

LISSON GALLERY

Ai Weiwei

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1982	Parsons School of Design, New York, NY, USA
1978-81	Animation, Beijing Film Academy, Beijing, China
1957	Born in Beijing, China

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024	‘Ai Weiwei: Don Quixote’, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Castilla y Leon (MUSAC) León, Spain (2025) ‘Child’s Play’, Vito Schnabel Gallery, New York, USA (2025) ‘Ai Weiwei: What You See Is What You See’, Faurschou Foundation, New York, USA (2025) Seattle Museum of Art, USA ‘Ai Weiwei. Who am I?’, Palazzo Fava, Bologna, Italy (2025) ‘Ai Weiwei - Water Lilies #1’, Ordrupgaard Museum, Charlottenlund, Denmark (2025) ‘Neither Nor’, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italy
2023	‘Lumiere Festival 2023’, Durham, UK Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany Musée des impressionnismes, Giverny, France neugerriemschneider, Berlin, Germany
2023	‘Ai Weiwei: Roots’, Pilane Sculpture Park, Tjörn island, Sweden ‘Ai Weiwei: Making Sense’, The Design Museum, London, UK
2022	‘In Search of Humanity’, Albertina Modern, Vienna, Austria ‘Liberty of Doubt’; Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands La Commedia Umana, Memento Mori’, Basilica di San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice, Italy
2021	Intertwine’, Serralves Museum, Porto, Portugal ‘Defend the Future’, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Korea (MMCA), Seoul, South Korea ‘Trauma: Shooting the Pulitzer+15 Minutes’, Daejeon Museum of Art, Daejeon, Korea ‘Rapture’, Cordoaria Nacional, Lisbon, Portugal
2020	‘Purgatory’, Aedes Architecture Forum, Berlin, Germany History of Bombs’, Imperial War Museum, London, UK ‘Forever Bicycles’, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2019	‘Roots’, Lisson Gallery London, London, UK ‘Roots’, neugerriemschneider, Berlin, Germany ‘Bare Life’, Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, St. Louis, MO, USA ‘Wo ist de Revolution?’, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany ‘Ai Weiwei: Unbroken’, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON, Canada ‘Resetting Memories, MUAC, Mexico City, Mexico ‘Restablecer Memorias’, MARCO, Monterrey
2018	‘RAIZ’, OCA, São Paulo, Brazil; Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Belo Horizonte, Brasil; Museu Oscar Niemeyer, Curitiba, Brazil; Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

