

KOEN THEYS

b. 1963 in Brussels, Belgium.

Lives and works in Brussels, Belgium

SOLO SHOWS :

2022

Bonfires, Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

2021

EKWC@Princessehof: Koen Theys, Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

Diasporalia, Drents Museum, Assen, The Netherlands

Arabian Nights, Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

2018

Code Art Fair with Keteleer Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

Arabian Nights, Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

Diasporalia installation, Cathedral of Our Lady with Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

2016

What's the Point?, KETELEER GALLERY, Antwerp, Belgium

Serial Drummer Girls, De Singel Antwerp, Belgium

Serial Drummer Girls, Beursschouwburg, Brussels, Belgium

BredaPhoto, Electron – Breda, The Netherlands

2015

A Day in the Life of the Holy Blood, Etablissements d'en Face, Brussels, Belgium

Mystic Transport, Central for Contemporary Art, Brussels (with Gülsün Karamustafa), Belgium

Mystic Transport, ARGOS, Brussels (with Gülsün Karamustafa), Belgium

2014

Death Fucking Metal, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium

Death Fucking Metal, Extra-City, Antwerp, Belgium

2013

Home-made Victories, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium

Aike-Dellarco gallery, Shanghai, China

2011

The Final Countdown, Rotterdamse Schouwburg, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

2009

Sleepless Night, Jericho Ditch, Virginia, USA

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2008

Koen Theysland, CANVAS, Belgium
Fanfare, Calme & Volupté, LLS387 gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
PATRIA, KunstenFestivaldesArts, Brussels, Belgium

2007

Videogasten, MuHKA-Media, Antwerp, Belgium
The Many Things Show, Kunsthalle Lophem, Belgium
The Dynamite Show, Middelheim Museum, Antwerp, Belgium (with Paul McCarthy)
Fanfare, Calme & Volupté, Les Brigittines, Brussels, Belgium

2006

Girls & Philosophers I, Cultuurcentrum, Strombeek-Bever, Belgium
Girls & Philosophers II, De Garage, Mechelen, Belgium
The Vanitas Record, De Kunsthall, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

2005

The Vanitas Record, Kunsthalle Lophem, Belgium
The Dynamite Show, Herman Teirlinckhuis, Beersel, Belgium
Het Vanitasrecord, Argos, Brussels, Belgium
The Rhinegold – The Valkyrie, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

2003

Warburgballets, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium
My Place, Gemeentemuseum, Schaarbeek, Belgium

2002

Etudes Médiatiques, Gallery Xippas, Paris, France

2001

The Thousand Faces of God, Hyper-space, Brussels, Belgium
My Place, Paleis voor Schone Kunsten, Brussels, Belgium

2000

Les Maternelles, gallery Xippas, Paris, France
De Kleuterschool – Les Maternelles, Paleis voor Schone Kunsten, Brussels, Belgium

1999

La Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations présente Koen Theys, qui présente la Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, photographe, La Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, Paris, France

1998

Busby Berkeley's village, Argos, Brussels, Belgium

Voir le monde, jouir du confort, Gallery Xippas, Paris, France

1997

Rommelkot, Gallery Albert Baronian, Brussels, France

Expo Champêtre, Argos, Brussels, France

Ganglandschap met monumenten, Ferraris building, Brussels, France

1996

Le Terrier, Gallery Xippas, Paris, France

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1995

Upstairs, Downstairs, Toxic New Art Gallery, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

De wereld zien, Komfort genieten, C.I.A.P., Hasselt, Belgium

1994

&, Museum Dhondt - Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium (with Hermann Pitz)

Chateau Classic, Vereniging voor het Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

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Chateau Classic, Vereniging voor het Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

1993

Tunnel, Gallery Albert Baronian, Brussels, Belgium

1991

Self, Gallery Patrick De Brock, Antwerp, Belgium

1990

Video-werke, Kölischer Kunstverein, Köln, Germany

The Valkyrie, TV 5

1989

Frank & Koen Theys, American Museum of the Moving Image, New York, USA

The Valkyrie, Carré Noir, Télé 2, Belgium
The Valkyrie, Rabotnik TV, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
The Valkyrie, Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, USA
Sculptures, Gallery Joost Declercq, Ghent, Belgium

