

## **Valérie Wagner is a Hamburg-based German artist-photographer.**

From 1987 to 1991 Valérie Wagner was awarded a scholarship by the Studienwerk Villigst to study Stage Management and Fine Arts in London. Her theatre work (1985 to 2001, from 1992 to 2001 parallel to her work as freelance artist-photographer) has had a visible influence on her photographic work: staging a scene and creating a space through subtle lighting design are significant for her photographic handwriting.

People and their relationship to themselves and the environment are at the centre of Valérie Wagners work.

„Valérie Wagner has an eye for the contradictions of life. She distrusts the first impression and searches for a deeper sense behind the obvious.

She deconstructs, recomposes and confronts. At the same time she is always in close dialogue with the people she photographs.“

*(Dr. Henriette Văth-Hinz, Art Historian, Triennial of photography 2002 to 2015)*

„I am interested in the second sight. Photography is my medium to question and re-interpret reality. My intention is to open associative spaces and to give thought-provoking impulses. Through photography I want to move and drive change.“ *Valérie Wagner*

In addition to numerous exhibitions and publications the artist has been awarded grants and the Art Price of Ecology.

Her art projects have been funded by the Arts Council Hamburg as well as social and ecclesiastical organisations.

Works by Valérie Wagner are represented in private and public collections.

## **CV**

**Valérie Wagner** \* 1965

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### **lives and works in Hamburg/Germany**

#### **since 1992   freelanced Artist**

- Solo Exhibitions in Germany and England
- Agency: plainpicture.org
- Commissions for Portrait and Reportage
- Lecturer in photography (Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, Stuttgart)
- Curator of exhibitions, Adjudicator for competitions

### **Training**

**1989 - 1992** Fine Art and Stage Management in London, UK

**1986 - 1989** Musicology and German Literature (Theatre and Media), University of Hamburg

### **Awards/Scholarships**

**2013** Artist in Residence, K rchow/Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Germany  
Art Price SKULL (2nd Category Photography), Kunsthalle Leoben/Austria

**2011** Book publishing Award WaldRaum

**2009** Artist's Grant for Pentiment Hamburg

**2008** Art Price of Ecology

**1987 - 1991** Scholarship for Studies in London and Hamburg by the Academic Association Villigst

### **Sponsoring and Funding** (Selection)

**2010/13** international garden show hamburg 2013 (Exhibition *between heaven and earth*, Hamburg)

**2008** Heinrich-Böll-Foundation (Exhibition *Art and Environment*, Güstrow)

**2005** District Authority Central Hamburg (Arts Funds), OCE Germany,  
St. Ansgar Publishing Company (all Exhibition *This World*, Hamburg)

**2004** Ministry of Culture Hamburg (Photography Funds), (Exhibition *This World*, Hamburg)

**2003** Institut Français (Exhibition *Prenez Place*)

**2002** Ministry of Culture Hamburg (Exhibition *Politeia*, Leipzig)

**2001** Ministry for Gender Equality Hamburg, Industrie Photo Service  
(Exhibition *Barbiecue*, Museum of Labour, Hamburg)

**2000** The Body Shop Germany, Tetenal Fotowerke, District Authority North Hamburg  
(Exhibition *The Body's Feature*, Kulturhaus Eppendorf, Hamburg)

### **Publishing**

**TV:** NDR (Broadcast about the Exhibitions *Prenez Place* 2003 and *Diesseits* 2005)  
HH1 (Broadcast about the Exhibitions *LeibEigenschaften* 2000 and *Barbiecue* 2001)  
TIDE TV (Broadcast about the Exhibition *Diesseits* 2005)

**Print:** Numerous releases in national newspapers and magazines (Spiegel, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Münchner Merkur, Hamburger Abendblatt, Hamburger Morgenpost, taz, Die Welt, EMMA, Photopresse, Profifoto, chrison, Brigitte, Menschen, Edgar Medien AG, and others)

**Web:** Art-magazin, NDR, Welt, SZ and more

**Catalogues:** *morgenLand / Land of Tomorrow* 2018  
*OHNE WORTE / without words* 2015  
*Artists in the Parish* 2013, Lutheran Publishers Kiel 2013  
*Pain – images of mankind*. Wilhelm-Fabry-Museum 2008  
*3. Triennial of Photography* Hamburg 2005  
*This World – Nuns and Monks in Hamburg*, Sankt Ansgar Publisher 2005

## **EXHIBITIONS** (Selection)

S=Solo Exhibition, G=Group Exhibition

**2018** *morgenLand / Land of Tomorrow*, Touring Exhibiton in Kiel, Ratzeburg, Husum (S)

**2017** *Closed Up*, Xpon Art Gallery Hamburg (G)

6. *Regionalschau* in Haderslev, Denmark (G)

**2016** *Ohne Worte / without words*, Touring Exhibition in Berlin, Kiel, Osnabrück (S)

*Zeichen* and *OHNE WORTE*, Xpon Art Gallery, Hamburg (G)

- 2015** *Ohne Worte / without words*, 6. Triennale der Photographie Hamburg (S)  
(International Photography Festival Hamburg)  
*Zwischen Himmel und Erde*, Marktkirche Hannover
- 2014** *Sacred Hands*, Photo Interaction and Presentation, German Catholic Congress,  
Regensburg (S)
- 2013** Art Price *Schädel / SKULL*, Kunsthalle Leoben/Austria (G)  
*Zwischen Himmel und Erde / between heaven and earth*  
international garden show 2013, Hamburg (S)  
Kunsthaus Hamburg, Artists-in-Residence 2013, Project Presentation (G)
- 2012** *eXperimenta*, Kunstverein Paderborn (G)
- 2011** *Zwischen Himmel und Erde / between heaven and earth*  
international garden show 2013, Hamburg (S)  
*wasser wege / water ways*, Film Presentation in the Cathedral of St. Petri Hamburg (S)  
*mit haut und haaren*, BBK-Galerie Mainz, Kunstverein Essenheim (S)
- 2010** *Work Presentation and Artist's Talk*, Deichtorhallen/Haus der Photographie Hamburg (S)  
*vis-a-vis*, Galerie bautzner69, Dresden (S)
- 2009** *Zeichen / marks*, Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Rostock (S)  
Exhibition of photographs awarded by the Art Price of Ecology
- 2008** *Schmerz - Bilder vom Menschen / Pain – images of mankind*  
Wilhelm-Fabry-Museum Hilden (G)  
*Kunst und Umwelt / Art and Environment*, Städtische Galerie Wollhalle Güstrow (G)  
Exhibition of the candidates for the Art Price of Ecology
- 2007** *Positionen / Positions*, Landdrostei Pinneberg (G)  
20 years of sponsorship for artists by Hamburger Abendblatt (Hamburg Journal)
- 2006** *Der zweite Blick / at second sight*  
Axel-Springer-Verlagshaus/Publishing House Hamburg (S), Sponsorship for junior artists
- 2005** *Diesseits / This World*, Openair Gallery Hamburg Port+City, (S)  
3. Triennale der Photographie Hamburg (International Photography Festival Hamburg)
- 2003** *Prenez Place*, Institut Français Hamburg (S)  
40 years of Franco-German Friendship
- 2002/03** *POLITEIA*, Kunstkaufhaus Leipzig (G)
- 2001/2002** *Barbiecuc*, Museum der Arbeit / Museum of Labour, Hamburg (S)
- 2000** *LeibEigenschaften / the body's feature*, Kulturhaus Eppendorf, Hamburg (S)
- 1991** *unpuzzling*, Candid Gallery, London (S)