

CURRICULUM VITAE

Matthias Contzen (b. 1964, Aschaffenburg, Germany).
Lives and works in Cascais and Sintra, Portugal.

Based in Portugal since 1998, Matthias ContZen is a multimedia artist known by his ingenious application of marble as the major source material for his work. From there, he explores and employs other media including sound, light, paint and found objects as integrant part of his 35-year practice.

His work is represented in several continents, in both private and public collections in New York, Miami, Shanghai, France, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, England and India.

In 2002, ContZen was awarded *inter alia* the prestigious sculpture prize, 'Premio City Desk', in Portugal. Since 1987, he has held 20+ solo exhibitions and participated in several art fairs and circa 70 joint exhibitions worldwide. These include *Artemar* with Dennis Oppenheim, in Cascais, Portugal; *Toyamura International Sculpture Biennale*, in Hokkaido, Japan (2009); *Nuit Blanche*, Paris (2014); filmic presentation of CoF Gallery and LAVA Architects in the Metrotopia Metaverse during the Venice Architecture Biennial (2023).

In 2009, ContZen founded "The Sculpture Factory", in Sintra, Portugal, of which he is artistic director. This multimedia centre serves as workshop and art gallery. He is represented by Galerie Dutko in Paris and Callan Contemporary, in New Orleans, and São Mamede, in Lisbon. ArtForm / Art Consultancy, Estoril, Portugal and Loo & Lou Gallery / Foundation, Paris and Contract of Fiction Gallery, South Pacific, equally represent him. His latest project is intended for the Honolulu Museum of Art (HOMA), Hawaii

ContZen's work also comprehends tutoring of sculpting in marble and other stone materials and he has been invited to lecture several workshops and residencies worldwide, participate in international symposia and give lectures about his practice in today's artworld.

EDUCATION

- 1998 MA in Stone Sculpture from Mayen/Koblenz Academy, Germany
- 1995 Object Design Arts and Crafts Guild, Saar College of Fine Arts, Saarbruecken, Germany
Photography Course, Photo Studio Lange, Saarbruecken
- 1991 Sculpture Apprenticeship, Chamber of Handicrafts, Munich, Germany
- 1987 BA in Sculpture, European Academy of Fine Art Trier, Germany

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selection)

- 2022 *Art in the Park*, Casal Santa Maria Estate, Colares, Portugal, in collaboration with FredGil Academy
- 2019 *Shapes in Silence*, Galerie Dutko Paris, France (with Tom Henderson)
- Nada Brahma - the World is Sound*, The Sculpture Factory Sintra, Portugal
- 2015 *Universe*, Galerie Lou & Loo Haut Marais, Paris, France
For You - Mandala, Galerie Loo & Lou Georges V, Paris
- 2014 *Planet*, Nuit Blanche of Paris (with Philippine Leroy Beaulieu). Commissioned by Lou & Loo Gallery / Foundation, Paris and Fondation de Luxembourg
- 2013 *In Beauty We Trust*, The Sculpture Factory, Sintra, Portugal
- 2012 *My Pocket Universe*, Cidadela Art District, Cascais, Portugal
- 2010 *Berliner Liste*, International Contemporary Art Fair, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 *Planets, Swings and Other Things*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2006 *Retrospectiva*, Museu da Pedra, Cantanhede, Portugal
- 2005 *Recent Works*, Galeria Municipal Vila Franca de Xira, Portugal
- 2001 *Evoluções*, Galeria Art Konstant, Lisbon
Contzentração, CCC, Cento Cultural de Cascais, Portugal
- 2000 *Recent Works*, Banco de Portugal, Lisbon
- 1999 *Pedra Viva*, Fábrica das Artes, Torres Vedras, Portugal

GROUP SHOWS (selection)

- 2023 *Group Show and Art Talk*, POR:TA Association / For All the Arts, Costa de Caparica, Portugal
GAZING IN GAZING OUT, (by Matthias Contzen and Christine Contzen) Flores do Cabo, Contemporary Art Gallery, Colares, Portugal
- 2023 *CHOICE*, curated by BAM (Because Art Matters), Embaixada, Principe Real, Lisbon
ON55-OFF284, curated by Adriana Scartaris, 284 Gallery and P55.Art, Lisbon
A Private View, By Beau Studio, Loulé, Portugal
- 2022 *Escultura Contemporânea: da matéria à forma*, Galeria Municipal da Amadora, Portugal
ART+, Art Gallery Vale do Lobo Golf Resort, Alancil, Portugal
- 2021 *Escape*, The Sculpture Factory, Sintra, Portugal
Escape Reloaded, The Sculpture Factory, Sintra, Portugal

