

Peter Demetz



"I love using waiting, looking or reflecting people because they tell no stories, they give us a perception of the soul"

After completing his studies at the Ortisei Art Institute, Peter Demetz began an apprenticeship under Maestro Heinrich Demetz and earned his Master's Degree in sculpture. In the years since, he has participated in a number of exhibitions in Italy and abroad, including Austria, Germany, the United States, Belgium, and Turkey. From 1999 to 2001, Demetz studied education, teaching, and the psychology of learning and development, and has been teaching courses and seminars on wood carving since 2001. From 2002 to 2006, he was Head Teacher for the Art Sculpture Course at Germany's Lignea University of Zwickau, as well as the Schneeberg's Faculty of Applied Arts and the Daetz-Centrum in Lichtenstein. Between 2007 to 2010, Demetz won major awards in art shows including "III Triennale Ladina", the "Arciere Award", and the "XVIII Sulmona Prize". Considered one of the most interesting contemporary sculptors, Demetz has been actively supported by organizations including the Swarovski Design Center, Wattens, the LKJ-Sachsen Leipzig, and Daetz-Centrum in Lichtenstein.

Demetz' installations push beyond the framework of daily life, capturing the simple gestures and unique poses of his subject, who are often large, balding, and overtly masculine men. His female subjects are represented down to the smallest detail, bringing out the inherent femininity of their accessories, hair, and clothing. Both his male and female subjects are carefully wrought to underline their average status, and specific character traits indicating their age or social class are underplayed to allow the observer to focus on their essential being, or soul. Subjects are often rendered from behind, as the author tries to preserve a sense of privacy while at the same time "stealing" a snapshot of his subject. There is never eye contact between the subject and the observer, giving the impression that these figures are trapped in their own world: they are aware of being observed, yet leave an empty space between themselves and the observer. Demetz communicates a strong sense of soul-searching in his works, which capture subjects in intimate yet mundane moments during which the true nature of existence is often contemplated. He has collaborated with the White Room Art System since 2011.

Peter Demetz (b.1968, Bolzano, Italy)

■ **Educations**

1993 Diploma Maestro Scultore, Ortisei Art Institute, Ortisei, Italy

1992 Ortisei Art Institute, Ortisei, Italy

■ **Selected Solo Exhibition**

2023 The silence of Time [lessness], Impulse Gallery, Luzern, Switzerland

2022 Chiec, Tublá da Nives, Bolzano, Italy

2020 A moment that transcends, Lucía Mendoza Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2019 Peter Demetz, Adelson Cavalier Galleries, Palm Beach, USA

PETER DEMETZ : Moments without time, Galleria Ca' d'Oro, New York, USA

2018 Inside View, Lucía Mendoza Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain

The Perception, Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy

Presence, Liquid Art System, Positano, Italy

Fingere lo spazio per fermare il tempo, ATEMPORARY STUDIO, Trieste, Italy

2016 Peter Demetz : Without being watched, SODA Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2015 Peter Demetz, Maria Rissi & Mathias Ritter, Milan, Italy

Peter Demetz, Galleria Giorgio Ghelfi, Verona, Italy

2014 Peter Demetz : Reflections, Dream Factory Gallery, Milan Italy

2013 Peter Demetz : Looking beyond, White Room Art System Gallery, Capri, Italy

2012 Peter Memetz : Reflections, Artforum Contemporary Fallery, Bologne, Italy

2011 Peter Demetz, Kunstforum Unterland, Egna, Italy

Presence, City Museum of Chiusa, Chiusa, Italy

■ **Selected Group Exhibition**

2024 Summer Blossoms II, Galerie Martin Mertens, Berlin, Germany

THE RESONANCE OF SPACE, Museum Yi Space, Hangzhou, China

Enlazando Mundos, Museo de Arte Moderno, Repblica Dominicana

Art Wynwood 2024, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA

Art Karlsruhe 2024, Messe Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten, Germany

Pam Beach, Moden +Contemporary Art Fair 2024,

Palm Beach County Convention Center, Miami, FL, USA

2023 Winter Group Exhibition, Gormley Fine Art, Belfast, UK

Society of Fragments, Lucía Mendoza Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain

Estampa Art Fair 2023, IFEMA, Madrid, Spain

ENTER Art Fair 2023, Lokomotivværkstedet, Copenhagen, Denmark

Art Miami 2023, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA

CONTEXT Art Miami 2023, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA

Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary Art Fair 2023, Palm Beach County Convention Center, Palm Beach, USA

Art Wynwood 2023, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA

2022 Art for Independence, GALERIE BENJAMIN ECK, Munich, Germany

Gazing of Tranquility - Italian Contemporary Sculptures, ZheJiang Art Museum, Hangzhou, China

Winter Impulse, Impulse Gallery, Luzern, Switzerland

ENTER Art Fair 2022, Lokomotivværkstedet, Copenhagen, Denmark

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- Roma, Giornata Nazionale Giovani e Memoria, Roman Aquarium, Rome, Italy
Gazing Of Tranquility - Italian Contemporary Sculptures, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China
Art Miami 2022, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
CONTEXT Art Miami 2022, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary Art Fair 2022, Palm Beach County Convention Center, Palm Beach, USA
- 2021 Hans Kotter & Peter Demetz, GALERIE BENJAMIN ECK, Munich, Germany
Arte Firuagtiva, Galerie Martin Mertens, Berlin, Germany
POTISTIONS Berlin Art Fair 2021, Tempelhof Airport, Berlin, Germany
Estampa Art Fair 2021, IFEMA, Madrid, Spain
ENTER Art Fair 2021, Lokomotivværkstedet, Copenhagen, Denmark
Art Miami 2021, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
CONTEXT Art Miami 2021, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
- 2020 Art Wynwood 2020, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Art Miami 2020, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
CONTEXT Art Maim 2020, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
ENTER Art Fair 2020, Lokomotivværkstedet, Copenhagen, Denmark
ALCO QUE DECIR, Lucía Mendoza Art Gallery, Madrid, Spain
London Art Fair 2020, Business Design Centre, London, UK
Interiors - Online Exhibition, Adelson Galleries, New York, USA
- 2019 Variation in sculpture, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea
Features Show, Adelson Cavalier Galleries, Palm Beach, USA
Art Central Hong Kong 2019, Central Harbourfront, Hong Kong
Market Art + Design 2019, Bridgehampton Museum, New York, USA
Art New York 2019, Pier 94, New York, USA
Grand Art Milan 2019, The Mall, Milan, Italy
First Art Fair 2019, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Art London 2019, Business Design Centre, London, UK
Art Marbella 2019, Palacio de Ferias y Congresos de Málaga, Spain
Art Miami 2019, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
CONTEXT Art Miami 2019, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Texas Contemporary Art Fair 2019, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, USA
- 2018 Leratica, Artforum Contemporary Gallery, Bologna, Italy
KIAF Seoul 2018, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Art Marbella 2018, Palacio de Ferias y Congresos de Málaga, Spain
Contemporary Istanbul 2018, Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
Estampa Art Fair 2018, IFEMA, Madrid, Spain
Art Verona 2018, Vicolo Ogissanti 9, Verona, Italy
Art Miami 2018, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Grand Art Milan 2018, The Mall, Milan, Italy
Biennial Veghel 2018, Koekbouw, Veghel, the Netherlands
Korea Galleries Art Fair 2018, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Art London 2018, Business Design Centre, London, UK
- 2017 Legno | Lën | Holz - An Itinerary in Contemporary Sculpture, Galleria Civica Trento, Trento, Italy
essenza, Palazzo Sant' Elia, Palermo, Sicily