- 'Ai Weiwei: Life Cycle', Marciano Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, USA
 'Ai Weiwei: Zodiac', Jeffrey Deitch, Hollywood, CA, USA
 'Cao/Humanity', UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles, CA, USA
 'Fan-Tam', Mucem, Marseille, France
 'Inoculation', Corpartes, Santiago, Chile
 2017 'Inoculation', Fundación PROA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 'Good Fences Make Good Neighbours', Public Art Fund, New York, USA
 'Always The Others', Cantonal Museum of Fine Arts, Lausanne, Switzerland
 Sakıp Sabancı Museum, Istanbul, Turkey
 'Ai Weiwei', Massimo De Carlo, Milan, Italy
 'Trace', Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, DC, USA
 'Soleil Levant', Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
 'Maybe, Maybe Not', Israel Museum, Israel, Jerusalem
 'Mountains and Seas', Chateau La Coste, Le Put-Sainte-Réparate, France
 'Law of the Journey', National Gallery in Prague, Prague
 'Natural State', Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, MI, USA
 2016 'Fondation', Lisson Gallery, London, UK
 'Ai Weiwei 2016: Roots and Branches', Lisson Gallery, New York, USA
 'Ai Weiwei 2016: Roots and Branches', Mary Boone Gallery, New York, USA
 'Laundromat', Jeffrey Deitch, New York, USA
 'Libero', Palazzo Strozzi, Florence, Italy
 'Around Ai Weiwei: Photographs 1983-2016', Centro Italiano per la Fotografia, Turin, Italy
 'S.A.C.R.E.D', Cuenca Cathedral, Cuenca, Spain
 'Cubes and Trees', The Heong Gallery, Downings College, Cambridge, UK
 'Er Xi', Bon Marché, Paris, France
 'Ai Weiwei's Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA, USA;
 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburg, PA, USA; National Gallery of Prague, Prague
 'Translocation – Transformation', 21er Haus, Vienna, Austria
 'Fault Line', San Juan Islands Museum of Art, Friday Harbout, WA, US
 'Ai Weiwei at Cycladic', Museum of Cycladic Art, Athens, Greece
 '#SafePassage', Foam, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 2015 'Ai Weiwei', Helsinki Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 'Ai Weiwei', Royal Academy, London, UK
 'Ai Weiwei: Tiger, Tiger, Tiger', Chambers Fine Art, Beijing, China
 'Ai Weiwei: AB Blood Type', Magicians Space, Beijing, China
 'Ai Weiwei', Tang Gallery, Continua – Beijing, Beijing, China
 'Ai Weiwei's Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads: Gold', Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm
 Springs, CA, USA
 'Ai Weiwei's Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads: Gold', Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR,
 USA
 2014 'According to What?', Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY, USA
 'Evidence', Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany
 Lisson Gallery, London, UK
 '@Large: Ai Weiwei on Alcatraz', Alcatraz Island, CA, USA
 'New York Photographs 1983–1993', The Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, Vancouver,
 Canada
 'On the Table', La Virreina, Barcelona, Spain
 Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, UK
 2013 'Ordos', Galleria Continua – Le Moulin, Boissy-le-Chatel, France
 'Disposition', 55th Venice Biennale, Collateral Event, Zucca Project Space, Venice, Italy
 'Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads', Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH, USA
 'Baby Formula', Michael Janssen Gallery, Singapore
 'According to What?', Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN, USA;
 Perez Art Museum, Miami, FL, USA; Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada
 'Resistance and Tradition', Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporaneo, Seville, Spain

