

NOT VITAL

Born 1948 in Sent, Engadine, Switzerland

Lives and works in Beijing (China), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Sent (Switzerland)

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025

Tirando onda, Museum of Contemporary Art, Niterói, Brazil

Qué hace el viento cuando no sopla?, projectoamil, Lima, Peru

The Self, Wilde, Geneva, Switzerland

2024

Contemplating, Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

Silence, Galerie Tschudi, Zurich, Switzerland

Contemplaciones, Galerie Nordenhake Mexico City, Mexico

2023

Selbstporträts (with Clay Hernandez), Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

2022

Paintings, Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

10 Paintings, Galerie Urs Meile, Beijing, China

Ad agosto ritornano le rondini, Alfonso Artiaco, Naples, Italy

A vida é um detalhe, Nara Roesler, São Paulo, Brazil

Fine Fain, Stalla Madulain, Madulain, Switzerland

2021

Paintings, Thaddaeus Ropac, London, United Kingdom

SCARCH, Abbazia di San Giorgio, Collateral Events, Biennale Architettura 2021, Venice, Italy

Not Vital, Museum Langmatt, Baden, Switzerland

snow & water & ice, Alma Zevi, Venice, Italy

88 & 8 & 8, Wilde, Geneva, Switzerland

2020

NOT VITAL. Ir, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria

SCARCH, Hauser & Wirth Somerset, Bruton, UK

2019

Bun di Basel, Wilde, Basel, Switzerland

Let One Hundred Flowers Bloom, Galerie Andrea Caratsch, St Moritz, Switzerland

Che fasch?, Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland

2018

Galerie Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland

Ateneum, Helsinki, Finland *

Keramic, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

Saudade, Galeria Nara Roesler, São Paulo, Brazil

2017

Poles, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Pantin-Paris, France

Galerie Forsblom, Stockholm, Sweden

NAIV, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz, Switzerland

Bronzes, 107, S-chanf, Switzerland
Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Univers privat, Bündner Kunstmuseum Chur, Chur, Switzerland
Split. Mirror, Light. Reflection, Schauwerk Sindelfingen, Sindelfingen, Germany
Stalla Madulain, Madulain, Switzerland

2016

12+2+1, Art Bärtschi & Cie, Geneva, Switzerland
Vital Sculptures, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield, UK
Muntognas, Ordovas, London, UK

2015

Bellaval, Kloster Schoenthal Foundation, Switzerland
700 SNOWBALLS, Galerie Andrea Caratsch, St. Moritz, Switzerland
Paço Imperial, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Esculturas & desenhos, Galeria Nara Roesler, Brazil

2014

Tanter, Cabinet d'Arts Graphiques, Musées d'Art et d'Histoire, Geneva, Switzerland
Galería Patricia Ready, Santiago, Chile
ALLENDE by NOT VITAL, Ejercicios Mosquito, Santiago, Chile
HEADS, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
The Drawing Show: Not Vital "Snow", Akira Ikeda Gallery, New York City, USA
Skulptur 1986 – 2013, Galerie Andrea Caratsch, St. Moritz, Switzerland
PIZ, Galleria Sperone, Sent, Switzerland
Everton, Sperone Westwater, New York City, USA
Il pavimento della cucina di mia nonna, Museo d'Arte di Mendrisio, Mendrisio, Switzerland

2013

Landscapes, Ben Brown Fine Arts, Hong Kong, China
700 Snowballs, Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice, Italy
guarda 看, Galerie Urs Meile, Beijing, China

2012

Not Vital. 5 Spaniards & Nothing, Ivorypress, Madrid, Spain
Oeuvres sur papier, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland
Not Vital - Werke 1989 Bis 2011, The Schaufler Foundation, SCHAUWERK, Sindelfingen, Germany
Lasst 100 Blumen blühen, Kunstraum Dornbirn, Dornbirn, Austria
Not Vital: +, Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York City, USA

2011

Haare, Hirsch & Mao, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany
Hanging and Waiting, Almine Rech Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Sculptures, Diao Su, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac Paris, France
Art & Architecture Projekt 2011: No Problem Sculpture, Art Forum Ute Barth, Zürich, Switzerland
Plasters, Akira Ikeda, Tokyo, Japan
Full On, Ullens Centre of Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

2010

Suicides, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, UK
Places in the World, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Modell für Schlafendes Haus, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac Editions, Salzburg, Austria
dirigerer, Steven Vail Fine Arts Projects Room, Des Moines, Iowa, USA

