

BIOGRAPHY

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## ARTIST

## Michael Schnabel

Born in 1966, Michael Schnabel studied photography in Darmstadt. He now lives and works in Hochdorf, in southern Germany. It was during an extended stay in San Francisco that he began photographing the landscape, with a radically new approach. Cities, deserts, ice, mountains and skies, the photographer transforms these landscapes with a documentary precision but also a lyrical breath that reminds of romantic painting. He is also known for being a perfectionist in the care he gives to his prints. His Stille Berge series, mountains photographed in the night with a velvety black appearance, was nominated for the Prix Voies Off in Arles in 2011 and Weisses Land won the Brita Award in 2012. His work is regularly exhibited, as in the retrospective show held at the Osthaus Museum in Hagen in 2011, and resulted in several publications. In 2007, Schnabel was named substitute professor of photography at the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences, Department of Design.

Also a renowned commercial photographer and winner of numerous awards, he created over the years a series of personal work, clearly identifiable and of a spectacular beauty, which questions the landscape and the relationships between humans and nature.

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## SOLO SHOW

2027

Michael Schnabel, Works, Alfred Ehrhardt Stiftung, Berlin

2026

Michael Schnabel, Gallery Esther Woerdehoff, Paris

2025

Silence is intent, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Galerie Stephan Witschi Zürich (CH)

2024

Bäume, Central Lichtspiele, (avec Gerhard Rießbeck), Bad Windsheim

2016

Mars, Milan

2015

Weisses Land, Ito Project Space, Stuttgart

2013

Weisses Land, Widmer &amp; Theodoridis Contemporary, Zürich

Nachtstücke, Galerie Persiehl und Heine, Hamburg

Nachtstücke, Kunsthau, Wiesbaden

2012

Recent work, (avec Ursula Kraft) Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris

2011

Nachtstücke, Weisses Land, Œuvres 2001- 2010, Osthaus Museum, Hagen

2008

Photographies du Silence, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris

2006

Stille Berge, Widmer &amp; Theodoridis, Zürich

Nachtarbeiten, Visual gallery, Photokina, Köln

Stille Berge, Fotoforum, Bozen

2005

Stille Berge, Rotonda/Galerie Zander, Köln

Stille Berge, Alpines Museum, München

2004

Cages, Bank, Los Angeles

## GROUP SHOW

2026

Photo Basel, Art Fair with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff (FRA)

Photo London, Art Fair with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff (FRA)

Art Photo Salon, Designhaus Mathildenhöhe Darmstadt

Art Paris, Art Fair with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff (FRA)

MIA Photo, Milano, Art Fair with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff (FRA)

Art Karlsruhe, with Gallery Persiehl &amp; Heine

2025

Paris Photo, Art Fair with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff (FRA)

Art Photo Salon, Hamburg &amp; Frankfurt

Photo Basel, Photo Basel with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff

Art Photo Salon, Designhaus Mathildenhöhe Darmstadt

Radikal, OFF Foto Festival Mannheim

Une Image Une Histoire, Signatures Gallery, Paris

Art Karlsruhe, Art Fair with Galerie Persiehl &amp; Heine (DE)

