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Education

2009 Graphic Design University of Chile

Bio / Artist Statement

Painter, Pablo Benzo was born in Santiago (Chile) and is based in Berlin since 2013. In his youth he spent most of his time and energy in Graffiti and street painting. This has led him to meet and collaborate with many artists from the Santiago scene and later from around the world. The experience thereof and the influence and studies of both historical artists as well as his contemporaries made Pablo expand his work more and more to the studio where acrylic and watercolor took over. After moving to Berlin Pablo Benzo finds oil as a new favored technique and incorporates collage work, ceramics and wooden sculptures as additional media, complementing and extending his visual imagery. His work is characterized by the construction of confusing and unreal situations where sleepy plants and misterious interior objects are mixed with abstract shapes, often with a lack of a coherent perspective on the composition of the scenes. Each of the expressions he works with feed off of each other, thus complementing and influencing the possibilities these different techniques deliver.

Exhibitions:

Solo Shows

- 2016 Willow Waltz. Berlin, Germany (BC Gallery)
- 2015 Strange enthusiasm in troubled times. Berlin, Germany. (Sibyllas Gallery).
- 2014 Benzo Solo. Berlin, Germany. (Sibyllas Gallery).
- 2013 Chez joe #7 Benzo. Paris, France. (Chez Joe temporary space).

Group Shows

- 2017 Berlin Papers / Santiago, Chile. (Espacio La Cocherra).
Paint it forward / Tampa Florida, Unated States (CASS Contemporary)
Modern Fusion / Berlin, Germany (The Art Scoutshs).
Jedno - s Drugim // One - Another / Zagreb, Croatia (Izložbeni salon Izidor Kršnjavi)
- 2016 I Sky you / Berlin, Germany. (Magic Beans Gallery).
What the gallery weekend is / Berlin, Germany (Urban Spree Gallery).
Billboard Painters Exhibition / Viborg, Denmark (Galleri NB).
Pienkow Art Residents Exhibition / Lipinki, Poland (Pienkowsky Gallery).
International artists III / Berlin, Germany. (Mommsen35).
No walls / Berlin, Germany. (Mario Kreuzberg Gallery).
- 2015 International artists / Berlin, Germany. (Sibyllas Gallery).
International artists II / Berlin, Germany. (Sibyllas Gallery).
Ich bin Latiner / Berlin, Germany (Neurotitan gallery).
Zwischen hier und dort / Berlin, Germany. (ZKU/Zentrum für Kunst und Urbanistik).
- 2014 Parallel Dimension / Berlin, Germany. (Where is Jesus temporary space).
Urban Art Clash at Berlin Graphic Days / Berlin, Germany. (Urban Spree).
Community Clash #4 presented by Artconnect Berlin / Berlin, Germany. (Pratchwerk).
We box / Berlin, Germany. (Ambulatorium).
Simulacro II / Santiago, Chile. (Espacio Falso).
GetFreaky Meeting / Lille, France. (Zebulon).
- 2013 Exposición de pintura/ Santiago, Chile. (Bellavista).
Ese no soy yo / Santiago, Chile. (Espacio Oops).
- 2012 Poco WSDM / Santiago, Chile. (Local Gallery).
- 2011 Born to be Wild / Lima, Perú. (Morbo Gallery).
- 2010 Latino Amor Tour / Southamerican Graffiti Tour. Santiago, Valparaiso.
Frites Lovers Tour / Europe Graffiti Tour.

Festivals / Art fairs

2016 Viborg International Billboard Painting Festival / Viborg, Denmark.
Artmosphere Public Art Biennale (Second Edition) / Moscow, Russia.
Art Bodensee / Vienna, Austria (Galerie Kristine Hamann).

2017 Scope Art Show, Art Basel / Basel, Switzerland

Art Residences

2016 Pienkow Artist Residency / Lipinki, Poland.