

GASPER JEMEC Biography

Gasper Jemec was born on 25th of October 1975 in Kranj, Slovenia, Yugoslavia. He enrolled at the Academy of Fine Arts in Ljubljana, where he studied painting and new medias both as an undergraduate and as a graduate student. Jemec also did graduate work in painting at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania in America. As a Herder scholarship winner of Alfred Toepfer Stiftung FVS from Hamburg, he further trained in sculpture at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna. His work has been widely exhibited in solo and group shows all over the world, from Slovenia to America, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, Spain, and Sweden. He has resided and worked in Indiana, Los Angeles, New York, Vienna, Hamburg, Sakaide, Valencia and Moscow.

Gasper Jemec is an artist whose work is both timeless and unique. The son of a painter and of an art historian, he became aware of his own creativity at a precocious age and has devoted his life to cultivating his restless and experimental nature. Jemec's multi-media work is both sensual and cerebral, and he blends technology with tradition in order to manipulate texture, color and light in new and stimulating ways. Jemec often works in several disciplines at one time, freely moving from painting to sculpture, photography, and installation. In some works he demonstrates a virtuosity of color; in others it is the absence of color which makes an aesthetic or philosophical gesture. Jemec constantly alters his materials and techniques to imbue each phase of his career with freshness and mystique. His explorations include canvases in viscose acrylic gelatine, which demonstrate the push-pull between control and chance, using the material's transparency and fluidity to create spontaneous shapes or fractals. Jemec has also transformed the act of painting with a new medium that debates the integrity and completeness of a work of art. He reproduces a painted image as a print on Plexiglass, which is lit from behind. The image can be optically assembled and disassembled at the viewer's whim, with details emphasized or enlarged. Jemec has thus replaced the passive painting on canvas with a revolutionary, active canvas, creating an illusion of endless possibilities and unlimited space.

EDUCATION

2002-2004

Academy of Fine Arts, University of Ljubljana, MA studies in Videoart with Prof. Sreco Dragan, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2001-2002

University of Vienna, University of Fine Arts, Two semesters of MA studies in sculpturing with Prof. Gerda Fassel, Vienna, Austria

1999

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, A semester of MA studies in painting with Prof. Voughn Clay, PA, USA

1998-2000

Academy of Fine Arts, University of Ljubljana, Completed second year of MA studies in painting with Prof. Bojan Gorenek, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1994-1998

Academy of Fine Arts, University of Ljubljana, Academy painter, received BA in painting under the supervision of Prof. Gustav Gnamus, studied with Prof. Janez Bernik and Prof. Gustav Gnamus, Ljubljana, Slovenia

SELECTED AWARDS AND GRANTS

2008

Research Grant, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2005

Special Invitation, *ESSL AWARD Slovenia 05*, Moderna galerija, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2004

2nd Prize, *Art Compo Kagawa Biennial 2004*, Takamatsu, Japan

2002-2004

City of Ljubljana, *Scholarship for talented students*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2001-2002

Alfred Toepfer Foundation Hamburg und University of Vienna, *Herder's Scholarship*, Vienna, Austria

1999

1st Prize, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix '99*, Sakaide Civic Art Museum, Sakaide, Japan

Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, *Scholarship for a stay and work at a New York atelier*, NY, USA

Academy of Fine Arts, University of Ljubljana and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, *Exchange Scholarship for a semester of MFA studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA*

1998-2000

Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, *Scholarship and co-financing of MFA studies at the Academy of Fine Arts*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1998

1st Prize, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix '98*, Sakaide Civic Art Museum, Sakaide, Japan

1996-1998

Republic Office of Employment of Republic of Slovenia, *The Zois Scholarship for talented students*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

SELECTED INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

2009

Aleksey Kozyr's Gallery CEH V, Contemporary Art Centre Vinzavod, *The Fountains Of Paradise*, Moscow, Russia

2008

Visconti Fine Art, Gallery Passage, *The Voyage*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Gallery Narodni dom, *Turbulence / Turbolenze*, Triest, Italy

Gorenje Gallery, *Gasper Jemec*, Velenje, Slovenia

2007

Visconti Fine Art, Gallery Passage, *New Paintings*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Public space; Vitrine of Gimnasium Joze plecnik, *The Harbour*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Schwarz Gallery, *Snow Leopard*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2006

Art Center Berlin, *Mental Screen; Painting and Sculpture*, Berlin, Germany

Visconti Fine Art, Gallery Passage, *Latitudes*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Wiener Börse, *Go International; European Art Exhibition: Gasper Jemec*, Vienna, Austria

