

# Doug Aitken

## Biography

Doug Aitken was born in 1968 in Redondo Beach. He lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.

Over the last 24 years, Aitken has developed an unparalleled practice that explores the perception of images, narratives, in an ongoing investigation of the 21st century experience. Spatial and temporal dislocation is mixed with a dream like quality. His work often takes the form of immersive video installations; single channel video often projected onto architecture, but is also characterized by text sculptures, architectural and sound works, and photography.

Aitken's works explore the gulf between the broad saturation and availability of images and the vulnerability of individuals, in a period of massive industrial and environmental changes. In contrast, there is a sensitivity and coolness to the environment in which the works are displayed.

Aitken is the inaugural recipient of the Frontier Art Prize, a new contemporary art award that supports an artist of international stature pursuing bold projects that challenge the boundaries of knowledge and experience to reimagine the future of humanity. He was the recipient of the Golden Lion in the 1999 Venice Biennale.

### Solo exhibitions

#### 2023

2023 - HOWL, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Maag Areal, Zurich, CH

2023 - Doug Aitken, migration (empire), The Princeton Art Museum, Princeton, US

- Return to the Real, Schauwerk Sindelfingen Museum, Sindelfingen, D

#### 2022

2022 - Wilderness, 303 Gallery, New York, US

2022 - Doug Aitken: Flags and Debris, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, IL

#### 2021

2021 - Green Lens, commissioned by Anthony Vaccarello in partnership with Saint Laurent, Isola Della Certosa, Venice, I

2021 - I Am In You, 21st Century Museum Of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, J

2021 - Doug Aitken: New Era, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney, AUS. Catalogue

2021 - Doug Aitken: Flags and Debris, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA

2021 - Doug Aitken: Microcosmos, Victoria Miro, Venice, I

#### 2020

2020 - Doug Aitken: I Only Have Eyes for You, Kiasma, Helsinki, FIN

2020 - Doug Aitken: migration (empire), online exhibition series, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA

2020 - Doug Aitken: New Ocean: Thaw, Espace Louis Vuitton, Tokyo, J

## **2019**

- 2019 - New Horizon , Trustees properties, State of Massachusetts, USA
- 2019 - Return to the Real, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 - NEW ERA, Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, University of California, Davis, USA
- 2019 - Sonic Mountain (Sonoma), The Donum Estate, Sonoma, USA
- 2019 - Doug Aitken, Faurschou Foundation, Beijing, PRC
- 2019 - Doug Aitken, Don't Forget to Breathe, 6775 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, USA
- 2019 - Doug Aitken, Mirage Gstaad, Elevation 1049: Frequencies, Gstaad, CH

## **2018**

- 2018 - Mirage Detroit, State Savings Bank, Detroit, USA
- 2018 - Doug Aitken, Copenhagen Contemporary, Copenhagen, DK
- 2018 - Doug Aitken, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
- 2018 - New Era, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2018 - Doug Aitken, Massimo De Carlo, Hong Kong, HK

## **2017**

- 2017 - Doug Aitken: Electric Earth, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, USA. Catalogue
- 2017 - Mirage, Desert X, Palm Springs, USA
- 2017 - migration (empire), Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, USA

## **2016**

- 2016 - Doug Aitken, Underwater Pavilions, Parley for the Oceans and The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA
- 2016 - Doug Aitken: Electric Earth, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA
- 2016 - Doug Aitken: twilight, Peder Lund, Oslo, N

## **2015**

- 2015 - Doug Aitken, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH. Catalogue
- 2015 - Doug Aitken: migration (empire), Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, D
- 2015 - Doug Aitken, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK

## **2014**

- 2014 - Still Life, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA

## **2013**

- 2013 - electric earth, Nam June Paik Art Center, Yongin-si Gyeonggi-do, ROK
- 2013 - Nomadic Light Sculpture, generative/responsive LED light sculpture covering the surface of the Station to Station train cars, New York to San Francisco, USA
- 2013 - MIRROR, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA
- 2013 - 100 YRS, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

