

## ENRICO FREITAG

B. 1981 Arnstadt, Germany

Enrico Freitag's paintings are often dominated by brown and black, and are partially wrapped in an intense moody lighting; the scenes look realistic and indeterminate at the same time. Fascinated by the difference between objective reality and subjective deformed memory, Freitag combines spatial and temporal separated parts, mounts it to a new fictional ensemble, and provides the possibility of present-time-related associations and interpretations. As a starting point for his figurative paintings Enrico Freitag uses image processing techniques like montage and collage to cut and mix historical photographs with prepared newspapers and video clips or even his own painted works.

In Freitag's work people play a leading role. He deals with the issues of the human being in relation to its working environment: feelings of alienation and fear of being absorbed by nameless masses in generic working places is the main theme in Freitag's paintings and watercolors. In his paintings with the title *Der Grosse Traum von Glück* (The big dream of happiness) the daydreaming individuals may be dreaming about happiness, but are they? Captured in the domain of the working place, using the table to take a nap, these dreams seem far from reality. The otherwise empty spaces, which surround the figures, the shelves and cupboards empty, symbolize the gap between reality and fantasy.

Freitag studied Fine Arts at the Bauhaus University in Weimar (2002 – 2007). While still a student, he was a co-founder of Gallery Eigenheim, a place for contemporary art and communication, which is based in Weimar and Berlin today. In 2009 he participated on a 6-week residency of the Bauhaus Lab in Marseille. In 2015 he followed a two-month residency in Amsterdam. In the same year he was awarded the scholarship for Fine Arts of the Free State of Thuringia.

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 Painter on his way to work, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam
- 2022 IMG\_, EIGENHEIM Berlin
- 2020 Nebelherz, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin  
MONO part 1, Kunsthalle Harry Graf Kessler, Weimar  
MONO part 2, EIGENHEIM Weimar, Weimar
- 2019 Enrico Freitag - Painting and drawing, EIGENHEIM Berlin (Salon), Berlin
- 2018 Flora et LabOra, Gallery Eigenheim, Berlin  
Volta Art Fair, New York

- 2017 10 Years Gallery Eigenheim - Double Solo with Konstantin Bayer, Kunsthalle Harry Graf Kessler Weimar  
The Pursuit of Happiness, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam
- 2015 Black Fields, Galerie Eigenheim, Berlin  
Bart Invites, Amsterdam
- 2014 art Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten
- 2013 Enrico Freitag, Galerie Martin Mertens, Berlin
- 2012 Malerei, Zeichnung & Collage / Galerie Eigenheim / Weimar
- 2011 Through the Darkness Chivalrous Cantaloup Commune / Shanghai (China)
- 2011 Solo ExLalulala / Leipzig
- 2010 Works 2006–2010 Centre Design Marseille/Marseille (Frankreich)
- 2010 Privat party Galerie Eigenheim/Weimar
- 2009 ...an einem freien Tag Galerie Eigenheim / Weimar
- 2007 Von der Entdeckung zur Erinnerung Galerie Eigenheim / Weimar
- 2006 Kleinbildformat Galerie Markt 21 / Weimar

### Group Exhibitions and Fairs

- 2021 KOLLEKTION KOLLEKTIV - Group exhibition of the house artists, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin  
Blühstreifen – zwischen Traum und Zaun, Kunsthalle Erfurt  
AUFL. / ED. - Auflagenarbeiten und Editionen der Galeriekünstler, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin  
DAS KOLLEKTIV EIGENHEIM – Die Gemeinschaft als Handlungsgrundlage, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin
- 2020 PRISMA - Group exhibition of the gallery artists, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin  
EIGENHEIM Edition #4 - Bauhaus 100, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin  
Overland. 100 years of art in Thuringia, Schmalkalden, Thuringia  
FINE SELECTION - Group exhibition with artists of the gallery and guests
- 2019 FROM THE LAB TO THE STUDIO - new technologies and materials in art, EIGENHEIM Berlin  
ON GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD / BAUHAUS CONTEMPORARY, EIGENHEIM Weimar, Weimar  
FROM THE LAB TO THE STUDIO - Bauhaus 100, EIGENHEIM Weimar, Weimar
- 2018 ZOOM - Art Association Mannheim  
Positions Art Fair Berlin  
Can't buy me sunshine - City Gallery ADA Meiningen  
2nd Cabinet Exhibition - Brotfabrik Berlin  
Germany - the 3rd edition of Eigenheim Berlin  
Germany - the 3rd edition of Eigenheim Weimar  
GÜLLE, GLYPHOSAT UND ZORN - a small view on the Anthropocene, Galerie Eigenheim Berlin  
GÜLLE, GLYPHOSAT UND ZORN - a small view on the Anthropocene, Galerie Eigenheim Weimar  
Special presentation for the Gallery Weekend 2018, Galerie Eigenheim, Berlin  
Volta New York, Rutger Brandt Gallery
- 2017 PAN, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam  
sub-surface - Gallery Eigenheim Berlin