1988

Video, Gallery GA, Waasmunster, Belgium

1987

The Rhinegold, Gele Zaal, Ghent, Belgium
The Rhinegold, Shaffy Theatre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1986

The Rhinegold, Mediamatic, Groningen, The Netherlands

1985

Diana, RTBF, Belgium

1984

Diana, Baskque Television, Spain

GROUP SHOWS (a selection) :

2025

Nous tournoyons dans la nuit, et nous voilà consumés par le feu, curated by Laurent Jacob, Cathedral of Liège, Liège, Brussels
10th Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture, Shenzhen Bay Art Center, China
Figure Phantom, TICK TACK, Antwerp, Belgium
Enchanted, Wereldmuseum Leiden, The Netherlands
Spirits, House and Senses, Art Space Auto Vitesse, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

2022

Art Brussels with Keteleer Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
The Circus We Are, Le Delta, Namur, Belgium

2021

Art Antwerp with Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Art Cologne with Keteleer Gallery, Cologne, Germany
Affiniteiten #3, LLS Paleis, Antwerp, Belgium

2020

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Group Exhibition, Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
M HKA, Antwerp, Belgium
SEEN, Antwerp, Belgium

2019

Art Brussels with Keteleer Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Looking Forward, Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Lost in Translation, De Warande, Turnhout, The Netherlands

2018

Art's Birthday, M HKA, Antwerp, Belgium
The Raft. Art is (Not) Lonely, Ostend, Belgium

2017

Forever and Beyond, Keteleer Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Museum to Scale 1/7, Ghisla Fondation, Locarno, Sweden
Nickelodeon, La Halle, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Grnoble, France
Gemischte Gefühle, Tempelhof, Berlin, Germany
The Raft, City of Ostend, Belgium

2016

Angst essen Seelen aus, LLS387 gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
De jaren '80 – een decennium van extremen, MuHKA, Antwerpen, Belgium

2015

Videonale, Kunstmuseum, Bonn, Germany
Temporäre Gallery, Cologne, Germany
Notes on Crisis, Currency and Consumption, Gallery Raum mit Licht, Vienna, Austria

2014

Museum to Scale 1/7, Baker Museum, Florida, USA
Museum to Scale 1/7, De Kunsthall, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Kasseler Dokumentar- und VideoFestival, Museum Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany

2013

The Mind of the Artist, Gallery Ronny Van de Velde, Knokke, Belgium
Our Memory?, Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China
Museum to scale 1/7, Museum of Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium
Sculpturen I, Gallery Ronny Van de Velde, Knokke, Belgium
Bazaar België, Centre for Contemporary Art, Brussels, Belgium
Once More, Lokaal 01, Breda, The Netherlands
Vanitas Revisited, Gallery Ronny Van de velde, Knokke, Belgium

2012

Time Keeper, State Hermitage Museum, Sint Petersburg, Russia
Sint-Jan, Sint-Baafskathedraal, Gent, Belgium

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Cyberfest 2012, Sint Petersburg, Belgium
Flemish Art Assets, The Emily Harvey Foundation, New York, USA

2011

Transmediale, Convent@rt, Berlin, Belgium
International Filmfestival, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
Propos d'Europe: Des Artistes Belges, Fondation Hippocrène, Paris, France
J.J. Grandville – Un Autre Monde, Musée Félicien Rops, Namur, Belgium

2010

7ième Biennale de la Photographie et d'Art Contemporain, MAMAC, Liège, Belgium
C'est la vie ! Vanités du XV au XXI siècle, Musée Maillol, Paris, France
Xanadu, SMAK, Gent, Belgium
Mediations Biennale, Poznan, Poland
Erased Walls, Convent@rt, Berlin, Germany
ABC - Art Belge Contemporain, Le Fresnoy, Tourcoing, France
The Good, the Bad & the Ugly, De Garage, Mechelen, Belgium
Hareng Saur: Ensor and Contemporary Art, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium

2009

Instants Vidéo, Marseille, France
Open Lounge, Villa Merkel & Bahnwärtershaus, Esslingen, Germany
B-sides and Rarities, Lokaal01, Breda, The Netherlands
European Media-Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany
Jeugdzones, Hedeh, Maastricht, The Netherlands
De Donderdagen, De Singel, Antwerpen, Belgium
Histoires de Crânes, Dix291, Paris, France
Jeugdzone. Over Opus 1 en Opus -1, LLS Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
De Doorgeefshow, NICC, Antwerp, Belgium
Festival Bandits-Mages, Bourges, France
Nomad, Roland Patteeuw, City of Bruges, Belgium

