

MICHAEL BIBERSTEIN (1948-2013)

Born in Solothurn, Switzerland, in 1948, in 1964 he moved to the United States.

At Swarthmore College in Philadelphia, he met David Sylvester under whom he studied the History of Art. After living in the United States and Switzerland, he moved in 1979 to Portugal, where he spent most of his life until his sudden death in 2013.

A self-taught painter, since the 1970s his works have been exhibited all over the world and are to be found in the collections of contemporary art museums and foundations, including: the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía in Madrid, the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Centre for Contemporary Art in Lisbon, the Serralves Foundation in Oporto, and the Museu Coleção Berardo in Lisbon.

SOLO SHOWS

- 2022 **Michael Biberstein**, Giorgio Persano, Torino
- 2020 **Seeing**, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, Espace Marais, Paris
- 2018 **Michael Biberstein: X, a retrospective**, Fundação Caixa Geral de Depósitos – Culturgest, Lisbon
Glider, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger Lisbon, Lisbon
- 2016 **A Sky for Santa Isabel**, Santa Isabel Church, Lisbon
Michael Biberstein, Galerie Rosenberg, Zürich
Paysage en apothéose, Galerie Jaeger Bucher, Paris
- 2015 **Michael Biberstein**, Giorgio Persano, Torino
A Luz de Lisboa, Torreão Poente do Terreiro do Paço, Lisbon
Quinte Essence, Galerie Jaeger Bucher, Paris
Nocturnal images, Aargauer Kunstverein, Aargau
- 2014 **A Sky For Michael Biberstein**, Galerie Jaeger Bucher, Paris
- 2013 Galerie Rosenberg, Zürich
- 2012 Galeria Cristina Guerra, Lisbon
- 2011 **Clusters and Targets**, Galerie Tanit, Munich
Flatland Redux, Guimarães
Aqui e Além, with Rui Sanches; Pavilhão Branco, Lisbon
- 2010 **From Blue to Red and Back Again**, St. Josef, Solothurn
project for the ceiling of Santa Isabel – maquette; Appleton Square, Lisbon
- 2009 Galerie Jaeger Bucher, Paris
Galerie Jamileh Weber, Zürich
Galeria Pedro Oliveira, Porto
works on paper, Appleton Square, Lisbon
- 2008 Cristina Guerra, Lisbon
Kunsthhaus St. Josef, Solothurn
- 2007 Galeria Pedro Oliveira, Porto
Galerie Tanit, Munich
- 2006 Galerie Cristina Guerra, Lisbon
Galeria Miguel Marcos, Barcelona
Galerie Staffelbach, Aarau
CAM, Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon
- 2005 Galerie Tanit, Munich
Kunsthhaus St. Josef, Solothurn
- 2004 Galerie Jamileh Weber, Zurich
Galeria Cristina Guerra, Lisbon
- 2003 **Compresores y Aceleradores**, Museo Extremeño de Arte Contemporanea, Bada-joz
Galerie Staffelbach, Lenzburg
- 2002 **works on paper**, Gersag Gallery, Emmen

