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*1996, in Wels, lives and works in Vienna

Education

2020 -
Mag.Art in Photography and Timebased
Media at the University of Applied Arts,
Vienna

Awards

- 2021 • FOAM Talent 2021
- 2020 • Ö1 Talentfund Winner
- 2019 • Red Hook Labs New Artist III
- Rencontres d'Arles, Voies Off
- Lensculture Emerging Talent
- Photo Vogue Festival "A Glitch in the system"
- der Greif – Berlin Photoweeek 2019
- Plat(t)form Winterthur 2019 (+special mention selection)
- Foto-Vienna, Portfolio Prize
- 2018 • Paris-Photo Carte Blanche Award 2018 – "How far is a lightyear?"
- Paris-Photo Maison Ruinart Prize 2018 – "How far is a lightyear?"

Solo Exhibitions (Selection)

- 2025 • Of Peasants & Basterds, Edel Assanti, London
- Clean Thoughts. Clean Images, Foto Arsenal Wien, Vienna
- 2023 • My mountain has no summit, KOW, Berlin
- Simon Lehner, Kunstpalais Erlangen, Erlangen, Germany
- 2022 • Spark Art Fair solo booth, Vienna
- 2021 • I'm a liar, but a good one, KOENIG2 by_robbygreif, Vienna
- To cut a blind spot, Fotohof, Salzburg, Austria
- 2020 • Art Moscow solo booth x Ruinart, Moscow
- Men don't play / Men do play, Westliches Museum, Vienna
- The mind is a voice, Bildraum 01, Vienna
- 2019 • How far is a lightyear?, Soiz Gallery, Passau, Germany
- How far is a lightyear?, Art Genève, Ruinart Prize exhibition, Geneva
- 2018 • Paris-Photo, Ruinart Prize exhibition, Paris

Group Exhibitions (Selection)

- 2025 • What Stands Between Us — Photography as a Medium for Chronicling, EMoP Berlin, Akademie der Künste, Berlin
- Rethinking Photography — EMoP Arendt Award, EMoP LUX, Luxembourg
- 2024 • Unknown Familiars, Leopold Museum, Vienna
- On Growing Sane in Insane Places, The Ryder, Madrid
- 2023 • yours truly, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany
- Zeit, Kunsthaus Zürich, Zurich
- Expect the Unexpected, Kunstmuseum Bonn
- 2022 • Photolux Festival, Lucca, Italy
- Das Auto Rosi aber, KOW Berlin
- Pattern Recognition, Kunstpalais Erlangen, Germany
- 2021 • Art Cologne - Christine König Gallery, Cologne
- Kardinal König Kunstpreis 2021, St. Virgil, Salzburg
- FOAM TALENT 2021, Online
- Ars Electronica Festival, Groupshow at Salzamt, Vienna
- The Constructed Image, Ravestijn Gallery, Amsterdam
- Gmunden.Photo, Seeviertel Gmunden, Austria
- Incarnations, Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, France
- FORMAT International Photography Festival, Derby, UK
- 2020 • Ö1 Talentstipendium, Leopoldmuseum, Vienna
- 2019 • Paris-Photo, Lensculture Emerging Talent, Paris
- Photo Vogue „A Glitch in the System“, Milan
- Rituale I / Korrelationen, Fotogalerie Wien, Vienna
- Red Hook Labs New Artists III, "How far is a lightyear?", New York
- Rencontres d'Arles, "How far is a lightyear?", Arles, France
- Berlin Photoweeek – der Greif, Berlin
- Riaperture Festival – "How far is a lightyear?", Ferrara, Italy
- Foto Vienna – "How far is a lightyear?", Vienna
- 2018 • "How far is a lightyear?", Paris-Photo + Gare du Nord, Paris
- "Koal", 12 Star Gallery, London
- Men don't play / Men do play, Fotogalerie, Vienna
- Men don't play / Men do play, Photobookfestival Moscow
- 2017 • Unseen Amsterdam, „Men don't play“, Amsterdam
- Facing Austria, Salzburg Museum
- 2016 • „Koal“, The Essence, Vienna
- "Koal", for other uses see Heimat, Vienna

- 2015
- „Fields“ European Forum Alpbach, Tyrol
 - „Working Conditions“ OK Offenes Kulturhaus, Linz