- 2019 *XII Triennale-India*, New Delhi. Invited western artist, supported by the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India
Art Madrid, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
- 2018 *Inaugural Exhibition*, Town Museum, Cascais, Portugal
Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais Paris. In partnership with Loo & Lou Gallery
PAD, Paris Art and Design Fair, Paris. In partnership with Galerie Dutko, Paris
Collect, Saatchi Gallery, London. In partnership with Galerie Dutko
- 2017 *Art Miami*, with Callan Contemporary, New Orleans
- 2016 *Scoop Miami*, with Callan Contemporary, New Orleans
BRAFA Art Fair, Galerie Dutko Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 *BRAFA Art Fair*, Galerie Dutko Paris
Ombres & Lumières, Galerie Dutko Bonaparte, Paris
- 2014 *Infiniment Art*, Galerie Dutko Bonaparte, Paris
The Essence of Human Being, Batalha Monastery, Batalha, Portugal
Art Breda, Continuum Gallery, Breda, The Netherlands
- 2013 *Uttarayan Art Foundation II International Sculpture Symposium*, Boroda, India
Art.Fair Cologne, Continuum Gallery, Köln, Germany
In the Heat of the Night, Continuum Gallery, Königswinter, Germany
- 2012 *Reloaded*, The Sculpture Factory, Sintra, Portugal
Objetos de Memória, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
International Group Show, Centro Cultural São Lourenço, Almancil, Portugal
- 2011 *Welcome to my Soul*, ArtForm, Estoril, Portugal
1st International Sculpture Exposition, The Sculpture Factory, Sintra
- 2010 *Artelisboa 10*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
Colectiva de Verão, Centro Cultural São Lourenço, Almancil
Escultura de Ar Livre'10, Amadora, Portugal
Sculpture Exposition, Continuum Gallery, Königswinter
- 2009 *ARTEMAR 2009*, International Sculpture Exhibition,
ArteLivre (public art exhibition), Town Library, Amadora, Portugal
- 2008 *ARTEMAR 2008*, Estoril (with Denis Oppenheim and Rotraut, widow of Yves Klein), International Public Sculpture Award, Estoril
Exposição Colectiva, Galeria São Mamede, Porto
Escultura Livre, Loures City Museum, Loures, Portugal
Acervo: works from the Centro Cultural de São Lourenço Collection, Almancil
- 2007 *Exposição Colectiva*, Galeria São Mamede, Porto and Lisbon
ARTE LISBOA International Contemporary Art Fair, Centro de Congressos de Lisboa, Lisbon
VI Prémio Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Amarante, Portugal
- 2007 *III EMAAR International Sculpture Symposium*, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
II International Sculpture Symposium, Paço de Mariña, La Coruña, Spain
- 2006 *ARTE LISBOA International Contemporary Art Fair*, Lisbon
Objetos de Memória, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
- 2006 *LAPIDEA VIII*, International Sculpture Symposium, Mayen, Germany
- 2005 *I International Stone Sculpture Symposium*, Ontario, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 *Simpósio Internacional de Escultura*, Museu da Pedra de Cantanhede, Portugal
SINEP 2004, Câmara de Lobos, Funchal, Portugal
- 2003 *II Simpósio Internacional de Escultura*, Sernancelhe, Portugal
- 2001 *Simpósio de Escultura*, S. João da Madeira, Portugal
- 1999 *Simpósio Internacional de Escultura*, Cantanhede
Simpósio Internacional de Escultura, Viseu, Portugal
- 2005 *ArteEstoril*, Estoril Congress Centre,
Escultura no Palacio, Seteais Palace, Sintra, Portugal
Made in Portugal, Groeneveld Sculpture Park, Almelo, Netherlands
V Prémio Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Amarante
- 2004 *Objetos de Memória*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
International Sculpture Exhibition, Echo Research Institute, Toronto, Canada
Exposição Colectiva, Galeria Domus Varius, Lisbon
ArteEstoril, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
Colectiva de Escultura, Casa da Cultura, Funchal
Recent Works by International Artists, Valley Art Gallery, Toronto
- 2003 *Toyamura International Sculpture Biennale*, Hokkaido, Japan
IV Prémio Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Amarante
III Prémio de Escultura City Desk, Cascais
ArteEstoril, Centro de Congressos, Estoril
Sculpture Park, ISCAC, Coimbra
Exposição Colectiva, Galeria Valbon, Lisbon
Colectiva de Escultura, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
Porto Arte, EXPONOR, Porto

