

Biography

Cao Fei

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Education

1997

The Affiliated Middle School of Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts

2001

Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

Federal Cultural Foundation (Kulturstiftung des Bundes)

2005

Fellowship Program: Beijing Case: Culture of the High Speed Urbanism

2006

Best Young Artist, 2006, CCAA's Prize, Chinese Contemporary Art Awards, Beijing

Hugo Boss Prize, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, New York

2010

Finalist, Future Generation Art Prize, Pinchuk Art Centre, Kiev

2016

Piedra de Sal, Cuenca Biennial, Ecuador

2016

Best Artist, 2016, CCAA's Prize, Chinese Contemporary Art Awards, Beijing

2017

Apollo 40 under 40 Global Artist, London

2021

Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize, Frankfurt am Main

Solo exhibitions (selected)

2022

Asia One, Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen K

2021

Supernova, MAXXI – Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome

My Future is not a Dream, Espace Louis Vuitton, Munich

Staging the Era, UCCA Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing

2020

Blueprints, Serpentine Galleries, London

2019

A Hollow In A World Too Full, Tai Kwun Contemporary, Hong Kong

La Town, Haras d'Annecy

HX, Centre Pompidou, Paris

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2018

Cao Fei: #18, City Gallery Wellington

Cao Fei, K21 Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf

A hollow in a world too full, Tai Kwun Contemporary, Hong Kong

2017

La Town, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Melbourne

Haze and Fog, Tate Liverpool

2016

Pulse of the Pearl River Delta, Chinese Visual Festival BFI Southbank, London

Cao Fei: It's a Game!, Chinese Visual Festival BFI Southbank, London

Cao Fei, MoMA PS1, New York

Haze and Fog, Center for Contemporary Art center, Tel Aviv

La Town - 30 years of CFCCA, Centre for Chinese Contemporary Art, Manchester

La Town, State of Concept, Athens

2015

Shadow Plays, The Mistake Room, Los Angeles

Splendid River, Vereinigung bildender KünstlerInnen, Wiener Secession

Same Old, Brand New, Art Basel Hong Kong, International Commerce Centre

2014

Cao Fei's Theatrical Mirror, Contemporary Art Center of South Australia, Adelaide

La Town, Lombard Freid Gallery, New York

Haze and Fog, Gene Siskel Film Center, School of Art Institute of Chicago

Haze and Fog, Prospectif Cinéma, Centre Pompidou, Paris

2013

Haze and Fog, Centre for Chinese Contemporary Art, Manchester

Haze and Fog, Tate Modern, London

Haze and Fog, Eastside Projects, Birmingham

2012

Simulus, Surrey Art Gallery, Vancouver

2011

Play Time, Lombard Freid Gallery, New York

RMB City Opera, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City

2010

RMB City, A Space Gallery + Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival

RMB City Opera Live Performance Tour, Culturescapes 2010, Bern, Basel

RMB City, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco

Utopia, Dunedin Public Art Gallery

2009

NO LAB on Tour, Savannah College of Art and Design Lacoste Campus

Live in RMB City, Shiseido Gallery Solo Exhibition, Tokyo

Utopia, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane

Utopia, Artspace, Auckland

Out of Space 1: Cao Fei - Whose Utopia, Julia Stoschek Collection, Dusseldorf

2008

RMB City, Lombard-Freid Projects, New York

Cao Fei, Frac Ile-de-France - L'Antenne Culturelle, Paris

RMB City, Serpentine Gallery, London

Cao Fei, Kunsthalle Nürnberg, Nurnberg

2007

Whose Utopia, OCMA Orange County Museum of Art, Santa Ana

Whose Utopia, CCA Kitakyushu

2006

PRD Anti-Heroes, Museum Het Domein, Sittard

Hip Hop, Lombard-Freid Projects, New York

SIEMENS Art Project 2006: What Are You Doing Here?, Fu Shan OSRAM factory, Guangzhou

COS Players, Para Site Art Space, Hong Kong

2005

COSPlayers, Lombard-Freid Fine Arts, New York

COSPlayers, Courtyard Gallery, Beijing

2004

The San Yuan Li Project, Courtyard Gallery, Beijing

Group exhibitions (selected)

2023

I'll be your Mirror: Art and the Digital Screen, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

