

Petrit Halilaj

Geboren / Born in Kostërrc-Skënderaj, KOS
(damals / then YU), 1986

Lebt und arbeitet / Lives and works in Berlin, DE,
Bozzolo, IT & Prishtina, KOS

Ausbildung / Education

2009
BA in Bildender Kunst / Fine Art,
Accademia di Brera, Mailand / Milan, IT

Ausgewählte Einzelausstellungen / Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025
Petrit Halilaj: An Opera Out of Time.
Hamburger Bahnhof – Nationalgalerie der
Gegenwart, Berlin, DE; Katalog / catalogue
*Alberto Giacometti / Petrit Halilaj: We Built
a Fantastic Palace at Night.* Fondation
Giacometti, Paris, FR; Katalog / catalogue

2024
Petrit Halilaj & Álvaro Urbano:
Lunar Ensemble for Uprising Seas.
MACBA, Barcelona, ES
Premio Strómboli: HEROIC (the)
LANDSCAPE / EROICO (il) PAESAGGIO.
Chiesa di San Bartolomeo, Stromboli, IT
The Roof Garden Commission: Petrit Halilaj,
Abetare. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden,
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
City, NY, US; Katalog / catalogue

2023
Petrit Halilaj: RUNIK. Museo Tamayo,
Mexico City, MX
Petrit Halilaj: Histoires inachevées /
Unfinished Histories. Musée international
de la croix-rouge et du croissant-rouge,
Genf / Geneva, CH

2022
*Petrit Halilaj: You used to fly, go everywhere
and wake up those who are asleep.*
Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, NL



2021

Petrit Halilaj: Very volcanic over this green feather. Tate St Ives, Saint Ives, GB; Katalog / catalogue

2020

Petrit Halilaj: To a raven and hurricanes that from unknown places bring back smells of humans in love. Palacio de Cristal, Museo Reina Sofía, Madrid, ES

2018

Hammer Projects: Petrit Halilaj. Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA, US
Petrit Halilaj: Shkrepëtima. Paul Klee Zentrum, Bern, CH (weitere Station / travelled to: Fondazione Merz, Turin, IT); Katalog / catalogue

2015

Petrit Halilaj: Space Shuttle in the Garden. Pirelli HangarBicocca, Mailand / Milan, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Petrit Halilaj: ABETARE. Kölnischer Kunstverein, Köln / Cologne, DE; Katalog / catalogue
Petrit Halilaj: She, fully turning around, became terrestrial. Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, DE; Katalog / catalogue

2014

Zemër shtype pullën dhe fshima kujtesën / Darling squeeze the button and remove my memory. Galeria e Arteve e Kosovës, Prishtina, KOS; Katalog / catalogue

2013

July 14th? Fondation Galeries Lafayette, Paris, FR
Petrit Halilaj: I'm hungry to keep you close. I want to find the words to resist but in the end there is a locked sphere. The funny thing is that you're not here, nothing is. Kosovo Pavillon / Pavilion, La Biennale di Venezia, Venedig / Venice, IT (weitere Station / travelled to: Kunsthalle Lissabon, Lissabon / Lisbon, PT); Katalog / catalogue

Poisoned by men in need of some love. WIELS Contemporary Art Center, Brüssel / Brussels, BE; Katalog / catalogue
Petrit Halilaj. Sammlung Wittmann, Tongewölbe T25, Ingolstadt, DE

2012

Who does the earth belong to while painting the wind?! Kunsthalle Sankt Gallen, St. Gallen, CH

2011

Petrit Halilaj. Kunstraum Innsbruck, Innsbruck, AT; Katalog / catalogue

2009

Petrit Halilaj: Back to the Future. Stacion – Center for Contemporary Art Prishtina, Prishtina, KOS

1996

Shote Galica, Grundschule / Primary School, Runik, KOS

Ausgewählte Gruppenausstellungen / Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

It's Just a Matter of Time. Palais Populaire, Berlin, DE
Ways of Knowing. Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN, US; Katalog / catalogue
Grey is the Cube, Blue the Ellipse. Maison de la Culture Amiens, Amiens, FR
Theatre of Speaking Objects: Works from the Wilhelm Otto Nachf. Collection. Kunsthalle Nürnberg, Nürnberg / Nuremberg, DE
Les étoiles se refroidissent aussi. La Condition Publique, Place du Général Faidherbe, Roubaix, FR
Art Encounters. Biennial Timisoara, Timisoara, RO

