

**JAN MUCHE**



***Capa* (2019), acrylic, ink and boat varnish on canvas (170 x 130 cm)**

**ARTIST STATEMENT**

Mein Bild *Capa* interpretiert ein Portraitfoto des berühmten und von mir sehr verehrten Fotografen Robert Capa, dessen Vorlage von seiner Partnerin Gerda Taro 1937 im spanischen Bürgerkrieg geknipst wurde. Capas melancholischer Blick erzählt viel von der Situation im Spanien dieser Zeit, und läßt das Scheitern des Kampfes für eine bessere Gesellschaft durch autoritäre von Rechts aber auch von Links vorahnen. Seine Freundin kommt wenig später durch einen Angriff der deutschen Legion Condor ums Leben. Courage zu zeigen erfordert oft einen hohen Preis. Wir hoffen auf bessere Zeiten.

- Jan Muche

My picture *Capa* interprets a portrait photo of the famous, and by me much admired, photographer Robert Capa, whose likeness was snapped by his partner Gerda Taro in 1937 during the Spanish Civil War. Capa's melancholic look tells a lot about the situation in Spain at that time, and foreshadows the failure of the struggle for a better society by authoritarians from the right but also from the left. His girlfriend dies soon after in an attack by the German Condor Legion. To show courage often requires a high price. We hope for better times.

- Jan Muche

## BIO

Jan Muche is a 46 year old artist. Jan Muche is a German male artist born in Herford, Ostwestfalen, NW (DE) in 1975. Jan Muche's first exhibition was Klasse Hödicke at Universität der Künste Berlin - UdK in Berlin in 2003, and the most recent exhibition was Jan Muche - Farbtrakt at Galerie Schlichtenmaier in Grafenau in 2020. Jan Muche is mostly exhibited in Germany, but also had exhibitions in Italy, United States and elsewhere. Muche has 26 solo shows and 158 group shows over the last 17 years (for more information, see biography). Muche has also been in 10 art fairs but in no biennials. The most important show was Glass and Concrete: Manifestations of the Impossible at Marta Herford in Herford in 2020. Other important shows were at Haus am Lützowplatz in Berlin and Künstlerhaus Bethanien in Berlin. Jan Muche has been exhibited with Sven Drühl and Axel Anklam.

## CV

Born in 1975 in Herford, East Westphalia, NW Germany

1992-1995

Apprenticeship as Lithographer

2001-2005

Studies Painting under Prof. KH Hödicke at the University of the Arts, Berlin / Germany

2005 - 2006

Master Scholar under Prof. KH Hödicke at the University of the Arts, Berlin / Germany

2008 - 2009

Teaching position at the Kunsthochschule Berlin-Weißensee / Germany

2010-2011

Teaching position at the Kunsthochschule Berlin-Weißensee / Germany

2011

Visiting professor for painting at the CDK Hangzhou / China

## Scholarship

2005

Rudolf Schweitzer-Cumpna Scholarship, Bucharest / Romania

## Awards

2005

Art Award from Stadt Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock / Germany

Lives and works in Berlin (DE)

## Solo shows

2020

- Jan Muche - Kunstverein Bamberg, Bamberg
- Jan Muche - Argot, Galerie Anja Knoess, Cologne

2019

- Jan Muche - Overviewer, A-Pick Gallery, Turin,
- Jan Muche - opening up, lines, widths, Alexander Ochs Private, Berlin

2017

- Jan Muche - House on Lützowplatz, Berlin
- Jan Muche - Schwarze Kücke, KV Family Montez, Frankfurt a. M.

2016

- Jan Muche - My Block, Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach
- Jan Muche - Kunstverein Krefeld
- Jan Muche - Art Association Virtual / Visual, Dorsten <

2015

- Jan Muche - excavation and import, Kunstverein Ulm
- Jan Muche - Repeater, Deutsche Werkstätten Dresden Hellerau

2014

- Jan Muche - Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach

2013

- Jan Muche - Spazio Aquardo, Rome
- Jan Muche - Opere Scelte, Turin
- Jan Muche - GALLERIA INTERNO 18, Cremona
- Jan Muche - Compressor - Studio d'Arte Cannaviello, Milan

2012

- Jan Muche - Foundation - Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach

2011

- Jan Muche - Magazin - Kunstverein Oerlinghausen, Oerlinghausen
- Jan Muche - The Construct - Kunstverein Duisburg, Duisburg

2010

- Jan Muche - "The Portrait" - Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach

2009

- Jan Muche - Orient - Por Amor à Arte Galeria, Porto
- Jan Muche - Buona Guarigione - Studio d'Arte Cannaviello, Milan

2008

- Jan Muche - Get well soon - Michael Schultz Gallery - Seoul, Seoul
- Jan Muche - Everything can, nothing must - Galerie Michael Schultz, Berlin

2007

- Jan Muche - Michael Schultz Gallery - Seoul, Seoul

2006

Jan Muche - that supports itself - Kunstverein Kreis Gütersloh eV, Gütersloh  
Jan Muche - Studio d'Arte Cannaviello, Milan  
Jan Muche - Recreation Zone - Galerie Michael Schultz, Berlin