- ART BUSAN 2017, BEXCO, Busan, Korea
Art New York 2017, Pier 94, New York, USA
CONTEXT Art Miami 2017, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
KIAF Seoul 2017, COEX, Seoul, Korea
Estampa Art Fair 2017, IFEMA, Madrid, Spain
Winter Show, Plus One Gallery, London, UK
A Thousand Mornings, Glade Gallery, Houston, USA
Contemporary Masters - Takashi Muraraki and Peter Demetz, LEE & BAE, Busan, Korea
- 2016 The Exhibition - Inner Outside, Royal Palace of Castera, Naples, Italy
Summer Show, Plus One Gallery, London, UK
Masters of Light, Heitsch Galerie, Munich, Germany
Contemporary Istanbul 2016, Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
CONTEXT Art Miami 2016, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
SCOPE Art Show 2016, CLARAHUUS, Basel, Switzerland
Art New York 2016, Pier 94, New York, USA
Arte fiera 2016, BolognaFiere Exhibition Centre, Bologna, Italy
- 2015 Seeing now, 21c Museum Hotel, Durham, USA
Cannone Inverso, Certosa di San Giacomo, Capri, Italy
Traversals, Artforum Contemporary Gallery, Bologna, Italy
Contemporary Visions - Italian Artists In China, SPSI Art Museum, Shanghai, China
Visioni contemporanee Esperienze di confine tra realtà e immaginazione,
Galleria Spazioborgogno, Milan, Italy
CONTEXT Art Miami 2015, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Contemporary Istanbul 2015, Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
SCOPE Art Show 2015, SCOPE Basel Pavilion, Basel, Switzerland
Art New York 2015, Pier 94, New York, USA
Arte fiera 2015, BolognaFiere Exhibition Centre, Bologna, Italy
Biennale Arte 2015, Venice, Italy
- 2014 New Masters, Heitsch Galerie, Munich, Germany
Visioni Contemporanee alla Certosa, Certosa di San Giacomo, Capri, Italy
Kunst 14 Zurich, Heitsch Gallery, Munich, Germany
L'isola dell'arte, White Room Art System Gallery, Capri, Italy
Hyper Realities, Piretti Art Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
Ad Imaginem Suam, Museo Arte Contemporanea Sicilia, Catania, Italy
Contemporary Istanbul 2014, Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
CONTEXT Art Miami 2014, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
The Exhibition : CONTEXT Art Miami 2014 Special Project, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
SCOPE ART SHOW 2014, Skylight at Moynihan Station, New York, USA
Arte fiera 2014, BolognaFiere Exhibition Centre, Bologna, Italy
- 2013 Image Sculpture / Scenery of Spirit, Städtische Galerie In der Badstube Wangen
im Allgäu, Wangen, Germany
Contemporary Istanbul 2013, Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
CONTEXT Art Miami 2013, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
Art Verona 2013, Vicolo Ogissanti 9, Verona, Italy
Arte fiera 2013, BolognaFiere Exhibition Centre, Bologna, Italy
SCOPE ART SHOW 2013, Skylight at Moynihan Station, New York, USA
- 2012 Different Similarities - somiglianze differenti, EPO building, the Hague, the Netherlands

LEE & BAE

- CONTEXT Art Miami 2012, One Herald Plaza, Miami, USA
SCOPE Art Show 2012, SCOPE Basel Pavilion, Basel, Switzerland
- 2011 Palazzo Valentini, Rome Italy
54th Venice Biennale, Palazzo Trentini, Trento, Italy
Hotel Alexander Museum, Persaro, Italy
Motorenhalle, Dresden, Germany
Peter Demetz – Willy Verginer – Bruno Walpoth, Galleria dell'Incisione, Brescia, Italy
Temet nosce, Chiesa del Pio Suffragio, Bagnacavallo, Italy
- 2010 Intime Stanze, Artforum Contemporary Gallery, Bologna, Italy
MIRRORED STORIES : 3rd Triennale Ladina, Museum Ladin Ćiastel de Tor,
San Martino, Italy
Contemplazioni, Museo Civico di Salemi, Salemi, Italy
Materica, Artforum Contemporary Gallery, Bologna, Italy
Palazzo Pianciani, Spoleto, Italy
- 2009 Wooden Sculptures, Galerie Andreas Baumgartl, Munich, Germany
Legno parlante, Artforum Contemporary Gallery, Bologna, Italy
- 2008 Segni di confine, Il Mitreo-Arte Contemporanea, Rome, Italy
Nebenräume-gli spazi dell'io, Castello della Rocca, Ferrara, Italy

■ Awards

- 2014 First Prize, Pio Alferano, Castellabate, Italy
- 2010 First Prize, XXXVII Premio Sulmona, Sulmona, Italy
First Prize Arciere, Sant' Antioco, Sardinia, Italy
III Triennale Ladina, Museo Ladin, San Martino in Badia, Italy
- 2009 Honour Award, Eroism - inier, nucuei, duman Contest, Bolzano, Italy
- 2008 Honour Award, Premio Arte, Magazine ARte
- 2007 First Prize, 60th Anniversary of the Bolzano Fair, Bolzano, Italy
Honour Award, Nova Contest, Bolzano, Italy