

Hans Kotter

Hans Kotter was born in Mühldorf, Germany in 1966 and studied at the Art Students League in New York City alongside contemporary artists Bruce Dorfman and William Scharf. Now living and working in Berlin, Germany, his light-based work focuses on the pluriverse of optical possibilities that break through the boundaries of space and vision. His installations control the perception of the audience in technically refined combinations, creating a sense of illusion both physically and mentally. In this way, Kotter's work aims to re-define the given surroundings, changing the interior of the respective object based on light-generated structures.



LED lights, fluorescent light tubes, plexiglass, mirrors, metal, and other materials serve as a basis for the creation of these light-art works, which continuously take on different shapes, and in their reference, test any conceivable form of dealing with light. It is difficult to categorise Kotter's artwork since their appearance and technical finish open up new ideas of image and thought. Whether in an interaction of colour or black-and-white aesthetics focusing on a shadow effect, the result artistically and technically amazes its viewers.

Kotter has exhibited since the early 1990s throughout Europe and the United States and his works are included in both public and private collections worldwide, including the Kinetica Museum, London and the Kunstmuseum Celle, Germany.

Selected Artworks



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Interference, 2021

Polished stainless steel,
LED's color change, remote
height 39 3/8 in
height 100 cm
(KOT029)



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New Colour Code "Diptych"
(Available Individually), 2022,

Lacquered aluminium,
Plexiglas, C-print LEDs,
remote control
78 3/4 x 5 1/8 x 4 3/8 in
200 x 13 x 11 cm

Hans Kotter

b. 1966– Mühldorf, Germany

Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

Education

2014 Nominated for the International Light Award

2014 Centre for International Light Art Unna, Germany

2007-2013 Lecturer at State Academy of Art and Design Stuttgart, Germany

2011 Artist in Residence, Art Radionica Lazareti, Dubrovnik, Croatia

2004 Bavarian Culture Award (E-ON), Germany

2001-2003 MediaDesign Akademie, Munich, Germany

1993-1994 Art Students League, studied with Bruce Dorfman und William Scharf, New York, USA

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023 *Transformation*, Osthause Museum, Hagen, Germany

2022 *Transformation*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2021 *Beyond Light*, Bluerider ART, Taipei, Taiwan

2020 *MAKK: Selections*, De Buck Gallery, New York

2020 *Light Colour Space*, MAKK Museum, Cologne, Germany

2020 *Shifting Space*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2019 *Reflections*, Gallery Bernd Lausberg, Düsseldorf, Germany

2018 *More Light!*, Stern-Wywiol Galerie, Hamburg, Germany

2018 *Luminous Infinity*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna, Austria

2017 *Point of View*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK

- 2016 *Light Interference*, Gallery Bernd Lausberg, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2016 *beyond light*, Saumuelis Baumgarte Gallery, Bielefeld, Germany
- 2015 *beyond light*, Bildraum 01, Vienna, Austria
- 2015 *Lichtkunst*, Kunstverein Lippe, Detmold, Germany
- 2014 *.....interruption*, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA
- 2014 *light flow*, Gallery Nery Marino, Paris, France
- 2013 *superposition*, Michaela Stock Gallery, Vienna, Austria
- 2013 *more light*, European House of Art Upper Bavaria, Schafhof, Germany
- 2013 *replaced - light flow*, Export Kubus, Vienna, Austria
- 2013 *SUART*, Syracuse University Art Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 *light flow*, Osthaus Museum, Hagen, Germany
- 2012 *home sweet home*, Gallery Klaus Benden, Cologne, Germany
- 2012 *in the flux*, Gallery Nery Marino, Paris, France
- 2011 *light sensitive*, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA
- 2011 *light flow*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2011 *deflection*, Viltin Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
- 2011 *deflection*, Studio d'Arte Contemporanea Pino Casagrande, Rome, Italy
- 2010 *Dialog*, Gallery Grazia Blumberg, Recklinghausen, Germany
- 2009 *replaced*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna, Austria
- 2009 *replaced*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2008 *the very best...!*, Gallery Benden & Klimczak, Cologne, Germany
- 2008 *balance*, Shunt London, with Kinetica Museum London, UK
- 2008 *colour rush*, Gallery Bernd Lausberg, Toronto, Canada
- 2007 *colour rush and blue line*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK

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- 2006 Luminale Frankfurt, with Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London +
Bestreg Arts, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2006 *light and colour*, Gallery Bernd Lausberg, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2005 *chromatic impulse*, Berlinische Galerie with Spectral, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 *balance*, Raum für Kunst, Kunstverein Ravensburg, Germany
- 2004 *illuminations*, Aedes Berlin, BerlinGermany
- 2004 *macro landscape*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2003 *Lichtecht (lightfast)*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2002 *light and colour*, Bezirks Galerie, Bezirk Oberbayern, Munich, Germany
- 2002 *beauty in plastic*, City Museum, Neuötting, Germany
- 2001 *blue line*, Pasinger Fabrik, Munich, Germany
- 2000 *landscape in plastic*, Gallery Hofmeisterhaus, Massing/Rottal, Germany
- 1999 *Stilleben (still life)*, Gallery Benden & Klimczak, Cologne, Germany
- 1998 *Spurensicherung*, House of Culture, Waldkraiburg, Germany
- 1998 *death cult in the chapel*, Castle-Klebing, Germany
- 1997 Diary with sound-collage, Modern Theatre Munich, Germany
- 1997 Gallery Notwehr, Munich, Germany
- 1996 *memory*, ARTgerecht, Hamburg, Germany
- 1994 *body language*, Radiocenter of Bratislava, Slovakia
- 1993 *talk to me*, Galerie & Atelier, Vienna, Austria
- 1992 Stadtmuseum Waldkraiburg, Waldkraiburg, Germany
- 1992 *daydreams*, Chuck Levitan Gallery, New York, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *New Accelerator*, Ruskin Gallery, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK
- 2023 *Wild Grass*, Bluerider Art, Shanghai, China
- 2023 *We Are Back & Scratching the Surface*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna
- 2022 *Hybrid Spaces*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2022 *Light Art*, Kunsthalle Messmer (Foundation) Riegel, Germany
- 2022 *Whatever U Do – I Love It*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna
- 2022 *Chromatic Perspective*, Kunstraum Villa Friede, Bonn, Germany
- 2022 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Bluerider Art, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2022 *Cinetique! Sculpture in Motion*, Villa Datris, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France
- 2022 *Lichtblick*, Schlieder Contemporary Frankfurt, Germany
- 2021 Benjamin Eck Projects, Munich, Germany
- 2021 *Mental Space*, Bluerider Art, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2021 *4 + 20 Light House*, Kunstmuseum Celle
- 2021 Lakeville X Bluerider Art, Shanghai, China
- 2021 *Water Reverie II*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2021 *Still Alive*, Projektraum Deutscher Künstlerbund, Berlin
- 2021 *Sculpture en fête!*, Villa Datris, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France
- 2021 *Waterworld*, Gallery Hartwich, Sellin, Germany
- 2021 *PURE*, Gallery Bernd A. Lausberg, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2021 *!Licht*, Kunststation Kleinsassen, Kleinsassen
- 2021 *The New Lux*, Bluerider Art, Shanghai, China
- 2020 *Water Reverie*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2020 *Switch ON*, Bluerider ART, Taipei, Taiwan

- 2020 *Shifting space*, JD Malat Gallery, London
- 2020 *Collumina II*, International Light Art Project, Cologne, Germany
- 2020 *up to now*, Valletta Contemporary, Malta
- 2019 *Possible Architectures*, Stephen Lawrence Gallery & Saturationpoint, London, UK
- 2019 *after minimalism*, Valletta Contemporary, Malta
- 2018 *infinity!*, MPV Gallery, Den Bosch, Netherlands
- 2018 *light box*, Kunstmuseum Celle, Germany
- 2018 *Interference*, International Light Art Project Tunis, Tunisia
- 2017 Kunsthalle Messmer (Foundation) Riegel, Germany
- 2017 *Coloured Light*, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA
- 2017 *Signal*, Kunstmuseum Celle, Germany
- 2017 *10th Anniversary Exhibition*, Kinetica Museum, London, UK
- 2016 *Luminous Perception*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 *X Play*, Viltin Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
- 2016 *Spatial Miracles*, Musuem Ritter, Waldenbuch, Germany
- 2016 *Sculpture En Partage*, Villa Datriis, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France
- 2016 *Pop International Art Show*, Pop Austin, Austin TX, USA
- 2016 *Deck Voyage*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2016 *Master of Light*, Gallery Heitsch Munich, Germany
- 2015 *Illumination*, Pop Austin, Austin TX, USA
- 2015 *Lunapark 2000*, Museum Ritter, Waldenbuch, Germany
- 2015 *Appropriation Interpiktoriaität*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 *Contemporaries*, Budapest Galerie, Budapest, Hungary