2012	‘Interlacing’, São Paulo Museum of Image and Sound, São Paulo, Brazil ‘Entrelacs’, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France Museum de Pont, Tilburg, Netherlands ‘Interlacing’, Kistefos-Museet, Jevnaker, Norway Magasin3, Stockholm Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY, USA ‘Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads: Gold’, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, CA, USA Lisson Gallery, Milan, Italy
2011	‘According to What?’, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC, USA ‘Teehaus, 2009’, Museum für Asiatische Kunst, Berlin, Germany ‘Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads’, Grand Army Plaza, New York, NY, USA and Somerset House, London, UK Foto Museum, Winterthur, Switzerland Lisson Gallery, London, UK Kunsthau Bregenz, Bregenz, Austria ‘Dropping the Urn (Ceramic Works, 5000 BC–AD 2010)’, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark ‘Ai Weiwei in New York: Fotografien 1983–1993’, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany ‘Ai Weiwei Absent’, Taipei Fine Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
2010	Faurschou Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark ‘Cube Light’, Misa Shin Gallery, Tokyo, Japan ‘A Few Works from Ai Weiwei’, Alexander Ochs Galleries, Berlin, Germany ‘The Unilever Series: Ai Weiwei’, Turbine Hall, Tate Modern, London, UK ‘Hurt Feelings’, Galerie Christine Koenig Galerie, Vienna, Austria Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland ‘Dropping the Urn: Ceramics 5000 BCE–2010 CE’, Museum of Contemporary Craft, Portland, OR, USA; Arcadia University Gallery, Glenside, PA, USA Haines Gallery, San Francisco, USA
2009	‘Barely Something’, Museum DKM and Stiftung DKM, Duisburg, Germany ‘With Milk_find something everybody can use’, Mies van der Rohe Pavilion, Barcelona, Spain ‘World Map’, Faurschou Gallery, Beijing, China ‘So Sorry’, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany ‘According to What?’, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan ‘Ways Beyond Art’, Ivory Press Space, Madrid, Spain ‘Four Movements’, Phillips de Pury, London, UK ‘New York Photographs 1983–1993’, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China
2008	Albion Gallery, London, UK Hyundai Gallery, Seoul, South Korea ‘Under Construction’, Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation, Campbelltown Arts Center, Sydney, Australia ‘Illumination’, Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY, USA ‘Go China: Ai Weiwei’, Groninger Museum, Groningen, Netherlands
2007	Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland ‘Traveling Landscape’, AedesLand, Berlin, Germany
2006	‘Fragments’, Galerie Urs Meile, Beijing, China
2004	Kunsthalle Bern, Berne, Switzerland Caermersklooster – Provinciaal Centrum voor Kunst en Cultuur, Ghent, Belgium Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY, USA
2003	Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland
1988	‘Old Shoes – Safe Sex’, Art Waves Gallery, New York, NY, USA
1982	Asian Foundation, San Francisco, CA, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 'A League of Nations', Students League of New York, New York, USA
'To Be Free', Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury, UK
World Classroom: Contemporary Art through School Subjects, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2022 'A Century of the Artist's Studio, 1920-2020', Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
'Enter the Forest', Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol, UK
'Super Natural', The Eden Project, Cornwall, UK
'Freedom', The Southbank Centre, London, UK
- 2021 'Truc à faire', Galleria Continua, Paris, France
'Summer Show', Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- 2020 'Inaugural Installations: Kinder Building', The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, USA
Curators' selection. Summer Exhibition 2020, Royal Academy, London, UK
'Facing the Collector. The Sigg Collection of Contemporary Art from China', Castello di Rivoli Museum of Contemporary Art, Torino, Italy
'Sky', Museum Kranenburgh, Bergen, The Netherlands
'Unflattening', National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
'escape routes', Bangkok Art Biennale, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2019 'Mobile Immobile', Archives Nationales Pierrefitte-sur-Seine, Pierrefitte-sur-Seine, France
- 2018 21st Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
'2050, A Brief History of the Future', National Taiwan Museum of Art, Taichung, Taiwan
'Hope is Strong', Millenium Gallery, Sheffield, UK
'Beating Around the Bush', Bonnefantemuseum, Maastricht, The Netherlands
'Collection on View', Castello di Rivoli Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Turin, Italy
- 2017 'Stage of Being', Voorlinden Museum, Wassenaar, Netherlands
'Extra Bodies – The Use of the Other Body in Contemporary Art', Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Zurich, Switzerland
Yokohama Triennale 2017, Yokohama, Japan
'Art and China after 1989: Theatre of the World', Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
'Age of Terror: Art Since 9/11', Imperial War Museum, London, UK
'Everything At Once', The Store Studios, London, UK
'How To Say It The Way It Is!', Rua Red, Dublin, Ireland
'Constellation by Contemporary Artists from China', Georgian National Gallery, Tbilisi, Georgia
'Kneaded Knowledge: The Language of Ceramics', National Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
'10 Years Old', Fondazione Fotografia, Modena, Italy
'Watched! Surveillance, Art & Photography', C/O Berlin, Berlin, Germany
'Yokohama Triennale 2017', Yokohama, Japan
'Red-Hot and Newly Acquired', Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC, USA
'Chinese Summer', Astrup Fearnley Musset for Moderne Kunst, Oslo, Norway
'Glasstress: 2017', Palazzo Franchetti, Venice, Italy
'Primary Structures and Speculative Forms', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- 2016 'Luther and the Avant Garde', Atles Gefängnis, Wittenberg, Germany
'Five / Fifty / Five Hundred', Lisson Gallery, Milan, Italy
'Terra provocata', Fondazione del Monte, Bologna, Italy
'East Asian Video Frames', Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
'Performing for the Camera', Tate Modern, London, UK
'Daily Formalism', BANK, Shanghai, China
'Utopias/Heterotopias', Wuzhen International Contemporary Art Exhibition, Wuzhen, China
'Autoportraits: de Rembrandt au selfie', Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon, Lyon, France
'Gardens of the World', Museum Rietberg, Zürich, Switzerland

