

THOMAS RUFF

1958 Born in Zell am Harmersbach, Germany

1977-1985 Staatliche Kunstakademie, Düsseldorf

Lives and works in Düsseldorf

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Thomas Ruff / Two of Each*, Gallery Koyanagi, Tokyo
expériences lumineuses, Thomas Ruff, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: expériences lumineuses, David Zwirner, London
- 2024 *Thomas Ruff*, Malkastenforum, Düsseldorf
Thomas Ruff: Selected Works, Mai 36 Galerie, Madrid
Thomas Ruff, untitled# & d.o.p.e., Konrad Fischer Galerie, Düsseldorf
Thomas Ruff, new work, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, München
- 2023 *Thomas Ruff*, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff, d.o.p.e., Schaulager, Basel
- 2022 *Dark Matter: Thomas Ruff and James Welling*, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Germany [two-person exhibition]
Thomas Ruff: d.o.p.e., David Zwirner, New York
Thomas Ruff: d.o.p.e., Sprüth Magers, Berlin
Thomas Ruff: tableaux russes and tableaux chinois, Konrad Fischer Galerie, Düsseldorf
Thomas Ruff: Méta-Photographie, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain de Saint-Étienne Métropole (MAMC), France
- 2021 *Tableaux chinois*, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: after.images – Works 1989-2020, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung
Thomas Ruff: tableaux chinois, David Zwirner, Paris
- 2020 *Thomas Ruff*, K20 - Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf
National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung, Taiwan
- 2019 *Photophilia*, Museum of Recent Art, Bukarest
Thomas Ruff: Serien, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
MARE / Museum of Recent Art, Bukarest
Thomas Ruff: Transforming Photography, David Zwirner, Hong Kong
Thomas Ruff: tripe & flower.s, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
- 2018 *Thomas Ruff*, Galeria OMR, Mexico City
Thomas Ruff: negølapresmidi, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Tripe | Ruff, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
- 2017 *Thomas Ruff*, ARARIO Museum, Jeju Island, South Korea
Thomas Ruff, Etablissement d'en face Projects, Brussels
Thomas Ruff, National Portrait Gallery, London
Thomas Ruff, Whitechapel Gallery, London
Thomas Ruff: ++from the press++, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: Machine & Energy, Mast Foundation, Bologna
Thomas Ruff: New Works, Sprüth Magers, Berlin
- 2016 *Thomas Ruff: New Works*, David Zwirner, London
Thomas Ruff, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo; 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan
Thomas Ruff: Object Relations, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

- 2015 *Thomas Ruff: press++*, David Zwirner, New York
Gesichter, Neues Museum, Nuremberg
 Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
- 2014 *Thomas Ruff: nature morte*, Gagosian Gallery, London
Inbox: Thomas Ruff, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
Thomas Ruff: Lichten, Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst (S.M.A.K.), Ghent, Belgium; Kunsthalle Düsseldorf
Thomas Ruff: ma.r.s. and negatives, Gallery Koyanagi, Tokyo
Thomas Ruff: new work, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: photograms, TOLOT / heuristic SHINONOME, Tokyo
Thomas Ruff: photograms and negatives, Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills
 Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
- 2013 *Thomas Ruff: j_m_s_s_z*, Galleria Lia Rumma, Milan
Thomas Ruff: ma.r.s., Galería Helga de Alvear, Madrid
Thomas Ruff: photograms, Johnen Galerie, Berlin
Thomas Ruff: photograms and ma.r.s., David Zwirner, New York
photograms, Konrad Fischer Galerie, Düsseldorf
Thomas Ruff: Series, Sala Alcalá 31, Madrid
- 2012 *Thomas Ruff: nudes, concurrent with ma.r.s.*, Gagosian Gallery, London [catalogue]
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
 Kunsthalle, Mannheim
Thomas Ruff, Haus der Kunst, Munich
Stellar, Landscapes, LWL-Landesmuseum, für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte, Münster
ma.r.s., Gagosian Gallery Britannia, London
- 2011 *Thomas Ruff: ma.r.s.*, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo de Málaga, Spain
 MCA DNA: *Thomas Ruff*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
Thomas Ruff: Stellar Landscapes, LWL-Landesmuseum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte, Münster
Thomas Ruff, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
- 2010 *Thomas Ruff*, David Zwirner, New York
Thomas Ruff, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Thomas Ruff, Johnen Galerie, Berlin
 Konrad Fischer Galerie, Düsseldorf
 Galerist, Istanbul
Thomas Ruff, Palazzo Buonamici; Biblioteca Comunale Istituto Culturale e di Documentazione Lazzerini; Dryphoto arte contemporanea, Prato, Italy; Biblioteca Comunale Bartolomeo Della Fonte, Villa Giamari, Montemurlo, Italy; Spazio d'arte Alberto Moretti / Schema Polis, Carmignano, Italy
- 2009 *Thomas Ruff: cassini + cycles*, Gallery Koyanagi, Tokyo
 Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Thomas Ruff: Schwarzwald.Landschaft, Museum für Neue Kunst, Freiburg, Germany
LehrerInnenführung: Thomas Ruff. Oberflächen, Tiefen, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna
Thomas Ruff, Castello di Rivoli - Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Turin
Landscapes / Tenerife, TEA Tenerife Espacio de las Artes, Santa Cruz, Teneriffa, Spain
- 2008 K4 forum, HBKsaar, Saarbrücken, Germany
Thomas Ruff: A Retrospective, Műcsarnok Kunsthalle, Budapest
Thomas Ruff: cycles + cassini, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
- 2007 *Thomas Ruff: Jpegs*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm

- Thomas Ruff: The Sprengel Project*, Sprengel Museum, Hanover
Thomas Ruff, David Zwirner, New York
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
- 2006 *Thomas Ruff: Jpegs*, Johnen Galerie, Berlin
Thomas Ruff, Arario Beijing
Thomas Ruff, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London [catalogue]
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Nelson, Paris
Thomas Ruff: The Grammar of Photography, Fondazione Bevilacqua La Masa, Venice
- 2005 *Thomas Ruff: Jpegs*, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: New Work, David Zwirner, New York
Kunstverein Heinsberg, Germany
- 2004 *Thomas Ruff*, Arario Gallery, Chungnam, South Korea
Thomas Ruff: Les Oeuvres de la Collection Pierre Huber, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva
Thomas Ruff: Neue Arbeiten, Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin
Thomas Ruff: Neue Nudes, Neue Substrats, Neue Maschinen, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne, Germany
- 2003 *Thomas Ruff: Hans-Thoma-Preis 2003*, Hans-Thoma-Museum, Bernau, Germany [catalogue]
Thomas Ruff: Machines, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: New Work, David Zwirner, New York
Thomas Ruff: Nudes und Maschinen, Kestner Gesellschaft, Hanover
Thomas Ruff, Galeria Lia Rumma, Milan
Thomas Ruff, Galeria Lia Rumma, Naples
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Nelson, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Frankfurt
Thomas Ruff, Pusan Metropolitan Art Museum, Pusan, South Korea
- 2002 *INTERIEUR-PORTRÄTS-HÄUSER*, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
Galeria Estrany de la Mota, Barcelona
Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin
Thomas Ruff: Identificaciones, Museo Tamayo Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City
Thomas Ruff: Substrate, Gallery Koyanagi, Tokyo
l.m.v.d.r., Sagacho Shokuryo Building, Tokyo
- 2001-2004 *Thomas Ruff: Photographs 1979 to Present*, Staatliche Kunsthalle Baden-Baden, Germany; Museet for Samtidskunst, Oslo; Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany; Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich; Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin; Artium Centro-Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo, Vitoria Gasteiz, Spain; Museu Serralves, Porto, Portugal; Tate Liverpool, England; Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw
- 2001 *Thomas Ruff: l.m.v.d.r.*, David Zwirner, New York
Thomas Ruff, Chabot Museum, Rotterdam
Thomas Ruff, Eссор Gallery, London
Thomas Ruff, Galería Helga de Alvear, Madrid
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Thomas Ruff, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff, Malkasten, Düsseldorf
Thomas Ruff, Zwirner & Wirth, New York

