kenny Schachter ROVE - London (UK)  
Het Gewichtige Lichaam - Museum Boerhaave - Leiden (NL)  
Documenta 13/ The Worldly House - Kassel (DE)  
Face Off - Galerie Gebr. Lehmann - Berlin (DE)  
The name is Burroughs. Expanded Media - ZKM. Museum für Neue Kunst - Karlsruhe (DE)  
The End - Jacob's Island Gallery - London (UK)  
Voyage Voyage - Maison de l'Amérique Latine - Paris (FR)  
Artist's Merchandising Art - Wonderloch Kellerland - Berlin (DE) / Los Angeles (US)  
Kunstenfestival Watou 2012, Watou (BE)  
The End of Everything / A New Beginning - Larm Gallery - Copenhagen (DK)  
Till Rabus. Artiste Invité: John Isaacs - Gallery Une - Auvornier-Neuchâtel (CH)  
Gromiam, les 20 ans de Groland - Miam - Sète (FR)  
Schriftuur/Scripture - De Bond - Bruges (BE)  
Babel - Palais des Beaux-Arts de Lille - Lille (FR)

## 2011

Wax. Sensation in Contemporary Sculpture - GL Strand - Copenhagen (DK)  
Verschwende deine Jugend, Wendt + Friedmann Galerie - Berlin (DE)  
Tous Cannibales! - La Maison Rouge - Paris (FR)  
La Vallée Patibulaire - Caroline Bittermann - Berlin (DE)  
Human + The Future of our Species - Science Gallery - Dublin (IE)  
WAX. Sensation in Contemporary Sculpture - KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art -  
Aalborg (DK)  
All Cannibals! - Me Collectors Room - Berlin (DE)  
Zwei Sammler: Thomas Olbricht und Harald Falckenberg Deichtorhallen - Hamburg (DE)  
[*catalogue*]  
Berlin Klondike - Odd Gallery - Dawson (CA)  
Bulbus oculi. My precious - Kunstruimte deWILLEM3 - Vlissingen (NL)  
The Dicks & Bonus Material - Teapot Gallery - Cologne (DE)  
Sounds like Architecture - Castles of Poeke and Schuurlo - St Maria Aalter (BE)  
Portraits de Collectionneurs/Jocelyne et Fabrice Petignat - Muro - Geneva (CH)

Dead Lines - Von der Heydt Kunsthalle - Wuppertal-Barmen (DE)  
HabiteR / Collection Frac Midi-Pyrénées les Abattoirs - Toulouse (FR)  
Mémoires du futur/La collection Olbricht - La Maison Rouge - Paris (FR)  
Paradies - Wendt + Friedmann Gallery - Berlin (DE)  
Wild Thing - Aberystwyth Arts Centre - Aberystwyth (UK)

## **2010**

Melodrama - MARCO - Vigo (ES)  
1910 Figur 2010 - Georg Kolbe Museum - Berlin (DE)  
In fifteen minutes everybody will be famous - Tape Modern - Berlin (DE)  
Rude Britannia - Tate Britain - London (UK) [*catalogue*]  
The weighty body - Dr. Guislain Museum - Ghent (BE)  
Art Barter - HBC - Berlin (DE)  
Lebenslust & Totentanz/Olbricht Collection - Kunsthalle Krems - Krems (AT)  
Alchemy of Delusion - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Vanitas: The Transience of earthly pleasures - All Visual Arts - London (UK)  
berlinerzimmer #2 - Galerie Bernd Kugler - Innsbruck (AT)  
Auf Leben und Tod. Der Mensch in Malerei und Fotografie - Wallraf-Richartz-Museum & Fondation Corboud - Cologne (DE)  
Public Image - Cooper Gallery - Dundee (UK)

## **2009**

SAABSDPDJIMKRLCPSSSFWMW - Autocenter - Berlin (DE)  
Natural Wonders - Baibakov Art Projects - Moscow (RU)  
Works on paper - Museum 52 - London -UK  
Transzendenz Inc. - Hospitalhof - Stuttgart - (DE)  
That's all Folks! - Stadhallen - Bruges (BE)  
Dream Time - Les Abattoirs - Toulouse - (FR)  
Lynchmob - HBC - Berlin (DE)  
Mythologies - Haunch of Venison - London (UK)  
Distortion, Venice Biennale - Gervasutti Foundation - Venice (IT)  
Wind in Athens/Möhren in Athen - Myllerou 27 - Athens (GR)  
Fool's Food - CAN.Centre d'Art Neuchâtel - Neuchâtel (CH)  
Eat Me/Drink Me - The Goss-Michael Foundation - Dallas, Texas (US)  
Borderline Pleasure - Galerie Michael Janssen - Berlin (DE)  
Luxus. Ruhe. Wollust - Galerie Michael Schultz - Berlin (DE)  
Projection - Venice Film Festival/Gervasutti Foundation - Venice (IT)  
Transzendenz Inc. - Forgotten Bar - Berlin (DE)  
Tier-Werden Mensch-Werden - NGBK - Berlin (DE)  
Zaunkönig - Wendt+Friedmann Gallerie - Berlin (DE)  
Can birds fly? - Galerie Parisa Kind - Frankfurt (DE)

