

About Ralph Schuster

Ralph Schuster (b. 1982, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany) is a conceptual and process-oriented artist whose practice encompasses painting, sculpture, installation, and works on paper. Schuster studied Fine Arts under Hartmut Neumann and Walter Dahn at HBK Braunschweig and has participated in numerous residencies and fellowships, including at the Kölner Kunstverein and CCA Andratx.

His work explores the intersections of memory, repetition, and everyday objects, often referencing cultural histories and artistic lineages. Notably, his “market-bag” series engages with motifs from Paul Thek and Blinky Palermo, linking personal recollection with broader artistic narratives. Schuster’s installations and painted objects investigate materiality, fragility, and spatial experience, frequently revisiting and transforming past works to generate dialogue between past and present creative gestures.

Schuster lives and works in Brussels and Cologne. His work has been exhibited widely in Europe and internationally at venues including Kölner Kunstverein, Sprüth Magers Berlin, MAI 36 Galerie Zurich, Haus Mödrath Kerpen, and zonaMista London. His practice has been recognized through numerous awards, project grants, and fellowships, including support from Kunststiftung NRW, Stiftung Kunstfonds, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and the state of Lower Saxony. Publications accompanying his exhibitions often reflect on his conceptual approaches and the evolving narratives within his oeuvre.



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Solo Exhibitions (Selection)

2025

Let the Distance Keep Us Together, Haus Mödrath, Kerpen

2024

PLANTS, Saint Martin Bookshop, Brussels, BE

PLANTS (with reading by Julia Jost), Temporary Gallery, Cologne

Dear Future Me, Galerie Rehbein, Cologne

To The Eclectic Moon Opera, Micro Galerie, Cologne

2023

Lighter – Giegling in Basel, Basel, CH

Intrusive Permutation, Gewölbe, Cologne

Ein Fenster öffnen, Kyiv Institute Avtomtyki, Kyiv, UA

Nur eine Tankfüllung entfernt, Tankstelle Deutz, Cologne

2022

Where is the (with Map.ache), Giegling, Mexico City, Mexico

Winterselection, CCA, Andratx, Mallorca

2021

Lose All Your Strength (with Lukas Schmenger), zonaMista, London, UK

Anne Haack, Julian Kirchner, Svea Mausolf, Ralph Schuster, Alison Yip, Mauer, Cologne

2020

What Does That Mean? (with Map.ache), Giegling, Weimar -> YouTube

Chestfield, Provinz Schaufenster No. 11, Berlin/Bochum

Possibilities on Paper, Fiebach Minninger, Cologne

Some of My Best Jokes Are Friends (with Ulrich Pester), Ad/Ad Project Space, Hannover

2019

Schau...6, Kunsthaus Kollitsch, Klagenfurt, AT

Get Some Headspace, Ralphs, Cologne

2018

Frizzante, Linn Lühn Galerie, Düsseldorf

Ghostdriver in a Drive-Thru, Schaltzentrale, Hamburg

I CAUGHT A RAT, WE CAUGHT SOME AIR, Groupshow in a Book by MÉLANGE, Art Düsseldorf

2017

OG Open, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne

Ears to the Ground, Linn Lühn Galerie, Düsseldorf

New Positions, Linn Lühn Galerie, Art Cologne, Cologne

Your Figure in the Carpet, Zerofold, Cologne

2016

Jeder sollte in der Lage sein, Kunst zu erwerben, Provinz Editionen, Kunsthalle Recklinghausen

Papier, Ak-Raum, Cologne

Falsche Freunde (with Lukas Goersmayer), Good Forever, Düsseldorf

2015

Jahresgaben, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne

2014

NODISCO, Philara Collection, Düsseldorf

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2013

Ralph Schuster, Ulrich Pester, Anna Virnich, Sprüth Magers, Berlin

2012

Fünf Hanf Senf, Provinz Editionen, Bochum

CURT, Galerie vom Zufall und vom Glück, Hannover

2011

The Bees Nest in the Buffalo's Chest, Galerie der Stadt Remscheid, Remscheid

2010

All in Together Now, MAI 36 Galerie, Zurich, CH

Jahresgaben, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn

Motherhugger, Malkasten, Düsseldorf

La Bonne Horse, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn

2009

La Bonne Horse, Städtische Galerie Delmenhorst

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

TBA Groupshow, Ralphs at Tankstelle Deutz, Cologne

2024

Marcus Schüler – Ohne Verbindung keine Differenz, Ralphs at Hinterconti, Hamburg

2019

T-shirt Maps (Workshop), Ralphs at Level5, Brussels, BE

2018

Get Some Headspace, curated by Juliane Duft, Ralphs, Cologne

2017

Marcel Hiller – Positron Island, Ralphs, Cologne

Awards & Fellowships (Selection)

2022

Publication Grant, Kunststiftung NRW

Artist Residency, CCA Andratx, Mallorca

2019

Working Grant, Stiftung Kunstfonds

2018

Project Grant Junge Szene, Kunststiftung NRW

2015–2018

Studio Fellowship, Kölner Kunstverein

2014

Nachwuchsförderung für Künstler, MWK Niedersachsen

2013

Prize for Fine Arts, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Bonn

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Selected Publications

2025 – Obituary Walter Dahn, Texte zur Kunst Nr. 137, Berlin
2023 – Ralph Schuster – PLANTS, Grass Publishers, Brauweiler
2021 – Portraits – Neven Allgeier, Distanz Verlag, Berlin
2018 – HERMETICA, Artist Book, edition of 7
2017 – Artist, Kunstmagazin Nr. 113, Bremen
2013 – ATLAS, Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn

Teaching Experience

2013 – Block Seminar “Nr.2 is for Pencils”, Ruhrakademie, Schwerte
2010–2012 – Tutoring, Walter Dahn Class, HBK Braunschweig
2009–2011 – Tutoring, Basic Class, Friedemann von Stockhausen, HBK Braunschweig
2006–2010 – Teaching Adobe Illustrator, Kommunikationsdesign, HBK Braunschweig