- Kunsthalle Helmhaus, Zurich
Kunsthhaus St.Josef, Solothurn
- 2001 **...towards silence**, Center for Contemporary Art Rudolfinum, Prague
The Compulsive Image, Kunsthalle Tallinn
Kunsthalle, Brno
Pablo Stähli Gallery, Zurich
Staffelbach Gallery, Lenzburg (with Hugo Suter)
- 1999 Tanit Gallery, Munich
Pedro Oliveira Gallery, Porto
Jiri Svestka Gallery, Prague
Cesar Gallery, Lisbon
- 1998 Luís Serpa Gallery, Lisbon
Drawings and Prints, Pablo Stähli Gallery, Zurich
Kunsthalle, Brno
- 1997 Continua Gallery, San Gimignano (with Juan Muñoz)
Horizons (wall-drawings), Cultura Centre, Paraty (Brazil)
Gefärbte Wasser und Horizonte, Institute for Modern Art, Nürnberg
Svestka Gallery, Prague
Two Indians Show, Gallery Staffelbach, Lenzburg (with Christoph Gossweiler)
Mainly Monochromes, Vogel + Gloor Gallery, Aarau
Haldemann Gallery, Bernee
- 1996 Pedro Oliveira Gallery, Porto
Pablo Stähli Gallery, Zurich
Assirio & Alvim Gallery, Lisbon
Roberto Medici Gallery, Solothurn
Marianne Grob Gallery, Berlin
- 1995 **Ganzfelder (All-over fields)**, Kunstverein Heilbronn
Stirnwände (Headwalls), Kunstverein Freiburg
Der Erste Farbsatz und die Sieben Grossformate (The First Color Set and the Seven Large Formats), Kunsthalle Winterthur
Paint it Black (with Fernando Calhau), Museum of Contemporary Art, Funchal
Drawings (with Fernando Calhau) Porta 33, Funchal
Sander + Ebert Gallery, Darmstadt
Pablo Stähli Gallery, Zurich
A Difícil Travessia dos Alpes, Center for Contemporary Art, Fundação Gulbenkian, Lisbon
Aspects of Landscape (with Ian McKiever), Al Bustan, Beirut
- 1994 Tanit Gallery, Munich
Pablo Stähli Gallery, Zurich
Gisele Linder Gallery, Basel
Pedro Oliveira Gallery, Porto
Tanit Gallery, Cologne
Medici Gallery, Solothurn
- 1993 Lüpke Gallery, Frankfurt
Art Center Klingentalgraben, Basel
Comicos-Serpa Gallery, Lisbon
- 1992 Montenay Gallery, Paris
Pablo Stähli Gallery, Zurich
Vom Sitzen und vom Fliegen – eine Landschaftsübersicht (About Sitting and Flying – an Overview of Landscape), Museum of Art Solothurn, Solothurn
Das Grosse Anziehende und die Unendliche Weite (The Great Attractor and the Big Wide), Kunstverein Salzburg
Tanit Gallery, Munich

- 1991 Marga Paz Gallery, Madrid
On Vernet, Landscape, the Sublime and the Beautiful, and what Relevance they might still have to Contemporary Art, National Museum of Ancient Art, Lisbon
 Lüpke Gallery, Frankfurt
 Comicos-Serpa Gallery, Lisbon
 Gallery Xavier Hufkens, Brussels
- 1990 Lang & O'Hara Gallery, New York
 Gallery Tanit, Munich
- 1989 **Die Apotheose des Menschlichen Geistes im Sehen der Landschaft**, Kunstverein for the Rhinelands und Westfalia, Düsseldorf
- 1988 Xavier Hufkens Gallery, Brussels
 Comicos Gallery, Lisbon
- 1987 Marga Paz Gallery, Madrid
Algumas Imagens de Sintra Moirisca, National Palace, Sintra (photographs)
- 1986 Lydia Megert Gallery, Berne
- 1983 Peter Noser Gallery, Zurich
 Lydia Megert Gallery, Berne
- 1982 Wittenbrink Gallery, Regensburg
- 1981 Arta, Lisbon
 Centro de Artes Plasticas, Coimbra, Portugal
- 1980 Erika + Otto Friedrich Gallery, Berne
- 1979 Kunstraum Annette Baak, Cologne
 Modulo Gallery, Porto
 Modulo Gallery, Lisbon
- 1978 Lydia Megert Gallery, Berne
 Erika + Otto Friedrich Gallery, Berne
- 1974 Medici Gallery, Solothurn

GROUP SHOWS

- 2018 **Tobey-Biberstein**, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, St Germain Space, Paris, France
- 2017 **Whispers from the Earth**, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, St Germain Space, Paris
Corps et Ames – Un regard prospectif, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, MaraisSpace, Paris, France
Passion de l'Art – Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger depuis 1925, Musée Granet, Aix-en-Provence, France
- 2016 **Dialogue IX**, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, Marais Space, Paris, France
Dialogue VII, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, St Germain Space, Paris, France
About Painting, from the 1940s until today, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, Paris, France
- 2015 **Quinte-Essence, air • water • earth • fire • ether, from Primitive Arts until today**, Galerie Jeanne Bucher Jaeger, Paris
- 2013 **Arborescences**, Galerie Jaeger Bucher, Paris ART BRUSSELS, with Galerie Jaeger Bucher
- 2012 **Flatland(Reduct)**.
 Centro Cultural Vila Flor, Guimaraes, Portugal
- 2009 **Arte e Natura**, Museo Villa dei Cedri, Bellinzona, Italy