### Group shows

2020

Glas and Concrete, Marta, Herford  
Bottom Up, Galerie Anja Knoess, Cologne  
Collage, Semjon Contemporary, Berlin  
Nightmare (Nightmare), Torrance Art Museum, Torrance California

2019

More, Galerie Hartwich, Sellin, Rügen  
Looking for Dick, Schaufenster, Berlin  
What's up, Galerie Schlichtenmaier, Stuttgart  
Summer, Rother Winter Gallery, Wiesbaden  
A monument for Wolfgang Neuss, Haus am Lützowplatz, Berlin  
Nightmare (Nightmare), La Estacion Arte contemporaneo-leac, Chihuahua, Mexico  
Salon Hansa - Interintimes AutoPortrait, Galerie Lachenmann, Frankfurt  
Making more time, Deutsche Werkstätten Hellerau, Dresden  
En Bloc, Galerie Nicole Gnesa, Munich  
Between the years, Alexander Ochs Private, Berlin  
They have a bird, C&K Galerie, Berlin  
Dark and Stormy, Esproceda Center for Art, Barcelona, Spain  
Berlin / Klondyke, Galeria Monumental, Lisbon, Portugal  
Nightmare, Fine Art Complex 1101, Tempe AZ; USA  
Personal use, Uferstudios, Berlin  
Codex / En Bloc, Galerie AG; Schwerin  
Alternative facts, Laura Mars Grp. Berlin  
RhiZome, Frank Taal Gallery, Rotterdam, NL  
All Out, Kwadrat, Berlin

2018

The beautiful room, Alexander Ochs Private, Berlin  
Stadtwerke, Galerie Anja Knoess, Berlin  
Where have all the Flowers gone? Alexander Ochs Private, Berlin  
Bowling Club, Anja Knoess Gallery, Berlin  
Prelude, Berlin Weekly, Berlin  
Hodge Podge, Berlin con mucho Arte, Berlin  
Bottom Up, Kühlhaus Berlin

So on, Kunsthalle Taunusstein  
Paper, Alexander Ochs Private, Berlin

2017

A thousand stars, Mikael Andersen Gallery, Copenhagen  
Visions of the Present, Untergröningen Art Association  
The small format, Alexander Ochs Private, Berlin  
New friends, Kunstverein Duisburg  
We call it work, Galeria Opere Scelte, Turin  
Spectrum Drei, Eigenheim Gallery, Berlin  
Juleudstilling, Galerie Möller Witt, Aarhus  
Berlin Klondyke, Soeht 7, Berlin  
Surf, Knut Hartwig Gallery, Berlin  
Claire Lieu, KV Südschule, Viersen

2016

5 of the senses, Uferhallen Berlin  
The Great Leap, Galerie Rothamel, Erfurt  
Lithomania, SchauFenster, Berlin <  
Thoralf Knobloch, Jan Muche, Klaus Walter, Galerie Knut Hartwich, Sellin on Rügen  
The story has a flaw - too many storytellers., Kunstverein Gütersloh

2015

Berlin Klondyke, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin  
Private Publik Partnership, Lust Gallery, Vienna  
Works in White, SchauFenster, Berlin  
Tales from Darkness, Sunaparanta, Goa Center for the Arts, Althino, Panaji, India  
Care off, The Grass is greener Gallery, Leipzig  
Under Construction, Deutsche Bank Turin  
Under Construction, Opere Scelte Gallery, Turin  
Omnia Signa, nero su Bianco, Studio d` Arte Cannaviello, Milan  
Maelstrom, Axel Anklam and Jan Muche, Galerie Rothamel, Erfurt  
Ignition, Börgmann Gallery, Mönchengladbach  
Berlin Klondyke, Kulturforum am Altenkamp, Schloss Holte - Stukenbrock  
Abstraction, Vitamin, Reutlingen  
Spectrum one, Eigenheim Gallery, Berlin  
Cool Structures - Kunsthaus Essen, Essen [15.03.-03.05.2015]  
Sculpture Performance Art Gudenau, Wachtberg [April 14-19, 2015]  
Steel in Aspek - C&K on the move Gallery, Berlin [07.03.-25.04.2015]  
Now - Galerie Anja Knoess, Cologne  
Match - shop window, Berlin

2014

Good Taste - Hopefully, Alexander Ochs Galleries, Berlin

Scott - Axel Anklam and Jan Muche, Galerie Rothamel, Erfurt  
Psychokiller, Börgmann Gallery, Mönchengladbach  
Nightmare, Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor  
Berlin Klondyke - Edition, Wiensowski & Harbord, Berlin  
New abstraction - INTERNO 18, Cremona

#### 2013

Pop hits & nightmare - Artspace RheinMain, Offenbach  
the artist as curator's art vol.3 - Schau Fenster, Berlin  
Berlin-Klondyke - Hipp Halle Gmunden, Gmunden  
Berlin Klondyke - Werkschauhalle, Leipzig  
The very last Prof. Winkler scholarship - Kunstverein Weiden, Weiden  
The Legend of the Shelves - Autocenter, Berlin  
Difference & Repetition - Galerie Hartwich, Sellin  
In passing - Galerie Angelika Harthan, Stuttgart

