

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

MICHAEL NAJJAR

Born in Landau, Germany, 1966

EDUCATION

Bildo Academy for Art, Berlin, Germany, 1993

Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 outer space, BANK/MABSOCIETY, Shanghai, China
terraforming, Galería Juan Silió, Santander, Spain
- 2017 Michael Najjar – Planetary Echoes (curated by Christiane Stahl), Alfred-Ehrhardt-Stiftung, Berlin, Germany
- 2016 outer space, Benrubi Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 Who gave us the sponge to wipe away the entire horizon? Video works from the outer space series, Museo Es Baluard, Palma, Spain
outer space, Oldenburger Kunstverein, Oldenburg, Germany
outer space, Galleria Studio la Città, Verona, Italy
outer space, Galería Juan Silió, Santander, Spain
- 2011 Data Flows – Between Megacities and Financial Markets, Young Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2010 high altitude, Galleria Studio La Città, Verona, Italy
high altitude, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland
high altitude, Galerie Clairefontaine, Luxemburg
- 2009 bionic angel, Dvorak Sec Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
high altitude, Bitforms Gallery, New York, NY
high altitude, Galería Juan Silió, Santander, Spain
- 2008 netropolis, Einstein Galerie, Berlin, Germany. Curated by Gerald Uhlig

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

- Augmented Realities - Michael Najjar / works 1997-2008, Museum of Photography and Gem - Museum for Contemporary Art, The Hague, Netherlands. Curated by Wim van Sinderen
- 2007 netropolis, Dubai Design Forum, Dubai, UAE. Curated by Elie Dormit
- Japanese Style, Wilhelm-Hack Museum / Rudolf-Scharpf Galerie, Ludwigshafen, Germany. Curated by Susanne Ecker
- 2006 bionic angel, Bitforms Gallery, New York, NY
- netropolis, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland
- Michael Najjar Selected Works, Galería Juan Silió, Santander, Spain. Curated by Sherin Hamed
- 2005 japanese style, Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 netropolis, Bitforms Gallery, New York, NY
- 2003 information and apocalypse, Goethe-Institut, New York, NY
- 2002 z one zero - "Between Simulation and Hyperreality" Selected Works 1997-2002, Galerie Im Willy-Brandt-Haus, Berlin, Germany. Curated by Gisela Kayser
- no memory access, Kunsthalle Hamburg / Galerie der Gegenwart, Hamburg, Germany
- japanese style, Sony Center, Berlin, Germany (in collaboration with Teutloff Kultur + Medienprojekte)
- 2001 splitimages - A Trip Through Reality, Galerie Zagreus Projekt, Berlin, Germany
- no memory access, Sony Exhibition Space International Funkausstellung, Berlin, Germany
- splitimages - A Trip Through Reality, Galerie Cato Jans, Hamburg, Germany
- 2000 nexus project part I, Galerie Cato Jans, Hamburg, Germany
- 1999 nexus Project Part I, Photokina, Kodak Exhibition Space, Cologne, Germany
- 1998 Reise in den Zwischenraum, Galerie Raab, Hamburg, Germany
- ¡Viva Fidel! - Reise in die Absurdität, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Forum Fotografie, Hamburg, Germany. Curated by Gabriele Philipp
- Reise Im Kreis, ProjectSpace Oberbaum City, Berlin, Germany

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

- 1997 ¡Viva Fidel! – Eine Reise in die Absurdität, Einstein Galerie, Berlin, Germany
¡Viva Fidel! – Eine Reise in die Absurdität, Galerie Alter Wiehrebahnhof, Freiburg, Germany
- 1994 Annäherung, European League of Institutes of Arts, Berlin, Germany

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Oil - Beauty and Horror in the Petrol Age Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany (curated by Alexander Klose, Benjamin Steininger & Andreas Beitin)
- Overview Effect MOCAB Museum of Contemporary Art Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbi (curated by Blanca de la Torre and Zoran Eric)
- Civilization: the way we live now, Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée Marseille Marseille, France (curated by William Ewing and Holly Crousell)
- Il futuro è ora. Arte e società dagli anni Sessanta a oggi" Gallerie d'Italia - Palazzo Leoni Montanari, Vicenza, Italy (curated by Luca Beatrice and Walter Guadagnini)
- The New Classic of Mountains and Seas: Contemporary Art on Chinese Original Myths and Legends ZheJiang Art Museum, Hangzhou, China
- Backlight 2021 - Touring Exhibition" Sámi Cultural Centre Sajos, Inari, Finland (curated by Hannu Vanhanen)
- Off-World: Arctic Origins, Virtual exhibition (curated by Richelle Gribble and Isabel Beavers)
- Insights Photofairs Shanghai curated by Yining He
- Photo London art fair presentation with ARTITLED.Contemporary Gallery London, UK
- PAN Amsterdam, art fair presentation with ARTITLED.Contemporary Gallery
- 2020 Space Works- Backlight2020 Tampere Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
curated by Louise Wolthers, Virpi Nikkari)