- 2002 *Sintra Arte Pública II*, Sintra, Portugal
O Voo das Pedras, Domus Varius Gallery, Lisbon
II Sculpture Award "City Desk", Cascais Culture Centre
Colectiva de Escultura, Espaço Ilimitado, Porto
Sintra Arte Pública I, Sintra
- 2001 *Maus-Hábitos Inaugural Show*, Maus-Hábitos Gallery, Porto
Di-Visões, Espaço T Gallery, Porto 2001 Capital Europeia da Cultura, Porto
Arte Santander, Santander, Spain
Colectiva de Escultura, Fábrica das Artes, Torres Vedras, Portugal
- 2000 *Erótica 2000*, Fábrica das Artes, Torres Vedras
ArtHouse, Ephemeral Gallery, Cascais
1st Sculpture Exhibition, Casa da Guia, Cascais
Sculpture Works, Amadora-Sintra Hospital, Amadora, Portugal
- 1999 *Colectiva de Arte*, Raquel Prates Gallery, Cascais
- 1987 *Graduation Show*, European Academy of Fine Art Trier, Germany

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "For All The Arts", POR:TA Association, Princesa Beach Club, Costa de Caparica, Portugal
- 2021 "ESCAPE", The Sculpture Factory, a film by Nicolas Winckler
- 2016 "Light of Humanity", Changsha University, Changsha, China
- 2013 "Match Box Universe", Uttarayan Art Foundation, Boroda, India
- 2004 "Arte Publica," RTP, Toronto, Canada

AWARDS

- 2014 1st Sculpture Award, VIII VERA World Fine Art Festival, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2008 Acquisition Award, ARTEMAR ESTORIL, International Sculpture Exhibition, Portugal
- 2007 Nomination, VI Prémio Amadeo de Sousa Cardoso, Portugal
- 2005 Nomination, V Prémio Amadeo de Sousa Cardoso, Portugal
- 2003 Nomination, Toyamura International Sculpture Biennial, Japan
 Nomination, IV Prémio Amadeo de Sousa Cardoso, Portugal
- 2002 1st Sculpture Award, II City Desk Sculpture Award, Portugal
- 1995 3rd Object Design Award, International Design Competition "Cultures & Métiers", Saarbruecken, Germany and Nancy, France

COMISSIONS

- 2016 Realization of Dream / The Glory of Human Nature, Changsha Sculpture Park, Changsha, China
- 2007 III EMAAR International Sculpture Symposium, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 II International Sculpture Symposium, Paço de Mariña, La Coruña, Spain
- 2005 I International Stone Sculpture Symposium Ontario, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 IV Simpósio Internacional de Escultura de Cantanhede
 SINEP 2004, Ilha da Madeira
- 2003 II Simpósio Internacional de Escultura de Sernancelhe
- 2002 II Encontro de Escultura em Pedra, Mafra
- 2001 I Simpósio de Escultura de S. João da Madeira
- 1999 I Simpósio Internacional de Escultura de Cantanhede
 I Simpósio Internacional de Escultura de Viseu

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Changsha Sculpture Park, Changsha, China
 Huron Report, Collectors Club Shanghai, China
 CNE, Canadian National Exposition, Toronto, Canada
 Burj Khalifa, Emaar Art Projects, Dubai, United Emirates
 Uttarayan Art Foundation, Baroda, India
 La Corunha Royal Palace, La Corunha, Spain
 Lapidea Sculpture Park, Mayen, Germany
 Volksbank Rhein Aar Eifel, Mayen
 Banco de Portugal, Lisbon
 Fundação Dom Luís I, Cascais
 Fundação António Prates, Lisbon
 Fondation de Luxembourg, Luxembourg
 Loo & Lou Foundation, Paris
 POR:TA Association for All the Arts, Portugal
 Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa, Lisbon
 Amadora-Sintra Hospital, Lisbon

Vila de Cascais, Cascais
Farol Design Hotel, Cascais
CCC, Centro Cultural de Cascais, Cascais
Estoril Congress Centre, Estoril, Portugal
Quinta do Pomar, Funchal, Madeira
Câmara Municipal de Câmara de Lobos, Madeira
Parque da Cicada de Cantanhede
Museu da Pedra, Cantanhede, Portugal
Vila de Oliveira de Frades, Portugal
Cidade de São João da Madeira, Portugal
Cidade de Mafra, Portugal
Hilton Vilamoura, Vilamoura, Portugal

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