

Elger Esser

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Education

1991/97 Düsseldorf Academy of Fine Arts, Düsseldorf, Germany
1998 DAAD-travel grant "Italy" Advancement Award of Fine Arts Düsseldorf, Germany

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Elger Esser : Sky and Sand*, Flowers Gallery, Cork Street, London, UK
- 2024/25 *L'Être du temps*, Galerie RX & SLAG, Paris, France
Die engen Wasser, Haus Beda, Neue Galerie, Bitburg, Germany
- 2024 Journées Européennes du Patrimoine, Exposition photo d'Elger Esser, Musée Narbo Via, Narbonne, France
Elger Esser, Lacus Rubresus, La Maison des Arts, Bages, France
Mémoire celeste, L'Abbaye de Mont-Saint-Michel, Normandie, France
Elger Esser in 2024 : According to History, Dominik Mersch Gallery, Rushcutter Bay, Australia
- 2023/24 *Das Stille Sein*, Galerie Van der Griten, Cologne, Germany
Elger Esser, Aestus II, Galerie Kewenig, Berlin, Germany
Elger Esser, Aestus I, Galerie Kewenig, Pied a terre, Berlin-Charlottenburg, Germany
- 2023 *Elger Esser: Aeustus II*, KEWENIG, Berlin, Germany
Elger Esser: Aeustus I, KEWENIG, Berlin, Germany
Voyages, ROSEGALLERY, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2022 *Elger Esser Silberblumen*, Flowers Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2021 *Elger Esser So far yet so close*, Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2020 *Musée de la Mar*, Ile Sainte Marguerite, Cannes, France
Inherent Time, Bruce Silverstein, New York, USA
Galerie Van der Grinten, Cologne, Germany
- 2019 *Elger Esser: Room #6*, 12 Rooms, Kwenig
Morgenland, Fondation Fernet Branca, Saint-Louis, France
De Sérignat à Giverney, Tour46, Belfort, France
- 2018 *Oeuvres Choiesies*, Bae Bien-U, Elger Esser Galerie RX, Paris, France
Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rome, Italy
Elger Esser, Paysages intimes, Rose Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

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- Elger Esser, Paysages intimes*, Rose Gallery, Van der Grinten, Köln, Germany
- 2017 Morganland, Parasol unit foundation for contemporary, London, UK
Elger Esser- Aetas Landesgalerie Linz Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Linz
- 2016 *Elger Esser-zeitigen*, Stattliche Kunsthalle, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2015 IRIDES, Villa Knast, Salzburg, Austria
- 2014 *Elger Esser*, Fundació Palma Espai d'art, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Elger Esser: Ab Olympo, Galleria Alessandra Bonomo, Rome, Italy
- 2013 *Meseglise*, Instiut für Moderne Kunst, Nürnberg, Germany
Elger Esser Giverny, Heliogravuren, Schirmer and Mosel, Munich, Germany
Nocturens à Giverny, Photographies de Elger Esser, Galerie Photo du Pôle Image Haute-Normandie, Rouen, France
- 2012 *Elger Esser, Lichte Weite*, Rheinisches Landesmuseum, Bonn, Germany
Illuion, Upstairs Gallery, Oldenburg, Germany
- 2011 *Nocturnes*, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Kunstforum Baloise, Basel, Switzerland
Elger Esser- Voyage en Egypte, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Kunstforum Baloise, Basel, Switzerland
- 2010 *Elger Esser Landschaften-Veduten-Ansichten-Heliogravüren*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Arnhem, The Netherlands
- 2009 Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Germany
Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Domink Mersch Gallery, Waterloo/Sydney, Australia
Galleria Bonomo, Bari, Italy
Rencontres d'Arles, France
Musée des Beaux-Arts de Caen, La Château, Caen, France
Saone and Rhone, Galerie Thaddeaus Ropac, Paris, France
- 2008 Galerie Johnen & Schöttle, Köln, Germany
Galerie Thaddeaus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
Foto Kunst Stadtforum, Innsbruck, Austria
- 2007 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
Combray, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
- 2006 Johnen & Schöttle, Köln, Germany
Musée de Vannes, Vannes, France

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- Kunstraum Deutsche Bank, Salzburg, Austria
Galeria Fúcares, Madrid, Spain
Galerie De Zaal, Delft, The Netherlands
- 2005 Johnen & Schöttle Gallery, Cologne, Germany
- 2004 Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
De Zaal Gallery, Delft, The Netherlands
Fondation Herzog, Basel, Switzerland
- 2003 Kunsthalle Rostock, Rostock, Germany
Schirmer Mosel Showroom, Munich, Germany
- 2002 Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg Germany
- 2001 Johnen & Schöttle Gallery, Cologne, Germany
Elger Esser, Villa Knast, Salzburg, Austria
- 1999 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Galeria Andreas Grim,, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 1998 Kunstverein, Siegen, Germany
Galerie Friebe, Lüdenscheid, Germany
Galerie 213, Paris, France
Kunstraum, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1997 Galeria Andreas Grimm, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Kunstverein, Hagen, Germany
- 1995 Siedlungen, Düsseldorf, Germany
Kulturbahnhof, Eller, Germany

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 *Seria Graciosco*, TEA Las Catalinas, Costa Rica
Im Garten der Farben, PEAC Museum Paul Edge Art Collection, Freiburg, Germany
The Sonnabend Collection, Remai Modern, Saskatoon, Canada
- 2019 *Light Sensitive 2, Photography from the Schaufler Collection*, Schauwerk Sindelfingen, Germany
Die Inszenierung der Natur in Werken der Sammlung Würth, Sammlung Würth, Chur, Switzerland
Towards the Sublime, Galerie Tanit, Beirut, Lebanon
Below the Surface, Rose Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
Oeuvres Choiesies, Galerie RX, Paris, France
Land and Water, Galerie De Zaal, Delft, The Netherlands
L'Invention d'un monde- Photographies des collections Robelin, FRAC Auvergne, France