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Civilization: the way we live now, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland New Zealand
(curated by Wiliam Ewing, Bartomeu Mari & Holly Roussel)

- 2018 ESCENAS: ACCIÓN Y REPRESENTACIÓN, Colección Bragales de Jaime Sordo
Museo del Patrimonio Municipal, Málaga, Spain
- The Legacy of Architectonic Futurism, BANK / MABSOCIETY, Shanghai, China
- Civilization: the way we live now, National Museum of Modern and
Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2017 Galieo and the Arts/ The starry heavens above me, Palazzo del Monte, Padua,
Italy, curated by Giovanni Carlo Federico Villa and Stefan Weppelmann
- Nucleus/ Imagining Science, Nooderlicht Photofestival 2017, Netherlands,
curated by Wim Melis
- Clouds <-> Forests, 7th Moscow International Biennale, Moscow, Russia,
curated by Yugo Hasegawa
- Superstar, Elizabeth Houston Gallery, New York NY,
- IBRIDA Festival/ ikoniTV, Forli, Italy, curated by Vanina Saracino
- Journeys into Peripheral Worlds, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA.
Curated by Alison Ferris
- Die innere Haut – Kunst und Scham, MARTA Herford, Herford, Germany.
Curated by Friederike Fast.
- Arco 2017, Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain
- 2016 Islas y horizontes. Obras de la colección Es Baluard, CEART – Centro de Arte
Tomás y Valiente, Madrid, Spain. Curated by Nekane Aramburu
- Grün stört – Im Fokus einer Farbe, MARTA Herford, Germany. Curated by
Roland Nachtigäller and Michael Kröger
- DEMO:POLIS, Akademie der Künste Berlin, Berlin, Germany. Curated by
Wilfried Wang
- Space Veggies & Earth Plants #1, Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany.
Curated by Tina Schelhorn
- Fotografia Europea 2016, Palazzo da Mosto, Reggio Emilia, Italy
- Space Appeal, Paratissima 2016, Palazza da Mosto, Reggio Emilia, Italy
- Ikono TV – Art Speaks Out, ArtCop22, Marrakesh, Maroc. Curated by Vanina
Saracino
- ARCO 2015, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

- 2015
- Arte Fiera Bologna, Art fair presentation with Studi la Città, Bologna, Italy
- Reflexiones en torno a la nueva colección de Pilar Citoler, Casa Mena, Málaga, Universidad Internacional de Andalucía, Spain. Curated by Alfonso de la Torre
- Exo-Evolution, ZKM – Museum of Contemporary Art, Karlsruhe, Germany. Curated by Andreas Beitin
- Lo Sguardo di... / The Gaze of..., UniCredit Pavilion, Milano, Italy. Curated by Walter Guadagnini
- Fühlst du nicht an meinen Liedern dass ich eins und doppelt bin, Peter Kilchmann Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland. Curated by Mateo Chacón Pino
- Out There – Video Art, New media & Photography on landscapes in Public Space, Viewmaster Projects, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Curated by Bart van den Boom
- Paris Photo, Art fair presentation with Benrubi Gallery, Paris, France
- AIPAD Photography Show New York, Art fair presentation with Benrubi Gallery, NY
- ARCO 2015, Art fair presentation with Galeria Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain
- Renaissance_2.0, ZKM - Museum of Contemporary Art, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2014
- Progress and Hygiene, Zacheta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland. Curated by Anda Rottenberg
- Facts and Fictions. Contemporary Photography from the Art Collection UniCredit, Multimedia Art Museum Moscow, Russia. Curated by Walter Guadagnini
- Datascape, Laboral Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial, Gijón, Spain. Curated by Benjamin Weil
- Fotoverhalen, Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, The Netherlands. Curated by Wim van Sinderen
- EINBLICKE - In Die Sammlung Wemhöner, Osram- Höfe, Berlin, Germany. Curated by Philipp Bollmann
- Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2014, Kerala, India. Curated by Jitish Kallat
- Meta.Morf- Lost in Transition, Biennale for Art and Technology, Trondheim Art Museum, Trondheim, Norway. Curated by Espen Gangvik
- Entrepreneur award 4.0, Werkhalle Wittenstein, Igersheim-Harthausen, Germany. Curated by Felix Hoffman
- The Photographers 2014, Beetles + Huxley Gallery, London, UK