#### 2012

Interval 01 - Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach  
Montage - window show, Berlin  
Ius Primaе Noctis - Groupshow - Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach  
Alptraum - The Nightmare Never Ends - X project space, Berlin  
Berlin – Klondyke - New Pfaffenhofener Art Association, Pfaffenhofen  
Salon lions in small format - C&K on the move in the air, Berlin  
Metropolitan area - Babette cosmetic salon, Berlin  
stay where the pepper grows - Autocenter, Berlin  
There are... / There is... - reflections from a damaged life? / Reflexions from a damaged life? - b-05 Art and Culture Center, Montabaur  
Berlin.Status (1) - Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin  
Nightmare - Green Papaya Art Projects, Quezon City  
Nightmare - Goethe-Institut Johannesburg, Johannesburg  
Remarks - Schau Fenster, Berlin

#### 2011

Berlin Klondyke 2011 - Art Center Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Small Worlds - CAS / Contemporary Art Space, Salzburg  
Dictatorship Charlottenburg - Babette cosmetic salon, Berlin  
iALP DREAM! - Blank Projects, Cape Town  
Berlin Klondyke 2011 - The Odd Gallery, Dawson, YT  
Discover and Escape - orth for current art, Offenbach  
Axel Anklam, Jan Muche, Benja Sachau - where the sand falls and splits - Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach  
Nightmare! - Anat Ebgi, Los Angeles, CA  
Nightmare! - The Company, Los Angeles, CA  
Art shares - group exhibition - Uferhallen, Berlin

HAUS - Poll Art Foundation, Berlin

NIGHTMARE! - Washington DC, London, Berlin, Los Angeles, Cape Town - Projektraum Deutscher Künstlerbund, Berlin

Hunting season - Gloria Berlin, Berlin

ALPTRAUM / NIGHTMARE - Artists' project Washington, London, Berlin, Los Angeles, Cape Town - Cell Project Space, London (England)

## 2010

NIGHTMARE - Transformer, Washington, DC

Crefeld Society for Venetian Painting - Galerie Börgmann, Mönchengladbach

Blickkontakte - Dutch portraits of the 17th century in dialogue with contemporary art from the SØR Ru collection - Anhaltische Gemäldegalerie, Dessau

Polyfizzyboisterous Seas - Fourth Floor Gallery Berlin, Berlin

Walking the dog - when art comes down to the dog - Kunsthalle Dominikanerkirche, Osnabruck

twelve on twelve - Kunstverein Hörnum eV, Hörnum (Sylt)

Chop Shop - Autocenter, Berlin

Polyfizzyboisterous seas - Galerie Hartwich, Sellin

RE-ENTRY Color, Form and Object - Loop - Space for Current Art, Berlin

Bushwick battle! - Germany vs. USA - Painting Pop Up Show -, New York City, NY

The Touch of History - Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin

## 2009

Pieces of my puzzle - Kunsthalle Rostock, Rostock

Tjorg Douglas Beer presents... - Forgotten Bar, Berlin

ONE BACK, TWO FORWARD - Forgotten Bar, Berlin

George says: No Martini, no Party! (Taken for Stranger Special) -, Berlin

Axis bold as Love - - Galerie Im Regierungsviertel - Forgotten Bar, Berlin (closed)

AXIS BOLD AS LOVE - Forgotten Bar, Berlin

Monuments in Time - MICHAEL SCHULTZ GALLERY BEIJING | BERLIN | SEOUL, Beijing

Moving together - contemporary art from Germany and China - Wuhan Art Museum, Wuhan, Hubei

Out of Wedding - Uferhallen, Berlin

Luxury - calm - lust. Works on paper - Galerie Michael Schultz, Berlin

## 2008

What is it ? - SUZANNE TARASIEVE / LOFT 19, Paris

Forgotten Bar Project - burned out - - Galerie Im Regierungsviertel - Forgotten Bar, Berlin (closed)

experiment after - Michael Schultz Gallery - Seoul, Seoul

CLOSE-UP - Por Amor à Arte Galeria, Porto

30 against 3,000,000. Sculpture and painting from Berlin - Kulturforum Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock, Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock

## 2007

Salzmond - Kunstraum Klosterkirche, Traunstein

On the way into light: works from the de Knecht collection - Kunsthalle Rostock, Rostock

100 years of the Mannheim Art Gallery - Mannheim City Art Gallery, Mannheim

2006

Enzo Cannaviello e la pittura europea - Galleria Ibiscus, Ragusa

crazy - UdK Berlin - painting - photography - sculpture - KUNSTKABINETT, Regensburg

Warm up - New Positions - - Vonderbank Artgalleries - Berlin, Berlin (closed)

Crazy - UdK Berlin - Network Offenbach, Offenbach

Stilelibero - Studio d'Arte Cannaviello, Milan

2005

Touché [1974-2005] Class KH Hödicke at the UdK - University of the Arts Berlin - UdK, Berlin

2003

New Pictures II - - GFAM - Gallery for Current Painting, Berlin (closed)

Class Hödicke - University of the Arts Berlin - UdK, Berlin