- ‘Facing the World: Self-Portraits Rembrandt to Ai Weiwei’, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
- ‘Post Resettlement’, Aedes am Pfefferberg, Berlin, Germany
- ‘Wit nennen es Ludwig – Das Museum wird 40!’, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
- ‘The Silent Echo’, Archaeological Site Museum of Baalbek, Baalbek, Lebanon
- ‘Northern Land, Southern Seas’, Tang Contemporary, Bangkok, Thailand
- ‘Kneaded Knowledge – The Language of Ceramics’, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, Austria
- ‘Invisible Threads: Technology and its Discontents’, NYU Abu Dhabi Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- ‘Dragons’, Stadsmuseum Gent, Gent, Belgium
- ‘Andy Warhol/Ai Weiwei’, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburg, USA
- ‘Chinese Whispers: Recent Art from the Sigg & M+ Sigg Collections’, Kunstmuseum Bern, Germany
- ‘Landscapes After Rusking: Redefining The Sublime’, Hall Art Foundation, Reading, VT, USA
- ‘Towards A Larger World’, Moderna Museet, Malmö, Sweden
- ‘Illumination’, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Sweden
- ‘Art from Elsewhere’, Bristol Museum & Art Gallery, Bristol, UK; Towner, Eastbourne, UK
- ‘Black Chamber’, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka, Croatia
- ‘Megacities Asia’, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, USA
- ‘Nervous Systems. Quantified Life and the Social Question’, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- ‘CERMIX. Art et Céramique de Rodin à Schütte’, Cité de la céramique, Sevres, France; La Maison Rouge, Paris, France
- 2015 ‘East Asian Video Frames: Shades of Urbanization’, Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
- ‘Andy Warhol/ Ai Weiwei’, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
- ‘A New Dynasty: Created in China’, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark
- ‘Ceramix – Ceramic art from Gauguin to Schütte’, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- ‘A brief history of the future’, Louvre, Paris, France
- ‘Sculpture in the City 2015’, London, UK
- ‘The M+ Sigg Collection: Chinese art from the 1970s to now’, The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, UK
- ‘When we share more than ever’, MKG, Hamburg, Germany
- ‘Art from Elsewhere’, MIMA, Middlesborough, UK
- ‘28 Chinese’, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, USA
- ‘The Order of Things – Photography from The Walther Collection, Neu-Ulm Go East – The Gene & Brian Sherman Contemporary Asian Art Collection’, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- ‘Hamber Hipster Handy’, Im Bann des Mobiltelefons, Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany
- ‘Cannibalism? On Appropriation In Art’, National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland
- ‘Rare Earth’, Augarten Contemporary, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 ‘SELF: Portraits of Artists in Their Absence’, National Academy Museum, New York, USA
- ‘1 + 1 = 1: When Collections Collide’, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada
- ‘Grip friheten! Take Liberty!’, The Museum of Contemporary Art Oslo, Oslo, Norway
- ‘KUB Sammlungsschaufenster-Neuerwerbungen von Ai Weiwei bis Zobernig’, Kunsthaus Bregenz, Bregenz, Austria
- ‘Genius Loci – Spirit of Place’, 14th Venice Biennale of Architecture, Venice, Italy
- ‘Trace: Performance and its Documents’, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- ‘Beyond and Between’, Leeum Samsung Museum, Seoul, South Korea
- ‘Damage Control: Art and Destruction Since 1950’, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, Austria
- ‘Ceramix: Ceramic art from Gauguin to Schütte’, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2013 ‘When Now Is Minimal: The Unknown Side of the Sammlung Goetz’, Museion, Bolzano, Italy