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Beste Aussichten, Galerie Sherin Najjar, Berlin, Germany

Miami Projects, art fair presentation with Benrubi Gallery, Miami, FL

Paris Photo, Art fair presentation with Benrubi Gallery, Paris, France

Art Dubai, Art fair presentation with Carroll / Fletcher Gallery Dubai, UAE

ARCO 2014, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

2013 Datascape, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, Turkey. Curated by Benjamin Weil

Landmark: The Fields of Photography, Somerset House, London, UK.
Curated by William Ewing

Generosity - Donations and Loans from the ZKM Collection, ZKM-Museum of Contemporary Art, Karlsruhe, Germany. Curated by Andreas Beutin

ISEA Sydney, 19th International Symposium of Electronic Arts /

The Streaming Museum, Sydney, Australia. Curated by Nina Colossi

Microwave New Media Festival, The Streaming Museum, Hong Kong, China.
Curated by Nina Colossi

Sikkah Art Festival, The Streaming Museum, Dubai, UAE. Curated by Nina Colossi

Ah Lord, Love Me Passionately, Nikolai Church, Bielefeld, Germany. Curated by Sigfried Zielinski

Accumulations, Galerie Sherin Najjar, Berlin, Germany. Curated by Sabin Bors

Ikono-on Air Festival, online exhibition. Curated by Vanina Saracino

Tattoo - The Face of Freedom, online exhibition, Teutloff Museum. Curated by Peter Weibel

Art International Istanbul, art fair presentation with Carroll / Fletcher Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

ARCO 13, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

2012 Data Deluge, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, TX. Curated by Rachel Gugelberger

Il Fuoco della Natura / The Flash of Nature, Salone Degli Incanti - Ex Pescheria, Trieste, Italy. Curated by Marco Puntin and Jonathan Turner

Miniature, Gem Museum for Contemporary Art, The Hague, Netherlands.
Curated by Ria and Lex Daniels

Schaubilder, Bielefelder Kunstverein, Bielefeld, Germany. Curated by Thomas Thiel

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Terra Cognita, Museum Belvédère, Heerenveen, The Netherlands,
Photofestival Noorderlicht. Curated by Wim Melis

Bedlam, Lazarides Gallery / Old Vic Tunnels, London, UK. Curated by Steve
Lazarides

We Write This To You From the Distant Future, Public art screens, Norway.
Curated by Hege Tapia Gaare

Zero1 Biennial, San Jose, CA. Curated by Jaime Austin

La Travesía de Una Colección - Los Bragales, Centro de Arte Alcobendas,
Madrid, Spain. Curated by Jaime Sordo

The Golden Cage, Kunstbüro Berlin, Berlin, Germany. Curated by Nicole
Loeser, Ruth Martius and Katharina Buncke

ARCO 12, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

Mia-Milan Image Art Fair, art fair presentation with Galleria Maggiore, Milan,
Italy

2011

ATLAS. How to Carry the World On One's Back?, ZKM-Museum of
Contemporary Art, Karlsruhe, Germany. Curated by Georges Didi-Huberman

ATLAS. How to Carry the World On One's Back?, Deichtorhallen / Sammlung
Falckenberg, Hamburg, Germany. Curated by Georges Didi-Huberman

Portraits in Series – Photography of a Century, Museum für Kunst und
Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany. Curated by Gabriele Betancourt

La travesía de una colección - Los Bragales, Centro de Arte Alcobendas,
Madrid, Spain. Curated by Jaime Sordo

Minitature, GEM Museum of Contemporary Art, The Hague, Netherlands.
Curated by Ria and Lex Daniels

Architektur in der Kunst - Architekturen des Augenblicks, Kunsthalle BAHNITZ,
Germany. Curated by Bodo Rauh

Identity, Art Stations Foundation, Poznan, Poland. Curated by Paulina
Kolczynska

We Write This To You From The Distant Future, Wilson Theater at Lincoln
Center, New York, NY. Curated by Nina Colosi

Alt. +1000, Festival de Photographie de Montagne Rossinière, Switzerland.
Curated by Nathalie Herschdorfer

Metropolis – City Life in the Urban Age, Photofestival Noorderlicht, The
Netherlands. Curated by Wim Melis

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

The Minotaur, Lazarides Gallery / Old Vic Tunnels, London, UK. Curated by Steve Lazarides

Art Cologne 2011, Art fair presentation with Galleria Studio La Città, Cologne, Germany.