Sharjah Biennial 15: Thinking Historically in the Present, Sharjah Biennale

2022

A Gateway to Possible Worlds, Centre Pompidou-Metz, Metz Cedex

OUT OF SPACE - DUSSELDORF VARIATION, Julia Stoschek Collection, Dusseldorf

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PLAY. Videogame, art and more, Reggia di Venaria Reale, Torino
À fleur de peau, CAC Passerelle, Brest
Worldbuilding - Gaming and Art in the Digital Age, Julia Stoschek Collection, Dusseldorf
Retail Apocalypse, Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal
Stepping Out! Female Identities in Chinese Contemporary Art, Lillehammer Museum
Vertigo, ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum
Protest Sounds, Pinault Collection, Paris
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Roleplay, Fondazione Prada, Milano
Hope from Chaos: Pandemic Reflections, ArtScience Museum, Singapore
Cao Fei, Jenny Holzer, Karen Kilimnik and Louise Lawler, Gallery 181, San Francisco

2021

Statements, Palazzo della Ragione, Bergamo
The Sun Machine Is Coming Down, Berliner Festspiele, International Congress Centre Berlin
Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize, The Photographer's Gallery, London
Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize, Deutsche Börse, Frankfurt
GO FIGURE!?, Sprüth Magers - Online
Age of You, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai
not in, of, along, or relating to a line, NYU Abu Dhabi Art Gallery

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2020

Kino der Kunst - Forbidden Beauty
Reality Errors, Nam June Paik Art Center, Yongin

2019

Micro Era. Media Art from China, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin
Age of You, Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto
The Moon Represents My Heart: Music, Memory and Belonging, The Museum of Chinese in America, New York
Vertiginous Data, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Seoul
Producing Futures—An Exhibition on Post-Cyber-Feminisms, Migros Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Zurich
69th Berlinale Forum Expanded, Berlin

2018

Zombies: Pay Attention!, Aspen Art Museum
The Time Needs Changing, Pera Museum, Istanbul
The Street. Where the World Is Made / La Strada. Dove il mondo si crea, MAXXI – Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome
The D-Tale, Video Art from the Pearl River Delta, Times Art Center Berlin
Evoking Reality, Daimler Contemporary, Berlin
9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, QAGOMA - Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland
Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art - SFMoMA
Heteroglossia - Sinocentrism and Globalization, How Art Museum, Shanghai
ANTI- Athens Biennale, Athens Biennale
Virtual Insanity, Kunsthalle Mainz
I Was Raised on the Internet, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago - MCA

Extreme. Nomads, MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt am Main
One Hand Clapping, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and Foundation, New York
The Szechwan Tale. China, Theater and History, FM Centre For Contemporary Art ,
Milan
On Struggling to Remain Present When You Want to Disappear, OCT Modern Artistic
Center, Shanghai
A World in a Grain of Sand: Mapping Shapes and Sites for Social Geometries, Fosun
Foundation, Shanghai
Human+. The Futur of Our Species, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome
Globalocal, Kunsthalle zu Kiel
Playtime, The Peabody Essex Museum, Salem
Art in the Age of the Internet, 1989 to Today, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston

2017

State (in) Concepts, Kadist, Paris
Hyper Real, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Art and China after 1989: Theater of the World, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and
Foundation, New York
Extra Citizen, Kunsthall Extra City, Antwerpen
All that is solid..., TarraWarra Museum of Art, Healesville
Escaping the Digital Unease, Kunsthhaus Langenthal
Social Emotion, Cc Foundation & Art Centre, Shanghai
Talking Pictures: Camera-Phone Conversations Between Artists, The Metropolitan
Museum of Art - The Met, New York
Canton Express, M+ Museum for Visual Culture, Hong Kong
Dioramas, Palais de Tokyo, Paris
GENERATION LOSS: 10 Years Julia Stoschek Collection, Julia Stoschek Collection,
Dusseldorf
Planet 9, Kunsthalle Darmstadt
Human+. The Future of Our Species, ArtScience Museum, Singapore
What's in Store?, Salford Museum and Art Gallery
Space Force Construction, V-A-C Foundation, Palazzo delle Zattere, Venice
Mekong - New Mythologies, Hong Kong Arts Centre Pao Galleries
Rip it Up, 2nd Edition of Changjiang International Photography and Video Biennale,
Chongqing Changjiang Museum of Contemporary Art
Videobox Festival, Le Carreau du Temple, Paris
Repousser le tigre dans la montagne, Centre d'art Le LAIT, Albi
.COM/.CN - CO-PRESENTED BY KAF AND MOMA PS1, K11 Art Foundation, Shanghai
Utopia/Dystopia Part II, MAAT | Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology ,
Fundação EDP, Lisboa
Art & Life - Social Aesthetics Obscured season, Tranen Contemporary Art Center,
Hellerup