Not Vital, La Punt, Switzerland

2009

NOT WHY, Galerie Urs Meile, Beijing-Lucerne, Beijing, China *

Schlafendes Haus, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria

Pelvis, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

2008

Tongue, Galerie Urs Meile, Beijing-Lucerne, Beijing, China

Let One Hundred Flowers Bloom, Currents – Art and Music, Beijing, China

10 Austrians + more, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

2007

Punts, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

Lotus, Coffee and Stone Pine, Portraits, Snow and Boyfriend, Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York, USA

Hearts, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

300 palle di neve, Museo Cantonale d'Arte, Lugano, Switzerland

2006

The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, IL, USA

Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland

Nietzsches Schnauz, Zeichnungen, Nietzsche Haus, Sils, Switzerland

2005

Agadez, Afrika, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany *

Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France

Agadez, Albion Gallery, London, UK

Drawings and Sculptures, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

2004

Caratsch de Pury & Luxembourg, Zurich, Switzerland

Sperone Westwater, New York, NY, USA *

Milla Larmas Id Ün Chamel, Galerie Nordenhake, Berlin, Germany

300 Camels, Central House of Artists / Aidan Gallery / New Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia

2003

Chasa Jaura, Valchava, Switzerland

Balthasar Burkhard, Not Vital, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz, Switzerland

Museo Cantonale d'Arte, Lugano, Switzerland

2002

FAT ES FAT (Druckgrafik und Multiples 1986-2002), Kunsthalle Göppingen, Göppingen, Germany /

Museum zum Allerheiligen, Schaffhausen, Switzerland *

Mias Muntognas, Edith Wahlandt Galerie, Stuttgart, Germany

Vital, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland *

Skulpturen, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

2001

Skulpturen, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

Sculptures récentes, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France

Not Vital, Galleria Cardi & Co., Milan, Italy *

New Sculpture, de Pury & Luxembourg, Zurich, Switzerland

Voglio vedere le mie montagne, Galleria Cardi, Milan, Italy

49th International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

2000

Galeri Nils Staerk, Copenhagen, Denmark
Meine Schafe, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

1999

Snowballs, Baron / Boisanté, New York, USA
Sperone Westwater, New York, USA *

1998

Skulpturer Och Teckningar, Galerie Nordenhake, Stockholm, Sweden
Nototo, Millevanti, Milan, Italy

1997

Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden *
New Sculpture, Sperone Westwater, New York, USA
Large Works on Paper, Baron/Boisanté, New York, USA
Totem und Tabu, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany

1996

Schoppa, Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland
Preschentaziun dal Nuov Cudesch, Galleria d'Art Center Augustin, Scuol, Switzerland

1995

Galerie Lehmann, (Conference de NV Chez Sotheby's Genève), Lausanne, Switzerland
Sculpture, Sperone Westwater, New York, USA *
Galleria Millevanti, Milan, Italy *
Galleria Gian Enzo Sperone, Rome, Italy *

1994

Berggruen & Zevi Limited, London, UK
Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh, USA
Skulpturen, Zeichnungen, Druckgraphik, Galerie Edith Wahlandt, Stuttgart, Germany
Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, Switzerland

1993

Galerie Lehmann, Lausanne, Switzerland
Cow Dung, New Bronze Works, Wooster Gardens, New York, USA
Adam, One Afternoon, Baron/Boisanté, New York, USA
Disegns/Squitschs in Lain, Zeichnungen/Holzschnitte, Galleria d'Art Center Augustin, Scuol, Switzerland
Galerie Niels Ewerbeck, Vienna, Austria
Kunsthalle, Basel, Switzerland

1992

Sculture recenti, Studio Guenzani, Milan, Italy
Cacche Di Mucca, Galleria Via Farini, Milan, Italy
18 Buatschas, Kunsthandlung Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland
Bronzen, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Skulpturen und Arbeiten auf Papier, Galleria Nova, Fredi Büchel, Pontresina, Switzerland

1991

Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria.
Not Vital, The Complete Prints and Multiples, Baron/Boisanté, New York, NY, USA *
Not Vital, Druck-Graphik & Multiples, Bündner Kunstmuseum Chur, Switzerland *