Artefiera Bologna, Art fair presentation with Galleria Studio La Città, Bologna, Italy

ARCO 11, art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

2010 Apocalipsis, CAC Málaga, Spain. Curated by Fernando Francés

Estancias, Residencias, Presencias, TEA - Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Spain

For Real – 30 Utopian Projections in Public Space, Maastricht, The Netherlands. Curated by Bart van den Boom

Meta.morf 2010 - New.Brave.World!, Biennial for Art and Technology, Trondheim, Norway. Curated by Alex Adriaansens

Zero One - San Jose Biennial, San Jose, CA. Curated by Steve Dietz

Tina B. - Prague Contemporary Art Festival, Prague, Czech Republic. Curated by Valerie Dvoráková

The Big Screen Project, New York, NY. Curated by Nina Colosi

Cocor Media Channel, Bucharest, Romania. Curated by Nina Colosi

Engineering the Landscape, Forward Thinking Museum, virtual exhibition. Curated by Nathalie Herschdorfer

20 Ans Déjà!, Galerie Guy Bärtschi, Geneva, Switzerland

Trouble with Love, Dvorak Sec Contemporary, Prague, Czech Republic

"ARCO 10", Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

The Armory Show, Art fair presentation with Galleria Studio La Città, New York, NY

Art Cologne, Art fair presentation with Galleria Studio La Città, Cologne, Germany.

Scope Basel 2010, Art fair presentation with Dvorak Sec Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland

Art Brussels, Art fair presentation with Galerie Guy Bärtschi Brussels, Belgium

2009 Trouble In Paradise, Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, TX. Curated by Julie Sasse

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Jahresgaben, Leopold Hösch Museum, Düren, Germany. Curated by Xenia Litvin

Fluid Architecture, New Media Art Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Curated by Susanne Jaschko

Landscape as a Dream, Galleria Studio La Città, Verona, Italy. Curated by Luigi Meneghelli

Tattoo, Teutloff Collection, virtual exhibition curated by Peter Weibel

Vision – Darmstädter Tage der Fototage, Darmstadt, Germany. Curated by Ute Noll

Taboo - Photomeetings Luxemburg 2009, Luxembourg. Curated by Marita Ruiters

Glow Festival 2009, International Forum of Light in Art and Architecture, Eindhoven, The Netherlands. Curated by Bettina Pelz and Tom Groll

ARCO 09, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

Art Dubai 09, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Art Brussels 09, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2008

En Privat 1, Museo es Baluard, Palma, Mallorca. Curated by Cristina Ros.

Map Games, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China. Curated by Monica Piccioni and Rosario Scarpato

Map Games, Museum of Contemporary Art, Birmingham, Great Britain. Curated by Monica Piccioni and Rosario Scarpato

Dislocate 08, exhibition space souzoUKUKan9001, Tokyo, Japan. Curated by Emma Ota

2008 Culturas - Año europeo del diálogo intercultural, online exhibition - www.2008culturas.com. Curated by Elena Vozmediano

Reminiscences - Old Masters of Tomorrow, White Square Gallery, Las Vegas, CA

Festival of Digital Art, New Dehli, India

Esquire show – Los Angeles, Esquire House, Los Angeles, CA

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Digital Media Show, Sala Naranja, Valencia, Spain

Optica Festival, Gijón, Spain

ARCO 08, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Madrid, Spain

Arte Lisboa 2008, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Lisbon, Portugal

Art Brussels 08, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

Pulse Miami 08, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Miami, FL

2007

Face - The New Photographic Portrait, Forma-International Centre for Photography, Milano, Italy. Curated by William Ewing and Nathalie Herschdorfer

First International Photographic Art Prize - Arte Laguna, Brolo Centro d'Arte e Cultura, Venice, Italy

7 Wochen - 7 Künstler, Kunstverein Heidelberg, Germany. Curated by Johann Holten.

Act of Faith, Noorderlicht Photofestival, The Netherlands. Curated by Wim Melis

Poetic Terrorism, Festival Edición Madrid(fem), Spain. Curated by Elga Wimmer

"Esquire Show 2007", Esquire House, New York, NY. Curated by Steve Sacks

Elison und Peter W. Klein collection, Museum Kunstwerk, Stuttgart, Germany. Curated by Peter W. Klein

ARCO 07, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Madrid, Spain

DFoto 07, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, San Sebastián, Spain

Arte Lisboa 07, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, Lisbon, Portugal