- German Pavilion, 55th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
 'China China', PinchukArtCentre, Kiev, Ukraine
 'Taiping Tianguo: A History of Possible Encounters. Ai Weiwei, Frog King Kwok, Tehching Hsieh, and Martin Wong in New York', NUS Museum, Singapore; SALT Beyoğlu, Istanbul, Turkey
 'More Real? Art in the Age of Truthiness', Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN, USA
- 2012
 'Arsenale 2012', Ukrainian Biennale of Contemporary Art, Kiev, Ukraine
 'More Real? Art in the Age of Truthiness', Site Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM, USA
 'The Art of Deceleration: Motion and Rest in Art from Caspar David Friedrich to Ai Weiwei', Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany
 'No Borders', Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
 'Lifelike', New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA, USA
 'Regarding Warhol: Sixty Artists, Fifty Years', Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, USA
- 2011
 'Lifelike', Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN, USA
 'The Magic of Clay: Ceramics in Contemporary Art', GI Holtegaard, Holte, Netherlands
 'I Promise to Love You', Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands
 'Staging Action: Performance in Photography Since 1960', Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA
 'Die Letzte Freiheit: Von den Pionieren der Land-Art der 1960er Jahre bis zur Natur im Cyberspace', Ludwig Museum im Deutschherrenhaus, Koblenz, Germany
 'MMK 1991–2011: 20 Jahre Gegenwart', Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
 'Vermessung der Welt: Heterotopien und Wissensräume in der Kunst', Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, Austria
 'Shanshui', Kunstmuseum Luzern, Lucerne, Switzerland
 'The Art of Deceleration', Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany
 'Prospect 2011', Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA
 'Staging Action: Performance in Photography Since 1960', Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA
 'Taking a Stance: 8 Critical Attitudes in Chinese and Dutch Architecture and Design', Netherlands Architecture Institute, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2010
 29th Sao Paulo Biennial, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 12th Venice Biennale of Architecture, Venice, Italy
 'Passages: Travels in Hyperspace', LABoral Centro de Arte y Creacion Industrial, Gijon, Spain
 'The Big Bang', White Rabbit Gallery, Sydney, Australia
 'Une Idée, une Forme, un Être – Poesie/Politique du corporel', Migros Museum, Zurich, Switzerland
 'The Flower of May', Gwangju Museum of Art and Kunsthalle Gwangju, Gwangju, South Korea
 'Taking a Stance: 8 Critical Attitudes in Chinese and Dutch Architecture and Design', Today Art Museum, Beijing, China; OCAT Art & Design Gallery, Shenzhen, China; Dutch Culture Center, Shanghai, China
 'Regionale 10', Liezen, Austria
 'Presidio Habitats', Presidio, San Francisco, CA, USA
 'The Problem of Asia', Chalk Horse, Sydney, Australia
 'Marcel Duchamp and the Forestay Waterfall', Davel 14, Cully, Switzerland
 'Lost and Found', Neugerriemschneider, Berlin, Germany
 'Rem(a)inders', Galleria Continua, Beijing, China
 'Acconci Studio + Ai Weiwei: A Collaborative Project', Para/Site Art Space, Hong Kong, China
 'Until Now: Collecting the New (1960–2010)', Target Gallery, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, MI, USA
 'Radical Conceptual', Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
 'Contemplating the Void', Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, USA

- 2009
- '21st Century: Art in the First Decade', Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
 - 'Beg, Borrow and Steal', Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL, USA
 - 'Fascination with the Foreign: China – Japan – Europe', Hetjens-Museum, Dusseldorf, Germany
 - 'Garbage', AFTERGALLERY projectroom, Moscow, Russia
 - 'Attitude', Shit-Art Center, Zhengzhou, China
 - 'The State of Things. Brussels/Beijing', Bozar Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium; National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China
 - 'Pete and Repeat: Works from the Zabłudowicz Collection', 176 Zabłudowicz Collection, London, UK
 - 'Platform 2009: Void of Memory', Kimusa, Seoul, South Korea
 - 'Fairytale', Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art, Herzliya, Israel
 - 'The Making of Art', Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
 - 'I want to talk to you', T.art Center, Beijing, China
 - 'The Big World: Recent Art from China', Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL, USA
 - 'Map Games: Dynamic of Change', Centro Arti Opificio Siri, Terni, Italy
 - 'United Technologies', Lismore Castle Arts, Lismore, Ireland
 - 'The Making of Art', Kunsthalle Schirn, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
 - 'Action-Camera: Beijing Performance Photography', Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
 - 'Mahjong: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection', Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA, USA
- 2008
- 'The China Project', Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
 - 'Earthquake', Art Channel, Beijing, China
 - 'China: Construction/Deconstruction – Chinese Contemporary Art', Museu de Arte de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
 - 'Out There: Architecture Beyond Building', 11th Venice Biennale of Architecture, Venice, Italy
 - 'Made Up', Liverpool Biennial International 08, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
 - 'Super Fengshui: UCCA Site Commissions', Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
 - 'Reconstruction #3: The Artists' Playground', Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire, UK
 - 'China Power Station: Part III', Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
 - 'Branded and on Display', Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, OR, USA; Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ, USA; Salt Lake City Art Center, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
 - 'Second Lives: Remixing the Ordinary', Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY, USA
 - 'Hypallage: The Post-Modern Mode of Contemporary Chinese Art', OCT Art & Design Gallery, Shenzhen, China
 - 'Half-Life of a Dream: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Logan Collection', San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, USA
 - 'Selections from the Hara Museum's Permanent Collection', Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
 - 'Mahjong: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection', Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA
 - 'China: The City exp(1)osed', Institut français d'Architecture & du Patrimoine, Paris, France
 - 'Map Games: Dynamic of Change', Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
 - 'China Gold: Chinese Contemporary Art', Musée Maillol, Paris, France
 - 'Interval of Silence', RedStar Gallery, Beijing, China
 - 'Body Media', Duolun Museum of Modern Art, Shanghai, China
 - 'Delirious Beijing', PKM Gallery, Beijing, China
 - 'Community of Tastes', Iberia Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
 - 'New Vista: The Phenomenon of Post-Tradition in Contemporary Art', White Space Gallery, Beijing, China
 - 'Body Media', Tang Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
 - 'Red Aside: Chinese Contemporary Art of the Sigg Collection', Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain

- 2007
- 'The Real Thing: Contemporary Art from China', Institut Valencia d'Art Modern, Valencia, Spain
 - 'A Vista of Perspectives: 6th Shenzhen Contemporary Sculpture Exhibition', OCT Contemporary Art Terminal, Shenzhen, China
 - 'Origin Point', Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
 - 'EI – Entity Identity – Beijing Series: Western Concepts – Chinese Drafts', Stedelijk Museum s'-Hertogenbosch, MB 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
 - 'Fortunate Objects: Selections from the Ella Fontanals Cisneros Collection', Cisneros Fontanals Art Foundation, Miami, FL, USA
 - 'Get It Louder', SOHO Shangdu, Beijing, China
 - 'Inspired by China: Contemporary Furnituremakers Explore Chinese Traditions', Museum of Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA
 - 'China Now', Cobra Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - 'Something New Pussycat', Klara Wallner Galerie, Berlin, Germany
 - 'Energies – Synergy', Foundation De 11 Lijnen, Oudenburg, Belgium
 - 'Chinese Video: Chord Chances in the Megalopolis', Morono Kiang Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
 - 'Mahjong: Chinesische Gegenwartskunst aus der Sammlung Sigg', Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria
 - Documenta 12, Kassel, Germany
 - 'Metamorphosis: The Generation of Transformation in Chinese Contemporary Art', Tampere Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
 - 'Thermocline of Art: New Asian Waves', Zentrum für Kunst und Medientechnologie, Karlsruhe, Germany
 - 'Art from China – Collection Uli Sigg', Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
 - 'China Welcomes You... Desires, Struggles, New Identities', Kunsthau Graz, Graz, Austria
 - 'The Year of the Golden Pig: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection', Lewis Glucksman Gallery, Cork University College, Cork, Ireland
 - 'Money', Beijing Today Gallery, Beijing, China
 - 'Forged Realities', UniversalStudios, Beijing, China
 - 'The Real Thing: Contemporary Art from China', Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
 - 'We Are Your Future', 2nd Moscow Biennial of Contemporary Art, Art Centre Winzavod, Moscow, Russia
 - 'Branded and on Display', Kannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, USA; Ulrich Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Wichita, KS, USA
 - 'A Continuous Dialogue', Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italy
 - 'What About Sculpture?', Chambers Fine Art, New York, NY, USA
- 2006
- 'Art in Motion: Chinese Contemporary Art Meets BMW Art Cars', Museum of Contemporary Art Shanghai, Shanghai, China
 - 'This Is Not for You: Sculptural Discourses', Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, Vienna, Austria
 - 'Detours: Tactical Approaches to Urbanization in China', Eric Arthur Gallery, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
 - 'China Now: Faszination einer Weltveränderung', Sammlung Essl, Kunst der Gegenwart, Klosterneuburg, Germany
 - 'Mahjong: Chinesische Gegenwartskunst aus der Sammlung Sigg', Kunstmuseum Bern, Switzerland; Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany
 - 'Entry Gate: Chinese Aesthetics of Heterogeneity', Museum of Contemporary Art Shanghai, Shanghai, China
 - 5th Asia-Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
 - 'Zones of Contact', 15th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
 - 'Territorial: Ai Weiwei und Serge Spitzer', Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
 - 'Altered, Stitched and Gathered', MoMA PS1, New York, USA
 - 'China Power Station: Part I', Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
 - 'Herzog & de Meuron: No. 250 – An Exhibition', Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