2005

Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. and Goethe-Institute Hamburg, *Turbulences of Shadows; Contemporary Art from Slovenia*, Hamburg, Germany

Domzale Gallery, *Gasper Jemec*, Domzale, Slovenia

Finzgar Gallery, *Sovereign*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Nova Gorica City Gallery, *Multimedia works*, Nova Gorica, Slovenia

2004

Space Sakaide Gallery, *Gasper Jemec*, Sakaide, Japan

Interart Gallery, *Gladina odseva*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Compilation 2112m² Europe, Galerie am Hauptplatz, *Slowenien: Gasper Jemec and Marjeta Godler*, Hainburg/Donau, Austria

Villa Bled, *Gladina odseva*, Bled, Slovenia

Siebensterngalerie Ruth Maier, *Unsichtbare Maschinen*, Vienna, Austria

Krka Gallery, *Gasper Jemec*, Novo mesto, Slovenia

Sikoronja Gallery, *Gasper Jemec & Jochen Traar*, Rosegg, Austria

Gallery ZDSLJU, *Logicne mreze*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2003

MuseumsQuartier Wien, Quartier 21 / Piroshka rev, *Where do we begin (with Sylva Smejkalova)*, Vienna, Austria

Murska Sobota Gallery, *Turbulences of Shadows*, Murska Sobota, Slovenia

Lek Gallery, *Pearls Strewn Around*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Museum Jesenice, Gallery Manor Kos, *Geography of Memory*, Jesenice, Slovenia

2002

Keleia Gallery, *Modelling Natural Phenomena*, Celje, Slovenia

Siebenstern Ruth Maier Gallery, *Deny Nothing in Yourself*, Vienna, Austria

Slovenian Cultural Centre Korotan, *LOOKING...ING...ING...*, Vienna, Austria

Slovenian Science Institute in Vienna, *Looking For White*, Vienna, Austria

2001

Gallery TR3, *KRILO_THE WING*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Finzgar Gallery, *Gasper Jemec*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Manhattan Ave., 3L, Brooklyn, *Open studio*, Brooklyn, NY, USA

Stephen Gang Gallery, *Gasper Jemec*, New York, NY, USA

2000

SCC Gallery, *Gasper Jemec*, Lemont, IL, USA

1999

St. Cyril's Church, *THE WING*, New York, NY, USA

L.I.P.A. Gallery, *EUROVISION (Jemec, Pugelj, Zavadlav)*, Washington D.C., USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2009

ART MOSCOW, *Gallery Atelier #2*, Moscow, Russia

Salamatina Gallery, *Group Show 2009*, Manhasset, NY, USA

Gallery Belyaev, *LUX&LUXE; Light and Luxury*, Moscow, Russia

2008

Slovenian Science Institute in Vienna, *Paths to Europe*, Vienna, Austria

Art Karlsruhe, *Visconti Fine Art*, Karlsruhe, Germany

ART MADRID, *Gallery Lazar Vujic*, Madrid, Spain

European Economic and Social Committee, *WhatNEXT?...Slovenia; Impressions of Infinity – Images from Slovenia; Contemporary Slovenian Art*, Brussels, Belgium

2007

East meets West – West meets East, National museum, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Chelley Mühle, *Chance to Change*, Oslip, Austria

Burgau Castle, *European Masters of Modern Art*, Burgau, Austria

Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix 2007*, Sakaide, Japan

2006

Schwarz Gallery, *Cervantes Art Dulcinium*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Sparkasse Bank and Embassy of Republic of Austria, *Infinite Austria Series*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
La Carboneira Gallery, *Art Dulcinium*, Sevilla, Spain
Klaipeda Art Exhibition Hall, *Signs of the Time*, Klaipeda, Lithuania
Berlaymont, *Berlaymont – summa artis*, Brussels, Belgium
Gallery of Fine Arts, *Art Dulcinium*, Tirana, Albania
Galerija Yubin, *Art Dulcinium*, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro

2005

Sammlung Essl, *Essl Award*, Klosterneuburg / Donau, Vienna, Austria
Real Gallery, *Art Dulcinium*, Ulcinj, Serbia and Montenegro
Sikoronja Gallery, *Soca/Isonzo*, Rosegg, Austria
Kodeljevo Castle, *Green, as I love you greenly*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Space Sakaide Gallery, *Young Slovene Artists 2005*, Sakaide, Japan
Moderna galerija, *ESSL AWARD Slovenia 05*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix 2005*, Sakaide, Japan
Konst på väg, *Green, as I love you, greenly*, Orangeriet, Lövestabruk, Sweden