2006

Cities, Architecture and Society, Venice Biennial - 10th international Architecture Exhibition, Venice, Italy. Curated by Elena Foster and Antonio Sanz

Urban Dynamics, 9th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba. Curated by Nelson Herrera

Mascarada, Museo da2.domus Artium 2002, Salamanca, Spain. Curated by Bodo Rau

Photo Trafic, Centre pour l'Image Contemporaine, Geneva, Switzerland. Curated by André Iten

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Visibilities Between Facts and Fiction, Edith-ruß site for media art, Oldenburg, Germany. Curated by Sabine Himmelsbach

Mass Media Manipulation, Photomeetings Luxemburg 2006, Luxemburg. Curated by Marita Ruiter

Mass Media Manipulation, Galerie Clairefontaine, Luxemburg

Seoul Photo Show, Gana Art Center, Seoul, South Korea

Parisphoto 06, Art fair presentation with Galerie Clairefontaine, Paris, France

Venice Video Art Fair 06, presentation with Douz & Mille Gallery, Washington, Venice, Italy. Curated by Rafaele Gavarro

ARCO 06, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Madrid, Spain

DFoto 06, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, San Sebastián, Spain

2005 Future Face, National Museum of Science, Taichung, Taiwan. Curated by Tak-Cheung

Über Schönheit/About Beauty, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany. Curated by Shaeen Merali and Wu Hung

First Korean Group Show, Bitforms Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Traces and Omens, Noorderlicht Photography Festival, Groningen, Netherlands. Curated by Wim Melis

The Junction of East Longitude 116.65 and North Latitude 40.13,

Convergence Biennial, Beijing, China. Curated by Feng Boyi

Ciudades/Cities, Photography Festival Photo España 05, Madrid, Spain. Curated by Horacio Fernández

The City: Contemporary Views of the Built Environment, Lehman College Gallery, New York, NY. Curated by Susan Hoeltzel

City of Future, Gesellschaft für Technologische Zusammenarbeit, Frankfurt, Germany. Curated by Petra Skiba

Art Cologne, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Cologne, Germany

ARCO 05, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Madrid, Spain

"Diva Video Art Fair", Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, New York, NY

DFoto 05, Art fair presentation with Galería Juan Silió, San Sebastián, Spain

2004 The Beauty of Failure / The Failure of Beauty, Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain. Curated by Harald Szeemann

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Future Face, Science Museum, London, UK. Curated by Sandra Kemp

Art Works from the F.C. Gundlach Collection, Kulturbehörde der Freien Hansestadt, Hamburg, Germany

Touch and Temperature, Bitforms Gallery, New York, NY. Curated by Michael Rees

Touch and Temperature, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, TX. Curated by Michael Rees

ARCO 04, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Madrid, Spain

Grenzgänge, Photokina 2004, Cologne, Germany

Art Cologne, Art fair presentation with Bitforms Gallery, Cologne, Germany

2003 A Clear Vision – Photography from the F.C. Gundlach Collection, Deichtorhallen, International House of Photography, Hamburg, Germany. Curated by Zednek Felix

Bitforms group show 2003, Bitforms Gallery, New York, NY

Designkrokken, Museum Traphold, Kolding, Denmark. Curated by Eva Bræmer-Jensen

What´s Next?, Danish Design Center (DDC), Copenhagen, Denmark. Curated by Lene Tanghøj

2002 Mythos St. Pauli, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany. Curated by Gabriele Philipp

Bilder die Bewegen – Mißelbecks Gefährten, Kunstverein Siegburg, Germany

(White) Cubes, Galerie Berlin, Germany

2001 Digital, Stiftung Starke, Berlin, Germany

Verfremdete Fremde, Gesellschaft für Technologische Zusammenarbeit, Berlin, Germany

Strange Reality, Galerie Blickensdorf, Berlin, Germany

2000 Designmensch, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Forum Gestaltung, Hamburg, Germany. Curated by Gabriele Philipp

1999 Video Virtuale Foto Fictionale, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany. Curated by Reinhold Mißelbeck

1998 Erkennen Erkennen, Design Center Nordrhein-Westfalen, Essen, Germany

Kodak/BFF Digital Imaging Award, PPS Galerie, Hamburg, Germany

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

- Photokina 98, Kodak/BFF, Cologne, Germany
- 1997 Transformator I-V, Project Space Oberbaum City, Berlin, Germany
Kodak/BFF Digital Imaging Award, Kodak House, Essen, Germany
- 1993 Kunst Verfremdet, Kulturhaus Dock4, Kassel, Germany
- 1990 Variationen Zum Anonymen Bild, Galerie Treppenhaus, Berlin, Germany
- 1989 Die Photographische Simulation, Bildo Akademie, Berlin, Germany. Curated by Gabriele Philipp

