

MARC STRAUS NEW YORK

HERMANN NITSCH

b. 1938, Vienna; d. 2022, Mistelbach, Austria

- 1957 Develops the idea of the Orgien Mysterien Theater, a six-day-festival based on the artist's philosophy and which he has been developing down to the present day. The O. M. Theater is a new form of the total work of art, one where reality is staged. All the senses are stressed and involved.
- 1960-66 Action performances and exhibitions take place in Vienna, resulting in several court trials and three prison terms.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Hermann Nitsch: Selected Paintings, Actions, Relics, and Musical Scores, 1965–2020, Pace Gallery, New York, United States
- 2022 From Actionism to Painting, Galleria Gaburro, Milan, Italy
Bayreuth Valkyrie, Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria
Galerie Zimmermann Kratochwill, Graz, Austria
Galleria Gaburro, Milan
Galerie Noah, Augsburg, Germany
Maruani Mercier Gallery, Brussels
Mythos Passion (Works from the Collection Jaegers), Kunsthalle Jesuitenkirche, Aschaffenburg, Germany
Peres Projects, Berlin, Germany
Sinfonia Napoli, Museo Hermann Nitsch, Naples, Italy
20th Painting Action, Oficine 800, Venice, Italy
- 2021 Bayreuth Walküre, Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria (Catalogue)
88. painting action, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna
Color as material, Burg Vischering, Berenbrock, Germany
Cycles to Ressurrection, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna
Galerie Jahn und Jahn, Munich, Germany
New Works, Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria
Opera Gallery, London, UK
The Orgies Mysteries Theatre, MDAD Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Riga, Latvia
Works from the 86. Painting Action, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna, Austria
Bayreuth Prélude, Galerie RX, Paris, France
Bayreuth Stories, Galerie RX, New York, United States
- 2020 Hermann Nitsch: action painting in the open color spectrum, Galerie Zimmermann-Kratochwill, Graz, Austria
Bechter Kastowsky Galerie, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Before and Beyond, Boxart Galleria d'Arte, Verona, Italy

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- Geuer & Geuer, Dusseldorf, Germany
MARE Muzeul de Artă Recentă, Bucharest, Romania
The Orgies Mysteries Theater, Opera Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland
Shape of Color, Galerie RX, Paris, France
Synaesthesia, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna, Austria
Color Rush, Galerie Jahn Pfefferle, Munich, Germany
Sinfonia Napoli, Hermann Nitsch Museum, Naples, Italy
Neue Arbeiten, Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria
- 2019 NITSCH. Spaces of Color, The Albertina Museum of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
MARC STRAUS, New York, United States
- 2018 Hermann Nitsch: Life and Art, A Culture Story, Singapore
Hermann Nitsch, Galerie 422 Margund Lössl, Gmunden, Austria
Ausstellung "Hermann Nitsch: Memorial Against the War", Osthaus Museum, Hagen, Germany
"Hermann Nitsch, Galerie RX, Paris, France
"Hermann Nitsch – Life and Work", Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria
"Hermann Nitsch", Kurhaus, Hinterzarten, Germany
"Hermann Nitsch", Massimo De Carlo Gallery, London, UK
"Hermann Nitsch – solopresentation", MARC STRAUS, The Armory Show, New York, New York
"Hermann Nitsch – paintings 1957-2017", Büro Weltausstellung, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 Galerie Navratil, Prague, Czech Republic
"Tools and Relics of the Orgies Mysteries Theaters", Nitsch Foundation, Wien
MARC STRAUS, New York, United States
Kunsthalle Arlberg 1800, Innsbruck, Austria
Galerie Geuer, Düsseldorf, Germany
"Hermann Nitsch and His Artistic Pilgrimage", UM MUSEUM, Bongdam Hwaseong, Korea
"Hermann Nitsch – O.M.T. Colore dal Rito", Museum CIAC, Foligno, Italy
IAGA Contemporary Art, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
"Hermann Nitsch – das druckgrafische Werk", Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria
Museum for printed graphics, Rankweil, Austria
Parenthesis organized by the Goss-Michael Foundation as part of Dallas Biennial, The Box, Dallas Texas
- 2016 Feast of Existence. Hermann Nitsch and the Theatre, Museum Villa Stuck, Munich
Posters from 5 Decades, Daniel Löwenbrück, Berlin
Paintings, Drawings, Print, Galerie Fred Jahn, Munich
Hermann Nitsch. Passion – Resurrection, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna
Arena - Opere dall'Opera, Museo Nitsch, Naples
Rituals, Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
- 2015 MARC STRAUS, New York
Leviticus, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, New York
ZAC, Palermo, Italy
Theatermuseum, Wien