2008

Festival Bandits-Mages, Bourges, France
The Hands of Art, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium
The Hands of Art, MARTA, Herford, Germany
European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany
Decollecting, FRAC Nord Pas de Calais, Dunkerque, France
Corpus Delicti, Palais de Justice, Brussels, Belgium
Instants Vidéo 2008, Marseille, Belgium
1° Brussels Biennial, Brussels, Belgium
Decollecting, De Garage, Mechelen Belgium

2007

Ru-Arts Gallery, Moscow, Russia

Rencontres Internationales, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain

Variety, Lokaal 01, Breda, The Netherlands

Vanaf nu, LLS387 gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

2006

Up-date, Zebrastraat, Ghent, Belgium

Family Affairs, Paleis voor Schone Kunsten, Brussels, Belgium

Les Peintres de la Vie Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Construit-Built, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Vitry-Paris, France

Rencontres Internationales, Paris/Berlin, Paris, France

2005

International filmfestival, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Locus Loppem, Kunsthalle Loppem, Belgium

(My private) Heroes, MARTA, Herford, Germany

L'oeil Urbain, Maison de la Culture, Namur, Belgium

De zomer van Middelburg, MUHKA, Antwerp, Belgium

Künstlerbrüder, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

Slow Art/Slow Life, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany

2004

Beeldenstorm, Kortrijk, Belgium

Kunstmuseum, Bern, Swiss

Zona de mestizaje, Museo Nacional Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain

videofestival, Argos, Brussels, Belgium

5, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium

2003

International Filmfestival, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Zoals het leven is, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium

(in search of) The Perfect Lover, MDD Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium

Videoabende, MARTA, Herford, Germany

Collection Vidéographie, Biennale, Venice, Italy

Kunstfilmbiennale, Museum Ludwig, Köln, Germany

Kunst in België na documenta IX, MUHKA, Antwerp, Belgium

2002

Le Parfum, gallerie Les Brasseurs, Liège, Belgium

Paramount Basics, expanded, MUHKA, Antwerp, Belgium

Hedendaagse Belgische Kunst, Caermersklooster, Ghent, Belgium

La nuit Art-vidéo, Le Forum Itinérant, Strassbourg, France

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Hommages/outrages Picasso, Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, Liège, Belgium
Still/life, Museum Rockoxhuis, Antwerp, Belgium
Yellow, geboortehuis van Jan Hoet, Geel, Belgium
Hier & Nu – Ici & Maintenant, Bâtiment Tour & Taxis, Brussels, Belgium

2000

Mo(u)vements, Museum voor Schone Kunsten, Antwerp, Belgium
Terug naar School, De Vleeshal, Middelburg, Belgium
Small Stuff II, Herman Teirlinckhuis, Beersel, Belgium

1999

tekeningen, schetsen,... Herman Teirlinckhuis, Beersel, Belgium
Zoersel '99, Park van Zoersel, Belgium
Small Stuff, gallery Nicole Klagsbrun, New York, USA
Tremendum et fascinosum, Cultureel Centrum, Berchem, Belgium

1998

Loplop /re/presents: Back to basics, St-Pietersabdij, Ghent, Belgium
Bureau N.I.C.C. augmenté, N.I.C.C., Antwerp, Belgium
Contemporary art from Brussels, C.C.A., Glasgow, GB

1997

Prehension, Gallery Xippas, Paris, France
Another & another & another act of seeing Urban Space, De Singel, Antwerp, Belgium
Who loves Brussels?, Encore... Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium
Loplop re/presents: The im/pulse to see, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

1996

Photographies d'une collection, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, Paris, France
Artistes – Architectes, Kunstverein, München, Germany
For the Vision of the 21th Century, SIAS, Seoul, Korea
Artistes-Architectes, Centre Culturel de Belem, Lisbonne, Portugal
Die schrift des Raumes, Kunsthalle, Wien, Austria