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Space Suit, Uk Business Traveler, March
Space Man, Hasselblad, March
- 2016 A Photographer's Quest for Outer Space, TIME: Lightbox Portfolio, March
- 2015 Hotel offers \$2,000- a-night 'space station' experience, CNN Business Traveller, October
Training to Become the First Civilian Artist in Space, Wired Magazine, June
Photo Fair Features Cuban Artists, Plus One Training for Outer Space, The Wall Street Journal, April
- 2014 Michael Najjar – Outer space, Parabol Art Magazine #8
Artonauts, Elephant Magazine, Summer
Alma Blickt in Die Vergangenheit, Arte TV Journal, January
Konzentration auf die Poesie, Art Magazine Online, March
Wellen und Werke, Der Tagesspiegel, March
Reise ins Weltall, titel thesen temperamente, March
All Inklusiv, Süddeutsche Zeitung Magazin, January
Alma blickt in die Vergangenheit, Arte TV Journal, January
Hidden Cities, Parterre de Rois, Vol #2
- 2013 Schweben Wir Bald in Unendlichen Weiten, Greenpeace Magazin
Michael Najjar - Creative of Future Scenarios, Obscura #14
Die Verpasste Chance, Das Magazin #44
Michael Najjar, 74 Gazette, #3

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Weltansichten, Art, May

Die Besten Sind Bestien, Die Zeit, May

Reach for the Stars, www.hasselbladbulletin.com, May

Exhibition Questions the Place of Technology in Daily Lives of People, Hürriyet Daily News, May

Beyond Limits, Fade to Black, ipad Magazine, April

Outlook, www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p016tkmm, April

To Infinity & Beyond: The Michael Najjar Story, www.berlin-artparasites.com, March

Michael Najjar: Artist in Space, www.landscapestories.net, issue 11, March

Michael Najjar, Zoom Magazine, #109

Keine Liebe auf den Ersten Blick, Kontur, #5

Open Air Video, die Tageszeitung, February

2012 die Komplexitätsfalle, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, November

Natuur Als Voorstelling, Vrij Nederland – Noorderlicht Special, September

Golden Eye, Newscientist, August

Von Höhen und Tiefen, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, August

Hoch Hinaus - in den Weltraum für die Kunst, Bizziety

Die Stadt der Zukunft Wird zu Einer Lebens- Werkstätte, Tages-Anzeiger, April

Zu Mir Oder Zu Dir?, Taz - die Tageszeitung, March

Data Deluge, Wall Street International Magazine, March

Las Galerías Cántabras Cierran Arco Satisfechas Con el Volumen de Venta, el Mundo Cantabria, February

Arco Apuesta Sobre Seguro, El Diario Montañés, February

Das Müssen sie uns Mal Erklären - Sieben Fragen an den Fotokünstler Michael Najjar, der 2013 ins all Fliegt, Cosmopolitan, February

Am Berg Bin Ich Vorsichtiger, Private Banking Magazin, February

2011 Michael Najjar - First Artist in Space, Artnet Magazine, November

Metropolis - City Life in the Urban Age, Photopresse.de, September
Netropolis, Gup Magazine #030

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

- Schau! Mich! An!, Hamburger Abendblatt, March
- Wer Bin Ich? Und Wie Gefalle Ich Dir?, Die Welt, March
- Auf Dem Weg Zum Cyberbild, Hamburger Abendblatt, February
- 2010 In Para-Metaphysischer Trance, Kunstforum, #203
- La Valeur de la Géographie, : L´architecture D´aujourd´hui, #378
- Political Landscapes - Michael Najjar, British Journal of Photography, April
- Michael Najjar - High altitude, Profifoto, #3
- Effacer les Limites Entre Réel et Virtuel, La Voix du Luxembourg, March
- Das Risiko der Gipfelstürmer, Lëtzebuenger Journal
- Into Thin Air, Aviator Magazine
- 2009 Lassù Sui Monti, Marie-Claire
- Michael Najjar - High altitude, European Photography, #85/86
- The Future Has Come For Everyone, Lodown Magazin, #5
- Michael Najjar - Utopia Simulator, Soura - The Middle East Photography Magazine, #26
- El Indice Nasdaq del Aconcagua, El Diario Montañés, October
- Sublime Relevance, Chelsea Clinton News, September
- 2008 Visionen Mit Patina, Artinvestor, November
- Augmented Realities - Michael Najjar 1997-2008, Eikon, May
- Van Cyberportretten Tot Kitscherige Reclame, De Volkskrant, May
- Kijk, in Mijn Trouwring zit DNA Van Min Vrouw!, NRC Handelsblad, April
- Kunststück! Was Haben Sie Sich Dabei Gedacht, Herr Najjar?, Financial Times Deutschland, April
- De Mens Als Machine, De Telegraaf, April
- Bionic Angel, Photography Now, February
- Interview With Michael Najjar, Artinvestor, January
- 2007 Michael Najjar, Eyemazing, #1
- Michael Najjar, Contemporary Magazine, #91
- Cyber Renaissance, Max, November