## 2008

Tell me - Witzgenhausen Gallery - Amsterdam (NL)  
Gravity - ARTIUM. Centro Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo - Vitoria-Gasteiz (ES)  
Deadly Serious - EXPRMNTL Galerie - Toulouse (FR)  
12. Works on paper - Gallery Bernd Kugler - Innsbruck (AT)  
NéoFutur - Les Abattoirs - Toulouse (FR)  
Evolution - Max Lang Gallery - New York (US)  
Paul Thek. Werkschau im Kontext zeitgenössischer Kunst - Collection Falckenberg -  
Hamburg (DE) [*catalogue*]  
Holy Smoke - Cokkie Snoei - Rotterdam (NL)  
Deadly Serious - EXPRMNTL Galerie - Toulouse (FR)  
Go for it!/Olbricht Collection (a sequel) - Neues Museum Weserburg - Bremen (DE)  
Lustwarande 08. Wonderland - Park de Oude Warande/Fundament Foundation -  
Tilburg (NL)  
Everybody knows this is nowhere - Wendt+Friedmann Galerie - Berlin (DE)  
When fears become form - CAN.Centre d'Art Neuchâtel - Neuchâtel (CH)  
Nature is a Workshop - Turner Contemporary - Kent (UK)

## 2007

Mutatis, mutandis / Collection d'Antoine de Galbert - La Maison Rouge - Paris (FR)  
Say it isn't so - Neues Museum Weserburg - Bremen (DE)  
Rocker's Island. Olbricht Collection - Museum Folkwang - Essen (DE) [*catalogue*]  
Symbolism and Contemporary Art - Von der Heydt Museum - Wuppertal (DE)  
[*catalogue*]  
Wellcome Collection / The Wellcome Trust - London (UK)  
Sick. Between body and mind - Dr. Guislain Museum - Ghent (BE)  
Fearful Objects - Kavi Gupta Gallery - Chicago (US)  
Rare Essence - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Paul Thek. Werkschau im Kontext zeitgenössischer Kunst - ZKM - Karlsruhe (DE)

## 2006

Blessed are the Merciful - Kinz + Tillou Fine Art - New York (US)  
Assemblage III - Museum 52 - London (UK)  
Global Tour - W139 - Amsterdam (NL)  
L'infinito dentro lo sguardo - Galleria d'Arte Moderna Palazzo Forti - Verona (IT)  
Absolumental - Les Abattoirs - Toulouse (FR)  
Mankind. Story of a wound - S.M.A.K. Museum of Modern Art - Ghent (BE)  
L'Homme-Paysage - Palais des Beaux Arts - Lille (FR)  
In the darkest hour there may be light - Serpentine Gallery - London (UK) [*catalogue*]

## 2005

New Sculpture - Museum 52 - London (UK)  
Les Grands Spectacles - Museum of Modern Art - Salzburg (AT) [*catalogue*]



Boost in the Shell - De Bond - Bruges (BE)  
FRAKTALE IV - Palast der Republik - Berlin (DE)  
Oracle of Truth - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Chronic Epoch - Beaconsfield - London (UK)

#### **2004**

Without fear or reproach - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Blickverbindung - Produzentengalerie - Hamburg (DE)  
Mike Kelley. The Uncanny - Tate Liverpool - Liverpool (UK) / Museum Moderner Kunst  
Ludwig - Vienna (AT) [*catalogue*]  
Bad Behaviour (touring exhibition) - Arts Council Collection (UK)  
Pretty World - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Extended horizons - Galleria d'Arte Moderna Palazzo Forti - Verona (IT)  
The Ten Commandments - Stiftung Deutsches Hygiene-Museum - Dresden (DE)  
Terror, Beaconsfield - London (UK)  
L'intime. Behind closed doors - La Maison Rouge - Paris (FR)  
Animals - Haunch of Venison - London (UK)  
De leur temps. Collections privées Françaises - Musée des Beaux-Arts - Tourcoing (FR)  
Dreamscapes - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)