God, Human, Animal, Machine. Kunsthalle 44 Møen, Fanefjordgade, Askeby, DK

2024

Displacements and Torrents. Galerie – Cité internationale des arts, Paris, FR
The Bird Show: Vögel zwischen Freiheit, Krieg & Quantenmechanik. Eres-Stiftung für Kunst und Naturwissenschaft, München / Munich, DE; Katalog / catalogue
Italia 70 – I Nuovi Mostri (The New Monsters). Fondazione Nicola Trussardi, Mailand / Milan, IT; Katalog / catalogue
We Move as a Murmuration. Timespan, Helmsdale, GB; Katalog / catalogue
Sounds like a Whisper (Poetically Political). Städtische Galerie / City Art Gallery Sofia, BG
Performer and Participant. Tate Modern, London, GB
Ten Thousand Suns. Biennale of Sydney, White Bay Power Station, Sydney, AU; Katalog / catalogue

2023

NGV Triennial, Melbourne, AU; Katalog / catalogue
En el jardín. Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Monterrey, MX; Katalog / catalogue
COSMOS: The Volcano Lover. Villa Olmo, Como, IT
Hope. Museion, Bozen / Bolzano, IT
#nichtmuedewerden – Felix Nussbaum und künstlerischer Widerstand heute. Museumsquartier Osnabrück, Osnabrück, DE
Thus waves come in pairs. Ocean Space, Venedig / Venice, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Lo que pesa una cabeza. TEA, Teneriffa / Tenerife, ES

2022

Wie geht es jetzt weiter? Zwölf Erzählungen aktueller Kunst aus Spanien. Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt a.M., DE
Breathing Water, Drinking Air. Philara Collection, Düsseldorf, DE
It matters what worlds world worlds: how to tell stories otherwise. Manifesta 14, Prishtina, KOS; Katalog / catalogue

Evidence. Mercer Union, Toronto, CA
Macht! Licht! Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, DE
Adjustable Monuments. Sammlung Philara, Düsseldorf, DE; Katalog / catalogue

2021

Tremblements. Nouveau Musée National de Monaco, Monaco, MC
Kaunas Biennial, Kaunas, LT; Katalog / catalogue
The point of sculpture. Fundación Joan Miró, Barcelona, ES; Katalog / catalogue
Mother! Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Kopenhagen / Copenhagen, DK (weitere Station / travelled to: Kunsthalle Mannheim, Mannheim, DE); Katalog / catalogue
In the Pupil of the Panther. Lundskonsthall, Lund, SE; Katalog / catalogue
Flowers in Art. Arken Museum, Kopenhagen / Copenhagen, DK
How Long is Now? The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, IL

Autostrada Biennale, Biblioteka Kombëtare e Kosovës Pjeter Bogdani, Prishtina, KOS; Katalog / catalogue
EVROVIZION: Crossing Stories and Spaces. Historijski muzej Bosne i Hercegovine, Sarajevo, BA (weitere Stationen / travelling to: Muzej savremene umetnosti Vojvodine, Novi Sad, RS; Goethe-Institut Athen, Athen / Athens, GR; NiMAC, Nicosia, CY; Tbilisi Photography & Multimedia Museum, Tbilisi, GE; Städtische Galerie / City Art Gallery Boris Georgiev, Varna, BG; Chişinău, MD; Krakau / Cracow, PL; Vilnius, LT; Königsberg / Kaliningrad, RU; Berlin, DE; Brüssel / Brussels, BE)
Diversity United: Contemporary Art from Europe. Flughafen Tempelhof, Berlin, DE (weitere Station / travelled to: New Tretyakov Gallery, Moskau / Moscow, RU); Katalog / catalogue
Jardin Secret. Palais des Beaux-Arts, Paris, FR

2020
Fuori. Quadriennale d'arte, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rom / Rome, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Ulrike Müller: The Conference of the Animals. Queens Museum, New York City, NY, US
 Biennale Gherdëina, Ortisei, IT
Studio Berlin. Berghain, Berlin, DE; Katalog / catalogue
A Breath? A Name? The Ways of Worldmaking. Biennale Gherdeina, Ortisei, IT

2019
You: Works from the Collection Lafayette Anticipations. Musée d'art moderne de la ville de Paris, Paris, FR; Katalog / catalogue
Infancy and History. OCAT Institute, Peking / Beijing, CN
The Garden Bridge. Brücke-Museum, Berlin, DE
Homeless Souls. Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Kopenhagen / Copenhagen, DN
Where Water Comes Together with Other Water. Lyon Biennale, Lyon, FR; Katalog / catalogue
The Palace at 4 A.M. Archäologisches Museum / Archaeological Museum, Mykonos, GR; Katalog / catalogue
G2 #15 WEGE ZUR WELT: Sammlung Hildebrand. G2 Kunsthalle, Leipzig, DE