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

- Metropolis Now, Timeout Dubai, #21, May
- Welcome to Hyper-Reality - Michael Najjar's Data Streaming Vision, Skin, #2, May
- 2006 Mascarada, Kunstforum International, #183, December
- Michael Najjar - Selected Works, ABC, December
- Der Preis ist Heiss, Kunstzeitung, #121, September
- Michael Najjar, Artinvestor, November
- Metropolis, Etalks Magazine, Edition 7
- Return of the Rising Sun, Art and Auction, June
- 2005 Blick in die Zukunft, Financial Times Deutschland, October
- Kollektive Einsamkeit, Berliner Morgenpost, October
- Sporen Van Een Born-Again Viespeuk, Dagbald Van Het Noorden, July
- Intercepting the City, Exit Art Magazin, #17
- Information and Apocalypse, Profifoto, #2, March/April
- 2004 A Clear Vision. Photographische Werke Aus Der Sammlung F.C. Gundlach, Kunstforum International, #168, January/February
- Information and Apocalypse, Grenzgänge - Fotos Für die Pressefreiheit
- Kann Fotografie Unsere Welt in Bilder Fassen, Omnibus Volume
- Zukunft der Städte, Photographie - Portfolio, #1, January/February
- Portfolio Michael Najjar, Artphoto, #4
- 2003 Michael Najjar - Information and Apocalypse. Pietà or Porn? Uptown Attacks Nudes, The New York Observer, November
- Der Warme Körper und Die Kalte Welt, Berliner Zeitung, October
- Exhibition Review: Information and Apocalypse, New York Times, July
- Exhibition Review: Information and Apocalypse, National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC)
- Ausstellungen Zur Digitalen Fotografie Im Willy-Brandt-Haus in Berlin, www.regioart.de, May
- Cinematografischer Blick Auf Die Wirklichkeit, www.photographie.de
- 2002 Reality Check: 2. Triennale of Photography Hamburg, Camera Austria, #78

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

- No Memory Access, Profifoto, #1, January/February
Achtung, Sehleute: Bilderflut, www.welt.de
Ausgelöscht, Vergessen, Nie Je Existent, May
Schickbilder und Schockbilder, Tagesspiegel, April
- 2001 Fokus auf Michael Najjar, Frankfurter Rundschau – Magazin, February
Michael Najjar. Nexus Project part I, Camera Austria International, #75
- 2000 Die Toten Augen des Computerzeitalters, Die Welt, November
Halb Mensch, Halb Maschine, Hamburger Abendblatt, October
Michael Najjar: Nexus-Project Part I, Die Welt, October
Der Veränderte Mensch, Mannheimer Morgen, March
- 1999 Was Bleibt Vom Menschen?, Die Zeit - Leben, #46, November Video Virtual
Foto Fictionale, Kunstforum International, #147, September/November
Schöpfermythos per Mouseclick - Video Virtuale Foto Fictionale Im Museum
Ludwig Köln, Handelsblatt, September
Fotografie Zwischen Wahrheit und Fiktion, Aachener Nachrichten, August
- 1998 ¡Viva Fidél! - Reise in die Absurdität, Profifoto - Portfolio, #6,
November/December
Realität Aus Dem Computer, Die Welt, May
!Viva Fidel! un Viaggio Nell' Assurdità, Zoom, May
- 1997 Fotos Schildern den Absurden Alltag in Fidel Castros Kuba, Berliner
Morgenpost, June
Reise in die Absurdität, Berliner Zeitung, June
Reisebilder Aus der Absurdität, Die Tageszeitung, February

