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ART PROJECTS

CHRIS BÜNTER

Born:
1961 in Breganzona,
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Zürich, Switzerland

Chris Bünter's artistic practice examines the "leftovers" and ephemera of everyday life. Whether he blends two items of different sources into one or fuses a found material with a contradictory topic, he's looking for uncommon appearances that picquet one's attention. In a parallel course, an archive grows as part of this practice. Embedded within are correspondences, initial devisings, components of the work itself, and printed materials on various topics.

This practice of bringing together different materials and sources often leads Bünter into collaborations with other artists. His ongoing collaboration with Swiss artist Tashi Brauen takes works from Brauen's *Du* series – made from paint on magazine pages – and initiates a process of exchange that alters the work with each pass to and fro between the two artists, giving rise to new compositions, juxtapositions, and chance elements.

Bünter completed his studies in Art and Art History in Basel and at the Art Academy Warsaw. Bünter's visual art practice comprises drawing, text art, collage, applied art, sculpture, installation, prints, and multiples. He also regularly contributes essays to publications on contemporary art.

Exhibitions and Projects

- 2025 *sammelzerstreusam*, Galerie Stans, Stans, Switzerland
- 2025 *Road to Nowhere*, collaboration with Tashi Brauen, Ronewa Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2024 *Anhaltender Augenblick*, collaboration with Rosina Kuhn, Antiquariat Peter Bichsel Fine Books, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2023 *Die meisten Vögel sind Spatzen, das Wort verpatzt den Satz*, Texts by Chris Bünter, for Ensemble für Neue Musik Zürich: Premiere of *Grosse Monodie IV* by Hanspeter Frehner
- 2021 *cadavre, DU; 1. Akt*, collaboration with Tashi Brauen, Dreiviertel, Bern, Switzerland
- 2021 *cadavre, DU; 2. Akt*, collaboration with Tashi Brauen, Artachment, Basel, Switzerland
- 2021 *Put-to-bed*, collaboration with Tashi Brauen, Last Tango, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2019 *Niemand hat das Recht zu gehorchen*, performance program by Chris Bünter, Counter Space, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2018 *Das Leben ist kein Ponyhof. Arbeit als Thema in der bildenden Kunst*, Kunstmuseum Olten, Olten Switzerland
- 2015 *2 Anrufe*, Counter Space, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2014 *Posterity is a Form of the Spectator*, Galerie Sobering, Paris, France
- 2013 *Bruno Jakob. The Touch*, Kunst in der Krypta N° 1, Grossmünster, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2010 *Gerold Späth's Künstlerbücher*, Alte Fabrik, Rapperswil, Switzerland
- 2009 *Mein Lac de Triomphe*, collaboration with Gerold Späth, Art Weekend, Zürich, Switzerland

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- 2007 *André Thomkins*, The Collection of Elisabeth Pfäfflin, Historisches Museum Bischofszell, Bischofszell, Switzerland
- 2006 *La Luna. La Diva*. Likeyou.projects, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2003 *Behind the Wall*, Roentgenraum, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2003 *zeichnungen, dessins, drawings*, Galerie Bernhard Bischoff, Thun, Switzerland
- 2003 *belle vue*, Galerie Art Magazin, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2002 *Streit um Bonusmeilen*, Roentgenraum, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2002 *Frenetic Interferences*, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, USA
- 2001 *Siehe Bleistifte*, Galerie Art Magazin, Zürich, Switzerland
- 1997 *Private Investigations*, Kunsthalle Basel, Switzerland
- 1991 *Summer Collection*, Open Air, Zamek Ujazdowski, Warsaw, Poland
- 1990 Kunstakademie Warschau, Warsaw, Poland
- 1989 Eidgenössischer Stipendienwettbewerb für Bildende Kunst, Basel, Switzerland
- 1988 John Weber Gallery, New York.
- 1988 Galerie Edouard Montpetit, Montreal, Canada

Publications

cadavre, DU. Artist Book. With: Tashi Brauen. Zürich, 2021.

Federica Gärtner, in: *Kunstbulletin 9/2019*. Zürich, 2019.

Pendelbuchpendeln, in: *Anne Hoffmann. Mostly Books*. With: Kana Ueda Thoma, Beat Wismer, Miriam Cahn, et al. Zürich: Scheidegger & Spiess, 2017.

Der Engel ist aber eine Landschaft, in: *The Ambivalence of Black Holes and Green Moons*. Zürich: Last Tango, 2017.

An Examination of Lists, in: *Torrent Magazine* (online). Zürich, 2017.

Fire Water Fire, in: *Bruno Jakob*. Kunsthaus Baselland. With: Bruno Botella, Bice Curiger, Fanni Fetzer, Thomas Huber, Gianni Jetzer, Roman Kurzmeyer, Claudia Müller, Beat Wismer, et al. Zürich: Edition Fink, 2016.

12 Seiten. Published on the occasion of the exhibition *2 Anrufe* by Chris Bünter at Counter Space. Zürich, 2015.

Luftverborger, in: *Bruno Jakob. The Touch*. Zürich: Grossmünster, 2013.

Dernière Le're d'Oe'lshausen, in: Philipp Kahabka. *Oetlis 1983-2012*. Zürich: Edition Howeg, 2013.

Blä'ern, in: Lisa Schiess. *Odradek*. With: Beat Wyss, Ruth Schweikert, Stefan Zweifel, Dorothea Strauss, Renata Burckhardt Zürich: Edition Fink, 2011.

Es führt zu nichts, wenn du den Raum verlässt. Catalogue of the exhibition with works by André Thomkins at Historischen Museum Bischofszell. Zürich, 2007.

Wer? Prosatexte. Eine Auswahl. Zürich, 2005.

Image contribution; in: *Entwürfe. Zeitschrift für Literatur*, N° 40, p. 81-92. Zürich, 2004.

Tele. Artist Book. Published on the occasion of the exhibition *Frenetic Interferences* at New Museum of

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Contemporary Art, New York. New York, 2002.

Memento. Artist Book. Published on the occasion of Switzerland's accession to the UN. Zürich, 2002

Ein unterirdischer Strom, wie Blüten in Lack. Eine Hommage an Shohei Imamura; in: *Likeyou* (online). Zürich, 2002.

Some Digitals. Zürich: Memory/Cage Editions, 2001.

Oder wie ich dem Hund erkläre, wo er begraben liegt; in: *Sabine Holz. Zeichnungen 1992*. Atelier Wilhelmstrasse 16, Bad Cannstatt. Stuttgart, 1992.

Gedanken zu Bruno Jakobs Invisible Paintings; in: *Bruno Jakob. Invisible*. Aarau: Kunsthaus Aarau, 1990.

Grants and Residencies

Christoph-Merian-Foundation, Basel: Studio Residency in Montreal, 1988.

Schweizerischer Akademischer Austauschdienst, Bern: Residency Warsaw, 1989-1991.

Schindler Foundation, Hergiswil, Switzerland: Grant for traveling, 1991 and 1994.

Pro Helvetia, Swiss Arts Council, Zürich: Grant, 2021

Public Collections

Canton of Nidwalden, Switzerland

Canton of Zürich, Switzerland

City of Zürich, Switzerland