2018
New Materialism. Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, SE; Katalog / catalogue
CHILDHOOD. Another Banana Day for the Perfect Fish. Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR; Katalog / catalogue
That's it! Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, Bologna, IT; Katalog / catalogue
When Animal Talked to Human. Traversía Cuatro, Madrid, ES
Una vida domestica. Salon Acme, Mexico City, MX

2017
Mit den Händen zu greifen und doch nicht zu fassen. Kunsthalle Mainz, Mainz, DE

Art and Alphabet. Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, DE
Friends of Birds. DOC!, Paris, FR
Viva Arte Viva. La Biennale di Venezia, Venedig / Venice, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Final Projects: Group XLIV. MAK, Mackey Apartments, Los Angeles, CA, US

2016
To Walk a Line. Akademie der Künste der Welt, Köln / Cologne, DE
 Triennale Kleinplastik, Alte Kelter, Fellbach, DE; Katalog / catalogue
Par tibi, Roma, nihil. Nomads Foundation, Palatino, Rom / Rome, IT
The Natural Order of Things. Fundación Jumex Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City, MX
Shaping Ideas: Sculptures. Noewe Foundation, Vilnius, LT
Cold Wind from the Balkans. Pera Museum, Istanbul, TR
The Distance of a Day: New in Contemporary Art. The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, IL

2015
radical art and architecture: SUPER SUPERSTUDIO. Padiglione d'Arte Contemporanea, Mailand / Milano, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Alfred Jarry Archipelago: 'HA 'HA. Museo Marino Marini, Florenz / Florence, IT
Appearance & Essence: Art Encounters. Art Encounters Foundation, Timișoara, RO
Thirty One. Galeria Kombëtare e Kosovës, Prishtina, KOS
WLGTDWI (What's Love Gotta Do With It). SALTS, Birsfelden, CH
Ärger im Paradies. Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, DE; Katalog / catalogue
Slip of the Tongue. Pinault Collection, Punta della Dogana, Venedig / Venice, IT

2014
Shit and Die. Palazzo Cavour, Turin, IT
DeGeneration of Painting. Fondazione 107, Turin, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Fragile Sense of Hope: Telekom Collection. me Collectors Room, Berlin, DE

2013
SUPER Visions: Zeichnen und Sein. Museum Schloss Moyland, Bedburg-Hau, DE; Katalog / catalogue
Zweiter Streich. Fürstenberg Zeitgenössisch, Donaueschingen, DE

2012
FUORICLASSE: 20 anni di arte italiana nei corsi di Alberto Garutti. Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Mailand / Milan, IT
It doesn't always have to be beautiful, unless it's beautiful. Muslim Mulliqi Preis / Prize, Galeria Kombëtare e Kosovës, Prishtina, KOS
The New Public: Von einer neuen Öffentlichkeit und einem neuen Publikum. Museion, Bozen / Bolzano, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Lost and Found. ERROR ONE, Antwerpen / Antwerp, BE
30 Künstler / 30 Räume. Kunstverein Nürnberg – Albrecht Dürer Gesellschaft, Nürnberg / Nuremberg, DE; Katalog / catalogue

2011
Temporaneo 2011: Contemporary Art in the Evolving City. IMF Foundation & Nomads Foundation, Auditorium – Parco della Musica, Rom / Rome, IT
Ernstere Tiere: Petrit Halilaj, Judith Hopf, Bedwyr Williams. Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, DE
Ostalgia. New Museum, New York City, NY, US; Katalog / catalogue
Based in Berlin. Atelierhaus Monbijoupark, Berlin, DE; Katalog / catalogue
Struktur & Organismus: Max Frey, Tue Greenfort, Petrit Halilaj, Rita Vitorelli. Marillenhof – Destillerie Kausl, Ötz, AT; Katalog / catalogue
You don't love me anymore. Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster, DE

2010
Maladresses ou la figure de l'idiot. The Institute of Social Hypocrisy, Paris, FR

what is waiting out there. Berlin Biennale, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, DE; Katalog / catalogue

2009
Melancholy of Compassion. Siemens Sanat, Istanbul, TR
Time Machine. Kunstverein Arnsberg, Arnsberg, DE

2008
Art is my Playground. Tersane, Istanbul, TR

2006
Mediterraneo Contemporaneo: Diciannove artisti tra identità e differenze. Castello Aragonese, Taranto, IT; Katalog / catalogue
De Portesio – Corpo Urbano. Fondazione Cominelli, San Felice del Benaco, IT; Katalog / catalogue
Migre. Careof, Mailand / Milan, IT
Open Air. Orto Botanico, Parma, IT

