

**BIOGRAPHY**

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. 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.

**Solo shows****2016**

*Cages*, Galerie Widmer & Theodoridis, Eschlikon, Switzerland  
*Michael Schnabel*, Mars, Milan, Italy

**2015**

*Weisses Land*, ITO Project Space, Stuttgart, Germany

**2013**

*Nachtarbeiten Persiehl*, Heine Galerie Hamburg, Germany  
*Weisses Land*, Widmer & Theodoridis Contemporary Zurich, Switzerland  
*Nachtarbeiten, Persiehl*, Heine Galerie Hamburg, Germany  
*Nachtstuecke*, Kunsthalle Wiesbaden, Germany

**2012**

*Zartbitter* (with Claus Stolz), Kunstverein Viernhei, Germany  
*Das Schwarze und das Weisse : fotografie als Malerei*, Kleinschmidt Fine Photographs, Wiesbaden, Germany  
*Recent work* (with Ursula Kraft), Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

**2011**

Osthaus Museum, Hagen, Germany

**2009**

*Stille Arbeiten*, Kunstraum, Klagenfurt, Germany  
*Nächtliche Musee*, Galerie Photonand, Wiesbaden, Germany

**2008**

*Photographies du Silence*, Art Paris, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

**2007**

*Wasser*, Galerie Photonand, Wiesbaden, Germany

**2006**

*Stille Berge*, Galerie Widmer + Theodoridis, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Nacharbeiten*, Visual gallery, Photokina, Cologne, Germany  
*Stille Berge*, Fotoforum, Bolzano, Italy

**2005**

Galerie Photonand, Wiesbaden, Germany  
*Stille Berge*, Rotonda/Galerie Zander, Cologne, Germany

**2004**

*Stille Berge*, Alpines Museum, Munich, Germany  
*Stille Berge*, Fotogalerie Alte Feuerwache, Mannheim, Germany  
*Cages*, Bank, Los Angeles, United-States

**1998**

*Die sieben Sachen die ich zum Zaubern brauche*, Mousonturm, Francfort, Germany

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 Group shows
**2017**

*Beyond the Sphere of Reproduction*, White Box Museum of Art, Beijing, China,  
 State Gallery Biandigheim-Bissingen, Germany, Gallery Kubus, Hannover  
 Germany  
 International Photography Art Festival, Mizhi Cave House, Shaanxi, China

**2016**

Photo Basel, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Basel, Switzerland  
*Bright Days Ahead*, Galerie Persiehl & Heine, Hamburg, Germany

**2015**

Kunst 15 / Art Fair, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Zurich, Switzerland  
 Cologne Fine Art, Art Fair, Galerie Persiehl & Heine, Cologne, Germany  
 Stay Gold / Art Fair, Galerie Widmer & Theodoridis, Turin, Italy  
 Photo Beijing / World Art Museum Peking, China  
*La montagne magique*, Heuberg 24 & Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Basel,  
 Switzerland

**2014**

Art Genève, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Switzerland  
 Cologne Fine Art, Art Fair, Galerie Persiehl & Heine, Germany  
*Aus gutem Hause*, Widmer & Theodoridis, Eschlikon, Switzerland  
*The perfect moment - Icons of car photography*, Istanbul Modern, Turkey  
 Fokus S, Weissenhofgalerie, Stuttgart, Germany  
 Volta 10, Markthalle Basel, Switzerland  
*Die Alpen in der Fotografie*, Vorarlbergmuseum, Bregenz, Austria  
*Bilder vom Menschen*, Mannheimer Kunstverein, Germany

**2013**

*Die Alpen in der Fotografie*, Galerie Stihl Waiblingen, Germany  
 Neuland, Kunsthalle Emden, Germany  
*Die Alpen in der Fotografie*, Galerie Stihl Waiblingen, Germany  
 Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France  
*Shape The Scape*, Galerie Gilla Loercher, Berlin, Germany  
 Unseen Art Fair, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*Eingriffe: Konstruktion/Destruktion*, Widmer & Theodoridis, Eschlikon,  
 Switzerland

*Landschaftskult*, Lehr Zeitgenössische Kunst, Cologne, Germany

## 2012

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

Galerie Fotoforum Bozen, Opening exhibition avec Galerie Fotoforum, Bolzano, Italy