2024

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris

2023

Touche, EMOP Berlin

2019

Beyond the sphere of reproduction, Artron Art Center, Shenzhen, China

100 Years DFA, Deichtorhallen, Hamburg

2018

Kunst Landschaft Tirol, Museum Kitzbuehel, Oesterreich

Jenseits des Dokumentarischen, Galaxy Museum of Contemporary

Art, Chongqing, China / Städtische Galerie, Iserlohn / Sanya Museum of

Contemporary Art, China

2017

Beyond the sphere of reproduction, White Box Museum of Art Beijing

Mizhi Cave House International Photography Art Festival, Shaanxi, China

Jenseits des Dokumentarischen, Allemagne/Chine, catalogue

2015

Photo Beijing, Beijing World Art Museum, Peking

2014

Die Alpen in der Fotografie, Vorarlbergmuseum, Bregenz

2013

White Photography, Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam

Neuland, Kunsthalle Emden

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris

2011

Impossible Exhibition, Küper Galleries, Caochangdi Photospring, Arles à Beijing

Voies Off screening, Arles

Horizonte, Fotofestival Zingst

Das Tirol Panorama, Tiroler Landesmuseen, Innsbruck, exposition permanente

AIPAD New York, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff

Michael Schnabel, 2001- 2010, Osthaus Museum (monographie), catalogue

2010

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff

Im Verborgenen, F/STOP Fotofestival, Leipzig-Portable Nation, Fondazione Fish

2009

Es werde Dunkel!, Stadtgalerie Kiel und Kunstmuseum Mühlheim a.d. Ruhr

Waterscapes, Prix de la Photographie, Farmani Gallery, New York

2008

Art Hong Kong, Galerie Photonet

AIPAD New York, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff

Art Cologne, Galerie Photonet

2007

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff

Ziemlich hoch - Das Alpine in der zeitgenössischen Fotografie,

Kunsthaus Kaufbeuren

2006

Tiefes Licht, Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven

Internationales Photo Festival, Xining, China

Licht in der Architektur, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart

2005

Photo London, Galerie Photonet

Aqua Art Miami, Bank

Work on Paper, bank, Los Angeles

Die Kunst der Kommunikation, Pinakothek der Moderne, München

Fokus 0711, Württembergischer Kunstverein, Stuttgart

2004

Lichtwiesen Inszenierte Landschaften, Designhaus Mathildenhöhe, Darmstadt

LA Photo ; Bank, Los Angeles

Scope, Bank, Los Angeles

Michael Schnabel, Stille Berge, Livre et catalogue de la série du même nom  
(monographie)

Michael Schnabel, Cages, catalogue de l'exposition (monographie)

AWARDS /  
RESIDENCIES

2017

200 Best Advertising Photographers, Lürzer's Archiv  
 IPA Awards, First Place In Automotive Advertising  
 PX3 Awards, Gold in Advertising  
 One Eyeland, Best Of The Best  
 AOP Award

2016

PDN Award / Annual Award  
 PX3 / Silver Award  
 Econ Award / Corporate Image Campaign  
 200 Best Digital Artists Worldwide / Luerzer's Archiv

2015

200 Best Advertising Photographers Worldwide / Luerzer's Archiv  
 AOP Award / Nomination  
 Los Angeles ADDY Award / 1x Silver, 1x Bronze  
 Art Fair Turin / Mars Award

2014

AOP Award / Nomination  
 BFF-Magazin / 1x Gold  
 200 Best Digital Artists / Luerzer's Archiv

2013

Communication Arts / Award Of Excellence  
 PX3 Award 2013 / 2x Gold, 1x Bronze  
 One Eyeland / 2x Silver, 2x Bronze & 1x Finalist  
 Sony World Photographers Award / Shortlist

2012

German Photobook Award / Silver  
 Brita Fine Art Prize  
 200 best advertising photographers worldwide / Luerzer's Archiv  
 AOP Awards / Nomination  
 ADC NY / Bronze  
 ADC Germany / Award  
 PDN Annual / 2x Award  
 PDN Curator / Award

2011

BFF (Bund Freischaffender Fotodesigner), 2x silver award  
 Prix Voies off, Photography Festival of Arles, nomination  
 AOP (Association of Photographers) Awards, nomination

2010

BFF, Prix du mérite  
 Lürzer's Archiv, 200 best ad photographer worldwide  
 PDN Annual Awards, lauréat  
 Communication Arts, Prix d'excellence

2009

Waterscapes, Prix de la Photographie, Farmani Gallery, New York  
 International Photography Awards / Lucy foundation, premier prix  
 International Photography Awards, nomination "photographer of the year"  
 European architectural photoprize, lauréat  
 World Photographer Award, shortlist  
 AOP Awards, nomination  
 Prix de la Photographie, PX 3 Water competition, honorable mentions

2008

ADC (Art Directors Club) NY, 2x merit award  
 ADC Germany, lauréat  
 World Photographers Awards, finaliste  
 AOP, bronze

2007

AOP, bronze et nominations

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 COLLECTIONS

Kunstmuseum Stuttgart  
 Vorarlberg Museum, Bregenz  
 Landesmuseum, Land Tirol  
 Sammlung F.C. Gundlach / Haus der Photographie / Deichtorhallen  
 BW Bank

