

HERMANN NITSCH (d.1938, AUSTRALIA)

- 1957 The concept of the Orgies Mysteries Theater is created, a six-day play in which all his ambitions are concentrated. The Orgies Mysteries Theater is a new form of a total art (Gesamtkunstwerk). Real events are staged and all five human senses of the performers are directly addressed.
- 1960 Action and exhibiton activities in Vienna result in several law suits and three prison sentences.
- 1962 1st action in Vienna
- 1966 Destruction in art symposium, London; 20th action
- 1968 25th and 26th action cinematheque, New York
- 1970 Actions in New York, Munich, and Cologne
- 1971 Prinzendorf Castle is bought
- 1972 Participation in Documenta V, Kassel
- 1974 50th action (24 hours: 1st day and 1st night of the six-day play) in Prinzendorf
- 1982 Participation in Documenta VII, Kassel
- 1983 Exhibitions: Stedelijk Van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven; participation in the exhibition "der hang zum gesamtkunstwerk" at Museum Moderner Munst, Vienna
- 1984 Exhibitions: Galleria Franz Paludetto, Turin , 80th action (72 hours: three days and nights of the six-day play) in Prinzendorf
- 1987 Exhibition: Villa Pignatelli, Naples; 20th painting action Wiener secession, Vienna
- 1988 Participation in biennale, Sydney; Exhibitions: first big retrospective, Lenbachhaus, Munich; Museum d. 20.jhdt.,Vienna
- 1989 Exhibition: Luhring Augustine & Hodes, New York; teaching at the Academy for Visual Art (Städelschule) in Frankfurt, from now on regularly teaching a painting class at the summer academy in Salzburg
- 1990 Exhibitions: Rupertinum, Salzburg; Nationalgalerie, Prague; Kunsthalle Krems; participation in "Gegenwart- ewigkeit" Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin; performance of the 8th Symphony, Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Vienna
- 1991 Exhibitions: Galleria Mazzotta, Milan; Galleria Civica d'Arte Contemporanea, Trient
- 1992 Teaching action performance (Lehraktion) Hackmuseum, Ludwigshafen
- 1994 Exhibition Raiffeisenhalle, Frankfurt
- 1995 Settings (sets and costumes) for the opera "Hérodiade" by Jules Massenet at Wiener Staatsoper. Exhibition: Künstlerhaus, Vienna
- 1996 Exhibition "Retrospektive" Casa Sollerich, Palma de Mallorca; 96th action, 12 hours, San Martino, Naples; 38th painting action, Schömerhaus Klosterneuburg
- 1997 Exhibition "Retrospektive" Konsthallen, Gothenburg, Sweden; 40th painting action, Museum d. 20. Jh, Vienna

- 1998 Six-day play of the Orgies Mysteries Theater in Prinzendorf; participation at the exhibition "out of actions", Moca, Los Angeles; Valencia; Tokyo
- 1999 Exhibition of the relics of the six-day-play MMK Liechtenstein, Vienna and Kiscelli Museum Budapest; concertante performance of the six-day play music Radiokulturhaus, Vienna, in Museum F. Gegenwart Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin and in Kunst-und ausstellungshalle der brd, Bonn
- 2000 Exhibition: L'Ultima Cena Palazzo Stelino, Milano; participation in the exhibition "lost paradise lost" Stephansstift, Hannover
- 2001 Exhibitions: Österreichische Galerie, Oberes Belvedere, Vienna; Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin; actions: Hürlimann Areal, Zürich; Pöstlingberg Schlössl; Schloss Prinzendorf, miscellaneous: settings for the opera "Satyagraha", Festspielhaus, St.Pölten
- 2002 Exhibitions: Fondazione Morra, Naples; Kulturhaus, bruck a.d. mur; Museum Moderner Kunst, Stiftung Ludwig, Mumok, Vienna; Galerie Curtze, Vienna; Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna; Museum der Moderne, Rupertinum, Salzburg; Galerie Thoman, Innsbruck; Galerie 422, Gmunden; action: Whitechapel Art Gallery, London
- 2003 Exhibitions: Haus der musik, Vienna; Galerie Gerasdorfer, Vienna; Galerie im Traklhaus, Salzburg; Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg; action: Galerie Kunst & Handel, Graz; concerts: organ concerts in Frankfurt and Bad Ischl; premiere: Sinfonia Punta Campanella; teaching: summer academy in Salzburg
- 2004 Exhibitions: Mike Weiss Gallery, New York; Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Mumok, Vienna; Galerie Curtze, Vienna; Brucknerhaus, Linz; haus der musik, Vienna; Galerie am stein, Schärding; Graphische sammlung in städelmuseum, Frankfurt; actions: two-day-play of the orgies mysteries theater, Schloss Prinzendorf; teaching: visiting professor at the Institute of Dramatic Art of the University of Vienna
- 2005 Exhibitions: Dokumentationszentrum für Moderne Kunst, St. Pölten; Saatchi Gallery, London; Neue Galerie Graz, Graz; Galerie König, Vienna; Galerie Jünger, Baden; Station Museum of Contemporary Art Houston, Texas; Slought Foundation, Philadelphia; participation in the exhibition: Arte Contemporaneo austriaco y pintura de la postguerra, Mexico City; action: burgtheater, Vienna; teaching: summer academy, Hortus Niger, Halbenrain, summer Academy Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg; miscellaneous: receiving the golden medal of Stadt Wien; receiving the Austrian National Award; setting for 'le renard', at Wiener Staatsoper
- 2006 Exhibitions: Galerie Curtze, Vienna; White Space Gallery, Peking; Galerie Lössl, Gmunden; Yamamoto Genday Gallery, Tokyo; Mike Weiss Gallery, New York; Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin; Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg; Primo Piano Livingallery, Lecce; participation in exhibition: Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg, lectures: Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Tirana; Kulturwochen, Frankfurt; Hudson Valley of Contemporary Art, New York, teaching: Summer Academy, Bad Reichenhall; Summer Academy, Hortus Niger, Halbenrain; Summer Academy, Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg; miscellaneous: Asolo Film Prize
- 2007 Exhibitions: Galerie Hilger, Vienna; Niederösterreichisches Landesmuseum, St.Pölten; Galerie Maringer, St.Pölten; Galerie am Stein, Schärding; opening of the Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach; Galerie Fortlaan 17, Ghent; Fondazione Morra, Naples; Marina di Ravenna, sale espositiva Park Hotel, Ravenna; Galerie Publicbeaumont, Luxembourg; Box Art Galleria d'Arte, Verona; Galerie Publicbeaumont, Paris;
- Galerie Jünger, Baden; Galleria de Foscherari, Bologna; participation in exhibitions: Parma; Künstlerhaus, Vienna; actions: Kunsthaus, Bregenz; lectures: Congresszentrum Frankenthal

