

# Lenz Geerk

## Biografia

Lenz Geerk è nato nel 1988 a Basilea, in Svizzera. Vive e lavora a Düsseldorf, in Germania.

Geerk dipinge scene che sembrano rivelazioni – momenti intimi che paiono fluttuare fuori dal tempo. Il suo linguaggio visivo è radicato nella storia dell'arte, ma è attraversato da una voce profondamente personale. Le figure che abitano le sue tele sembrano emergere da sogni o da pensieri ad occhi aperti, con gesti che rispondono più all'emozione che alla realtà.

Geerk costruisce ogni composizione intorno a impercettibili variazioni nel linguaggio del corpo – una spalla ricurva, uno sguardo che si sofferma – dettagli minimi che lasciano intravedere ciò che non viene detto. La sua tavolozza di colori è sobria, dominata da tonalità pastello, talvolta interrotta da accenti più caldi. L'atmosfera è densa, talvolta tesa, ma mai urlata.

Geerk indaga la solitudine, non come isolamento, ma come pausa introspettiva. Le sue figure abitano se stesse, e nel farlo invitano lo spettatore a fare altrettanto. Nei suoi dipinti affiora spesso una sottile ironia o tenerezza, come se l'opera sapesse qualcosa che sceglie di non rivelare apertamente. Geerk cattura l'essenza della condizione umana, esplorando le profondità della psiche e la complessità delle emozioni.

### Esposizioni personali

#### 2026

2026 - Theatre of the mind , Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, I

#### 2025

2025 - Schwarzweiß, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, USA

2025 - lautlos, Domushaus, Basel, CH

2025 - Forthcoming, MASSIMODECARLO, London, UK

#### 2024

2024 - Sleep!, Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, NL

#### 2022

2022 - Moonpaintings, MASSIMODECARLO, Milano, IT

2022 - Arrival, Roberts Projects, Los angeles, CA

#### 2020

2020 - Sleepless, Mammoth, London, UK

2020 - Wuthering Heights, Roberts Projects (Online exhibition), Los Angeles, USA

#### 2019

2019 - Mixed Blessings, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, USA

#### 2018

2018 - Wywh, The Cabin, Los Angeles, CA

2018 - Pears & Pearls, Galleria Acappella, Napoli, I  
2018 - The Table Portraits, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, USA

#### **2017**

2017 - Nudo, Galeria Mascota, Mexico City, MEX  
2017 - Crying, Spitting, Sweating, Galerie Valentin, Paris, F

#### **2016**

2016 - Lotion, Gerhard Hofland Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

#### **2015**

2015 - Closer, Stadtische Galerie Stapflehus, Kunstverein Weil am Rhein, D  
2015 - Jäger, dst Galerie, Munster, D  
2015 - The O, Mark Christopher Gallery, Toronto, CDN

#### **2014**

2014 - Omen with Jurgen Malcherek, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D

#### **2012**

2012 - Teenage Angst, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D

#### **2011**

2011 - Frühlings Erwachen, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D

#### **Esposizioni collettive**

#### **2025**

2025 - Portraits Revealed | Featuring Otis Kwame Kye Quicoe and Lenz Geerk, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, USA  
2025 - Back To the Earth, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
2025 - Mystical Me, The Corridor Foundation, Shenzhen, PRC  
2025 - and yet., Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, IL  
2025 - STORIES OF YOUR LIVES, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, D  
2025 - Seven Heavenly Senses, Ai Thani Collection, Paris, F

#### **2024**

2024 - On Alchemy, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
2024 - Studiolo, Adler Beatty, New York, USA  
2024 - The Hollow and the Receptive, ADZ, Lisbon, P  
2024 - STREETSPACE BANGER, Kunsthalle Recklinghausen, Recklinghausen, D  
2024 - Sleep! , Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, NL  
2024 - Intimacy rarely makes sense of things, Shanghai Pond Society, Shanghai, PRC

#### **2023**

2023 - ORIZZONTI, a cura di Cloe Perrone, Daniele Fenaroli, Casa Masaccio | Centro per l'Arte Contemporanea, San Giovanni Valdarno, I

#### **2022**

2022 - My Reflection of You, The Perimeter, London, UK  
2022 - In Bloom, MASSIMODECARLO Pièce Unique, Paris, F  
2022 - Highlights of the Collection, The Kunsthaus Zürich, Zürich, CH  
2022 - Uncanny Interiors, Nicola Vassel Gallery, New York, USA  
2022 - The Drawing Centre Show, Le Consortium, Dijon, F  
2022 - Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention Center, Hong Kong, PRC  
2022 - Art Paris, Grand Palais Ephemere, Paris, F

#### **2021**

2021 - New Now, Xiao Foundation, Rizhao, PRC  
2021 - Poisonous Kiss. Lovely Venom, Tick Tack, Antwerp, BE  
2021 - Portraiture One Century Apart, MASSIMODECARLO Pièce Unique, Paris, F  
2021 - Portraiture One Century Apart, MASSIMODECARLO, Milano, I