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- 2014 Aktionsmalerei, Galerie Dirimart, Istanbul
Arena, nitsch museum, Mistelbach
Malaktionismus, Museo Nitsch Neapel
carne e luce, Fondazione Ducci, Rom
Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava
- 2013 Sinne und Sein – Retrospektive, nitsch museum, Mistelbach
- 2012 Utopie Gesamtkunstwerk, 21er Haus, Vienna
Levitikus, Kunstkulturkirche, Frankfurt
Thoman modern, Innsbruck
Explosion! Painting as action, Moderna Museet, Stockholm
Personale, Museum Moderner Kunst Kärnten, Klagenfur
Aus dem Gesamtkunstwerk, Galerie Walker, Schloss Ebnav
In vivo Hermann Nitsch, Centre Pompidou, Paris
Galerie 422, Gmunden
Explosion. The legacy of Jackson Pollock, Fondació Joan Miró, Barcelona
A bigger splash: painting after performance art, Tate Modern, London
- 2011 Blood Lines, MCA Denver
Mike Weiss Gallery, New York
Obsession and Intimacy: The body in contemporary austrian drawings - from Alfred Kubin to Birgit Jürgenssen, B&M Theocharakis Foundation, Athens
Leo Koenig inc., New York
Das frühe Werk – die Essenz der Duerckheim Collection, Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
Eroi, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Turin
Personal structures, 54th Venice Biennale
Galerie Thomas Modern, Munich
Strukturen, Leopold Museum, Vienna
- 2010 Kasa Galeri, Istanbul
Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
Pio Monte della Misericordia, Naples
Kunst im Karner, Lower Austria
Exhibition and presentation of the book Levitikus, Har-El Printers and Publisher, Jaffa Asolo Art Film Festival
Museo Nitsch, Naples
Musée d'Art Moderne, St. Etienne
Museum für Druckgrafik, Markus Gell, Vorarlberg; Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna
Stella Art Foundation, Moskow
Nitsch Foundation, Vienna
Art Austria, Vienna
Video screening and talk, GAM, Turin
Hermann Nitsch. Ein Dokumentarfilm by Daniela Ambrosoli
- 2009 Galerie 422, Gmunden
Galerie am Stein, Schärding

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- Galerie Göllles, Fürstenfeld
Künstlerhaus, Vienna
Kavernen, Salzburg
De Pont Museum, Tilburg, Netherlands
Incubate Festival, Tilburg, Netherlands
Forum Alpbach
GAM, Turin
Sant'Agostino, Galleria d'Arte e Casa d'Aste, Turin
Box Art, Galleria d'Arte, Verona
Officina d'Arte, Rome
Dirimart, Istanbul
- 2008 Opening of the Museo archivio laboratorio per le arti contemporanee Hermann Nitsch, Naples
Galerie Lelong, Zurich
Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
Fondazione Morra, Naples
Yamamoto Gendai, Tokyo
Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg
- 2007 Opening of the Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
Galerie Hilger, Vienna
Niederösterreichisches Landesmuseum, St. Pölten
Galerie Maringer, St. Pölten; Galerie am Stein, Schärding
Galerie Fortlaan 17, Gent
Fondazione Morra, Naples
Marina di Ravenna, exhibition hall, Park Hotel, Ravenna
Galerie Beaumontpublic, Luxemburg
Box Art, Galleria d'Arte, Verona
Galerie Beaumontpublic, Paris
Galerie Jünger, Baden
Galleria de Foscherari, Bologna
- 2006 Galerie Curtze, Vienna
Galerie White Space, Peking
Galerie 422, Gmunden
Galerie Yamamoto Gendai, Tokyo
Mike Weiss Gallery, New York
Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg
Primo Piano LivinGallery, Lecce
- 2005 NÖ Dokumentationszentrum für Moderne Kunst, St. Pölten
Saatchi Gallery, London
Neue Galerie, Graz
Galerie König, Vienna
Galerie Jünger, Baden
Station Museum of Contemporary Art Houston, Texas

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- 2004 Slought Foundation, Philadelphia
Mike Weiss Gallery, New York
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna
Galerie Curtze, Vienna
Brucknerhaus, Linz
Haus der Musik, Vienna
Galerie am Stein, Schärding
- 2003 Graphische Sammlung im Städelmuseum, Frankfurt;
Haus der Musik, Vienna
Galerie Gerersdorfer, Vienna
Galerie im Traklhaus, Salzburg
Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg;
- 2002 Fondazione Morra, Naples
Kulturhaus, Bruck an der Mur
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna
Galerie Curtze, Vienna
Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna
Museum der Moderne, Rupertinum, Salzburg
Galerie Thoman, Innsbruck
Galerie 422, Gmunden
- 2001 Österreichische Galerie, Oberes Belvedere, Vienna
Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin
- 2000 L'ultima cena“, Palazzo Stelina, Milan
- 1999 Exhibition of the relics of the 6-day-play: Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig,
Palais Liechtenstein, Vienna
Kiscelli Museum, Budapest
Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin
Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der BRD, Bonn
- 1997 Retrospektive, Konsthallen, Göteborg
Musée d'Art et d'Historie, Luxemburg
- 1996 Retrospektive, Casa Sollerica, Palma de Mallorca
- 1995 Künstlerhaus, Vienna
- 1994 Raiffeisenhalle, Frankfurt
- 1992 Expo, Sevilla; David Nolan Gallery, New York.
- 1991 Galerie Mazzotta, Milan
Galleria Civica d'Arte Contemporanea, Trient, Fox Fine Art Center, El Paso
- 1990 Rupertinum, Salzburg
Nationalgalerie, Prague
Kunsthalle, Krems
- 1989 Luhring, Augustine & Hodes, New York
- 1988 Biennale Sydney
Retrospective, Lenbachhaus, Munich
Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts, Vienna
- 1987 Villa Pignatelli, Naples

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1984 Galerie Franz Paludetto, Turin;
1983 Stedelijk van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
1982 documenta 7, Kassel
1972 documenta 5, Kassel;

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 A Collection without Boundaries, GAM - Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Torino, Turin, Italy
From the Collections of the Albertina Museum, Albertina, Vienna, Austria
Focus Collection newly presented, Kunsthalle, Mannheim, Germany
Tense Conditions, Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Germany
Radical Austria: Everything is Architecture, Design Museum Den Bosch, 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
Richard Gerstl. Inspiration – Legacy, Kuntshaus, Zug, Switzerland

2021 Casper David Friedrich / Hermann Nitsch, Albertinum, Dresden
Claudio Costa | Hermann Nitsch, Il Viaggio nell'Ancestrale, Galleria Michela Rizzo, Venice, Italy
CULTURA IN MOVIMENTO. Merano 1965-1990, Merano Arte, Meran, Italy
Grenzenlos, Galerie Wolfgang Jahn, Munich, Germany
Odore l'art, l'odeur et le sacré, Galerie Pauline Pavéc, Paris, France
Passion Ferventness. The Art of grand Emotions, LWL-Museum for Art and Culture, Münster, Germany
Resistance, Maruani Mercier, Knokke, Belgium
Un art autre et au-delà, Opera Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland

2020 8th Moscow International Biennale of Contemporary Art, New Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia
The beginning. Art in Vienna from 1945 to 1980, Albertina Modern, Vienna
Double Lives, Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn, Germany
I am everything at once, Landesgalerie Niederösterreich, Krems, Austria
Icons. Worship and Adoration, Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen, Germany
Opéra du Monde / Opera as the world. The quest for a total work of art, Centre Pompidou, Metz, France
Standing aside (Stojąc obok), Gdansk City Gallery, Gdansk, Poland

2019 Anne Frank - Holocaust Diaries, Jewish Museum, Moscow, Russia
Dentro il Disegno (Curator: Lóránd Hegyi), La Castiglia / Fondazione Amleto Bertoni, Saluzzo, Italy
Disturbing Narrative (curator: Lóránd Hegyi), Park View Museum, Singapore
Hermann Nitsch – Immagine, Mercato Vento Culturale Comune di Argenta, Argenta
Hermann Nitsch / Karl Stengel. Punti di Vista, ZetaEffe Galleria, Florence, Italy
Intriguing Uncertainties, Park View Museum, Beijing
Intriguing Uncertainties, Park View Museum, Singapore

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- Passion – Obsession, Kunstverein Friedberg, Friedberg, Germany
The Dark Side – Chi ha paura del buio?, Musja, Rome, Italy
- 2018 “Hermann Nitsch / Elgar Esser / Lee Bae / Bae Bien-u“, Galerie RX, Paris, France
- 2017 "Hermann Nitsch / Julian Beck / Shozo Shimamoto / Joseph Beuys", Casa Morra, Naples
"Psycho Drawing - Art Brut and the '60s and '70s in Austria", Lentos, Linz
"Reinheit und Ritual – Hans Karl Kandel and Hermann Nitsch", Galerie Fürth, Fürth, Germany
Parkview Green Museum, Beijing, China
"Psycho Drawing", LENTOS, Linz, Austria
- 2016 Body, psyche & taboo, Mumok, Vienna
Closed universe? (part 1), Gallery Martinetz, Colone
- 2015 Sleepless – the bed in history and contemporary art, 21er Haus, Vienna
Vienna for Art's Sake, Belvedere / Winterpalais, Vienna
My body is the event - vienna actionism and international performance, Mumok, Vienna
- 2014 Biennale di disegno, Rimini
CIA, Honkong
Fondazione Ducci, Rom
Im Dialog: Wiener Aktionismus, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg
Made in Austria, Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg
Biennale di disegno, Rimini
Viennese Actionism, Hauser & Wirth, New York
- 2013 Flesh and blood, Museum on the Seam, Israel
Personal structures, 55th Venice Biennale
La perversion de lo clásico: anarquía de los relatos, museo archeologico, Cuban Pavilion, 55th Venice Biennale
Wagner200, k. k. Post- und Telegrafenam, Vienna
Nitsch & Attersee. Duetto per Napoli, Castel del'Ovo, Naples
- 2008 Galerie Fortlaan 17, Gent
Triennale, Yokohama, Parma
Künstlerhaus, Vienna
- 2006 Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg
- 2005 arte contemporaneo austriaco y pintura de la posguerra“, Mexico City
- 1999 Lost paradise lost, Stephansstift, Hannover
- 1998 Out of actions, MOCA, Los Angeles
Valencia, Tokyo
- 1990 Gegenwart-Ewigkeit, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- 1983 Der Hang zum Gesamtkunstwerk, Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

- 2017 150th Action, Dark Mofo, Hobart, Tasmania
75th Painting Aktion dedicated to Marc and Livia Straus, Prinzendorf, Vienna

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- 2016 147th Action, Museum Villa Stuck, Munich
- 2015 Painting Performance, Prinzenhof, Vienna
143. action, Belvedere / Winterpalais, Vienna
- 2014 70 action painting, Galerie Thoman, Vienna
- 2013 138th action performance, 3-day-play, Centraltheater, Leipzig
66th action painting, Istanbul Contemporary
- 2012 135th action performance, Havana, Cuba
64th action painting, Museo di Arte moderna e contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto
- 2011 60th painting action, Mike Weiss Gallery, New York
131th action performance, teaching action, Leo Koenig inc., New York
- 2009 56th painting performance, Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
- 2007 123th action performance, teaching action, Kunsthaus, Bregenz
- 2005 122th action performance, Burgtheater, Vienna
setting and costumes for "Le Renard" by Igor Strawinsky, Vienna Opera
- 2004 120th action performance
2-day-play, Prinzenhof Castle
- 2003 114th action performance, teaching action, Galerie Kunst & Handel, Graz
- 2002 110th action performance, teaching action, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London
- 2001 105th action performance, teaching action, Hürlimann Areal, Zurich
109th action performance, teaching action, Pöstlingberg Schloß, Linz
Prinzenhof Castle, stage setting and costumes for the opera "Satyagraha" by Philip Glass, Festspielhaus, St. Pölten
- 1999 Performance of the music of the 6-day-play: Radiokulturhaus, Vienna
- 1998 100th action performance, 6-day-play, Prinzenhof
- 1997 40th painting performance, Museum des 20. Jahrhunderts, Vienna
- 1996 96th action performance, 12 hours, San Martino, Naples
38th painting performance, Schömerhaus, Klosterneuburg
- 1995 Stage setting and costumes for the opera "Hérodiade" by Jules Massenet at the Vienna Opera
- 1992 89th action performance, teaching action, Wilhelm-Hack-Museum, Ludwigshafen
- 1990 First performance of the 8th Symphony, Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Vienna
- 1987 20th painting performance, Secession, Vienna
- 1984 20th painting performance, Secession, Vienna
- 1984 80th action performance, 72 hours, three days and nights of the 6-day play, Prinzenhof
- 1975 50th action performance, 24-hours-play, 1st day and 1st night of the 6-day-play, Prinzenhof
- 1972 40th action performance, first 12-hour-play, Mercer Arts Center, New York
- 1970 Action performances in New York, Munich and Cologne
- 1968 25th and 26th action performance and exhibition, Cinematheque, New York
- 1966 20th action performance, The Destruction in Art Symposium, London
- 1962 1st action performance in Vienna

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SELECTED CONCERTS

- 2017 Organ Recital, Marc Straus Gallery, New York
10 years Nitsch Museum", Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach, Austria
- 2016 Pipe organ concert in the Epiphaniienkirche, Berlin
String quartet in 4 movements, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna
Organ concert at Kraak Festival, Begijnhof Church, Amsterdam
- 2015 Symphony for Mexico City, Ex teresa arte actual, Mexico City
String quartet in 4 movements, Gallery Konzett, Vienna
- 2014 Symphony for Fondazione Ducci Rom
- 2013 1938, concert for strings, Nitsch Foundation, Vienna
Organ Concert, Jesuitenkirche, Vienna
Concert with C. L. Attersee, Naples
- 2012 Sinfonie für 100 PianistInnen an 33 Klavieren und 1 Synthesizer,
Oberösterreichisches Kulturquartier, Linz
- 2011 Direction and setting for the opera, "Saint François d'Assise" by Olivier Messiaen,
Bayerische Staatsoper, Munich
Organ concert, Mozarteum, Salzburg
- 2010 Organ concert, Kunst im Karner, Lower Austria
Organ Concert, Theater Duse, Asolo Art Film Festival
Presentation of the CD, Egyptian Symphony, Gramola, Haus der Musik, Vienna'
- 2009 Organ concert, Glasgow, INSTAL Musikfestival
First performance of the Egyptian Symphony, Hermann Nitsch Museum, Mistelbach
- 2003 Organ concert, Frankfurt and Bad Ischl
first performance of the symphony Punta Campanella;

SELECTED LECTURES

- 2013 University Leipzig
Museum der Bildenden Künste, Leipzig
Ars Electronica Center, Linz
- 2007 Kongresszentrum Frankenthal
- 2006 Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Tirana
Kulturwochen, Frankfurt
Hudson Valley of Contemporary Art, New York;

TEACHING ACTIVITY

- 2014 Summeracademy Bad Reichenhall
Kunstakademie Alte Spinnerei Kolbermoor
- 2013 Summeracademy Bad Reichenhall
- 2008 Granting of the doctorate h.c. by the University Cluj, Romania

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- 2006 Summeracademy Bad Reichenhall
Summeracademy Hortus Niger, Halbenrain
Summeracademy Galerie Weihergut, Salzburg
Asolo film award
- 2005 Summeracademy Hortus Niger, Halbenrain; Summeracademy Galerie Weihergut,
Salzburg;
- 2004 Visiting professor, department of dramatics, University of Vienna
- 2003 Summeracademy Salzburg
- 1989 Thought class of interdisciplinary art at Frankfurt Academy of Fine Arts (Städelschule)
Starts to give painting courses at the Summeracademy, Salzburg on a regular basis

AWARDS

- 2005 Golden Medal of Honor of the City of Vienna; Big Austrian State Award; stage

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard
Castello di Rivoli, Turin
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
Ferdinandeum, Innsbruck
Galleria d'arte moderna, Bologna
Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
Guggenheim Collection, New York
Graphische Sammlung, Munich
Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, New York
Kunsthalle, Hamburg
Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf
Kunstmuseum, Bern
Kunstmuseum, Winterthur
Lenbachhaus, Munich
Mart, Trento
Metropolitan Museum, New York
Museo Capodimonte, Naples
Museo d'arte della città di Ravenna, Tang
Museum Ludwig, Köln
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna
Museum of Modern Art, New York
Museum Neue Galerie, Saarbrücken
Nationalgalerie, Berlin
Nationalgalerie, Munich
Rupertinum, Salzburg

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Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg
Schloss, Morsbroich, Leverkusen
Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart
Stedelijk van Abbe Museum, Eindhoven
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, New York.
Tate Gallery, London
University of Cambridge
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
Wolfgang Gurlitt Museum, Linz
Yale University Art Museum, New Haven