- ‘Fill in the Blanks’, China Art Archives & Warehouse, Beijing, China
 Busan Biennial, Busan Museum of Modern Art, Busan, South Korea
 ‘Misleading Trails’, Samek Art Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, USA; Schick Art Gallery, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, USA; Boyden Gallery, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MA, USA
 ‘Cityscapes: Beijing Welcomes You – Ein Stadtmodell von Lu Hao sowie Fotografien von Ai Weiwei’, Kunsthaus Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
 ‘A Continuous Dialogue’, Galleria Continua, Beijing, China
 ‘Inspired by China: Contemporary Furnituremakers Explore Chinese Traditions’, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA, USA
 ‘China Contemporary: Architecture, Art and Visual Culture’, Netherlands Architecture Institute, Rotterdam, Netherlands
 ‘Black and Blue’, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY, USA
 ‘Antique Modernity: Breaking Traditions’, Ethan Cohen Fine Arts, New York, NY, USA
 ‘2006 Beaufort Outside’, PMMK Museum of Modern Art, Oostende, Belgium
 ‘Between Past and Future: New Photography and Video from China’, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany; Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC, USA; Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
 ‘Regeneration: Contemporary Chinese Art from China and the US’, Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA, USA
- 2005
 2nd Guangzhou Triennial, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China
 ‘Misleading Trails’, Fine Arts Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA; Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, USA; University of North Texas Art Gallery, Denton, TX, USA; Altgeld Gallery, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, USA
 ‘Regeneration: Contemporary Chinese Art from China and the US’, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ; University Art Gallery, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, US; Ben Maltz Gallery, Otis Otis College of Art & Design, Los Angeles, CA, USA
 ‘Between Past and Future: New Photography and Video from China’, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK; Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA, USA
 ‘Xianfeng! Chinese Avant-Garde Sculpture’, Museum Beelden aan Zee, Scheveningen, Netherlands
 ‘Convergence at E116°/N40°’, Platform China Contemporary Art Institute, Beijing, China
 ‘A Strange Heaven: Contemporary Chinese Photography’, Tennis Palace Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
 ‘Mahjong: Contemporary Chinese Art from the Sigg Collection’, Kunstmuseum Bern, Berne, Switzerland
 ‘Montpellier-Chine 1’, 1st Montpellier Biennial of Chinese Contemporary Art, Montpellier, France
 ‘China: As Seen by Contemporary Chinese Artists’, Provincia di Milano, Spazio Oberdan, Milan, Italy
 ‘Herzog & de Meuron: No.250 – An Exhibition’, Tate Modern, London, UK; Netherlands Architecture Institute, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2004
 ‘Silknet – Emerging Chinese Artists’, Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland
 ‘Persona3’, China Art Archives & Warehouse, Beijing, China
 ‘Le Printemps de Chine’, CRAC Alsace, Altkirch, France
 ‘Regeneration: Contemporary Chinese Art from China and the US’, David Winton Bell Gallery, List Art Center Brown University, Providence, RI, USA; Samek Art Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, USA; Jean Paul Slusser Gallery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
 ‘Piss Off!’, Museum of New Art, Pontiac, MI, USA
 9th Venice Biennial of Architecture, Venice, Italy
 ‘Misleading Trails’, China Art Archives & Warehouse, Beijing, China
 ‘On the Edge: Contemporary Chinese Photography & Video’, Ethan Cohen Fine Arts, New York, NY, USA
 ‘Chinese Object: Dreams & Obsessions’, Salvatore Ferragamo Gallery, New York, NY, USA