## **2012**

- 2012 - ALTERED EARTH: Arles, city of moving images, Luma Foundation, Grande Halle, Parc des Ateliers, Arles, F
- 2012 - Doug Aitken: THE SOURCE, Sky Arts Ignition series, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
- 2012 - Doug Aitken, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
- 2012 - lighthouse, private commission, Dutchess County, USA
- 2012 - SONG 1, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, USA. Catalogue

## **2011**

- 2011 - Black Mirror, Galeria Helga de Alvear, Madrid, E
- 2011 - Black Mirror, DESTE Foundation Project Space, Slaughterhouse and open-air barge, Hydra Island, GR. Catalogue
- 2011 - Doug Aitken, Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK

## **2010**

- 2010 - House, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2010 - migration (empire), Sammlung Goetz at Haus der Kunst, Munich, D

2010 - Doug Aitken: migration (empire), Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, USA  
2010 - the moment, Matadero Madrid, E  
2010 - electric earth, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, USA

## **2009**

2009 - Frontier, Museo d'arte contemporanea di Roma/Enel Contemporaneo, Isola Tiberina, I  
2009 - Sonic Pavilion, Inhotim Contemporary Art Center, Brumadinho, BR  
2009 - Doug Aitken, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
2009 - migration (empire), St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, USA  
2009 - Doug Aitken, Los Angeles Public Domain / Art on the Outside, Los Angeles, USA

## **2008**

2008 - Doug Aitken, 303 Gallery, New York, USA  
2008 - 99¢ dreams, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH. Catalogue

## **2007**

2007 - Doug Aitken, 303 Gallery, New York, USA  
2007 - sleepwalkers, Museum of Modern Art, New York / Creative Time, New York, USA

## **2006**

2006 - A Photographic Survey, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, USA. Catalogue

## **2005**

2005 - ULTRAWORLD, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, ARC, Couvent des Cordeliers, Paris, F  
2005 - the moment, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
2005 - Self yourself for nothing, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH  
2005 - interiors, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, USA

## **2004**

2004 - Doug Aitken, Sammlung Goetz, München, D  
2004 - This Moment is the Moment, Taka Ishii Gallery, Tokyo, J  
2004 - We're safe as long as everything is moving, La Caixa Forum and Mies van der Rohe Pavilion, Barcelona, E

## **Group exhibitions**

### **2023**

2023 - Reaching for the Stars, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, I  
2023 - Dans l'air, les machines volantes, Hangar Y Opening, Paris Meudon, F  
2023 - Everything Gets Lighter, Museo Jumex, Mexico City, MEX  
2023 - Desire, Knowledge, and Hope (with Smog), The Broad, Los Angeles, US  
2023 - Reaching for the Stars, Da Maurizio Cattelan a Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, curated by Arturo Galansino, Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi, Firenze, I

### **2022**

2022 - Mountain/Time, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, US  
2022 - Stars Don't Stand Still in the Sky: A Tribute to Lawrence Weiner, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, US  
2022 - Sculptures By, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, New York, US  
2022 - The First Beijing Biennial 展览名称: 第一届北京艺术双年展, National Base for International Cultural Trade, Beijing, PRC  
2022 - JINGART Online Exhibition, JINGART, Beijing, PRC

### **2021**

2021 - Los Angeles (State of Mind), Gallerie d'Italia — Palazzo Zevallos Stigliano, Naples, I  
2021 - Alter Egos | Projected Selves, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, US  
2021 - Selection: Gallery Artists, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, USA  
2021 - Unnatural History, Herbert Art Gallery And Museum, Coventry, UK  
2021 - Collection Exhibition, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, J

### **2020**

2020 - Jinan International Biennial, Shandong Art Museum, Jinan, PRC

2020 - All in One, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zürich, CH  
2020 - New Exhibitions, The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse, Miami, USA  
2020 - Fact and Fiction in Contemporary Photography, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, USA  
2020 - Alien Landscape, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

