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## **JULIA BENZ**

b 1985 Wittlich, Germany . Lives and works in Berlin.

### **VITA**

#### **Education**

2010 - 2012 Painting - Art Academy Düsseldorf - Düsseldorf - DE

2012 - 2014 Painting, Professor Burkhard Held - University of Arts Berlin - Berlin - DE

2015 Masterclass Degree in Painting, Professor Burkhard Held - University of Arts Berlin - Berlin - DE

#### **Solo Exhibitions**

2019 Out of mind. Just in Time. - Galerie Gerald Hartinger Fine Arts - Vienna - AT

2019 Between the Lines - Die Kunstagentin - Cologne - DE

2019 CATHARSIS - Galerie Gerken - Berlin - DE

2017 Not My Circus, Not My Monkeys - Fousion Gallery - Barcelona - ES

2017 In A While Crocodile - Plastic Murs Gallery - Valencia - ES

2016 Don't Hug me. I'm scared. - Die Kunstagentin Gallery - Cologne - DE

2015 Lost in Trainstation - Heliumcowboy Artspace - Hamburg - DE

2014 Window Seat - SDie Kunstagentin Gallery - Cologne - DE

2014 Down by Law - Eichblatt Gallery - Berlin - DE

2013 Everything Amazing Nobody Happy - Urban Spree - Berlin - DE

#### **Group Exhibitions (Selected)**

2019 Satellite Installation - Vienna Art Week - Galerie Gerald Hartinger Fine Arts, - Vienna - AT

2019 Gerald Hartinger Fine Arts -Vienna - AT

2019 Maze Gallery - London - UK

2019 Aporias - Mirus Gallery - San Francisco - USA

2019 Technicolor - Galerie Zimmerling & Jungfleisch - Saarbrücken - DE

2019 Urvanity Art Fair - Madrid - ES

2018 ProAbstraction - Swinton Gallery - Madrid - ES

2018 Best of Galerie Gerken - Galerie Gerken - Berlin - DE

2017 50 Contemporary Artists by Enter Art Foundation - Multipolster - Berlin - DE

2017 Natural Space - Galerie Gerken - Berlin - DE

2017 Nice To Meet You Too - Die Kunstagentin - Cologne - DE

2017 What the Weekend is Gallery II - The Art Union - Berlin - DE 2016 Bonbons und Bier - Heliumcowboy Artspace - Hamburg - DE

2016 Jim Avignon, Rendezvous der Freunde - Schacher - Raum für Kunst - Stuttgart - DE

2016 What the Weekend is Gallery - The Art Union - Berlin - DE

2015 Millerntor Gallery #5 - Millerntor Gallery - Hamburg - DE

2015 60 Jahre Kunst - Heliumcowboy Artspace - Hamburg DE

2015 Das eigene Ich - Affenfaust Gallery - Hamburg - DE

2014 Knotenpunkt 2014 - Affenfaust Gallery - Hamburg - DE

2014 Millerntor Gallery #4 - Millerntor Gallery - Hamburg - DE

2014 Project M/4 - Urban Nation - Berlin - DE

2014 Community Clash #3 - Artconnect Berlin - Berlin - DE



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2013 The Circle Show - Heliumcowboy Artspace - Hamburg - DE

2013 Millerntor Gallery #3 - Millerntor Gallery - Hamburg - DE

2012 Giveitasecond, It's Going to Space - Die Kunstagentin Gallery - Cologne - DE

#### **Commissions**

2020 Cyan Mural at Paypal Office - Dreilinden - Berlin - DE

2019 Festival Concreto Mural - Goethe-Institut Brasilien - Fortaleza - BR

2018 STREET Project, Berlin Wall - Goethe Institut Thailand, Bangkok - TH

2018 Pasila Mural and Mural at Goethe Institut Finnland - Helsinki - FI

2015 Yalla Mural - WDR WestART Television - Düsseldorf - DE

2015 We love Youganda - Mural at Nation Theater Kampala - Millerntor Gallery - Kampala - UG

#### **Residencies**

2018 Tao Hua Tan Artist Residency - Tao Hua Tan - CN

#### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

Julia Benz's celebrate the borderline between the daily visible and mystical seclusion. Both worlds of experience are not mutually exclusive, but influence each other dynamically, creating fine intermediate levels and distant horizons of interpretation. The apparentness and disguise, the concrete form and the abstract dissolution go hand in hand in Benz's paintings and celebrate the ambivalence as a contextual and compositional occasion, allowing the viewer to connect with known forms and immediately let them fall into a bottomless cosmos of color. Julia Benz paints on paper, canvas as well as on murals and combines different materials which makes her work complex and versatile. Additional to solo and group exhibitions she contributed to projects and workshops in Sudan, Uganda, Bangkok and Finnland in cooperation with Goethe-Institut.

#### **Website**

[www.juliabenz.de](http://www.juliabenz.de)