

Doug Aitken

Biography

Doug Aitken was born in 1968 in Redondo Beach. He lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.

Over the last 24 years, Aitken has developed an unparalleled practice that explores the perception of images, narratives, in an ongoing investigation of the 21st century experience. Spatial and temporal dislocation is mixed with a dream like quality. His work often takes the form of immersive video installations; single channel video often projected onto architecture, but is also characterized by text sculptures, architectural and sound works, and photography.

Aitken's works explore the gulf between the broad saturation and availability of images and the vulnerability of individuals, in a period of massive industrial and environmental changes. In contrast, there is a sensitivity and coolness to the environment in which the works are displayed.

Notable museum collaborations include, "Sleepwalkers," commissioned by the Museum of Modern Art, New York which displayed 7 video screens across the building's full city block, and the projection of 'Song 1,' onto the Hirshhorn Museum's iconic facade. Similar outdoor video projections were organized by the Deste Foundation in Athens, and Enel Contemporanea in Rome.

Important solo presentations have been organized by: Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (2017); Museum of Modern Art, Fort Worth (2017); Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt (2015); Nam June Paik Art Center, South Korea (2013); Seattle Art Museum (2013); Hirshhorn Museum (2012); Tate Liverpool (2012); LUMA Foundation, Arles, France (2012); Deste Foundation, Hydra, Greece (2011); Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati (2010); Museo d'Art Contemporanea Roma, Rome (2009); Inhotim, Brazil (2009); Museum of Modern Art, New York (2007); Aspen Art Museum (2006); Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris (2005); Tokyo Opera City Gallery (2005); The Fabric Museum and Workshop, Philadelphia (2002); Serpentine Gallery, London (2001).

Aitken is the inaugural recipient of the Frontier Art Prize, a new contemporary art award that supports an artist of international stature pursuing bold projects that challenge the boundaries of knowledge and experience to reimagine the future of humanity. He was the recipient of the Golden Lion in the 1999 Venice Biennale.

Solo exhibitions

2021

2021 - Green Lens, commissioned by Anthony Vaccarello in partnership with Saint Laurent, Isola Della Certosa, Venice, I

2021 - I Am In You, 21st Century Museum Of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, J

2021 - Doug Aitken: New Era, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney, AUS. Catalogue

2021 - Doug Aitken: Flags and Debris, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA

2021 - Doug Aitken: Microcosmos, Victoria Miro, Venice, I

2020

- 2020 - Doug Aitken: I Only Have Eyes for You, Kiasma, Helsinki, FIN
- 2020 - Doug Aitken: migration (empire), online exhibition series, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA
- 2020 - Doug Aitken: New Ocean: Thaw, Espace Louis Vuitton, Tokyo, J

2019

- 2019 - New Horizon , Trustees properties, State of Massachusetts, USA
- 2019 - Return to the Real, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 - NEW ERA, Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, University of California, Davis, USA
- 2019 - Sonic Mountain (Sonoma), The Donum Estate, Sonoma, USA
- 2019 - Doug Aitken, Faurschou Foundation, Beijing, PRC
- 2019 - Doug Aitken, Don't Forget to Breathe, 6775 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, USA
- 2019 - Doug Aitken, Mirage Gstaad, Elevation 1049: Frequencies, Gstaad, CH

2018

- 2018 - Mirage Detroit, State Savings Bank, Detroit, USA
- 2018 - Doug Aitken, Copenhagen Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK
- 2018 - Doug Aitken, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
- 2018 - New Era, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2018 - Doug Aitken, Massimo De Carlo, Hong Kong, HK

2017

- 2017 - Doug Aitken: Electric Earth, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, USA. Catalogue
- 2017 - Mirage, Desert X, Palm Springs, USA
- 2017 - migration (empire), Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, USA

2016

- 2016 - Doug Aitken, Underwater Pavilions, Parley for the Oceans and The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA
- 2016 - Doug Aitken: Electric Earth, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA
- 2016 - Doug Aitken: twilight, Peder Lund, Oslo, N

2015

- 2015 - Doug Aitken, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH. Catalogue
- 2015 - Doug Aitken: migration (empire), Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, D
- 2015 - Doug Aitken, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK

2014

- 2014 - Still Life, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA

2013

- 2013 - electric earth, Nam June Paik Art Center, Yongin-si Gyeonggi-do, ROK
- 2013 - Nomadic Light Sculpture, generative/responsive LED light sculpture covering the surface of the Station to Station train cars, New York to San Francisco, USA
- 2013 - MIRROR, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA
- 2013 - 100 YRS, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

2012

- 2012 - ALTERED EARTH: Arles, city of moving images, Luma Foundation, Grande Halle, Parc des Ateliers, Arles, F
- 2012 - Doug Aitken: THE SOURCE, Sky Arts Ignition series, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
- 2012 - Doug Aitken, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
- 2012 - lighthouse, private commission, Dutchess County, USA
- 2012 - SONG 1, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, USA.