## **2019**

2019 - Meet Me In The Bathroom: The Art Show, curated by Lizzy Goodman and Hala Matar, The Hole, New York, USA  
2019 - Monument Valley, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, USA  
2019 - TRANSFORMER: The Rebirth of Wonder, 180 The Strand, London, UK  
2019 - 303 Gallery: 35 Years, 303 Gallery, New York, USA  
2019 - Big Orchestra, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, D  
2019 - The Coming World: Ecology as the New Politics 2030-2100, Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow, USA  
2019 - Creatures: When Species Meet, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, USA  
2019 - Tomorrow is the Question, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, DK  
2019 - Expanded: Fiction and Fabrication in Post-Digital Architectural Photography, Museum Of Art, Architecture And Technology (MAAT), Lisbon, P

## **2018**

2018 - Far From Home, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, DK  
2018 - Foresta Urbana, Polo Museale Regionale d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Palermo, Palermo, I  
2018 - How To See [What Isn't There], A Group Show of Works from the Burger Collection Hong Kong, Langen Foundation, Neuss, D  
2018 - The World on Paper, Deutsche Bank, PalaisPopulaire, Berlin, D  
2018 - San Diego: The Architecture of Four Ecologies, La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, USA  
2018 - Oh, So Quiet! Music as we look at it, Art and Cinema, Verkmidjan Center for Contemporary Art, Hjalteyri, Eyjafjardarsysla, IS  
2018 - Oceans. Imagining a Tidalectic Worldview, Museum of Modern Art Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik, HR  
2018 - Biennale of Painting, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Deurle, B  
2018 - AS YOU LIKE IT, Praz Delavallade, Los Angeles, USA  
2018 - The Pull of a Well Placed Comma, Museu de Arte Contemporânea de Elvas, Elvas, P  
2018 - Single-Channel Catalyst III, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, USA

## **2017**

2017 - Future Shock, SITE, Santa Fe, USA  
2017 - Performance! An exhibition of the 40th anniversary of the Center Pompidou, Le Tripostal, Lille, F  
2017 - Floating Worlds, The 14th Lyon Biennale, Lyon, F  
2017 - Again and Again, Sammlung Goetz in the Haus der Kunst, Munich, D  
2017 - Mix it -Pop music & video art, Marta Herford Museum for Art, Architecture, Design, Herford, D  
2017 - Art Unlimited, Art Basel, Basel, CH  
2017 - Jaguars and Electric Eels, Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin, D  
2017 - The Garden - End of Times; Beginning of Times: The Present, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, DK

## **2016**

2016 - Camera of Wonders, Museo de Arte Moderno, Medellin, CO  
2016 - Artists in Their Time, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, TR  
2016 - Daydreaming with Stanley Kubrick, Somerset House, London, UK  
2016 - Come as You Are: Art of the 1990's, Blanton Museum of Art: University of Texas, Austin, USA  
2016 - Summer Exhibition 2016,, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK

## **2015**

2015 - Camera of Wonders, Centro de la Imagen, Mexico City, MEX  
2015 - Station to Station: A 30 Day Happening, Barbican Centre, London, UK. Catalogue  
2015 - Works on Paper, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH  
2015 - Damage Control: Art & Destruction Since 1950, Kunsthau Graz, Graz, A  
2015 - Come as You Are: Art of the 1990's, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ; Telfair Museum of Art, Savannah, GA; The University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, USA

## **2014**

- 2014 - Melting Walls: Works from the Igal Ahouvi Art Collection, Genia Schreiber University Art Gallery, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, IL
- 2014 - High Performance. The Julia Stoschek Collection, ZKM, Karlsruhe, D
- 2014 - Damage Control: Art & Destruction Since 1950, Hirshhorn Museum, Sculpture Garden; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; MUDAM, Luxemburg,
- 2014 - Common Ground: Earth, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, TR