- Elements - Gallery Eigenheim, Weimar  
 Special presentation of the gallery Eigenheim at the Gallery Weekend Berlin  
 10 years Galerie Eigenheim - Anniversary exhibition, Kunsthalle Harry Graf Kessler Weimar
- 2016 PAN, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam  
 ART Paris, Rutger Brandt Gallery  
 Rundgang der Spinnerei Galerien, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Leipzig  
 Positions Art Fair Berlin - at the booth of the gallery Eigenheim Weimar/Berlin  
 Grounding - Gallery Eigenheim Weimar  
 XPositions - GALLERY WEEKEND Berlin  
 10 years anniversary exhibition - Galerie Eigenheim, Berlin  
 Spotlight - Gallery Eigenheim, Weimar
- 2015 PAN, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam  
 Slick Art Fair, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Paris  
 Spectrum one, Gallery Eigenheim Berlin  
 Special presentation of the gallery Eigenheim at the BERLIN ART WEEK  
 The Opening, Gallery Eigenheim, Berlin  
 The principle of luck, Kunstfest Weimar  
 art Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten  
 Spectral Reflection, Gallery Eigenheim, Weimar  
 Happiness is boring, Galerie Martin Mertens, Berlin
- 2014 Parklandschaften/KunstfestWeimar  
 bloom, ART FAIR, Koln
- 2013 Groupshow, Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar  
 The Welcome Show - Galerie Eigenheim, Shanghai  
 Borderless 2 - Yang Shanghai Art Space  
 Kabinett - das kleine Format" / Galerie Martin Mertens / Berlin
- 2012 measuringspace,choir,Shanghai(China)  
 Enrico Freitag & Lars Wild at Chivalrous Cantaloup Commune, Shanghai (China)
- 2011 RaumNichtraum,Kunsthalle am Hamburger-Platz in Berlin Weißensee Malerei am Bauhaus heute Galerie Eigenheim / Weimar  
 DerArtDerOrt 5 DerArtDerOrt / Gotha  
 DAS DEPOT Eigenheim trifft DNT II, Deutsches Nationaltheater / Weimar  
 Auto/Portrait Galerie de la jeune creation / Paris (Frankreich)
- 2010 GalleryExchangeGalerieFrenhofer/Berlin  
 M120-reused Moganshan Road 120 / Shanghai (China)  
 Eigenheim Gallery Weimar-Shanghai Yongkang Road 64 / Shanghai (China)
- 2009 Eigenheim trifft Nationaltheater Deutsches Nationaltheater / Weimar Kunstlawine II  
 Altes Innenministerium / Erfurt  
 Armella Show Altes Innenministerium / Erfurt  
 Water drops, we run La Friche la belle de mai / Marseille (Frankreich) Kunstlawine I  
 Altes Innenministerium / Erfurt  
 Kunst im Turm Kindl-Turm / Berlin  
 Bauhausler Superstars Galerie Eigenheim / Weimar The Mass Island6 Shack / Shanghai (China)
- 2008 OverseasIsland6Shack/Shanghai(China)
- 2007 Weimar-NewYorkII Kunsthalle/Weimar  
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2006 BilderwahnGalerieEigenheim/Weimar

### **Education & Residencies**

2002 - 2007 Study of Fine Arts at Bauhaus-University Weimar

2009 Residency at Bauhaus Lab Marseille

2015 Residency at Bart Invites Amsterdam

2015 Scholarship for Arts from Freistaat Thüringen

### **Awards & Scholarships**

2015 Arbeitstipendium für zeitgenössische Kunst vom Freistaat Thüringen

2015 Artist in Residence in Amsterdam bei bart invites

2009 Artist in Residence Bauhaus Lab Marseille

### **Collections**

Kunstsammlung des Deutschen Bundestages

Staatskanzlei Thüringen, Erfurt

Kunstsammlung der SV Sparkassenversicherung, Stuttgart

Epicentro art - Contemporary Art and Private Collection, Berlin

Omer Tiroche Contemporary Art, London