2021 - Go Figure!?, Spruth Magers OVR,  
2021 - Sleep, Haverkamp Galerie, Berlin, D  
2021 - Salon de Peinture, Almine Rech, New York, USA  
2021 - Lenz Geerk, Rute Merk, Alexis Ralaivao, Hussenot Galerie, Paris, F  
2021 - Breakfast Under the Tree, a cura di Russell Tovey, Carl Freedman Gallery, Margate, UK  
2021 - Life in Flowers, Luce Gallery, Torino, I  
2021 - Equal Affections, GRIMM, Amsterdam, NL

## **2020**

2020 - Good Pictures, Jeffrey Deitch Gallery, New York, USA  
2020 - The Edge of Blue, Gallery Platform Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
2020 - Wuthering Heights, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
2020 - Synchronicity, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
2020 - Wish You Were Here, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, USA

## **2019**

2019 - Role Play, Maximillian William, London, UK  
2019 - Behind Face, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA

## **2018**

2018 - 01, a cura di Danny Lamb, PM/AM Gallery, London, UK  
2018 - Unfollow Me, Nir Altman Galerie, Munich, D  
2018 - PabloPabloPablo, Cabinet Printemps, Dusseldorf, D

## **2017**

2017 - 75 Works on Paper, Beers, London, UK

## **2016**

2016 - Es Gibt Hummer, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D  
2016 - Closer, Thierry Goldberg Gallery, New York, USA

## **2015**

2015 - Ein Zimmer Fur Alfred Flechtheim, Osthaus Museum, Hagen, D  
2015 - Grenznah, Galerie Skolskà 28, Prague, CZ  
2015 - One of Us Cannot Be Wrong, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D

## **2014**

2014 - German Kleinformat, Kunstverein Koelnberg, Cologne, D  
2014 - Ce Que Je Suis Maintenant, Rompone Art Space, Cologne, D  
2014 - Mac International, Belfast, IRL  
2014 - Zum Schwarzen Hund, gfk, gfk, Baden-Baden, D  
2014 - See what the boys in the backroom will have, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D

## **2013**

2013 - Members of the family, Kunstverein Emmerich, Emmerich, D  
2013 - Goddamn! Here I am, Ausstellungsraum Klingental, Basel, CH  
2013 - Grauomenta, Kunstlerhaus Dortmund, Dortmund, D  
2013 - Darling Darling, Philara Sammlung zeitgenossischer Kunst, Dusseldorf, D  
2013 - Rembrandt Ruft, Villa Goecke, Krefeled, D

## **2012**

2012 - Prestige, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D

## **2010**

2010 - Und Immer Fehlt Mir Etwas Und Das Qualt, Kunstgruppe Kunstverein Cologne, Cologne, D  
2010 - All you can eat, Anna Klinkhammer Galerie, Dusseldorf, D

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## 2022

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Albertini, Rosanna. "Arrival: Lenz Geerk", *Albertini the Kite*, August 2022.

Dozier, Ayanna. "Lenz Geerk's Moody Paintings Make the Mundane Feel Cinematic", *Artsy*, July 2022.

## 2021

Helou Hernandez, Samanta. "Sculptures in Showers, Paintings Above Toilets: Moments From the Felix Art Fair", *Hyperallergic*, July 2021.

Lesser, Casey. "Inside My Collection: Pete Scantland", *Artsy*, April 2021.

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## 2020

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McHugh, Camila. "A Minibar Mascot and Other Berlin Gallery Weekend Highlights", *Mousse Magazine*, May 2020.

## 2019

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Berardini, Andrew. "Critics' Pick: Lenz Geerk", *Artforum*, September 2019.

Miranda, Carolina. "Art Openings, in LA This Week: Lenz Geerk at Roberts Projects", *L.A. Times*, 2019.

Osberg, Annabel. "Celeste Rapone; Lenz Geerk", *Artillery*, September 2019.

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## 2018

Horst, Aaron. "Lenz Geerk at Roberts Projects", *Contemporary Art Review*, September 2018.

Wood, Eve. "Lenz Geerk: A Glance in Place of a Smile", *Artillery*, November 2018.

# Public Collections

## **Austria**

Albertina Museum, Vienna

## **China**

HEM Museum, Shunde  
X Museum, Shanghai  
XIAO Museum, Shandong  
Longlati Fondation, Beijing  
Corridor Foundation, Hong Kong  
Cloud Art Foundation, Nanjing

## **France**

Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris

## **Israel**

Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv

## **Italy**

Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin  
MART, Rovereto

## **Japan**

Comico Art Museum, Oita

## **Norway**

Kistefos Museum, Oslo

## **Puerto Rico**

Up Next Art, Vega Baja

## **South Korea**

Amorepacific Museum, Seoul

## **Switzerland**

The Kunsthaus Zürich, Zürich

## **The Netherlands**

Kunstmuseum, The Hague

## **United Arab Emirates**

The Arts Club Dubai, ICD Brookfield Place, DIFC, Dubai

## **United States of America**

Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Hirshhorn Museum, Washington D.C.

Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara

Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami

High Museum of Art, Atlanta

Denver Art Museum, Denver

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis

Rubell Collection, Miami