

Ser Serpas

Born 1995, Los Angeles, California

Lives and works between New York, Paris, and Tbilisi

Education

2021 MFA, HEAD, Geneva, Switzerland

2017 BA, Columbia University, New York, New York

Solo Exhibitions

2023 *Hall*, Swiss Institute, New York, New York

I fear (J'ai peur), Pinault Collection, Bourse de Commerce, Paris, France

Tool, Maxwell Graham, New York, New York

2022 *HEAD BANGER BOOGIE*, Galerie Barbara Weiss, Berlin, Germany

Monakhos, LC Queisser, Tbilisi, Georgia

2021 *Guesthouse*, LC Queisser, Tbilisi, Georgia

Ser Serpas, Balice Hertling, St Martin + Gravilliers, Paris, France

Ser Serpas and Elene Chantladze, Conceptual Fine Arts, Milan, Italy

2020 *Models*, Karma International, Zurich, Switzerland

Two Take Red Series, Karma International, Zurich, Switzerland

2019 *Against Attachment*, curated by Franziska Sophie Wildförster, Ludlow 38, New York, New York

Stars are Blind, with Sitara Abuzar Ghaznawi, curated by Lisa Offermann, LC Queisser, Tbilisi, Georgia

what we need is another body, curated by Mohamed Almusibli, Truth and Consequences, Geneva, Switzerland

2018 *Bare Teeth*, with Bri Williams, curated by Luis Miguel Bendaña and Sam Lipp, Queer Thoughts, New York, New York

you were created to be so young (self-harm and exercise), curated by Fredi Fischli and Niels Olsen, LUMA Westbau, Zurich, Switzerland

2017 *Dust Patterns*, Quinn Harrelson/Current Projects, Miami, Florida

2016 *Dumbo Open Studios*, with Donna Huanca, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, New York

Group Exhibitions

2024 *The Uncanny House*, Museum Casa di Goethe, Rome, Italy

Acacia Seeds, Galerie Balice Hertling, Paris, France

Trucs Machins et Bidules (Nooks & Crannies), Galerie Christophe Gaillard, Brussels, Belgium

Whitney Biennial 2024: Even Better Than the Real Thing, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

2023 *AGORA*, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain Genève, Geneva, Switzerland

Fallen Angels, City SALTS, Basel, Switzerland

It's Personal, OCDChinatown, New York, New York

Looking Back: The 13th White Columns Annual, White Columns, New York, New York

Man in House, Institut Funder Bakke, Silkeborg, Denmark

P-O-T-B-O-I-L-E-R-S, Quinn Harrelson Gallery, Los Angeles, California

The First Finger, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany

The First Finger, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin, Germany

2022 *24h*, Braunsfelder, Cologne, Germany

A Maze Zanine, Amaze Zaning, A-Mezzaning, Meza-9, David Zwirner, New York, New York

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- A Mimetic Theory of Desire*, David Lewis Gallery, New York, New York
And Your Flesh Is My Greatest Poem, curated by Mohamed Almusibli, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China
From One Fetish to Another, curated by Carlye Packer, Carlye Packer, Los Angeles, California
Hamishi Farah, Ser Serpas, SoiL Thornton, Maxwell Graham/Essex Street, New York, New York
HOUSE TAKEN OVER, Milieu, Bern, Switzerland
Exposition N° 120 (maybe), Balice Hertling, Paris, France
L'arcobaleno riposa sulla strada—The rainbow rests on the road, Istituto Svizzero, Rome, Italy
Mettere al Mondo il Mondo, curated by Mark Godfrey, Thomas Dane Gallery, Naples, Italy
SIREN (some poetics), curated by Quinn Latimer, Amant, New York, New York
Sketch for Summer, Karma International, Zurich, Switzerland
The Puppet Show, Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Genève, France
- 2021 *Dora Budor: Autoreduction*, Progetto, Lecce, Italy
Evidently Chickentown, Wartesaal Wipkingen, Zurich, Switzerland
Love in the Times of ..., curated by Gianni Jetzer, Hotel Europe, Zürich, Switzerland
MINOR RATIONALISM, Baader-Meinhof, Omaha, Nebraska
Ouverture, Pinault Collection, La Bourse de Commerce, Paris, France
Oxygen Biennial 2021 - Rites of Passage, Tbilisi, Georgia
Palai, Palazzo Tamborino Cezzi, Lecce, Italy
Prix Matsutani – Lauréats 2017-2020, Shoen Fonds de Dotation, Paris, France
Still Time, Fitzpatrick Gallery, Paris, France
"The Sun Also Rises," Jenny's, New York, New York
- 2020 *CORPOREALITY - when can a body be said to exist*, CUADRO22, Chur, Switzerland
Group Show, Karma International, Zurich, Switzerland
Made in LA, curated by Myriam Ben Salah and Lauren Mackler, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, California
Notes on Entropy, Arcadia Missa, London, UK
Sculpture Garden Biennial, Geneva Biennale, Geneva, Switzerland
The Phantom Moves Through Space And Through Different Bodies, Kevin Space, Vienna, Austria
Untitled, 2020, Pinault Collection, Punta della Dogana, Venice, Italy
- 2019 *A Home is not a House*, curated by Nicolas Brulhart, Fri Art, Kunsthalle Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland
Dog Days, curated by Olivier Babin, Clearing Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
Kreislaufprobleme, curated by Anna Gritz, Croy Nielsen, Vienna, Austria
Tissue, curated by Elizabeth Lamb and Sophie Morner, Company Gallery, New York, New York
We Shall Survive in the Memory of Others, curated by Bärbel Trautwein and Daniel Herleth, Galerie Barbara Weiss, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Obsequies*, curated by Manuel Arturo Abreu, AA|LA, Los Angeles, California
Putting Out, curated by Taylor Trabulus and Reba Maybury, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, New York
READYMADES BELONG TO EVERYONE, curated by Fredi Fischli and Niels Olsen, Swiss Institute, New York, New York
SOMETHING IN MY HOUSE, Karma International / Gavin Brown's enterprise / VIVA Projects, Paris, France
Who loves in the world, curated by Harry Burke, Canton Gallery, Guangzhou, China
Who Wants to Be Human All the Time, curated by Jenny Schlenzka and Bjarne Melgaard, Performance Space, New York, New York
- 2017 *All Fine Figures*, curated by Kenta Murakami, Osmos Address, New York, New York
Black Mirror: SPRING/BREAK Art Show #2345, with Rindon Johnson, curated by Teriha Yaegashi, Spring/Break Art Show, New York, New York
Cabin Pressure, curated by Quinn Harrelson, BBQLA, Los Angeles, California
Clay Club, with Hayley Silverman, SculptureCenter, Long Island City, New York
Entre Nous, curated by Andreas Waris, Bad Reputation, Los Angeles, California
Eric Schmid is an Idiot, curated by Eric Schmid for Kavita B Schmid and What Pipeline, Cave Gallery, Detroit, Michigan
Prick Up Your Ears, curated by Taylor Trabulus, Karma International, Los Angeles, California
Soc or Barb, Collaboration with Hannah Black, Bodega Gallery, New York, New York
strap your hands across my engine, curated by Camille Schefter and Thomas Linder, Tin Flats, Los Angeles, California

- 2016 *Authority Figure*, curated by Monica Mirabile and Sarah Kinlaw, Knockdown Center, Maspeth, New York
Date Night: An Art Salon by Elliott Brown Jr., curated by Elliott Brown Jr., 475 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
Hopes and Fears: The Next Four Years, curated by The Curators, Pace University Gallery, New York, New York

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