	‘Between Past and Future: New Photography and Video from China’, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago and Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, IL, US; International Center of Photography, New York, NY, USA
	‘Modern Style in East Asia’, Beijing Tokyo Art Projects, Beijing, China
	‘Herzog & de Meuron: No.250 – An Exhibition’, Schaulager, Basel, Switzerland
2003	‘New Zone: Chinese Art’, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland
	‘A Strange Heaven: Contemporary Chinese Photography’, Galerie Rudolfinum, Prague, Czech Republic
	‘Junction: Chinese Contemporary Architecture of Art’, Lianyang Architecture Art Museum, Shanghai, China
2002	‘Cement: Marginal Space in Contemporary Art’, Chambers Fine Art, New York, NY, USA
	‘China: Tradition and Modernity’, Museum Ludwig Galerie Oberhausen, Oberhausen, Germany
	‘Art from a Changing World: The Ludwig Collection’, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Hoevikodden, Norway
	1st Guangzhou Triennale, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China
2001	‘Take Part II’, Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland
	‘Tu Mu: Young Chinese Architecture’, Aedes Galerie, Berlin, Germany
	‘Take Part I’, Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland
2000	‘Fuck Off’, EastLink Gallery, Shanghai, China
	‘Portraits, Figures, Couples and Groups’, BizArt, Shanghai, China
	‘Our Chinese Friends’, ACC Galerie and Galerie der Bauhaus-Universität, Weimar, Germany
1999	‘Innovations Part I’, China Art Archives & Warehouse, Beijing, China
	‘d'APERTutto’, 48th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
	‘Modern Chinese Art Foundation’, Caermersklooster – Provinciaal Centrum voor Kunst en Cultuur, Ghent, Belgium
	‘Concepts, Colors and Passions’, China Art Archives & Warehouse, Beijing, China
1998	‘Double Kitsch: Painters from China’, Max Protetch, New York, NY, USA
1997	‘A Point of Contact. Korean, Chinese, Japanese Contemporary Art’, Daegu Culture and Arts Center, Daegu, Korea
1996	‘Begegnung mit China’, Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Aachen, Germany
1995	‘Configura 2: Dialog der Kulturen’, Angermuseum, Galerie am Fischmarkt, Erfurt, Germany
	‘Change: Chinese Contemporary Art’, Goteborg Museum, Gothenburg, Sweden
1993	‘Chinese Contemporary Art – The Stars: 15 Years’, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
1989	‘The Stars: Ten Years’, Hanart Gallery, Hong Kong; Hanart Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan; Musée d'Art Contemporain de Dunkerque, Dunkirk, France; Festival d'Automne de Paris, France
1987	‘The Star at Harvard: Chinese Dissident Art’, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
1986	‘China's New Expression’, Municipal Gallery, New York, NY, USA ‘Avant-Garde Chinese Art: Beijing/New York’, Albany University Art Museum, New York, NY, USA
1980	‘The Stars’, China Art Gallery, Beijing, China
1979	‘The Stars’, outside the China Art Gallery, Beijing, China; Huafang Studio, Beihei Park, Beijing

Awards

2015	Ambassador of Conscience Award from Amnesty International
2012	Václav Havel Prize for Creative Dissent from the Human Rights Foundation
2011	The Art Review Power 100 (1)
2010	The Art Review Power 100 (13)
	The Prism of Reason, Kassel Citizen Award, Kassel, Germany
	Honorary Doctorate, Faculty of Politics and Social Science, University of Ghent, Belgium
2009	GQ Men of the Year, Moral Courage, Germany
	The Art Review Power 100 (43)

Collections

Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
De Pont Museum, Tilburg, Netherlands
Essl Museum, Klosterneuburg, Austria
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark
Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, USA
Museen Dahlem, Berlin, Germany
Museum DKM, Duisburg, Germany
Museum für Asiatische Kunst, Berlin, Germany
Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, USA
Museum of Modern Art, New York City, NY, USA
Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL, USA
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC, USA
Tate Collection, London, UK
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Walther Collection, Neu-Ulm, Germany