MONOGRAPHS

- 2014 Outer space, Distanz Verlag, Germany
2011 High altitude, Kerber, Germany

COLLECTIONS

ZKM – Museum of Contemporary Art, Karlsruhe, Germany

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany

Deichtorhallen – International House of Photography, Hamburg, Germany

Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany

Willy-Brandt-Haus, Berlin, Germany

Gemeente Museum, The Hague, The Netherlands

Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Tenerife, Spain

CAC – Centro de Arte Contemporaneo, Malaga, Spain

Museo DA2.domusartium2000, Salamanca, Spain

Fundación Coff, San Sebastian, Spain

Museo de Bellas Artes, Santander, Spain

Grazyna Kulczyk Foundation, Poznan, Poland

Uni Credito collection, Milano, Italy

Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA

Hogan & Hartson Collection, New York, NY

Progressive Collection, Mayfield Village, OH

Sprint Collection, Kansas City, MO

Sysco Collection, Houston, TX

Bankinter Collection, Madrid, Spain

Sofina Collection, Brussels, Spain

MacKinsey & Company Inc, Frankfurt, Germany

Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, Eschborn, Germany

Aengelvelt Collection, Düsseldorf, Germany

Sony Collection, Cologne, Germany

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Michael Najjar | Biography

The pace of technological progress has accelerated to the point that the future is happening far faster than we could ever have anticipated. Michael Najjar belongs to that contemporary artistic vanguard which takes a critical look at the technological forces shaping the 21st century. In his photo and video works Najjar approaches art with an interdisciplinary mindset, transmuting the fields of science, art, and technology into visions and utopias of future social structures emerging under the impact of cutting-edge technologies.

Born in 1966 in Landau, Germany, Najjar attended the bildo Academy of Arts in Berlin from 1988 – 1993, where he was trained in the practices of conceptual and interdisciplinary art. During this time he discovered the visionary theories of media philosophers such as

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Vilém Flusser, Paul Virilio and Jean Baudrillard which opened up new perspectives for him and have markedly influenced his later work.

In its considered approach to the means and possibilities of photography, Najjar's conceptual work magnifies and re-examines the potential of the photographic image through constant reconstruction of time and space using a wide range of techniques in thematically focused work series. These range from depictions of the human body transformed by biogenetic intervention, transformation of megacities through condensed information networks, and virtualization of financial markets with smart algorithms to the future of space exploration based on new scientific, engineering, and technological outcomes. His pictorial language of form and content guides the viewer into a complex construction of simulated reality. Alongside this, the performative aspect of his artistic practice has shifted into sharper focus in his current "outer space" work series for which he decided to become an astronaut and fly into space on board a newly developed spaceship. He now uses his own body for performative action, testing his limits in physically and mentally demanding, highly complex technical environments.

Najjar's work has been included in many international museum exhibitions and biennials. Harald Szeemann exhibited his work in 2004 in "The Beauty of Failure / The Failure of Beauty" at the Joan Miró Foundation in Barcelona. His work formed part of the 2006 Venice Biennale's 10th International Architecture Exhibition, the 9th Havana Biennale 2006 and Convergence Biennale Beijing 2007. In 2008, a large-scale, comprehensive survey was presented at the Museum for Contemporary Art GEM in The Hague. In 2011 he participated in the milestone exhibition "Atlas – How to carry the world on one's back", shown at the Museo Reina Sofía, ZKM Museum for Contemporary Art and Deichtorhallen / Phönixhallen Hamburg. In 2015 he was a selected artist at the ZKM | Globale where work from his current "outer space" series was shown in the groundbreaking exhibition "Exo-Evolution" curated by Peter Weibel.

He has also exhibited at the Academy of Arts, Berlin; Museum Ludwig, Cologne; Kunsthalle Hamburg / Galerie der Gegenwart, Hamburg; Deichtorhallen - International Museum of Photography, Hamburg; Marta Museum, Herford; Edith Russ Site for Media Art Oldenburg; Museum of Art, Tucson; Science Museum, London; Museum of Contemporary Art, Birmingham; New Media Art Institute, Amsterdam; FORMA International Centre for Photography, Milan; Centre pour l'image contemporaine, Geneva; Museo DA2 (Domus Artium 2002), Salamanca; Centro de Arte Contemporaneo, Málaga; Museo Es Baluard, Palma de Mallorca; National Museum of Science, Taipeh; Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing.

Work by the artist is held in renowned museum collections, including the ZKM Museum for Contemporary Art, Karlsruhe; Museum Ludwig, Cologne; Museum Deichtorhallen Hamburg;

B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

Gemeente Museum, The Hague; Centro de Arte Contemporaneo, Málaga; Museo Es Baluard, Palma de Mallorca; and in many leading corporate and private collections.