1995

Le paysage Retrouvée, Gallery Xippas, Paris, France
Das Belgische Haus, Köln, Germany
La Géométrie Sacrée, Galerie des Beaux Arts, Brussels, Belgium
Room with views, Casino, Knokke, Belgium
La Condition Humaine, De Witte Zaal, Ghent, Belgium
Artistes – Architectes, Le Nouveau Musée, Villeurbanne, France

1994

Ceci n'est pas une pomme, Fundacion Carlos de Amberes, Madrid, Spain
Oppervlakte - Ruimte – Oppervlakte, Museum voor Hedendaagse Kunst, Ghent, Belgium
Beeld in Park, Felix Hap Park, Brussels, Belgium
Kenniss maakt macht, Gallery Patrick De Brock, Knokke, Belgium

1993

Dit is Belgisch, Histoires Belges, Graz, Austria
Morgen Gemaakt, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Retrospective van Belgische Video-installaties, MUHKA, Antwerp, Belgium

1992

A Marked Difference, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Videofestival, Riga, Latvia
Voorwerk 3 Witte de With, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

1991

Gedachtengangen-Gedanken Gange, Museum Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany
Transito, Paleis voor Schone Kunsten, Brussels, Belgium
Galerij Van Krimpen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
MIDEM Festival, Cannes, France
Opera Screen, I.M.Z., Helsinki, Finland
Art twins, Kunsthalle, Luzern, Swiss

1990

Beelden Buiten, Tielt, Belgium
Videofest '90, Medienoperative, Berlin, Germany
Belgijska Eksplozija, Cankarjev Dom, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia

1989

Galerij Westersingel, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Videofestival, Sydney, Australia
Festiwal Wizualnich Realizacji Okolomuzycznych, Wroclaw, Poland

1988

Galerij De lege ruimte, Bruges, Belgium
Confrontatie – confrontaties, Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Ghent, Belgium
European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany

1987

Contained Attitudes, Artists Space, New York, USA

Déconstruction, Hallen van Schaarbeek, Belgium
Installations Vidéo, Plan K, Brussels, Belgium
Rétrospective de l'histoire de la vidéo, Institut Français, London, GB

1986

Week-end, Cercle Paul-Bert, Rennes, France
In de Maalstroom, Paleis voor Schone Kunsten, Brussels, Belgium
Museum Of Modern Art, San Francisco, USA
This is Belgium, The Kitchen, New York, USA
Où va la vidéo?, Festival d'Avignon, France
Film und vidéo aus Belgien, Kunstmuseum, Bern, Swiss

1985

International Filmfestival, Berlin, Germany
In view of, Long Beach Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA
ICA, Boston, USA

1984

Festival du Nouveau Cinéma et de la Vidéo, Montréal, Canada
Festival Internacional de Cine Donostia, San Sebastian, Spain
C'est une Catastrophe, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Genève, Swiss
Video and Ritual, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS :

Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), New York, USA
Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst (SMAK), Ghent, Belgium
Le Casino', Luxemburg, Luxemburg
Fonds Régionale d'Art Contemporain Centre, Paris, France
Fonds Régionale d'Art Contemporain, Villeurbanne, France
Fonds Nationale d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France
Museum for Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
Centre National de la cinématographie, Paris, France
University of Paris, France
University of Madrid, Spain
De Vleeshal, Middelburg, The Netherlands
Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, Belgium
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Middelheim Museum, Antwerp, Belgium
Museum voor Hedendaagse Kunst (MuHKA), Antwerp, Belgium

PRIZES :

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Prize of the Jury, Videologia Festival, Volgograd, Russia (2006)
Statesprize for Plastic Arts, Belgium (1987)
Prix Arcanal III° Festival de la Vidéo et de la Télévision, Montbéliard (1986)
1° Prize Filmfestival for young filmmakers, Brussels, Belgium (1985)
Prix Monte Vérità, Video-Art Festival Locarno, Swiss (1984)

CURATED SHOWS :

2011

The Tiberius Principle, Middelheimmuseum, Antwerp, Belgium

2010

l'Abondance, Hofstraat, Antwerp, Belgium

2009

De Doorgeefshow, NICC, Antwerp, Belgium

1999 -2003

Behind Green Curtain, monthly lectures, NICC, Brussels, Belgium