- 2008 Exhibitions: Galerie Lelong, Zurich; Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach; Fondazione Morra, Naples; opening of the Museo Archivio Laboratorio Hermann Nitsch in Naples; Yamamoto Gendai, Tokyo; Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg; participation in exhibition: Galerie Fortlaan, Ghent; Triennale, Yokohama; miscellaneous: award of the honorary doctor degree by the University Cluj
- 2009 Exhibitions: Gallery am Stein, Schärding; Gallery 422, Lössl, Gmunden; Gallery Gölles, Fürstenfeld; 56. painting action at the Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach and opening of the exhibition; exhibition in Kavernen 1595, Salzburg (40 years Hermann Nitsch); Forum Alpbach 2009; De Pont Museum, Tilburg, Netherlands; Sant'Agostino, Galleria d'Arte e Casa d'Aste, Turin; Gallery Boxart, Verona, Italy; Gallery Dirimart, Istanbul; participation in exhibitions: Künstlerhaus, Vienna: "Hermann Nitsch, seine freunde, lehrer und schüler", Gam, Turin, Italy; miscellaneous: opening of the Nitsch Foundation

Museums and Collections

Museum of Modern Art, New York
Guggenheim Collection, New York
Metropolitan Museum, New York
Museum University of Yale
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
Busch-Reisinger Museum Harvard University, Cambridge
Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, New York
Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
Tate Gallery, London
Musée Centre George Pompidou, Paris
Stedelijk Van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
Castello di Rivoli, Turin
Museo Capodimonte, Naples
Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Bologna
Mart, Trento
Sammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf
Museum Ludwig, Cologne
Nationalgalerie Berlin
Lenbachhaus, Munich
Nationalgalerie München
Graphische Sammlung, Munich
Staatsgalerie Stuttgart
Kunsthalle Hamburg
Museum Neue Galerie, Saarbrücken
Schloss Moorsbroich, Leverkusen
Kunstmuseum Bern
Kunst-Museum Winterthur
Museum Moderner Kunst - Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna
Albertina, Vienna
Wolfgang Gurlitt Museum, Linz
Lentos, Linz
Rupertinum, Salzburg
Ferdinandeum, Innsbruck
Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg
Museum Zentrum, Mistelbach

Exhibitions, Actions and Lectures in

Bregenz, Graz, Innsbruck, Krems/Stein, Klagenfurt, Linz, Salzburg; Augsburg, Berlin, Bonn, Bremen, Darmstadt, Dresden, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, Hildesheim, Kassel, Cologne, Krefeld, Leipzig, Lübeck, Mainz, Mönchengladbach, Munich, Passau, Regensburg, Rosenheim, Speyer, Stuttgart, Tübingen, Wiesbaden; Basel, Bern, Winterthur, Zurich; Vaduz; Bergamo, Bologna, Florence, Genoa, Milan, Meran, Modena, Naples Padua, Palermo, Ravenna, Rome, Sorrent, Lecce, Trent, Turin, Verona; London; Paris, Marseille, Lyon, Oiron, Rouen/Caen; Ljubljana, Piran; Prague; Bratislava; Budapest; Torun, Krakow; Luxembourg; Ghent, Brussels; Madrid, Seville, Valencia, Palma de Mallorca; Lisbon; Amsterdam, Arnheim, Eindhoven, the Hague, St. Jost Breda; Copenhagen; Gothenburg, Stockholm; Los Angeles, New York, Binghamton, Cincinnati, Chicago, El Paso, Ridgefield, Taos; Rio de Janeiro; Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax; Sydney, Melbourne; Seoul, Shanghai, Tokyo, Peking