

DIETRICH KLINGE



Artist Biography

- 1954 born in Heiligenstadt
- 1958 the family escaped from the GDR to Fritzlar
- 1960 moving to Stuttgart
- 1972 journeys to India, Nepal, Sikkim
- 1973 studies of free graphik at the Staatlichen Akademie der Bildenden Künste in Stuttgart by the professors Peter Grau, Gunter Böhmer and Rudolf Schoofs
- 1979 creation of the first stone sculpture
- 1980 Abschluss in Zeichnung und Graphik
- 1980-84 graduate in drawing and graphics
admission to the studies of sculpting at the Staatlichen Akademie der Bildenden Künste
- Since 1984 works as a self-employed artist
- 1989 first exhibition in Stuttgart
- 1994 Felix-Hollenberg-award for etching
- 1999 Move to Weidelbach

Lives and works in Stuttgart und Weidelbach



Archaic impression

Artist Dietrich Klinge is one of the most established German artists. In his art works, he aspires the presentation and the visualization of the variety of the human being and human body. He realizes this with a gesture, which has an expressive appeal. Most of his works are figures poured out of bronze from a mould, which is partly made out of weathered wood. Thereby, the bronze transports the aura and the open surface character of the old wood. For example, this dealing with the material stands for the variability and ultimately for the evanescence of any earthly existence, too.

His work experiences an exceptional intensity based on the expression of these figures. They are not typed works, which represent a certain culture, but they appear like a cultural overarching, almost archaic seeming entities, which don't fit in the human made borders of a possible culture circle.

Artist Dietrich Klinge gives a high courtesy to the presentation of the human hand as a symbol of creative power. The hand is one of the most evolved, filigree but at the same time most powerful and elementally part of the human body. To live up to the standards of the hand, the hand cycle takes on an important role in his creative work.

Exhibitions (selection)

Solo Exhibitions (starting 2000)

2019	Botanical Garden, Jena, Germany
2018	Bode Gallery Nuremberg, Germany
2017	Christian Daniel Rauch-Museum, Museum, Bad Arolsen, Germany
2016	RathausArt by Bode Gallery, fair, Nuremberg, Germany Eijip-Serie at Bode Project Space@Daegu, South Korea
2015	Skulpturen, Bode Gallery, Nuremberg, Germany Skulpturenmeile, outdoor installation, Ansbach, Germany Et-und, auch, double exhibition in St. Egidien and St. Sebald, Nuremberg, Germany
2014	Paare, Galerie der Stadt Tuttlingen, city gallery, Tuttlingen, Germany Tangere, Kreuzgang des Basler Münster, Muenster, Germany Zámek Slavkov, Austerlitz, Czech republic Sculptures by Dietrich Klinge, Bode Project Space @ Daegu, South Korea
2013	Sitzfiguren, Bode Gallery, Nuremberg, Germany
2013	Blickachsen 9 - Dietrich Klinge in Kloster Eberbach, Exhibition, Eberbach, Germany
2008	Archäologischer Garten zwischen Römer und Dom, Exhibition, Frankfurt a. M., Germany Musei della Maremma, Provincia di Grosseto, Italy
2007	Galerieverein Leonberg with M. Storz, gallery association, Leonberg, Germany
2005	Museum Küppersmühle Sammlung Grothe, Museum, Duisburg, Germany Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
2003	Stadtkirche Darmstadt, city church, Darmstadt, Germany
2002	DRK Krankenhaus Westend Berlin with R. Szymanski (exhibition), Berlin, Germany

Group Exhibitions (starting 2000)

2019	Bode Gallery, Nuremberg, Germany Kunsthalle Schweinfurt, Germany
2018	KIAF, Bode Galerie, Seoul, South Korea
2017	Bode Gallery, Nuremberg, Germany Indang Museum, Daegu, South Korea
2016	Angermuseum (Museum), Erfurt, Germany
2015	Daegu Art Fair by Bode Gallery, Daegu, South Korea KIAF by Bode Gallery, Seoul, South Korea Städtische Galerie Bietigheim-Bissingen (city gallery), Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany Art Busan by Bode Gallery, Busan, South Korea
2014	Daegu Art Fair by Bode Gallery, Daegu, South Korea KIAF by Bode Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
2013	RathausArt by Bode Gallery (fair), Nuremberg, Germany Art Busan by Bode Gallery, South Korea KIAF by Bode Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
2012	based on AD (exhibitor) at Bode Gallery, Nuremberg, Germany
2008	Kunstverein Reutlingen (art club), Reutlingen, Germany
2006	Kunst Zürich (fair), Zurich, Switzerland Städtische Museen Heilbronn, Museum, Heilbronn, Germany Städtische Galerie Neunkirchen, city gallery, Neunkirchen, Germany
2005	Snite Museum of Art, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA Kunsthalle in Emden (art hall), Emden, Germany Städtische Museen, museum, Heilbronn, Germany
2004	Klarissenkloster Pfullingen, Pfullingen, Germany Stadtkirche Darmstadt (city church), Darmstadt, Germany
2003	Zeitgeschichtliches Forum Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany Diözesanmuseum Würzburg, Museum, Würzburg, Germany