- 2014 *Coleur et Transparence*, Gallery Nery Marino, Paris, France
- 2014 *Geometriks*, Gallery Impakto, Lima, Peru
- 2014 *Insanitus Festival*, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2014 *part 2 - light art in Germany in the 21st century*, Kunstmuseum Celle, Germany
- 2014 *Common Ground: Earth*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2014 *Cielo y Tierra*, Gallery Impakto, Lima, Peru
- 2014 *out of our heads*, Shoreditch Town Hall, ARTinTRA, London, UK
- 2014 *Luminale*, Bestregarts, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2013 *Good Vibrations*, Museum Ritter, Waldenbuch, Germany
- 2013 *part 1 - light art in Germany in the 21st century*, Kunstmuseum Celle, Germany
- 2013 *Ceci n'est pas une lampe...*, Gesellschaft für Kunst und Gestaltung, Bonn, Germany
- 2013 *City Lights*, Gallery Impakto, Lima, Peru
- 2013 De Buck Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 *Kotter, Luther, Mack*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2013 *bright light*, Gallery Nery Marino, Paris, France
- 2012 *segment #3*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2012 *Movement et Lumiere*, Villa Datriis, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France
- 2012 *Quadratic Equations*, Kepes Institut, Budapest, Hungary
- 2012 *Luminale Frankfurt - shine shine shine*, BestregARTs, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2012 Lausberg Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
- 2012 De Buck Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 *effects in relation*, Gallery Lisi Hämmerle, Bregenz, Austria
- 2011 *...reflection reflected*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna, Austria
- 2011 *new works 2011*, Bestregarts, Frankfurt, Germany

- 2011 *story for reflection*, Gallery Michaela Stock, Vienna, Austria
- 2011 De Buck Gallery, New York, USA
- 2011 Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2011 Art Radionica Lazareti, Gallery Otok, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- 2011 *click clique*, Lausberg Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
- 2011 *konkrete Abstraktion*, Lausberg Contemporary, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2011 *sensitive extra*, MSU Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2011 *segment #1*, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 *Sculptures Plurielles*, Villa Datriis, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France
- 2010 *beyond painting*, Lausberg Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 *Best of Lausberg Contemporary*, Lausberg Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 *Trilogie: Berlin – London – Rome*, ArtMbassy, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 *best before...*, Stadtgalerie Klagenfurt, Austria
- 2008 *German Photography Today*, bkhf Gallery Miami, Miami FL, USA
- 2008 *play it*, Kunst08+ Stuttgart, Curator Werner Meyer, Kunsthalle Göppingen, Germany
- 2008 Targetti light art collection, London, UK
- 2007 *Preview 2008*, Gallery Benden & Klimczak, Cologne, Germany
- 2007 *obsession with technics*, ArtMbassy, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 *suitcase*, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Cologne, Germany
- 2007 *in the flux* ©, Kinetica Museum, London, UK
- 2007 *best before...*, Kunstverein Aschaffenburg, Germany
- 2006 *life forms*, Kinetica Museum, London, UK
- 2006 *fire and ice*, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton FL, USA
- 2006 *Magie des Lichtes (magic of light)*, International Forum Berlin, Germany

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- 2005 *reflections*, Gallery Kashya Hildebrand, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2005 *Rot als Farbe (red as colour)*, Gallery Bernd Lausberg, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2005 *spectrum*, Gallery Kashya Hildebrand, New York, USA
- 2005 *Look!*, Berliner Kunst Project, NY Arts Magazine, Berlin, Germany
- 2005 *solaris*, Gallery Kashya Hildebrand, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2003 *Lichtung II (galde II)*, Backfabrik, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2003 *illuminationen*, Berliner Kunst Projekt Annex, Berlin, Germany
- 2001 *Kraft und Magie (power and magic)*, Oberbayerische Kulturtage Altötting, Germany
- 2000 Kulturmodell Bräugasse, Passau, Germany
- 2000 *Große Kunstausstellung*, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
- 2000 Städtische Galerie im Park, Viersen, Germany
- 1999 *I love you*, Kultur Forum Oberalteich, Germany
- 1999 *01*, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 *snapshots*, Exhibition on tour taking pictures to Siemens AG, Munich, Germany; Städtische Galerie Regensburg, Germany; Monique Goldstrom Gallery, New York, USA
- 1998 *country without borders*, Abraham Lubelski Gallery, New York, USA
- 1997 Neue Galerie Oberhausmuseum, Passau, Germany
- 1997 *keine Erinnerung (no memory)*, Old Tax Office, Rosenheim, Germany
- 1997 *the power of words and signs*, Exhibition on tour to Casa Gallery, Tokyo, Japan; Index Gallery, Osaka, Japan; Sala Franco, Trieste, Italy; Abraham Lubelski Gallery, New York, USA
- 1997 *metamorphosis*, Kultur Modell Bräugasse, Passau, Germany
- 1997 Biennale New York, NY Arts Magazine

