

LEOPOLD RABUS

Born in Neuchâtel in 1977, Léopold Rabus studied at the Académie de Meuron and then at the School of Art in La Chaux-de-Fonds, before joining the Cité internationale des Arts in Paris. He currently lives and works in Neuchâtel. Coming from a family of artists, he was immersed from an early age in a world that is both surreal and playfully parodic. Drawing on his familiar surroundings and the rural everyday life that shapes them, Rabus endows his works with a strong sense of staging and theatrical presence. His approach is instinctive and makes no claim to a conceptual agenda: like a voyeur, the viewer is confronted with a reality in which perceptions and emotions unfold—an art that is folkloric, vivid, and infused with humor. His works are held in numerous international collections.

Nacido en Neuchâtel en 1977, Léopold Rabus se formó en la Académie de Meuron y posteriormente en la Escuela de Arte de La Chaux-de-Fonds, antes de incorporarse a la Cité internationale des Arts de París. Actualmente vive y trabaja en Neuchâtel. Procedente de una familia de artistas, desde muy joven estuvo inmerso en un universo a la vez surrealista y abiertamente paródico. Inspirado por su entorno cercano y por la cotidianidad rural que lo caracteriza, Rabus otorga a sus obras una potencia escenográfica casi teatral. Su enfoque es instintivo y no pretende inscribirse en ningún discurso conceptual: como un voyeur, el espectador se enfrenta a una realidad donde percepciones y emociones se expresan en una obra de aire folklórico, llena de humor. Sus obras forman parte de numerosas colecciones internacionales.

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STUDIO

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SOLO SHOWS (Selection)

2024 Steinhauser galerie, Bratislava, Slovakia
Galerie Lang + Pult, Auvornier, Switzerland
Wilde Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland

2023 Une ébauche lente à venir, Léopold et Till Rabus, Hangar à Banane, Nantes, France

2021 La lumière ne brûle pas dans un vieux poteau, Galerie Suzanne Tarasieve, Paris, France
Wilde Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland

2020 KALI Gallery, Lucern, Switzerland

2019 Musée d'art et d'histoire de Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

2017 Museum Langmatt, Baden, Switzerland
Is'art Galerie, Antananarivo, Madagascar

2016 Leopold Rabus & Family, Michael Haas gallery, Berlin, Germany

2015 Le Carré Ste-Anne, Espace d'Art contemporain, Montpellier, France

2013 Soloprojekt, St. Jakobshalle, Basel, Switzerland

2012 Tiré d'une histoire vraie - Based on a true story, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels, Belgium

2011 Art Brussels, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels, Belgium

2010 Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, Wilhelmshaven, Germany
Museum zur Allerheiligen, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
GEM - Museum voor actuele kunst, The Hague, Netherlands

2009 Entre différence et complicité, Léopold & Till Rabus, Adler gallery, Frankfurt (am Main), Germany

2008 Feu Pompon, Kabinettausstellung, Dommuseum Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria
Ma région, ma passion, mon œuvre, Osram Art Projects, Munich, Germany (Curator: Dr Christian Schoen)

2007 Mon camarade et mon ami, Basta Espace d'art contemporain, Lausanne, Switzerland
Ouvrage en cheveux, ArtrepcO, Zurich, Switzerland
Du pain pour les oiseaux, Adler gallery, New York, USA

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2006 Rigueur et Fermeté, with Till Rabus, Collections de St-Cyprien, St-Cyprien, France

2005 Scope Miami, featured artist, Adler gallery, Miami, USA
Léopold Rabus (with Pat Andrea), Artdirekt gallery, Bern, Switzerland

2004 Elévation, ArtrepcO, Zurich, Switzerland
Scène sainte, Adler gallery, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Léopold Rabus & Virginie Morillo, Artdirekt gallery, Bern, Switzerland

2003 Galerie Une, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

2002 Galerie des Amis de l'Art, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

2001 Centre d'Art d'en Face, Porrentruy, Switzerland

GROUP SHOWS (Selection)

2025 The Guiding Thread, Galerie Suzanne Tarasieve, Paris, France

2024 Elixir of life, Museum Brot und Kunst, Ulm, Germany
Cut and Clash, galerie Strouk, Paris, France

2023 Immortelle, MOCO, Montpellier, France

2021 Le Jardin, miroir du monde, Château du Rivau, Lémeré, France
Triple take, Galerie Wilde, Basel, Switzerland
Galerie Aeroplastic, Bruxelles, Belgium
Galerie C, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

2020 Silence, Galerie C, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

2017 oh peinture!, Galerie C, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
MK2 zwölf positionen zeitgenössischer malerei, Uster, Switzerland
Friends and family, Galerie Eva Hober Paris, France
proof of life, Weserburg Museum für moderne Kunst, Bremen, Germany
To paint is to love again, Galerie Clémence Boisanté, Montpellier, France

2016 Till & Léopold Rabus, duo exhibition - Espace Julio Gonzalez, Arceuil, France
Cabinet Da-End 06, Galerie Da End, Paris, France
Forever, Bobox, Kortrijk, Belgium
Léopold Rabus and Family, Galerie Michael Haas, Berlin, Germany

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2015 Het nieuwe verhaal (la nouvelle histoire), à cent mètres du centre du monde - Centre d'Art Contemporain, Perpignan, France
Under Realism, Galerie Da End, Paris, France
L'Hospice des Mille-Cuisses, CAN - Centre d'Art Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Show Chaud, Galerie Lange + Pult, Auvernier, Switzerland
Comme une grappe estivale d'hélices de Pise, Torch Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Young Collectors 2, Proje4L, Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul, Turkey