- 2000 *Thomas Ruff: l.m.v.d.r.*, Museum Haus Esters, Haus Lange, Krefeld, Germany; Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin; Galeria Estrany de la Mota, Barcelona
Thomas Ruff: New Works, Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Frankfurt
close up, Kunstverein Freiburg im Marienbad, Freiburg, Germany
Thomas Ruff: nudes, David Zwirner, New York; Galerie Nelson, Paris
Thomas Ruff: Selected Photographs, Zwirner & Wirth, New York
Thomas Ruff, Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin
Thomas Ruff, Wolfgang Tillmans, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich [two-person exhibition]
- 1999 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Nelson, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: Porträts + Nudes, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
- 1998 *Thomas Ruff*, 303 Gallery, New York
Thomas Ruff, Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Frankfurt
Thomas Ruff, Gallery Koyanagi, Tokyo
Thomas Ruff | Günther Förg, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich [two-person exhibition]
- 1997 *Thomas Ruff: Oeuvres 1979-97*, Centre national de la photographie, Paris
Thomas Ruff: Plakate, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
Thomas Ruff, Goethe Institut, Paris
Thomas Ruff - Kleine Porträts, Dryphoto, Prato, Italy
Wolfgang Laib et Thomas Ruff, Lieu d'art contemporain, Sigean, France [two-person exhibition]
Thomas Ruff, Galeria Estrany de la Mota, Barcelona
Thomas Ruff, Galería Helga de Alvear, Madrid
- 1996 *Thomas Ruff: Portraits*, Houses, Stars, Night, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Nelson, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Kunstverein Oldenburg, Germany
Thomas Ruff, Rooseum Center for Contemporary Art, Malmö, Sweden
Zuspiel, Sprengel Museum, Hanover, Germany
Thomas Ruff: Andere Porträts + 3D, 303 Gallery, New York
Thomas Ruff: Über den Wolken – unter den Sternen, Kunsthaus Kaufbeuren, Germany [twoperson exhibition with Thomas Emde]
- 1995 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Hamburg
Thomas Ruff, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
Thomas Ruff: Andere Porträts + 3D, German Pavilion, Venice Biennale [with Katharina Fritsch and Martin Honert]
- 1994 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Architectures of Herzog & De Meuron, Peter Blum, New York
Thomas Ruff, White Cube, London
- 1993 *Thomas Ruff*, 303 Gallery, New York
Thomas Ruff, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem, Belgium
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Crousel-Robelin, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich

- 1992 *Thomas Ruff*, Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt
Thomas Ruff: Zeitungsphotos, Mai 36 Galerie, Lucerne, Switzerland; Mai 36 Galerie, Zurich
 Galerie Wilma Tolksdorf, Hamburg
- 1991 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
Thomas Ruff, Galeria Lia Rumma, Naples
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Kunstverein Bonn, Germany; Kunstverein Arnsberg, Germany; Kunstverein
 Braunschweig, Germany; Galerie der Stadt Sindelfingen, Germany
Thomas Ruff: Portraits, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago
- 1990 *Thomas Ruff: Häuser*, Mai 36 Galerie, Lucerne, Switzerland
Des Portraits, des Maisons, des Étoiles. Porträts, Häuser, Sterne, Centre National d'Art
 Contemporain, Magasin Grenoble, France; Kunsthalle Zurich
Thomas Ruff: Stars, Stuart Regen Gallery, Los Angeles
Thomas Ruff, 303 Gallery, New York
 Galerie Ghislaine Hussenot, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Crousel-Robelin, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Sonne, Berlin
Thomas Ruff & Katharina Frisch, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich [two-person exhibition]
- 1989 *Thomas Ruff: Junge Leute*, Goethe Institut, Munich
Thomas Ruff: Porträts, Häuser, Sterne, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; Le Magasin – Centre National
 d'Art Contemporain, Grenoble, France; Kunsthalle Zürich
Thomas Ruff, 303 Gallery, New York
Thomas Ruff, Cornerhouse, Manchester, England
Thomas Ruff, Fondation de Appel, Amsterdam
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Bebert, Rotterdam
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Philip Nelson, Lyon, France
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Pierre Huber, Geneva
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Thomas Ruff, XPO Galerie, Hamburg
- 1988 *Thomas Ruff*, Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation, Toronto
Thomas Ruff, Porträts, Mai 36 Galerie, Lucerne, Switzerland
Thomas Ruff, Porträts, Museum Schloß Hardenberg, Velbert, Germany; Portikus, Frankfurt
- 1987 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Crousel-Robelin, Paris
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Johnen + Schöttle, Cologne
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Sonne, Berlin
- 1986 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Philip Nelson, Lyon, France
- 1984 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Konrad Fischer, Düsseldorf
Thomas Ruff, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich [two-person exhibition with Katharina Fritsch]
- 1983 *Thomas Ruff*, Ausstellungsräume Brückenstrasse 7, Düsseldorf
- 1981 *Thomas Ruff*, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich