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## COSIMA VON BONIN

Born in 1962, Mombasa, Kenya  
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## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *The Faker*, Galerie Neu, Berlin  
*Feelings*, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt  
*Songs for Gay Dogs*, Mudam, Luxembourg
- 2023 *Church of Daffy*, Petzel Gallery, New York  
*Boy at Work*, Lumiar Cité, Lisbon
- 2020 *Hetero*, House of Gaga, Los Angeles
- 2019 *Cosima von Bonin*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, Aspen,  
*Shit & Chanel*, House of Gaga, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Ocean and Caffeine*, Magasin III Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2018 *WHAT IF IT BARKS?*, Petzel Gallery, New York  
*The Italian*, CCS Bard, New York
- 2017 *Who's Exploiting Who in the Deep Sea*, Oakville Galleries, Ontario
- 2016 *Who's Exploiting Who in the Deep Sea*, Sculpture Center, New York  
*Who's Exploiting Who in the Deep Sea*, Glasgow International 2016, Glasgow
- 2015 *CvB singles uptown remix*, Petzel Gallery, New York
- 2014 *COSIMA VON BONIN. HIPPIES USE SIDE DOOR. DAS JAHR 2014 HAT EIN RAD AB*, MUMOK, Vienna
- 2013 *Cosima von Bonin/Poul Gernes: Sidekick*, Artipelag, Gustavsberg, Sweden  
*Cosima von Bonin/Poul Gernes*, Galleri Bo Bjerggaard, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011 *Character Appropriation*, Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, St. Louis  
*The Juxtaposition of Nothings*, Friedrich Petzel Gallery, New York  
*Cosima von Bonin's Bone Idle for Arnolfini's Sloth Section, Loop #02 of the Lazy Susan Series*, A Rotating Exhibition 2010-2012, Arnolfini, Bristol  
*Cosima von Bonin's Zermatt! Zermatt! Z...Ermattet! For Mamco's Sloth Section, Loop #03 of the Lazy Susan Series*, A rotating Exhibition 2010-2012, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva

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- Grandville and the Decision at Grandville*, Galerie Buchholz, Berlin  
*Cosima von Bonin's Cut! Cut! Cut! For Museum Ludwig's Sloth Section, Loop #04 of the Lazy Susan Series*, A Rotating Exhibition 2010-2012, Museum Ludwig, Cologne
- 2010 *Cosima von Bonin's FAR NIENTE FOR WITTE DE WITH'S SLOTH SECTION (loop # 1 of the lazy susan series / a rotating exhibition / 2010 – 2011)*, Witte de With, Rotterdam  
*The Fatigue Empire*, Kunsthau Bregenz, Austria  
*The Idler's Playground*, Sculpture International Rotterdam, Rotterdam
- 2008 *Vertrautes Terrain – Aktuelle Kunst in & über Deutschland*, ZKM Museum für Neue Kunst Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe  
*If? If?*, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne  
*The Pierres at the Petzelette*, Friedrich Petzel Gallery, New York
- 2007 *Roger & Out*, MOCA The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
- 2006 *Relax, It's Only a Ghost*, Friedrich Petzel Gallery, New York
- 2004 *2 Positionen auf einmal / 2 Positions At Once*, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne  
*Film and video works by Cosima von Bonin*, The Mountain Bar, Los Angeles
- 2003 *Fat Forty Female Fade*, Galerie Neu, Berlin  
*Kalt Modern Teuer*, Friedrich Petzel Gallery, New York
- 2002 *Fondorientierte Ausstattung, Neue Galerie am Landesmuseum Joanneum*, Künstlerhaus Graz  
*Too Quick for Binoculars*, Galerie Gabriele Senn, Vienna
- 2001 *Bruder Poul sticht in See*, Kunstverein Hamburg
- 2000 *Favorit Lokaler Raum, 1/7*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne  
*The Cousins*, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Germany
- 1999 *Wyoming*, Kunsthalle St. Gallen
- 1998 *Löwe im Bonsaiwald*, Palais Attems, Graz  
*Justus*, Galerie Ascan Crone, Hamburg / with Michael Krebber
- 1997 Heetz, Nowak, Rehberger, Museu de Arte Contemporânea, Sao Paulo  
with Kai Althoff and Tobias Rehberger
- 1996 Heetz, Nowak, Rehberger, Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach  
with Kai Althoff and Tobias Rehberger
- 1995 The Museum of Modern Art, Syros, organized by Martin Kippenberger with  
Christopher Williams and Stephen Prina, New York  
*Hast Du Heute Zeit? - Ich Aber Nicht*, Künstlerhaus Stuttgart / with Kai Althoff

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- Erstes Grazer Fächerfest, Forum Stadtpark, Graz
- 1994 Museum Fridericianum, Kunstverein Kippenberger, Kassel
- 1993 American Fine Arts, New York

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Theta Gallery, New York (forthcoming)  
*HARD/SOFT: Textiles and Ceramics in Contemporary Art*, Austrian Museum of Applied Arts, Vienna  
*Soliloquies*, Petzel Gallery, New York  
*Cute*, Somerset House, London
- 2023 *Baroque*, Champ Lacombe, Biarritz  
*Artists for ARTISTS SPACE a benefit exhibiton*, New York  
The High Line, New York
- 2022 *Albernheit und Enthusiasmus in der Kunst*, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, Bonn  
*Mae*, House of Gaga, Cologne, Germany  
*The Milk of Dreams*, La Biennale di Arte 2022, Venice
- 2021 *There Is Always One Direction*, de la Cruz Collection, Miami  
*Forbidden Fruit*, The Ranch, Montauk, New York  
<<*Sustainable Museum: Art and Environment*>>, MoCA Busan, South Korea
- 2020 *Sleeping with a tiger*, K-Gold Temporary Gallery, Lesvos, Greece  
*La mer Imaginaire*, Villa Carmignac, Porquerolles Island, France
- 2019 *Hyper! A Personal Journey into Art and Music*, Deichtorhallen Hamburg, Germany  
*Cosima von Bonin and Claus Richter*, Kunsthalle Nürnberg, Nürnberg, Germany
- 2018 *AHHHHH! REAL MONSTERS!*, Clages Gallery, Cologne, Germany  
*Die Zelle*, curated by Valérie Knoll, Kunsthalle Bern, Switzerland  
*Shonky: The Aesthetics of Awkwardness*, curated by John Walter, Bury Art Museum & Sculpture Centre  
*Shonky: The Aesthetics of Awkwardness*, curated by John Walter, Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee  
*Shonky: The Aesthetics of Awkwardness*, curated by John Walter, The MAC, Belfast
- 2017 *Jump into the Future – Art from the 90's and 2000's*, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam  
*Theft is Vision*, LUMA Westbau, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Cells*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York  
*Benz Bonin Burr*, Skulptur Projekte Münster, LWL-Museum für Kunst und Kultur, Münster  
*Alice verdrehte Welt*, OK Center for Contemporary Art, OÖ Kulturquartier, Linz  
*Cosima von Bonin, Lang&Baumann, Hannah Weinberger, Zabriskie Point*, Arrêt Du Tram 12, Geneva

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- 2016 *Tre Amici*, Cayre Art Group, Ocean Avenue, Long Branch  
*Die Fremde*, 1998, Galerie Neu, Berlin
- 2015 *Painting 2.0: Expression in the Information Age*, Museum Brandhorst, Munich
- 2014 *Man in the Mirror*, Vanhaerents Art Collection, Brussels  
*We not*, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne  
*Play Time, Les Ateliers de Rennes*, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Rennes, France
- 2013 *Room to Live: Recent Acquisitions and Works from the Collection*, MOCA, Los Angeles  
*Out of fashion – textiles in contemporary art*, G1 Holtegaard, Holtegaard
- 2010 Group Show, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Berlin
- 2009 *Collection History: Highlighting Recent Acquisitions*, MOCA, Los Angeles  
*Compass at Hand: Selections from the Judith Rothschild Foundation Contemporary Drawings Collection*, MoMA, New York  
*Entr'acte*, curated by Fionn Meade, CCS Bard, Annandale-on-Hudson  
*Don't Perish*, curated by Joseph Montgomery and Jesse Willenbring, Leo Koenig Inc. Projekte, New York  
*Le Printemps de Septembre – à Toulouse, "Là où je suis n'existe pas"*, Les Abattoirs, Toulouse  
*Collector's Choice I + II*, ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2008 *Kunst Im Heim*, Capitain Petzel Gallery, Berlin  
*Painting Now and Forever, Part II*, Matthew Marks Gallery, Greene Naftali Gallery, New York  
*Eyes Wide Open*, Stedelijk Museum CS, Amsterdam  
*Paul Thek*, ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2007 documenta 12, Kassel, Germany  
*Make Your Own Life: Artists In and Out of Cologne*, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle  
*Make Your Own Life: Artists In and Out of Cologne*, Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami  
*Works from the Boros Collection: Positions of Contemporary Art*, ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2006 *Make Your Own Life: Artists In and Out of Cologne, Institute of Contemporary Art*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
*Optik Schröder. Werke aus der Sammlung Schröder*, Kunstvereine Braunschweig, Braunschweig  
*Faster! Bigger! Better! Signet Works of the collection*, ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2005 *The Blake Byrne Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
*Light Art form Artificial Light*, ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2004 *Huts*, The Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin  
*Across the Border*, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Belgium  
*Rhinegold: Art from Cologne*, Tate Liverpool

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- 2003 *Outlook. International Art Exhibition*, Athens  
*Actionbutton*, Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin  
Exit...Stepping out of the Picture, ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2002 *From ZERO to 2002. Contemporary Art from the Siegfried Weishaupt*, Froehlich, FER, and Grasslin Collections, ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2001 *Free Port*, Magasin 3, Stockholm  
*Vom Eindruck zum Ausdruck*, Grässlin Collection, Deichtorhallen, Hamburg,
- 1999 *Gegenwartskunst in Deutschland*, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany  
Die Schule von Athen - deutsche Kunst heute, Athens
- 1998 mai 98, Kunsthalle Köln, Cologne
- 1997 *Display*, Charlottenborg Ausstellungshalle, Kopenhagen  
*Home Sweet Home*, Deichtorhallen, Hamburg  
*La modernité et la Côte d'Azur*, Villa Arson, Nice
- 1996 *Glockengeschrei nach Deutz. Das Beste aller Seiten*, organized by Daniel Buchholz, Christopher Müller and Cosima von Bonin, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne  
*NowHere (Incandescent)*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark  
*nach Weimar*, Kunstsammlung zu Weimar & Neues Museum Weimar
- 1995 *Inaugural Film Screening*, organized by Sharon Lockhart with Morgan Fisher, Eo Harper and Daniel Marlos ACME, Los Angeles
- 1994 *Woodstock Festival*, Saugherties, New York.  
*von Bonin von Heyl*, Fine Tyson, Borgmann-Petzel Gallery, New York  
*Sonne München*, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne
- 1993 *Parallax View: New York - Köln*, P.S.1 Museum & Goethe House, New York  
*Kontext Kunst*, Künstlerhaus Graz  
*Frauenkunst - Männerkunst*, Kunstverein Kippenberger / Museum Fridericianum, Kassel

## SELECTED FILMS AND VIDEOS

- 2005 Hundeschule  
C & P: Cosima von Bonin & Kölnischer Kunstverein
- 2001 Alles Roger Commander  
60 min / 2001  
C & P: Cosima von Bonin & Hamburger Kunstverein
- 1996 30 Millions d'Amis  
45 min / 1996

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Starring: Kai Althoff, Cosima von Bonin, Klaus von Lucke, Michael Krebber, among others  
C & P: Kai Althoff & Cosima von Bonin

- 1995 Geschworen Hat Sich's Damals Leicht  
24 min / 1995  
Starring: Ingeborg Gabriel, Assawin Gethutaworn, Justus Köhncke, Albert Gabriel, Michaela Eichwald among others  
C & P: Kai Althoff & Cosima von Bonin
- 1991 Die Fröhliche Wallfahrt / The Merry Pilgrimage  
Super 8 / 14 min / 1991  
Starring: Mayo Thompson, Charline von Heyl, Michael Krebber, Josef Strau, Bruno Brunnet, Josef Zehrer among others  
C & P: Cosima von Bonin

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