1999
Bambini di Kukës. Palazzo Municipale, Cremona, IT
Kosovë 1999. Lezhë, AL

Performances

2026
Syrigana. I—hamburger Bahnhof – Nationalgalerie der Gegenwart, Berlin, DE

2025
Syrigana. Syrigana, KOS

2018
Shkrepëtima. Runik, KOS

Auszeichnungen und Stipendien / Awards and Residencies

2024

Premio Stromboli, Stromboli, IT

2023

Kunstpreis Berlin (Bildende Kunst / Fine Art),
Akademie der Künste, Berlin, DE

2018

Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship
(SARF), Washington, D.C., US

2017

Mario Merz Prize, Turin, IT

2016

MAK Schindler Scholarship, Mackey
Apartments, Los Angeles, CA, US

2014

Artist-in-Residence, Villa Romana,
Florenz / Florence, IT

2013

Artist-in-Residence, Fürstenberg,
Donaueschingen, DE

Ausgewählte Publikationen / Selected Publications

Petrit Halilaj & Catherine Nichols (Hg. / eds.),
Syrigana, Prishtina: self-published, 2025.Klaus Biesenbach et al. (Hg. / eds.),
KW: A History, Berlin: Distanz Verlag, 2021.Petrit Halilaj & Álvaro Urbano (Hg. / eds.),
Kushtetuta? #3, Berlin: Motto Books, 2021.Kit Hammonds & Patricia Marshall
(Hg. / eds.), *On the Razor's Edge: Jumex
Collection #22*, Mexico City: Fundación
Jumex Arte Contemporaneo, 2020.Petrit Halilaj, *Shkrepëtima*, Turin: Hopeful
Monster, 2018.Stephan Berg et al., *Deutschland ist
keine Insel: Sammlung zeitgenössischer
Kunst der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*,
Cologne / Köln: Wienand Verlag, 2017.Jen Hoffmann, *Animality*, London:
Marian Goodman Gallery, 2017.Maurizio Cattelan, Marta Papini & Myriam
Ben Salah, *Shit and Die*, Bologna:
Damiani, 2014.Boris Buden et al., *Il Piedistallo Vuoto /
The Empty Pedestal*, Mailand / Milan:
Mousse Publishing, 2014.João Mourão and Luis Silva (Hg. / eds.),
Performing the Institution(al), Bd. / vols. 4 & 5,
Lissabon & Mailand / Lisbon & Milan:
Kunsthalle Lissabon & Cura Books, 2014.Petrit Halilaj, *of course blue affects my way
of shitting*, Berlin: Chert & Motto Books, 2014.Petrit Halilaj & Álvaro Urbano (Hg. / eds.),
About Mums & Dads – Kushtetuta #2, Berlin:
Eigenverlag / self-published, 2014.Petrit Halilaj & Álvaro Urbano (Hg. / eds.),
Kushtetuta #1, Prishtina: KOSOVO 2.0, 2013.Bonner Kunstverein (Hg. / ed.), *Kostërrc (CH)*,
Berlin: Chert & Motto Books, 2011.Susanne Pfeffer (Hg. / ed.), *My work and me*,
Köln / Cologne: Walther König, 2011.Simon Denny, Petrit Halilaj, Klara Lidén &
Nora Schultz, *shortlist. blauorange 2010:
Kunstpreis der Deutschen Volksbanken
und Raiffeisenbanken*, Wien / Vienna:
SFKB, 2010.*Drinnen & Draussen*, Berlin: Chert &
Motto Books, 2010.

Lehre / Teaching

Seit / Since 2019

Studio Professor (mit / with Álvaro Urbano),
École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux Arts,
Paris, FR

Öffentliche Sammlungen / Public Collections

Art Collection Telekom, Lohmar, DE
Berlinische Galerie, Berlin, DE
Bundeskunstsammlung, DE
Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR
Colección Adrastus, Arévalo, ES
Colección Jumex, Mexico City, MX
Collection Fonds de dotation Famille Moulin,
Galeries Lafayette, Paris, FR
FRAC Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, FR
FRAC Grand Large, Dunkerque, FR
Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, NL
Fürstenberg Zeitgenössisch,
Donaueschingen, DE
Kölnischer Kunstverein, Köln / Cologne, DE
Museo Ettore Fico, Turin, IT
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, US
Muzeum Sztuki Nowoczesnej,
Warschau / Warsaw, PL
Noewe Foundation, Vilnius, LT
Nomas Foundation, Rom / Rome, IT
Nouveau Musée National de Monaco,
Monaco, MC
Sammlung Philara, Düsseldorf, DE
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, IL