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- Zwischen Nähe und Distanz: Konstruktion von Wirklichkeiten, Von Goya bis Picasso*, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany
The Moment is Eternity- Works from the Olbricht Collection, me Collectors Room, Berlin, Germany
As Far as the Eye Can See, Museum Würth, Künzelsau, Germany
- 2018 *The Sonnabend Collection: Half a Century of European and American Art Part ii*, Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art, Porto, Portugal
Entfesselte Natur, Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany
Wasser & Wein, Neupräsentation der Sammlung I, Museum Kurhaus Kleve, Kleve, Germany
Bernd, Hilla and the Others, Kuratiert von Barbara Hofmann-Johnson at HUIS MARSEILLE, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Räume der Anderen II, Villa Streccius, Landau, Germany
- 2017 *Water, Clouds, Wind*, Kunsthalle Würth, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany
Split- Mirror, Light, Reflection, The Schaufler Foundation Schauwerk, Sindelfingen, Germany
- 2016 *Magical Surfaces: The Uncanny in Contemporary Photography*, Parasol Unit Foundation for Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 2015 *Bert de Beaul, Elger Esser, Ian Hamilton Finlay*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
Gallery 3010, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2014 *Soli Deo Gloria, Christine Schäfer & Elger Esser: Recital and Art*, Braunschweig Festival, Schafstall Bisdorf, Braunschweig, Germany
- 2013 *OLD SCHOOL Anachronismus in der zeitgenössischen Kunst*, Kunsthalle zu Kiel, Germany
Diaster/The End of Days, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Paris, France
- 2012 *Kalte Rinden- Seltene Erden*, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
Il Fuoco Della Natura/The Flash of Nature, Salone degli Incanti, ex Pescheria, Trieste, Italy
Exposition Photographique: Eaux précieuses- Eaux sauvages, Galerie d'art du Conseil général, Hôtel de Castillon, Aix-en-Provence, France
Les Territoires du désir ou les métamorphoses d'un musée imaginiaire, Musée d'Art Moderne André Malraux, MuMa, Le Havre, France
- 2011 *Lictempfindlich- Zeitgenössische Photographie aus der Sammlung Schaufler*, Sindelfingen, Germany
Kunst befreit! Neupräsentation der Sammlung, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany
Ileana Sonnabend An Italian Portrait, Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy
- 2010 *Der Rote Bulli: Stephan Shore and the new Düsseldorf Photography*, NRW-Forum Kultur und Wirtschaft, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2009 *TAGO-MAGO*, Galería Fúcares, Almagro, Spain
Siedlungen und Wohnanlagen 1858-1937, Stadtmuseum Düsseldorf, Germany
Voyages pittoresques: Normandie 1820-2009
Rencontre de la Photographie, Abbaye de Montmajour, Arles, France
6 views of photography, Galerie de Zaal, Delft, The Netherlands
Sammlung Lothar Schirmer, Bayerische Akademie der Schönen Künste, Munich, Germany

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Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria

- 2008 *True North*, Deutsche Guggenheim, Berlin, Germany
Französische Landschaften, FO.KU.S, Foto Kunst Stadtforum, Innsbruck, Austria
Landschaft als Metapher, Ursula-Blickle-Stiftung, Kraichtal, Germany
- 2007 *FOTO.KUNST*, Essl Museum, Klosterneuburg, Germany berlin_nl, Niederländische Botschaft, Berlin, Germany
Less Roses, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon Seestücke, Hamburger Kunsthalle, Germany
- 2006 *Paisajes*, Galeria Arnes y Röpke, Madrid, Spain
Arcadia, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, USA
Room with a view, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, Den Haag, The Netherlands
Les Peintres de la vie moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Fotokunst aus NRW, Flottmann Hallen, Herne, Germany
- 2005 *Flight 405*, Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany and Beirut, Lebanon
Aeroplastics Contemporary, Bruxelles, Belgium
Landschaft als Metapher, Ursula-Blickle-Stiftung, Kraichtal, Germany
Angekommen, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Germany
The City: Contemporary Views..., Lehman College Art Gallery, New York, USA
- 2004 *Vague II Hommages et digressions*, Musee Malraux, Le Havre, France
Imágenes en movimiento // Moving Pictures, Guggenheim Bilbao, Spain
Art History: Photography References Painting, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, USA
- 2003 *Biennial of Photography*, Moscow, Russia
Moving Pictures, Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 2002 *Sfeir-Semler Gallery*, Hamburg, Germany
10 Young German Artists, Galerie de zaal, Delft, The Netherlands
- 2001 Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
- 2000 Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland
Thomas Segal Gallery, Baltimore, USA
Hue-Williams Fine Art, London, UK
- 1999 *Insight-out*, Kunstraum Innsbruck, Austria
Views from the Edge of the World, Marlborough Gallery, New York, USA
Lawrence Beck, Elger Esser, Hiroshi Sugimoto, Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA

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Selected Public Collections

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York, USA
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, USA
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
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DZ Bank Kunstsammlung, Frankfurt, Germany
Fonds national d'art contemporain, Paris, France
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Fundació Foto Colectania, Barcelona
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Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain
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Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany
Kunsthaus Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland
Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany
Landesgalerie Linz, Linz, Austria
LVR-LandesMuseum Bonn, Germany
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
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Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria
Museum Kurhaus Kleve, Keve, Germany
Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Wien, Vienna, Austria
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
SMS Contemporanea, ex Palazzo Delle Papesse, Siena, Italy
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Tang Museum at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, USA

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