2004

Art Compo Kagawa Biennial 2004, Takamatsu, Japan
Space Sakaide Gallery, *Slovenian Young Artists 2004*, Sakaide, Japan
Gallery Miklova hisa Ribnica, *2.M – Selected authors, second year postgraduate students at Academy of Fine Arts in Ljubljana*, Ribnica, Slovenia
Kresija Gallery, *MOL-ovi stipendisti mestu Ljubljana*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Slovenian Science Institute in Vienna, *Umetnost povezuje 8&8, 8 slovenskih in 8 avstrijskih mladih umetnikov*, Vienna, Austria
10th International Festival of Computer Arts, *Oxy Jet*, Maribor, Slovenia
OS Vic, *19. Viski salon*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Sikoronja Gallery, *Open House*, Rosegg, Austria
Finzgar Gallery, *Razstava graficnih listov*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix 2004*, Sakaide, Japan
Neustädter Rathaus, *Art Event, Peace and Culture Campaign*, Prague, Czech Republic
Jakopic Gallery, *Podobe onkraj vidnega*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Equrna Gallery, *Recycling the Future/Vivere Venezia 2*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2003

50. La Biennale di Venezia, *Vivere Venezia 2 / Recycling the Future / Friedhof Laguna Racing Team*, Venice, Italy
Forum Stadtpark Graz, *Friendly Fire*, Graz, Austria
Dom HDLU, *Podoba kot presežek vidnega*, Zagreb, Croatia
Zala Gallery, *Graphic Map »4 letni časi - Taja Ivancic in Gasper Jemec«*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Nova Gorica City Gallery, *8 likovnih sanj, 8 mladih slovenskih umetnikov*, Nova Gorica, Slovenia
Eurocenter, Finzgar Gallery, *Graphic Map »8 Young Slovene Artists«*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Finzgar Gallery, *Ljubljančani v Benetkah*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Keleia Gallery, *Viktor Bernik, Taja Ivancic, Gasper Jemec, Arjan Pregl*, Celje, Slovenia
Space Sakaide Gallery, *Slovene Young Artists 2003*, Sakaide, Japan
Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix 2003*, Sakaide, Japan
9th International Festival of Computer Arts, *Where do we Begin (with Sylva Smejkalová)*, Maribor, Slovenia

2002

Gallery Sivceva hisa, Radovljica; Cultural Centre Srečko Kosovel, Sezana; Cultural Centre Ivan Napotnik, Velenje, Slovenia, *Slovenia open for the art*

Finzgar Gallery, *M Shock Society*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Siebenstern Ruth Maier Gallery, *Homo Sapiens – Skulptur im Garten, (Hoffest Wien)*, Vienna, Austria

8th International Festival of Computer Arts, *You and me (with Sylva Smejkalová)*, Maribor, Slovenia

Lukas Knaffel House, *Trans(posit)ion – Performance of Herder scholarship-holders 2001*, Vienna, Austria

ZDSLUGallery, *Exhibition of new members ZDSLUG<35*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2001

Alexie Gallery, *Group show*, New York, NY, USA

Space Sakaide Gallery, *Young Slovene Artists*, Sakaide, Japan

Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix 2001*, Sakaide, Japan

International Centre of Graphic Arts, *Alluring – Painting exhibition*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2000

Palazzo del Ferdinando, MIB ART. *For an Economy of the Eye*, Trieste, Italy

Gallery Miklova hisa Ribnica, *2.S – Selected authors, second year postgraduate students at Academy of Fine Arts in Ljubljana*, Ribnica, Slovenia

6th International Festival of Computer Arts *Words do not do*, Maribor, Slovenia

1999

Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix '99*, Sakaide, Japan

Kipp Gallery, *JEMEC, MATIJEVIC, PUGELJ, ZAVADLAV*, Indiana, PA, USA

TAIEX, *At the Last Minute*, Bruxelles, Belgium

Ljubljana City Gallery, *The revealing presence of the body*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

KCK Gallery, *Travelling without moving*, Tolmin, Slovenia

Gallery in Museum of Skofja Loka, *The revealing presence of the body*, Skofja Loka, Slovenia

Ljubljana City Gallery, *Spaces Beyond Speed and Noise*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1998

Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix '98*, Sakaide, Japan

4th International Festival of Computer Arts, *One Room*, Maribor, Slovenia

Turnac Gallery, Novi Vinodolski, Croatia

1997

Sakaide Civic Art Museum, *Sakaide Art Grand Prix '97*, Sakaide, Japan

Gallery P74, *Microcosmos, where I am growing well*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1994-2000

Academy of Fine Arts, University of Ljubljana, *Student shows*, Ljubljana, Slovenia