Catalogue

2011

- 2011 - Black Mirror, Galeria Helga de Alvear, Madrid, E
- 2011 - Black Mirror, DESTE Foundation Project Space, Slaughterhouse and open-air barge, Hydra Island, GR. Catalogue
- 2011 - Doug Aitken, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK

2010

- 2010 - House, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2010 - migration (empire), Sammlung Goetz at Haus der Kunst, Munich, D
- 2010 - Doug Aitken: migration (empire), Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, USA
- 2010 - the moment, Matadero Madrid, E
- 2010 - electric earth, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, USA

2009

- 2009 - Frontier, Museo d'arte contemporanea di Roma/Enel Contemporaneo, Isola Tiberina, I
- 2009 - Sonic Pavilion, Inhotim Contemporary Art Center, Brumadinho, BR
- 2009 - Doug Aitken, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2009 - migration (empire), St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, USA
- 2009 - Doug Aitken, Los Angeles Public Domain / Art on the Outside, Los Angeles, USA

2008

- 2008 - Doug Aitken, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2008 - 99¢ dreams, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH. Catalogue

2007

- 2007 - Doug Aitken, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2007 - sleepwalkers, Museum of Modern Art, New York / Creative Time, New York, USA

2006

- 2006 - A Photographic Survey, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, USA. Catalogue

2005

- 2005 - ULTRAWORLD, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, ARC, Couvent des Cordeliers, Paris, F
- 2005 - the moment, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2005 - Self yourself for nothing, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
- 2005 - interiors, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, USA

2004

- 2004 - Doug Aitken, Sammlung Goetz, München, D
- 2004 - This Moment is the Moment, Taka Ishii Gallery, Tokyo, J
- 2004 - We're safe as long as everything is moving, La Caixa Forum and Mies van der Rohe Pavilion, Barcelona, E

Group exhibitions

2023

- 2023 - Reaching for the Stars, Da Maurizio Cattelan a Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, curated by Arturo Galansino, Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi, Firenze, I

2022

- 2022 - The First Beijing Biennial 展览名称: 第一届北京艺术双年展, National Base for International Cultural Trade, Beijing, PRC
- 2022 - JINGART Online Exhibition, JINGART, Beijing, PRC

2021

- 2021 - Selection: Gallery Artists, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2021 - Unnatural History, Herbert Art Gallery And Museum, Coventry, UK
- 2021 - Collection Exhibition, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, J

2020

- 2020 - Jinan International Biennial, Shandong Art Museum, Jinan, PRC
- 2020 - All in One, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zürich, CH
- 2020 - New Exhibitions, The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse, Miami, USA
- 2020 - Fact and Fiction in Contemporary Photography, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, USA
- 2020 - Alien Landscape, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

2019

- 2019 - Meet Me In The Bathroom: The Art Show, curated by Lizzy Goodman and Hala Matar, The Hole, New York, USA
- 2019 - Monument Valley, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, USA
- 2019 - TRANSFORMER: The Rebirth of Wonder, 180 The Strand, London, UK
- 2019 - 303 Gallery: 35 Years, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2019 - Big Orchestra, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, D
- 2019 - The Coming World: Ecology as the New Politics 2030-2100, Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow, USA
- 2019 - Creatures: When Species Meet, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, USA
- 2019 - Tomorrow is the Question, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, DK
- 2019 - Expanded: Fiction and Fabrication in Post-Digital Architectural Photography, Museum Of Art, Architecture And Technology (MAAT), Lisbon, P

2018

- 2018 - Far From Home, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, DK
- 2018 - Foresta Urbana, Polo Museale Regionale d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Palermo, Palermo, I
- 2018 - How To See [What Isn't There], A Group Show of Works from the Burger Collection Hong Kong, Langen Foundation, Neuss, D
- 2018 - The World on Paper, Deutsche Bank, PalaisPopulaire, Berlin, D
- 2018 - San Diego: The Architecture of Four Ecologies, La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, USA
- 2018 - Oh, So Quiet! Music as we look at it, Art and Cinema, Verkmidjan Center for Contemporary Art, Hjalteyri, Eyjafjardarsysla, IS
- 2018 - Oceans. Imagining a Tidalectic Worldview, Museum of Modern Art Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik, HR
- 2018 - Biennale of Painting, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, B
- 2018 - AS YOU LIKE IT, Praz Delavallade, Los Angeles, USA
- 2018 - The Pull of a Well Placed Comma, Museu de Arte Contemporânea de Elvas, Elvas, P
- 2018 - Single-Channel Catalyst III, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, USA