1990

Baron / Boisanté, New York, USA
PS Gallery, Tokyo, Japan *
Curt Marcus Gallery, New York, USA
Galerie Ascan Crone, Hamburg, Germany
Prix BCG '90, Musée Rath, Geneva, Switzerland *

1989

Akhnaton, Centre of Arts, Akhnaton Hall, Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt *
Sculptures and works on paper, The Greenberg Gallery Annex, St. Louis, USA
Dessins et sculptures, Centre Culturel Suisse, Paris, France
Galerie Montenay, Paris, France

1988

Bilder und Skulpturen, Binz 39, Scuol, Switzerland
Salvatore Scarpitta, Not Vital, Studio Guenzani, Milan, Italy
Plastiken und Zeichnungen, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland *
Curt Marcus Gallery, New York, USA
Galerie Ascan Crone, Hamburg, Germany
Baron / Boisanté, New York, USA
Works on Paper, Swiss Institute, New York, USA *

1987

Not Vital, Skulpturen, Galerie Rudolf Zwirner, Cologne, Germany
Gallery Nature Morte, Forum Art Fair, Zurich, Switzerland

1986

Not Vital, Sculpture + Drawings, Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
Gallery Nature Morte, April, New York, USA
Galleria Pinta, Genoa, Italy

1985

Not Vital, Drawings and Sculpture, Willard Gallery, New York, USA
Not Vital, Sculpturen en Tekeningen, Galerie Barbara Farber, Amsterdam, Holland

1984

Not Vital, Nature Morte, February, New York, USA
Recent Sculptures and Drawings, Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh, USA
Not Vital, Plastiken und Zeichnungen, Galerie Hartmann, St. Gallen, Switzerland
Palud No.1, Lausanne, Switzerland

1983

Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburgh, USA
Gallery Nature Morte, New York, USA

1982

Kunsthaus Glarus, Glarus, Switzerland
Not Vital, Zeichnungen und Objekte, Gimpel-Hanover and Andre Emmerich Galerien, Zurich, Switzerland

1981

Alstadt-Galerie, Chur, Switzerland
Not Vital, Recent Drawings, Albert White Gallery, Toronto, Canada

1980

Gimpel-Hanover and Andre Emmerich Galerien, Zurich, Switzerland

Mendelson Gallery Pittsburgh, PA, USA

1979

Bündner Kunstmuseum Chur, Chur, Switzerland *

1976

Galerie Peter Noser, Zurich, Switzerland

Dritte Galerie, Zofingen, Switzerland

1973

Galleria LP 220, Torino, Italy

1972

Galleria Diagramma, Milan, Italy

1971

Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland

Galleria Diagramma, Milan, Italy

Galleria LP 220, Turin, Italy

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

HIGH FIVE!, Fondation Opale, Lens, Switzerland

Wie Sprache die Welt erfindet, Bündner Kunstmuseum Chur, Switzerland

2023

Untiefen: Werke aus der Sammlung Schaufler, Sammlung Schaufler, Sindelfingen, Germany

2020

30 Years in Paris, Thaddeus Ropac, Paris Pantin, France

2019

Begegnungen, Ein Kunstprojekt beim Rosenhügel Chur, Chur, Switzerland

Passion. Bilder von der Jagd, Bündner Kunstmuseum Chur, Chur, Switzerland

La Luce Alpina, Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, Saint Gallen, Switzerland

Der Grosse Schnee, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

Absolutely Tschudi, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz, Switzerland

2018

WOW! The Heidi Horten Collection, Leopold Museum, Vienna, Austria

Basel Short Stories. From Erasmus to Iris von Roten. The Wanderer and his Shadow.

Nietzsche in Basel, Kunstmuseum Basel, Switzerland

Wendepunkte. Von Nolde bis Oppenheim, ETH-Bibliothek, Graphische Sammlung, Zürich, Switzerland

It comes in waves, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Paris Pantin, France

Reflection about REFLECTION, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz, Switzerland

Counterpoint: Selections from The Peter Marino Collection, Southampton Arts Center, Southampton, USA

Ausstellung Edition August 2018, Edition VFO, Zürich, Switzerland

Surrealism Switzerland, Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau, Switzerland

2017

Zeichnungen und Wandarbeiten, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

En Marche: faire un pas, c'est faire un choix, Le Pénitencier, Sion, Switzerland
Art of the Treasure Art, Chianti region, Italy
Spot on Nairs. 30 Jahre Künstlerhaus

