

Armin Mueller-Stahl

Biography

Armin Mueller-Stahl was born in Tilsit (East Prussia) in 1930.

He lives and works in Germany and the United States. His paintings, drawings and lithographs emerge from a dreamy inner space that seeks the truth and a creative desire to throw off the shackles of life. In most works, he opts to represent as authentically as possible, a figure imparting a mood or state of existence. In 1980 Mueller-Stahl immigrated to West Germany, where he established himself as a top-flight actor, soon making his way to Hollywood to play with international screen stars such as George Clooney, Michael Douglas, John Malkovich, and Tom Hanks. He won an Oscar for his role in the 1974 film Jakob der Luegner and was nominated in 1984 for parts in Bittere Emte and Oberst Redi and in 1997 for Shine. He studied music at the Stern'sche Konservatorium in Berlin.

He has been the recipient of dozens of honors throughout his career for acting, writing and painting in both Europe and the United States where he has exhibited widely in solo shows and group exhibitions in galleries and museums as well. In 1997 he published his memoirs titled *Unterwegs nach Hause* (On the Way Home). Mueller-Stahl is a true Renaissance man, exceedingly proficient in painting, acting, writing as well as any new vehicle of expression he decides to explore. "Painting, writing, making music and acting simply belong together, as I see it," Mueller-Stahl says. "Creative desire is an attempt to throw off the shackles of life" he adds. Painting and drawing seem to be particularly helpful to him in this respect because they represent "the more honest proceedings" he feels. "Painting seeks the truth. Here what matters, unlike in writing where good punch-lines count, is representing as authentically as possible in its entirety a figure telling someone something," the artist explains.

Selected Exhibitions

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| 2000 | First exhibition of paintings and drawings in the Film Museum in Potsdam |
| 2001 | Buddenbrookhaus und Kulturforum Museum Burgkloster, Luebeck, Kunsthaus Luebeck
Buechergilde Gutenberg, Bremen
One-man show: Paintings and Drawings, Galerie Rolf Kallenbach, Munich |
| 2003 | Kunsthistorisches Museum, Stralsund
Galerie Boerges, Bremerhaven |

- Stadt und Industriezentrum and Galerie am Dom, Wetzlar Wallenhorst Town Hall
- Festival Mitte Europa, Staedtische Galerie e.o. plauen, Plauen
- 2004 Kunstraum Akademie, Stuttgart
- Wenzel Hablik Museum, Itzehoe
- Landesmuseum fuer Kunst und Kulturgeschichte Schloss Gottorf, Schleswig
- Kulturbund Altenburger Land, Altenburg
- Galerie brahams, Hamburg
- Heidelberger Kunstverein
- Manus Presse Stuttgart
- Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdell Art Park, Los Angeles
- Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbuettel
- Ostholstein Museum, Eutin
- 2006 Museum der bildenden Kuenste, Leipzig
- Kunstverein "Talstrasse" e.V., Halle
- Museen der Stadt Meiningen
- Graphic Cycles, Kunsthaus Luebeck
- Museum Schloss Guestrow
- Kunsthalle Mannheim
- 2008 Galerie umeni Karlovy Vary, Karlsbad (Czech Republic)
- Kunststation Kleinsassen, Hofbieber-Kleinsassen (Rhoen)
- Landesmuseum Schloss Gottorf (Internationaler Museumtag Kunstverein Wasgau, Dahn)
- Art Karlsruhe, Kunsthaus Luebeck
- 2009 Museum Schloss Burgk
- Weidener Kulturtage
- Kunstverein Geldern
- Landesmuseum fuer Kunst-und Kulturgeschichte Schloss Gottorf, Schleswig
- Staedtisches Museum, Goettingen
- NRW-Forum Duesseldorf

- Horst Janssen Museum, Oldenburg
Sparkassenstiftung Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel
- 2010 Baden-Wuerttembergische Bank Stuttgart
Art Karlsruhe, Kunsthaus Luebeck
Ostholstein-Museum, Eutin
Staedtische Galerie "Leerer Beutel", Regensburg
Frank Loebisches Haus, Landau in der Pfalz
Schloss Wackerbarth, Radebeul
Historical Museum of the City of Sovetsk (Tilsit)
Kunsthalle Ammersee, Seefeld
Spinart, one-man show of paintings (Kunsthaus Luebeck in the Baumwollspinnerei Leipzig)
Stadt Neumarkt i.d. OPf. und Galerie Herrman
Ostholstein-Museum, Eutin
- 2011 Exhibition in the Schleswig-Holstein State Parliament Building
Galerie Hohmann, Walsrode
- 2012 Christian Hohmann Fine Art Gallery, Palm Desert
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