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 PUBLICATIONS

2013

Das bisschen Restlicht, par Marc Peschke, FAZ

2012

Im Dunkel mondloser Naechte, par Ulrike Brandenburg, Main Spitze  
 Michael Schnabel White Land, par Séverine Morel, Le Journal de la  
 Photographie  
 Kunstpreis für Michael Schnabel, par Burkhard Maus, art-magazin.de

2011

The Real Thing, British journal of photography  
 Wenn Licht ins Radikale gelenkt wird, par Andreas Thiemann, Westfalenpost  
 Radikale Fotografie und Bilder mit Innenleben, par Yvonne Hinz, Westfalenpost  
 Licht bei Nacht, par Thomas Hirsch, Trailer  
 Der Fotograf Michael Schnabel, par Sabina Paries, Photonews, No. 10/11

2010

Stille Berge, Exit # 38  
 Lakes, Spread Art Culture #5

2009

Uschi Loigge, Belichtetes Dunkel im Kunstraum, Kleine Zeitung, Kärnten

2007

Kate Doyle, Michael Schnabel: In Depth, Image Magazine (Londres), Issue 386  
 (november 2007)  
 Pool, Stille Berge Portfolio and Interview, No. 19

2006

Südtiroler Wochenmagazin, Dunkle Berge (5 october 2006)  
 ORF TV Interview et Portrait  
 Stille Berge, par Anne Kotzan, Photo International, No. 5  
 Nightmountains, Spread Art Culture, No. 1  
 Stille Berge, par Thomas Schirmböck, Profifoto (october 2006)  
 Even, Portfolio, No. 3/06

2005

Michael Schnabel Stille Berge, par Anne Kotzan, Photo Presse, No. 51/52  
 (december 2005)  
 Michael Schnabel, Fine Art Printer, Portfolio et Interview (3 march 2005)  
 Stille Berge, par Andreas Langen, Stuttgarter Zeitung (8 march 2005)  
 Michael Schnabel, par Tina Ackermann, Nikon News, No. 1  
 Stille Berge, par Andreas Langen, Photo News, No. 2

2004

Märchenhaft und faszinierend, Mannheimer Morgen, par Eva Maria Mayer  
 (20 october 2004)  
 Die nachtschwarze Ruhe der Gipfel, par Rheinpfalz Zeitung, Dietrich Wappler  
 (29 september 2004)  
 Rhein-Neckar Zeitung In der Nacht sind alle Berge grau, Milan Chlumsky  
 (29 september 2004)  
 Tema Celeste, Michael Schnabel Nys Shana Dambrot (july/august 2004)  
 Michael Schnabel at Bank, Artsjournal.com, par Tyler Green (21 april 2004)  
 8 Stars der deutschen Werbung, Photo Technik International, par Anne Kotzan,  
 Nummer 3 (may/june 2004)  
 Michael Schnabel, Art Scene, par Anne Martens, Vol.23 No.8 (april 2004)

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2017

Beyond the sphere of reproduction, Bietigheim, Pekin, exhibition catalogue

2013

Die Alpen in der Fotografie, Galerie Stihl Waiblingen, exhibition catalogue  
 Neuland - Künstler als Entdecker, Kunsthalle Emden, exhibition catalogue  
 Shape The Scape, exhibition catalogue

2012

Wasser - Linien - Perspektiven, Price Brita Art

2011

Nightscares / Weisses Land, Work 2001 - 2010, Osthaus Museum, Hagen,  
 exhibition catalogue  
 64/87, Photography in the fast lane, Galerie der Stadt Sindelfingen,  
 exhibition catalogue

2010

Impossiblelexhibiton, Arles, exhibition catalogue

2008

Stille Landschaften, Museen der Stadt Lüdenscheid, exhibition catalogue  
 Horizonte Zingst, catalogue for the festival

2006

Tiefes Licht, Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, exhibition catalogue

Visual Gallery, Photokina, exhibition catalogue

Leuchtende Bauten, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, exhibition catalogue

2005

Fokus 0711“- Fotosommer Stuttgart, exhibition catalogue

Lichtwiesen Inszenierte Landschaften, exhibition catalogue

2004

Stille Berge, livre et catalogue, monography

Cages, catalogue d'exposition, monography

1999

Zeit Blicke, 30 Jahre BFF, exhibition catalogue