2016

Nuove consonanze. Opere dalle collezioni del museo, Museo d'arte della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland
Illumination, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
The City, Faraway, FRAC Centre, Orléans, France
presently, neugerriemschneider, Berlin, Germany
Aitor Ortiz - NotOna Island, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland
Un percorso d'arte, Morcote, Switzerland

2015

Signs/Words, Sperone Westwater, New York, USA
Simple Forms: Contemplating Beauty, Mori ArtMuseum, Tokyo, Japan
Biennale Skulpturen Symposium, Winterthur, Switzerland
Africa. Architecture, Culture and, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
Not Vital e Laura Bott, Chasa Jaura Museum, Val Müstair, Switzerland
Muster, Modelle, Parodien. Friedrich Dürrenmatt, Gerhard Richter, Not Vital, Nietzsche-Haus, Sils Maria, Switzerland
Space Age, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris Pantin, France
30 YEARS. Artists of the Gallery, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz, Switzerland

2014

Elevation 1049: Between Heaven and Hell, Gstaad Biennial, Gstaad, Switzerland
Des Hommes et La Forêt, Château de Nyon, Nyon, Switzerland
FOR YOUR EYES ONLY, Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy
Platform, Almine Rech Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
ALPENLIEBE, Kaiser Franz Josefs Höhe Centre, Carinthia & East Tyrol, Austria
Bloodflames Revisited, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, USA.
Unterirdisch - Das Spektakel des Unsichtbaren, Museum für Gestaltung Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland
FOR YOUR EYES ONLY, Kunstmuseum Basel, Switzerland
Inhabiting the World, Busan Biennale 2014, Busan, South Korea
M Home: Living in Space, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), Beijing, China
One Way: Peter Marino, Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, Florida, USA

2013

Moving: Norman Foster on Art, Carré d'Art – Musée d'Art Contemporain, Nîmes, France
Signs/Words, Sperone Westwater Lugano, Switzerland
Blickachsen 9 – Contemporary Sculpture in Bad Homburg and Frankfurt/Rhein – Main, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Uninhabitable Objects – Dwellings between Imagination and Reality, Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland

2012

Galerie Tschudi 10 Years in Zuoz, Galerie Tschudi – Zuoz, Switzerland
Untitled (Giotto's O), Sperone Westwater Gallery, Lugano, Switzerland
White: Marbles And Paintings From Antiquity To Now, Robilant + Voena, London, England
Carpe Diem. Seize the Day, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Toyota Aichi, Japan
Exposition collective, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland
Gold, Belvedere, Vienna, Austria

Art et Nature, Jardin du Havel, Saint Hymer, France
Printin', The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
Marble Sculpture from 350 B.C. to last week, Sperone Westwater, New York, USA

2011

Director's Choice, Bündler Kunstmuseum Chur, Switzerland
Froschbärfant und andere Tiere in der Kunst, Galerie im Traklhaus, Salzburg, Austria
Abstraction(s), mitterrand+cramer / art advisory, Geneva, Switzerland
ALREADY-MADE?, Galerie Jérôme de Noirmont, Paris, France
Arp, Beckmann, Munch, Kirchner, Warhol ... Klassiker in Bonn, Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn, Germany
LITOS GRAFERA, Kunst Centret Silkeborg Bad, Silkeborg, Denmark

2010

25 Jahre Galerie Tschudi, Galerie Tschudi, Zurich, Switzerland
Director'S Choice. Die Andere Jahresausstellung, Bündner Kunstmuseum Chur, Chur, Switzerland
Drawing Space, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria
Happy End, Kunsthalle Göppingen, Göppingen, Germany
Accrochage, Galerie Urs Meile, Beijing-Lucerne, Beijing, China
25 Jahre Galerie Tschudi, Galerie Tschudi – Zuoz, Switzerland
Zeichnungen. Disegns - ün museum subjektiv, NAIRS - Art e Cultura in Engiadina, Scuol, Switzerland
20 Years Already!, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland
Individu Animal, Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Dusseldorf, Germany
Aquarellhappening 2000-2009, Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum, Innsbruck, Austria
Portrait de l'artiste en motocycliste, Musée des beaux-arts de La Chaux-de-Fonds, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

2009

Fuentes (Artists and their Inspirations), Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Fuentes (Non-European Influences on Contemporary Artists), Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France