*Brita Fine Art prize*, Kunsthalle Wiesbaden, Germany

Art Paris Art Fair, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

## 2011

*Wald / pavlov's dog*, Berlin, Germany

QPN / Photographic Fortnight, Nantes, France

Gold Awards 1984-2010, AOP Gallery, London, Great-Britain

*Impossible Exhibition*, Küper Galleries, Caochangdi Photospring, Arles in Beijing

*Tyrol Panorama*, Tyrol State Museum (installation permanent), Austria

*Horizons*, Photofestival Zingst, Germany

*125 years automobil*, City Art Gallery, Sindelfingen, Germany

AIPAD Photo Fair, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, New York City, United-States

Art Karlsruhe, Art fair, Kleinschmidt Fine Photographs, Karlsruhe, Germany

## 2010

*Trennungen*, St. Johann, Austria

*Impossible Exhibition*, Arles, France

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

MiArt Milano, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Milan, Italy

## 2009

*Es werde Dunkel!* Nachtdarstellungen in der zeitgenössischen Kunst, Städtische Galerie, Biandigheim-Bissingen, Germany

Waterscapes, Prix de la Photographie, Farmani Gallery, New York City, United-States

*New Homeland*, Deutsches Architekturmuseum, Francfort, Germany

Art Paris, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

## 2008

*Stille Landschaften*, Städtische Galerie Lüdenscheid, Germany

*Schöne Neue Welt*, Visual Gallery, Photokina Cologne, Germany

*Horizonte*, Photofestival Zingst, Germany

## 2007

*Selected Views*, Fotografie Forum International, Francfort, Germany

Fotosommer Stuttgart, BFF exhibitions, Germany

*Ziemlich hoch- Das Alpine in der zeitgenössischen Fotografie*, Kunsthaus Kaufbeuren, Germany

*Anderswo in Stuttgart*, BFF exhibition, Haus der Wirtschaft Stuttgart, Germany

Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

Les Arts Décoratifs, musée de la Publicité, Paris, France

*Geschossen und Gedruckt*, Städtische Galerie, Museen der Stadt Lüdenscheid, and c/o Galerie, Berlin, Germany

## 2006

International Photo Festival, Xining, China

*Tiefes Licht*, Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, Germany

*Licht in der Architektur*, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Germany

**2005**

*Work on Paper*, Bank, Los Angeles, United-States  
*Die Kunst der Kommunikation*, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany  
*Bildwechsel - Fotografie/Malerei*, Galerie Rainer Wehr, Stuttgart, Germany  
*Fokus 0711*, Württembergischer Kunstverein, Stuttgart, Germany  
*Lichtwiesen - Inszenierte Landschaften*, Designhaus, Darmstadt, Germany  
 LA Photo with Bank, Los Angeles, United-States

**2004**

*Stadt Land Fluss*, TaylorWessing/Storms Galerie, Munich, Germany  
*geschossen und gedruckt*, Städtische Galerie, Museen der Stadt Lüdenscheid, Germany

**2003**

Fotosommer, Ausstellung für zeitgenössische Fotografie, Stuttgart, Germany  
 Perseeve, Bank, Los Angeles

**2002**

Bilder der Stille, Visual Gallery of Photokina, Cologne, Germany

**2001**

AOP Awards Show, AOP Gallery, London, Great-Britain

**2000**

*Zeit Blicke*, Galerie der Stadt Stuttgart, Germany

**1999**

*Zeit Blicke*, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg, Germany

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**Publications**  
 (selection)