2016

Frozen World and the Familiar Stranger, Khoj International Artists Association, New
Delhi
Constellations: Highlights from the Nation's Collection of Modern Art, Tate Liverpool
IMPERMANENCE. The mutation of art in a materialistic society, 13th Cuenca Biennial
Techstyle Series 1.0: Ariadne's Thread, Mill6 Foundation, Hong Kong
Hack Space, K11 Art Foundation, Hong Kong
Frozen World and the Familiar Stranger, Kadist Art Foundation, San Francisco

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Yinchuan Biennale: For an Image, Faster Than Light, Museum of Contemporary Art
Yinchuan
She - International Women Artists Exhibition, Long Museum, Shanghai
Turning Point - Contemporary Art in China Since 2000, Shanghai Minsheng Art
Museum
Beautiful Disorder, Cass Sculpture Foundation, Sussex
Teesside World Exposition of Art and Technology, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern
Art
Industrisemester, Maskinhuset, Grängesberg
Northern Spark Festival, Mill City Museum, Minneapolis
Chinese Whispers, Kunstmuseum Bern
The Present in Drag - 9th Berlin Biennale, Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art,
Akademie der Künste, ESMT European School of Management and Technology, KW
The 8th Shenzhen Sculpture Biennale, OCT Contemporary Art Terminal (OCAT),
Shenzhen
Chinese Visual Festival, King's College London
La ville au corps, Le Carreau du Temple, Paris
Hack Space, Serpentine Gallery, Hong Kong
Digging a Hole in China, OCAT Shenzhen
The Time is Out of Joint, Sharjah Art Foundation
Chinese Artists at the Fondation Louis Vuitton, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris
On the Shoulders of Giants, Kunsthalle Mainz
M+ Sigg Collection Exhibition, ArtisTree, Hong Kong
Bentu: Chinese artists in a time of turbulence and transformation, Fondation Louis
Vuitton, Paris
M+ screenings: Visible Places, Broadway Cinematheque, Hong Kong
Architecture and Virtuality, Metropolis Cinema, Hüttschenhausen
The Time is Out of Joint, Sharjah Art Foundation, Gwangju

2015

La fabrique de l'homme moderne, Salomon Foundation, Annecy
Displaying Fragments: 10 years of OCAT (2005-2015), OCAT Institute, Beijing
Gucci: No Longer / Not Yet, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai
Spaced Out: Migration to the Interior, Red Bull Arts New York
Human+. The Futur of Our Species, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona
15 Rooms, Long Museum, Shanghai
Degrees of Freedom, Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna
Helsinki Festival: Here Out There, Merikaapelihalli, Helsinki
ISEA2015: The 21st International Symposium on Electronic Art, Goldcorp Centre for the
Arts,, Vancouver
Chinese Utopias Revisited - The Elephants, Centre For Fine Arts Brussels - BOZAR
Wastelands - Contemporary Chinese art, OVADA & Office of Contemporary Chinese
Art (OCCA), Oxford
La Town, Bonnefanten Museum, Maastricht
M+ Sigg Collection: Chinese Art from 1970 to now, The Whitworth, Manchester
Biennale Arte 2015: 56th International Art Exhibition: All the World's Future, La Biennale
di Venezia, Venice
Wild Grass: New Chinese Images, Doxa Documentary Film Festival, Vancouver
The New Human - You and I in Global Wonderland, Moderna Museet , Malmö
*Documentary Fortnight 2015' - MoMA's International Festival of Nonfiction Film and
Media*, The Museum of Modern Art - MoMA, New York

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Non-Image: movement of narrative, Shanghai 21st Century Minsheng Art Museum
Dream Worlds and Nightmare Visions - BFI London Film Festival, Southbank Centre, London

Back to the Pearl River Delta: Video Show of 4, U&M Space, Guangzhou

Moving Image - Photo Shanghai 2015, OCAT Shanghai

Fairy Tales - 2015 MOCA International Art Festival, Museum of Contemporary Art Taipei

2014

Cao Fei: House of Treasure, CASS Sculpture Foundation, Sussex

Poetry and Dream, Tate Modern, London

Is Utopia for Sale?, MAXXI – Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome

15 Years CCAA' China Contemporary Art Award exhibition, Shanghai Power Station of Art

Infinite Challenge, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Seoul

Ten million rooms of yearning: Sex in Hong Kong, Parasite Art Space, Hong Kong

Haze and Fog Screening, The Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), Beijing

Time Present, Singapore Art Museum

2007

The Real Thing: Contemporary Art from China, Tate Liverpool

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