2008

Not Vital and Emil Lukas, Mendelson Gallery, Pittsburg, USA
Blood on Paper, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
Wunderkammer: A Century of Curiosities, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
Am Nabel der Welt, Bündner Kunst Museum, Chur, Switzerland
Kunst zum Mittag- bildbetrachtungen für den leichten Hunger, Museum d'Art dal Grisons, Chur, Switzerland

2007

25 Jahre Galerie Crone, Galerie Crone, Berlin, Germany
Exposures, the contemporary self-portrait, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Von Tag zu Tag, Bündner Kunstmuseum Chur, Chur, Switzerland
Contemporary Art on Paper, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA
Collective One, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland
Richard Long, Not Vital: Agadez, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz, Switzerland

2006

Zeichnungen, NAIRS – Art e Cultura in Engadina, Scuol, Switzerland
Gunnar A. Kaldewey: Artist Books for a Global World; Four Collaborations in Dept, Massachusetts
Museum of Contemporary Art – MASS MoCA, North Adams, USA
Summer Exhibition, Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York, USA
Visioni del Paradiso, Istituto Svizzero di Roma, Rome, Italy
Mountains, Fondation Beyeler, Basel, Switzerland

2005

Artists of the Gallery, Galerie Tschudi, Glarus, Switzerland
In the Middle of the Night, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Germany

2004

Portraits, Esso Gallery and Books, New York, USA
La Mort devant sol, Galerie Guy Bartschi, Geneva, Switzerland
WYSIWYG – What you see is what you get, Kunstverein KISS im Schloss Untergröningen e.V., Abtsgmünd-Untergröningen, Germany
Weisse Wunderware Schnee, Bündner Kustmuseum, Chur, Switzerland
Home, Sweet Home, Galleria Cardi, Milan, Italy
Needful Things, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, USA

2003

Perpetual Bliss, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Sculpture03, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Hot Summer in the City, Sean Kelly Gallery, New York, USA
No Canvas, Galleria Cardi, Milan, Italy
Mario Merz, Andre Burhard, Fulton, Innes, Klein, Long, Rückriem, Vital, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz, Switzerland
La montagna ricreata, Valle d'AostaArte, Aosta, Italia

2002

Visionni della montagna da Segantini a Weinberger, Kunst Meran, Meran, Italy
Schöne Aussicht – Der Blick auf die Berge von Segantini bis Weinberger, Kunst Meran, Meran, Italy
Der Berg, Heidelberger Kunstverein, Heidelberg, Germany

2001

Accrochage, Galerie Guy Bartschi, Geneva, Switzerland
49th International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale / Biennale di Venezia, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy
Exposition Collective, Galerie Guy Bartschi, Geneva, Switzerland
Heart of Glass, Queens Museum of Art, Queens, New York, USA
Malstücke, Farbrythmen, Artefakte, Edith Wahlandt Galerie, Stuttgart, Germany
Paradies, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany
Accrochage, Galerie Guy Bartschi, Geneva, Switzerland
Plateau of Humanity, La Biennale di Venezia, curated by Harald Szeeman, Venice, Italy *

2000

Kunst, die wir lieben, Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland
And away we go, Baron Boissanté, New York, NY, USA
Cosmologies, Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Art Unlimited, Art 32 Basel, Basel, Switzerland
Übersicht, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland
Kunst, die wir lieben, Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland

1999

Präsentation Zeitgenössischer Kunst, Bayerische Versicherungsbank AG, Unterföhring, Germany
Head to Toe: Impressing the Body, University Gallery, Fine Arts Center, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA, USA
Magisches Rätisches Dreieck, Drei Künstler - Drei Positionen, Schloss Landeck, Austria *
Konnex Kairo, Kunst Museum Thun, Switzerland *

1998

Paper +: Works on Dieu Donné Paper, The Gallery at Dieu Donné Papermill, New York, NY, USA

The Erotic Sublime, (Slave to the Rhythm), Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria *
Zeitgenössische Skulptur, Europa-Afrika, 7th Triennale der Kleinplastik
SüdwestLB Forum Stuttgart, Germany *

1997

Objectivity: International Objects of Subjectivity, Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, USA
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Animeaux et animeaux, Zeitgenöss. Kunst u. Zoologie, Museum zu Allerheiligen, Kunstverein Schaffhausen, Switzerland *

Animals, Baron Boissanté, New York, USA

Schweizer Kunst, Auktionshaus Sotheby's, Zurich, Switzerland *

Anselmo, Boetti, Laib, Merz, Nauman, Paolini, Pistoletto, Vital, Zorio, Sperone Westwater, New York, USA

Totem und Tabu, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany

1996

The Material Imagination, Untitled, Guggenheim Museum Soho, New York, USA

Projects, 3 New + 3 Old, Baron / Boissanté, New York, USA

Thinking Print: Books to Billboards, 1980 – 95, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA *

Dissimilar & Unrelated Sculptures, Baron / Boissanté, New York, USA

Übergänge - Kunst aus Graubünden 1936-1996, Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland *

1995

(W)HO(W) Are You?, Galerie Anhava, Helsinki, Finland

Sculpture, Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York, USA

Selected Projects of '81 - '95, Baron / Boissanté, New York, USA

Schrift im Bild, Galerie Luciano Fasciati, Chur, Switzerland

Beyond Switzerland - Works by Contemporary Swiss Artists, Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong, China

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Beyond Switzerland-Works by Contemporary Swiss Artists, Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong, China

1994

Drawing in Black and White: A Selection of Contemporary Works from the Collection, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA.

A Century of Artists Books, The Museum of Modern Art, New York *

Art Cologne, Galerie Edith Wahlandt, Cologne, Germany

The Body Human, Nohra Haime Gallery, New York, USA

Curtis Anderson, Not Vital, Baron / Boissanté, New York, USA

Projekt Schweiz II, Natur – Kultur, Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, Switzerland *

1993

Self-Evidence, Self-Portraits in Prints & Photographs, New York Public Library, New York, USA

Across The River and Into The Trees, a Sculpture Show, The Rushmore Festival, New York, USA

Works on Paper, Baron / Boissanté, New York, USA

1992

Drawn in the 90s, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, New York, / Indiana University Art Museum, Bloomington, USA / Kerr Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada / Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, USA / Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, USA / Lamont Gallery, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, USA / University Art Gallery, San Diego State University, San Diego, USA *

Not Vital und Florio Puenter, Pinta Galleria, Geneva, Switzerland

Skulpturen und Arbeiten Auf Papier, Galerie Nova Fredi Büchel, Pontresina, Switzerland

Donald Baechler, Michael Byron, Not Vital, Baron / Boissanté, New York, USA

Works on Paper, Baron / Boissanté, New York, USA

1991

Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria

Druckgraphik & Multiples, Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland *

Corsin Fontana, Gaspare O. Melcher, Matisa Spescha, Not Vital, Galerie Nova, Pontresina, Switzerland

1990

Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland *

The First Five Years, The Kaldeway Press at Harvard University, Boston, USA *

1989

La Suisse Romanche Vue Par Iso Camartin, Centre Culturel Suisse, Paris, France

Reflets Contemporains d'une Collection, Musée Pulliérane, Pully /Musée des Beaux-Arts, Ville de Locle, Switzerland *

Object of Thought, A Collection of Objects and Small Sculptures, Anders Tornberg Gallery, New York, USA
Monochrome, Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, USA

Projects and Portfolios: The 25th National Print Exhibition, The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York, USA
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Selected Multiples, Brooke Alexander Editions, New York, USA

The New Poverty II, Meyers Bloom Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

The 1980's: Prints from the Collection of Joshua P. Smith, National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., USA *

Galerie Faust, Geneva, Switzerland

Gemälde und Skulpturen, Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland *

1988

Blow Up, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland

Not Vital, Salvatore Scarpitta, Studio Guenzani, February, Milan, Italy

Works on Paper, Curt Marcus Gallery, New York, USA

Off White, Diane Brown Gallery, New York, USA

Not Vital, Ange Leccia, Dennis Adams, Galerie Faust, Geneva, Switzerland

Kaldeway Press, Thomas J. Watson Library, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA

Konfrontationen von Angelika Kauffman bis Miriam Cahn, Bündner Kunstmuseum, Chur, Switzerland

Donald Baechler, Michael Byron, Not Vital, Baron/Boisanté, New York, USA

Recent Acquisitions, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

1987

The Antique Future, Massimo Audiello Gallery, New York, New York, USA

Drawing Since 1940, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York, USA

Sudwärts Nordwärts, Italienische und Schweizer Künstler, Studio 10, Chur, Switzerland *

Walls and Spaces, Three Swiss Artists, Rosemary Koczy, Olivier Mosset, Not Vital, New York, New York, USA

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