2017

- 2017 - Future Shock, SITE, Santa Fe, USA
- 2017 - The Garden - End of Times; Beginning of Times: The Present, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, DK
- 2017 - Jaguars and Electric Eels, Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin, D
- 2017 - Art Unlimited, Art Basel, Basel, CH
- 2017 - Mix it -Pop music & video art, Marta Herford Museum for Art, Architecture, Design, Herford, D
- 2017 - Again and Again, Sammlung Goetz in the Haus der Kunst, Munich, D
- 2017 - Floating Worlds, The 14th Lyon Biennale, Lyon, F
- 2017 - Performance! An exhibition of the 40th anniversary of the Center Pompidou, Le Tripostal, Lille, F

2016

- 2016 - Artists in Their Time, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, TR
- 2016 - Daydreaming with Stanley Kubrick, Somerset House, London, UK
- 2016 - Summer Exhibition 2016,, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- 2016 - Camera of Wonders, Museo de Arte Moderno, Medellin, CO
- 2016 - Come as You Are: Art of the 1990's, Blanton Museum of Art: University of Texas, Austin, USA

2015

2015 - Camera of Wonders, Centro de la Imagen, Mexico City, MEX
2015 - Station to Station: A 30 Day Happening, Barbican Centre, London, UK. Catalogue
2015 - Works on Paper, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
2015 - Damage Control: Art & Destruction Since 1950, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, A
2015 - Come as You Are: Art of the 1990's, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ; Telfair Museum of Art, Savannah, GA; The University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, USA

2014

2014 - Melting Walls: Works from the Igal Ahouvi Art Collection, Genia Schreiber University Art Gallery, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, IL
2014 - High Performance. The Julia Stoschek Collection, ZKM, Karlsruhe, D
2014 - Damage Control: Art & Destruction Since 1950, Hirshhorn Museum, Sculpture Garden; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; MUDAM, Luxemburg,
2014 - Common Ground: Earth, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, TR

2013

2013 - Collection Reinstallation for the 2013 Carnegie International, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA
2013 - Little Water, Dojima River Biennale, Osaka, J
2013 - A Sense of Place, Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco, USA
2013 - Homebodies, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, USA
2013 - El Cazador Y La Fabrica, Colección Jumex, Mexico City, MEX
2013 - The Time is Now, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, USA
2013 - DIALOGUES: Art/Architecture, Paris/Los Angeles, MAK Center for Art & Architecture and ForYourArt at 6020 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, USA
2013 - Turn off the Sun: Selections from la Colección Jumex, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, USA
2013 - Performing Architecture, Tate Britain, London, UK

2012

2012 - The Perfect Show, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
2012 - OC Collects, Orange County Museum of Art, Orange County, Inaugural Exhibition by Gallery Artists, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, Liverpool Biennale, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool,
2012 - Mexico: Expected/Unexpected, American University Museum at the Katzen, Washington, USA

2011

2011 - Now: obras de La Colección Jumex, Centro Cultural Hospicio Cabanas, Guadalajara, MEX
2011 - Why I Never Became a Dancer, Sammlung Goetz at Haus der Kunst, Munich, D
2011 - In the Name of the Artists - American Contemporary Art from the Astrup Fearnley Collection, Ciccillo Matarazzo Pavilion, Parque do Ibirapuera, The São Paulo Biennale, São Paulo, BR
2011 - Elgiz 10 Istanbul: A Decade of Commitment to Contemporary Art, Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul, TR
2011 - Expanded Cinema, Moscow Museum of Modern Art / Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow, RUS
2011 - Sculpture Now, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
2011 - Paradise Lost, Istanbul Museum of Modern Art, Istanbul, TR

2010

2010 - The Artist's Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA
2010 - Let's Dance, Musée d'Art Contemporain du Val-de-Marne (MAC/VAL), Vitry-sur-Seine, F
2010 - Passages. Travels in Hyper-Space, LABoral Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial, Gijón, E
2010 - Highlights of the Cologne KunstFilmBiennale in Berlin, Kunst-Werke Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, D
2010 - México: esperado/inesperado, BPS22 - Musée d'art de la Province de Hainaut, Cherleroi, B
2010 - Between Here and There: Passages in Contemporary Photography, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
2010 - Ars Itineris. The journey in contemporary art, Artium, Centro-Museo Vasco de Arte

Contemporáneo de Vitoria-Gasteiz, Álava, Basque Country, E
2010 - Art Unlimited 2010, Art Basel, Basel, CH
2010 - La trama se complica / The Plot Thickens, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey,
Monterrey, MEX
2010 - Until Now: Collecting the New (1960-2010), Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, USA
2010 - I want to see how you see - Julia Stoschek Collection, Deichtorhallen Hamburg, Hamburg, D
2010 - The Traveling Show, Galeria de Fundación/Colección Jumex, Mexico City, MEX
2010 - Disquieted, Portland Art Museum, Portland, USA
2010 - Contemplating the Void: Interventions in the Guggenheim Museum, Guggenheim Museum, New
York, USA
2010 - Hard Targets, Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio State University, Columbus, USA
2010 - Neugierig? Kunst des 21. Jahrhunderts aus privaten Sammlungen, Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn, D