## **2013**

- 2013 - Collection Reinstallation for the 2013 Carnegie International, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA
- 2013 - Little Water, Dojima River Biennale, Osaka, J
- 2013 - A Sense of Place, Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco, USA
- 2013 - Homebodies, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, USA
- 2013 - El Cazador Y La Fabrica, Colección Jumex, Mexico City, MEX
- 2013 - The Time is Now, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2013 - DIALOGUES: Art/Architecture, Paris/Los Angeles, MAK Center for Art & Architecture and ForYourArt at 6020 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 - Turn off the Sun: Selections from la Colección Jumex, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, USA
- 2013 - Performing Architecture, Tate Britain, London, UK

## **2012**

- 2012 - The Perfect Show, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 - OC Collects, Orange County Museum of Art, Orange County, Inaugural Exhibition by Gallery Artists, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, Liverpool Biennale, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool,
- 2012 - Mexico: Expected/Unexpected, American University Museum at the Katzen, Washington, USA

## **2011**

- 2011 - Now: obras de La Coleccion Jumex, Centro Cultural Hospicio Cabanas, Guadalajara, MEX
- 2011 - Why I Never Became a Dancer, Sammlung Goetz at Haus der Kunst, Munich, D
- 2011 - In the Name of the Artists - American Contemporary Art from the Astrup Fearnley Collection, Cicillo Matarazzo Pavilion, Parque do Ibirapuera, The São Paulo Biennale, São Paulo, BR
- 2011 - Elgiz 10 Istanbul: A Decade of Commitment to Contemporary Art, Elgiz Museum of Contemporary Art, Istanbul, TR
- 2011 - Expanded Cinema, Moscow Museum of Modern Art / Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow, RUS
- 2011 - Sculpture Now, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
- 2011 - Paradise Lost, Istanbul Museum of Modern Art, Istanbul, TR

## **2010**

- 2010 - The Artist's Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA
- 2010 - Let's Dance, Musée d'Art Contemporain du Val-de-Marne (MAC/VAL), Vitry-sur-Seine, F
- 2010 - Passages. Travels in Hyper-Space, LABoral Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial, Gijón, E
- 2010 - Highlights of the Cologne KunstFilmBiennale in Berlin, Kunst-Werke Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, D
- 2010 - México: esperado/inesperado, BPS22 - Musée d'art de la Province de Hainaut, Cherleroi, B
- 2010 - Between Here and There: Passages in Contemporary Photography, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
- 2010 - Ars Itineris. The journey in contemporary art, Artium, Centro-Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo de Vitoria-Gasteiz, Álava, Basque Country, E
- 2010 - Art Unlimited 2010, Art Basel, Basel, CH
- 2010 - La trama se complica / The Plot Thickens, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey, Monterrey, MEX
- 2010 - Until Now: Collecting the New (1960-2010), Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, USA
- 2010 - I want to see how you see - Julia Stoschek Collection, Deichtorhallen Hamburg, Hamburg, D
- 2010 - The Traveling Show, Galeria de Fundación/Colección Jumex, Mexico City, MEX
- 2010 - Disquieted, Portland Art Museum, Portland, USA
- 2010 - Contemplating the Void: Interventions in the Guggenheim Museum, Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 2010 - Hard Targets, Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio State University, Columbus, USA

2010 - Neugierig? Kunst des 21. Jahrhunderts aus privaten Sammlungen, Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn, D

# Bibliography

## 2018

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# Public Collections

## **Australia**

Mora Art foundation, Melbourne

## **France**

Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris  
Centre National des Arts Plastiques, Paris

## **Germany**

Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg  
Sammlung Goetz, Munchen

## **Italy**

Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo per l'Arte, Torino  
Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Torino

## **Japan**

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

## **Mexico**

La Colección Jumex, Ciudad de Mexico

## **Norway**

Astrup Fearnley Meseet for Moderne Kunst, Oslo

## **South Korea**

Amorepacific Museum of Art, Seoul

## **Spain**

Fundacio "la Caixa", Barcelona

## **Switzerland**

Centre pour l'Image Contemporaine, Genève

## **United States of America**

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago  
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh  
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles  
Museum of Modern Art, New York  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle  
The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia  
The Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham  
U.C. Berkeley Art Museum/Matrix, Berkeley  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York