*Das bisschen Restlicht*, by Marc Peschke, FAZ (2013)  
*Im Dunkel mondloser Naechte*, by Ulrike Brandenburg, Main Spitze (2012)  
*Michael Schnabel White Land*, by Séverine Morel, Le Journal de la Photographie (2012)  
*Kunstpreis für Michael Schnabel*, by Burkhard Maus, art-magazin.de (2012)  
*The Real Thing*, British journal of photography (2011)  
*Wenn Licht ins Radikale gelenkt wird*, by Andreas Thiemann, Westfalenpost (2011)  
*Radikale Fotografie und Bilder mit Innenleben*, by Yvonne Hinz, Westfalenpost (2011)  
*Licht bei Nacht*, by Thomas Hirsch, Trailer (2011)  
*Der Fotograf Michael Schnabel*, by Sabina Byies, Photonews, No. 10/11 (2011)  
*Stille Berge*, Exit # 38 (2010)  
*Lakes*, Spread Art Culture #5 (2010)  
*Uschi Loigge*, Belichtandes Dunkel im Kunstraum, Kleine Zeitung, Kärnten (2 juin 2009)  
*Kate Doyle, Michael Schnabel: In Depth*, Image Magazine (Londres), Issue 386 (Novembre 2007)  
*Pool, Stille Berge Portfolio and Interview*, No. 19 (2007)  
 Südtiroler Wochenmagazin, Dunkle Berge (October 5th 2006)  
 ORF TV Interview and Portrait (2006)  
*Stille Berge*, by Anne Kotzan, Photo International, No. 5 (2006)  
*Nightmountains*, Spread Art Culture, No. 1 (2006)  
*Stille Berge*, by Thomas Schirmböck, Profifoto (October 5 2006)  
 Even, Portfolio, No. 3/06 (2006)  
*Michael Schnabel Stille Berge*, by Anne Kotzan, Photo Presse, No. 51/52

(décembre 2005)

*Michael Schnabel*, Fine Art Printer, Portfolio and Interview (March 3rd 2005)

*Stille Berge*, by Andreas Langen, Stuttgarter Zeitung (March 8 2005)

*Michael Schnabel*, by Tina Ackermann, Nikon News, No. 1 (2005)

*Stille Berge*, by Andreas Langen, Photo News, No. 2 (2005)

*Märchenhaft und faszinierend*, Mannheimer Morgen, by Eva Maria Mayer (October 20th 2004)

*Die nachtschwarze Ruhe der Gipfel*, by Rheinpfalz Zeitung, Diandrich Wappler (September 29th 2004)

Rhein-Neckar Zeitung In der Nacht sind alle Berge grau, Milan Chlumsky (September 29th 2004)

Tema Celeste, Michael Schnabel Nys Shana Dambrot (July/August 2004)

*Michael Schnabel at Bank*, Artsjournal.com, by Tyler Green (April 21st 2004)

*8 Stars der deutschen Werbung*, Photo Technik International, by Anne Kotzan, Nummer 3 (May/June 2004)

*Michael Schnabel*, Art Scene, by Anne Martens, Vol.23 No.8 (April 2004)

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## Bibliography

*Beyond the sphere of reproduction*, Biandigheim, Beijin, exhibition catalog (2017)

*Die Alpen in der Fotografie*, Galerie Stihl Waiblingen, exhibition catalog (2013)

*Neuland - Künstler als Entdecker*, Kunsthalle Emden, exhibition catalog (2013)

*Shape The Scape*, catalog for exhibition tour (2013)

*Wasser - Linien - Perspektiven*, Prix Brita Art (2012)

*Nightsapes / Weisses Land*, Work 2001 - 2010, Osthaus Museum, Hagen, exhibition catalog (2011)

*64/87, Photography in the fast lane*, Galerie der Stadt Sindelfingen, exhibition catalog (2011)

*Impossible exhibition*, Arles, exhibition catalog (2010)

*Stille Landschaften*, Museen der Stadt Lüdenscheid, exhibition catalog (2008)

*Horizonte Zingst*, catalogue pour le festival (2008)

*Tiefes Licht*, Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, exhibition catalog (2006)

*Visual Gallery*, Photokina, exhibition catalog (2006)

*Leuchtende Bauten*, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, exhibition catalog (2006)

*Fokus 0711"- Fotosommer Stuttgart*, exhibition catalog (2005)

*Lichtwiesen Inszenierte Landschaften*, exhibition catalog (2005)

*Stille Berge*, livre and catalogue, monography (2004)

*Cages*, exhibition catalog, monography (2004)

*Zeit Blicke*, 30 Jahre BFF, exhibition catalog (1999)

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## Awards (selection)

### 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, laureate  
Communication Arts, Prix d'excellence

**2009**

International Photography Awards / Lucy foundation, premier prix  
International Photography Awards, nomination "photographer of the year"  
European architectural photoprize, laureate  
World Photographer Award, shortlist  
AOP Awards, nomination  
Prix de la Photographie, PX 3 Water compandition, honorable mentions

**2008**

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

**2007**

AOP, bronze and nominations  
BFF, trend award  
BFF, prix du mérite  
ADC CY, prix du mérite