#### **2003**

Melodrama - MARCO - Vigo (ES)  
STOP! - South Bank - London (UK)  
Moving Energies # 01 - Museum Folkwang - Essen (DE)  
The Human Zoo - Hatton Gallery - Newcastle (UK)  
Entranced - VTO - London (UK)  
Bad Behaviour (touring exhibition) - Arts Council Collection (UK)  
Without fear or reproach - Witte Zaal - Ghent (BE)  
Opzij van het kijken - Watou (BE)  
Female Turbulence - AeroPlastics - Brussels (BE)  
Real by Reel - Wouter van Leeuwen Gallery - Amsterdam (NL)  
Einblicke in Privatsammlungen - Museum Folkwang - Essen (DE)  
Rancho Notorious - Pearl - London (UK)

#### **2002**

Melodrama - Centro Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo - Vitoria-Gasteiz (ES) /  
Palacio de los Condes de Gabia/Centro José Guerrero - Granada (ES)  
Ebenbilder - Ruhrlandmuseum - Essen (DE)  
Iconoclash - ZKM - Karlsruhe (DE)  
Kunst nach Kunst - Neues Museum Weserburg - Bremen (DE)  
Magic - VTO - London (UK)  
Wächserne Identitäten - Georg Kolbe Museum - Berlin (DE)

## **2001**

Big Blue. Century City - Tate Modern - London (UK)  
Ohne Zögern. Without Hesitation/ Sammlung Olbricht - Neues Museum Weserburg -  
Bremen (DE)  
Interaktionen. Natur & Architektur - S.M.A.K. - Borken (DE)  
Minimal/Maximal - Chiba City Museum of Art - Kyoto (JP)  
The Tattoo Show - Modern Art - London (UK)

## **2000**

Katastrophen und Desaster - Museum Folkwang - Essen(DE)  
Spectacular Bodies - Hayward Gallery - London (UK) [*catalogue*]  
Disasters of War - KW - Berlin (DE)  
Front - Bilis - London (UK)

## **1999**

Minimal/Maximal - Neues Museum Weserburg - Bremen (DE) / Staatliche Kunsthalle  
Baden-Baden (DE) / CGAC. Centro Gallego de Arte Contemporáneo -  
Santiago de Compostela (ES) [*catalogue*]  
Bad Bad - Staatliche Kunsthalle Baden-Baden (DE) / Center for Contemporary Visual  
Arts - Bilbao (Spain)  
Nerve Systems - ICA - London (UK)  
Unsichere Grenzen - Kunsthalle zu Kiel - Kiel (DE)  
Wohin kein Auge reicht - Deichtorhallen - Hamburg (DE)  
A mountain and a valley - Cubitt Artists Gallery - London (UK)

## **1998**

Post Naturam. Nach der Natur - Ausstellungshalle zeitgenössische Kunst Münster -  
Münster (DE)  
Passage - Kunsthaus Hamburg - Hamburg (DE)  
Host - Tramway - Glasgow (UK)  
Plaats / The Kindness of Strangers - W139 - Amsterdam (NL)  
Post Naturam. Nach der Natur - Hessisches Landesmuseum - Darmstadt (DE)  
Project 8 - Total Museum of Contemporary Art - Seoul (KP)  
Near - Sharjah Art Museum - Sharjah (AE)

## **1997**

Urbane Legenden. London - Staatliche Kunsthalle Baden-Baden - Baden-Baden (DE)  
Genetic Choices - Science Museum - London (UK)  
Crash - Camden Arts Centre - London (UK)  
Volume I - Meyer Riegger Galerie - Karlsruhe (DE)

**1996**

Young British Artists VI - Saatchi Gallery - London (UK)  
Road Works - Camden Mix - London (UK)

**1995**

Lost Property - W139 Gallery - Amsterdam (NL) / Great Western Studios - London (UK)  
Ideal Standard Summertime - Lisson Gallery - London (UK)  
Sick, - 152c Brick Lane - London (UK)  
Postscript - Lisson Gallery - London (UK)

**1994**

Dirty Holes - Modern Art - London (UK)  
2B&I - Centro Cultural Salmerón - Madrid (ES)  
Something's Wrong - Tannery Arts - London (UK)

**1993**

Wonderful Life - Lisson Gallery - London (UK)  
Outpost - Edinburgh, multiple sites (UK)  
Wish you were here - Kings Cross - London (UK)

**SELECTED ARTIST BOOKS**

**2007**

In advance of the institution, 310 x 230 mm, 188 pp., hardback, published by Other Criteria.

**2006**

Vor der Sintflut, 235 x 175 mm, 94 pp., hardback, published by Other Criteria.

**2000**

The diary of a loner, limited Edition of 5, 101 colour photographs, hardback

**1998**

The matrix of amnesia, 185 x 300 mm, 38 pp., published by 20.21 Editions.