- 1996 House of Culture, Waldkraiburg, Germany
- 1996 *sonic identity*, 450 Broadway Gallery, New York, USA
- 1995 Massing/Rottal, Gallery Hofmeisterhaus, Germany
- 1994 *annual art exhibition*, Stadtmuseum Waldkraiburg, Germany
- 1994 *cyber culture*, Dariuz Gubala Gallery, New York, USA
- 1994 Castle Schloßhof, Austria
- 1993 *vertigo art*, Dariusz Gubala Gallery, New York, USA
- 1993 Madelyn Jordon Gallery, New York, USA

Public Art

- 2010 Warburg Pincus, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2009 Aareal Bank, Hamburg, Germany
- 2007 Booz Allen Hamilton GmbH, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 Hotel Maximilian, Nürnberg, Germany
- 2007 School in Bavaria, Germany
- 2007 Immobilien Investment Frankfurt, Skyper, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2005 Derag AG, Hotel Kanzler, Bonn, Germany
- 2004 E-ON Bayern Regensburg, Administration Building, Regensburg, Germany
- 2004 Neuga Bauträge, Object at Burghauser-Tor, Neuötting, Germany
- 2003 DEKA Immobilien Investment Frankfurt, Leomax, Munich, Germany
- 2003 Staatliches Hochbauamt Rosenheim, Land Surveying Office, Germany
- 1999 Passauer Neue Presse, Media Centre, Passau, Germany
- 1998 Stadt Burghausen, Community Centre, Burghausen, Germany
- 1997 Wochenblatt Burghausen, Editorial Office, Burghausen, Germany

Art Fairs

TEFAF Maastricht

TEFAF New York

Art Cologne

Art Berlin

Untitled Art Miami Beach

Art Central Hong Kong

Viennafair

Arco Madrid

Arte Fiera Bologna

Design Miami

Design Miami/Basel

Art Forum Berlin

Collect London

Art Moscow

Art Toronto

Art Amsterdam

PAN Amsterdam

Art Fair Köln

Art Miami

Art Palm Beach

Kunst Zurich

Art Frankfurt

Scope London

Scope New York

MiArt Milan

Kinetica Art Fair London

Kunst Köln

Pulse NY

Pulse Miami

Art Karlsruhe

P.A.D London

P.A.D. Paris

P.A.D. New York

Art Bodensee

LA Art Show

Object Rotterdam

Art Chicago

Parc Lima

Art Wynwood

Art Dubai

Art Taipei et al.

Collections

MAKK Museum, Cologne, Germany

Targetti Light Art Collection, Italy

Collection of the German Federal Parliament, Germany

Museum Ritter, Germany

Osthaus Museum, Germany

Kunstmuseum Celle, Collection Robert Simon, Germany

Villa Datriis, Fonds pour la Sculpture Contemporaine, France

Borusan Art Collection, Turkey

Collection Fidelity Investment, UK & USA

Collection DEKA Bank, Germany

Collection Candy & Candy, UK

Collection Ron Dennis, UK

Kinetica Museum, UK

Collection Jean et Colette Cherqui, France

Collection Ichikowitz, South Africa

Collection Aareal Bank, Germany

Collection Jan des Bouvrie, Netherlands

Collection Heubeck, Cologne, Germany

Topping Rose House's Collection, Bridghampton, New York, USA

Collection Gerald and Jody Lippes, Naples FL, USA

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas TX, USA

AT&T Collection, Dallas TX, USA

Collection Light Sound Movement, Rolf B. Heer, Germany

Collection Froh(n)berg, Salzburg, Austria

Collection Funcke, Neu-Isenburg, Germany

Collection Gerard L. Cafesjian, USA / Armenia

Hamilton Princess Collection, Bermuda, USA