2014 Under Realism, Galerie C, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Optima mihi in chartis, Römerapotheke gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
Prendre le temps d'un morceau d'odalisque, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
Les Rabus chez Gabus, Montalchez, Switzerland
Art Brussels, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
Full House: 100 artists, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
The Red Queen, MONA - Museum for Old and New Art, Hobart, Tasmania, Austria

2013 YIA, Young International Artist artfair, Espace Commines, Paris, France
A la recherche de la bohème perdue, CAN - Centre d'Art de Neuchâtel, Switzerland UndREALisme,
A cent mètres du centre du monde, Art Center, Perpignan, France
Les Sous-Réalistes, La Plomberie, Epinal, France
Signs of the Times, Le Carré Ste-Anne, espace d'art contemporain, Montpellier, France Viewing
Room, All Visual Arts, London, UK
La Chaux-de-Fonds Biennale, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland

2012 YIA, Young International Artist artfair, Bastille design Center, Paris, France
Landschaftsgänger, Parrotta Contemporary Art, Stuttgart, Germany
Metamorphosis: The transformation of being, All Visual Arts, London, UK
Überall und Nirgens, Werke aus der Sammlung Reydan Weiss, Kunsthaus Villa Jauss, Obertsdorf,
Germany Take my soul, EXPRMNTL gallery, Toulouse, France

2011 Thrill, Ancienne douane, Strasbourg, France
The Rabus go West, Cueto Project, New York, USA
Arc-en-Ciel, vom Zufall & vom Glück gallery, Hannover, Germany
Monanism, MONA - Museum for Old and New Art, Hobart, Tasmania, Austria

2010 Renate, Alex, Léopold & Till Rabus, Galerie Laurent Godin, Paris,
Switzerland Collection 3, Fondation Salomon pour l'art contemporain,
Alex, France Young Collectors #2, Sign, Groningen, Netherlands

2009 Open, Soya Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia
The Rabus show, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
Run, jump and throw, Leichtathletik in der internationalen zeitgenössischen Kunst, Berliner Ra-
thaus, Berlin, Germany
Die Rabus Familie, Stadtgalerie, Schwaz, Austria

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2008 XXth Century, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands
Junge Malerei 2007-2008, Kunstraum Baden, Germany
Deadly Serious, EXPRMNTL Galerie, Toulouse, France
Soul mirrors, Galerie Hof & Huyser, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Beijing International Art Biennale, Beijing, China
When fear become form, CAN - Centre d'Art Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Glückliche Tage? Kinder in der Schweizer Kunst, Museum zu Allerheiligen, Schaffhausen, Switzerland

2007 The teardrop explodes, Palais Enzenberg, Schwaz, Austria
Strange Brew, Max Lang Gallery, New York City, USA
100 Tage 100 Videos, Kunstforeningen GL Strand, Copenhagen
Conversations - peinture.fr//maalaus.fi, Klondyketalo, Kerava, Finland
Peinture(s) - Génération70, Fondation pour L'art Contemporain, Claudine et Jean-Marc Salomon, Alex, France

2006 ARTREPCO Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
Replacing Mashkov - Recent acquisitions by the Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, Gemeentemuseum
Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands
Till & Leopold Rabus, Collections de Saint-Cyprien, Saint Cyprien, France
Happy Believers, 7. Werkleitz Biennale, Werkleitz Gesellschaft e.V., Halle, Saale, Germany
100 Tage=100 Videos, Heidelberger Kunstverein, Heidelberg, Germany
Birdwatching, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands
Blessed are the Merciful, Kinz + Tillou, New York City, USA

2005 Anthropography III, Frissiras Museum, Athens, Greece
Premio Lissone 2005, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Lissone, Lissone, Italy
The Frissiras Museum Contemporary European Painting Award, Frissiras Museum, Athens, Greece
Mysterium, ArtrepcO Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
Playtime - (after nature #2) Figurative & Drawings + Videos, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels,
Belgium Rewind <<, Nassauischer Kunstverein, Wiesbaden, Germany
Boost in the Shell, AEROPLASTICS contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
after nature - Figurative Paintings & Drawings by 20 Artists, Aeroplastics contemporary, Brussels, Belgium

2004 Sommerausstellung, Galerie Adler, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
Blessed are the Merciful, Feigen Contemporary, New York City, USA

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COLLECTIONS

Museum zu Allerheiligen, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
Frissiras Museum, Athens, Greece
Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, Netherlands
Musée d'Art et d'Histoire Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Museum of Old and New Art, Hobart, Australia
Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Mudam, Luxembourg
Scheringa Museum voor Realisme, Netherlands
Collection David Beitzel, New York, USA
JoMo Art Collection, Belgium
Collection Julius Bär, Zurich, Switzerland
Private collection A. and M. Haas, Berlin, Germany
Collection Alexander Hoorn, Leiden, Netherlands
Logan Collection, Denver, USA
Mobley-Springmeier Collection, Switzerland and Germany
Collection Olbricht, Germany
Osram Collection, Munich, Germany
Collection Pieter and Marieke Sanders, Aerdenhout, Netherlands
Fondation pour l'art contemporain Claudine et Jean-Marc Salomon, France
Schle Collection, London, UK
Collection Servais, Brussels, Belgium
Collection Joshua P. Smith, Washington, USA
AReydan Weiss, Essen, Germany
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