- 2008 **Expansion – Résonance**, Galerie Jaeger Bucher, Paris, France
Von der Kunst, Sträuße zu binden, Kunstmuseum Solothurn, Solothurn, Switzerland
Linha de horizonte, Museo de Arte Moderna, São Paulo, Brasil
- 2007 Galerie Jamileh Weber, Zurich, Switzerland
Homage to Gérard Verdeijk, Centre Mitterrand, Périgueux, France
- 2006 **La tentation de l'orient**, Galerie Jeanne Bucher, Paris, France
- 2004 **Homage to Peter Kneubühler - Gut zum Druck**, Helmhaus, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2003 **Comment Rester Zen**, Centre Culturel Suisse, Paris, France
Bernard Lüthi, Jean Mauboulès, Michael Biberstein, Haus der Kunst St. Josef, Solothurn, Switzerland
- 2002 **Na paisagem**, Fundação Serralves, Museu de Évora, Évora, Portugal
Argumentos do Futuro, Fundación ICO, Madrid; Caja San Fernando, Sevilla, Spain
- 2000 **Landschaften eines Jahrhunderts**, Sammlung Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1999 **Schöpfung, Diözesanmuseum Freising**, Munich, Germany
Landgang, Galerie Fabian Walter, Basel, Switzerland
Paisagens no Singular, Museu Malhoa, Caldas da Rainha, Portugal ; Museu Grão Vasco, Viseu, Portugal, Museu de Évora, Évora, Portugal
- 1998 **Longe e perto**, Painters Union, Kiev, Ukraine
Die Spur des Sublimen, Kunsthalle Kiel, Kiel, Germany; Kunstraum Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria; Kunstmuseum Esbjerg, Esbjerg, Denmark
Expo '98, Portuguese Pavilion, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1997 **Voglio vedere i miei montagne**, Kunsthau Aarau, Aarau, Switzerland
Die Schwerkraft der Berge, Kunsthalle Krems, Krems, Austria
- 1996 **In Un Altra Terra**, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italy
Galerie Tanit, Munich, Germany
- 1995 **Ernte Spiele - Die Romantik in der Deutschen Kunst, 1790 - 1990**, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
Wasser und Wein, Kunsthalle Krems, Krems, Austria
Margarete Roeder Gallery, New York, New York, USA
- 1994 **Fragments para um museu imaginário**, Museu de Serralves, Porto, Portugal
Do sublime, Museu do Chiado, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1993 **In Nebel aufgelöste Wasser des Stromes**, Alte Pinakothek, Munich, Germany
Biberstein, Mauboulès, Stern, RAM Gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

- 1992 **Documenta IX**, Kassel, Germany
Silence into Light, Watari-Um Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
 FLAD, Fundação Gulbenkian, Lisbon, Portugal
In Nebel aufgelöste Wasser des Stromes, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany
Geteilte Bilder - Das Diptychon in der Modernen Kunst, Folkwangmuseum, Essen, Germany
- 1991 **Europalia: Triptico**, Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Gent, Belgium
- 1990 **Arcangelo, Biberstein, McKeever**, Galerie Barbaro, Paris, France
Works on Paper, Lang & O'Hara Gallery, New York, USA
Biberstein, Lanhas, Sanches, Galeria Alda Cortez, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1988 **Signaturen**, Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Gent, Belgium
Australian Biennale, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia
Artists books, Galerie Michelle Zeller, Bern, Switzerland ; Galería Marga Paz, Madrid, Spain ;
 Madrid Colección, Madrid, Spain ; Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Gent, Belgium
- 1987 **Offenes Ende - Junge Schweizer Kunst**, Nürnberg, Germany
 Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, USA
- 1986 Galeria Valentim de Carvalho, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1983 **Das Prinzip Hoffnung**, Kunstmuseum Bochum, Germany
- 1982 **Biberstein, Lüthi, Mauboulès**, Kunstverein Solothurn, Switzerland
- 1981 **Aspekte Junger Schweizer Kunst**, Städtische Galerie Regensburg, Germany
- 1980 **Biberstein, Renz, Stäuble**, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
22 Artistas Suíços, Galeria Nacional de Arte Moderna, Lisbon, Portugal
Biberstein, Frenzel, Mauboulès, Galerie Buchmann, St. Gallen, Switzerland
- 1979 **Pozarek, Nyffenegger, Mattes, Ingold, Frenzel, Brand, Biberstein, Berger**, Kunsthalle Bern,
 Switzerland
Europa '79, Hetzler, Müller, Galerie Schurr, Stuttgart, Germany
Biberstein, Frenzel, Mauboulès, Kunstmuseum Olten, Switzerland
Lis '79, Galeria Nacional de Arte Moderna, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1976 **Aspekte aus neueren Solothurner Sammlungen**, Kunstmuseum Solothurn, Switzerland