

# BIOGRAPHY /// LEUNORA SALIHU

## BORN

1977 in Prishtina, Kosovo, lives and works in Düsseldorf, Germany

## EDUCATION

2009 Master student of Tony Cragg, Akademiebrief

2006/2009 Kunstakademie Düsseldorf

2002/2006 Muthesius Kunsthochschule, Kiel, Germany

1999/2002 German language and art history, Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Kiel, Germany

1997/1999 Academy of Arts, Prishtina (Graphic Arts), fled to Germany

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022 Nominated for the Kunstpreis der Böttcherstraße 2022, Kunsthalle Bremen

2021 Nominated for the Hector Art Prize, Kunsthalle Mannheim

2021 Fellowship from the Ferdinand Möller Foundation, Humanitate et Arte e.V.

2020 Neustart Art Fund Fellowship, Bonn

2020 Guest Studio, Insel Hombroich, Neuss

2017 Lothar-Fischer-Preis, Lothar & Christel Fischer Stiftung im Museum Lothar Fischer, Neumarkt i.d.OPf., Germany

2015 international scholarship of the State of NRW

2014 Bronner Residency, Tel Aviv jointly with a scholarship of the Kunststiftung NRW

2014 scholarship of the Metro-Stiftung Skulpturenpark, Düsseldorf

2012 Förderpreis für bildende Kunst der Landeshauptstadt Düsseldorf

2012 Internationaler Bergischer Kunstpreis

2010 working scholarship at the ekwc (European Ceramics Work Centre), NL

2010 Project funding of the Kunststiftung NRW

2009/2011 Wilhelm-Lehmbruck-Stipendium, Duisburg

2009 Working scholarship of Kunststiftung NRW

## TEACHING

2019 Justus-Liebig-Universität, Giessen, Germany

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Bildhauerei*, Schloss Detmold, Detmold, Germany

2022 Galerie Thomas Schulte, Berlin, Germany

2021 *Pieces*, Skulpturenpark Waldfrieden, Wuppertal, Germany

2020 *Shifting Entities*, Sammlung Philara, Düsseldorf, Germany

2019 KiZ, Giessen, Germany

2018 *Urknall*, Galerie Thomas Schulte, Berlin, Germany

Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg, Germany

Lothar-Fischer-Preis 2017, Museum Lothar Fischer, Neumarkt i.d.OPf., Germany

2017 *In search of the present*, The National Gallery of Kosovo, Pristina, Kosovo

*Gravity on a Journey*, Künstler Räume, K21 Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf

2016 *Eternity suddenly happens*, Galerie Thomas Schulte, Berlin, Germany

2015 Philara Stiftung, Düsseldorf, Germany

- 2014 Galerie Thomas Schulte, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 Galerie Heinz Holtmann, Cologne, Germany
- 2012 Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Germany (with Anna Vogel) (cat.)  
66. Internationaler Bergischer Kunstpreis, National-Bank AG Wuppertal, Germany (with Jochen Mühlenbrink)
- 2011/12 *Junction*, Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg, Germany (cat.)
- 2010 *Tube End, sculpture in opened space / junge Kunst am Moltkeplatz*, Essen, Germany (cat.)  
*Regenhaut*, Künstlerverein Malkasten, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*dipol*, Baustelle Schaustelle, Essen, Germany (with Flora Hitzing)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Reflections, Positions from the NATIONAL-BANK Collection*, Ludwig Museum Koblenz, Germany  
*Scenery Shift*, Brandenburgischer Kunstverein Potsdam e.V, Potsdam, Germany  
*Sammlung mit losen Enden 06: Drei Seiten des Bildes*, Kunsthaus NRW Kornelimünster, Germany  
*Skulpturen im Malkastenpark*, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2022 Exhibition of the Prize of the Böttcherstraße in Bremen, Kunsthalle Bremen, Germany
- 2021 *Insights: Art from the National-Bank Collection*, CCA Andratx, Mallorca, Spain
- 2019 *Blickachsen 12*, Bad Homburg, Germany
- 2018 *die Geschichte der Kunstgießerei Schmäke*, Stadtmuseum, Dusseldorf, Germany  
*DRAWING NOW*, National Gallery of Kosovo, Prishtina, Kosovo  
*Kiel off. Projektträume im Überblick*, Stadtgalerie am Kiel, Germany  
*VLUGSCHRIFT / FLUGBLÄTTER*, Pictura Dordrecht, Netherlands
- 2017 *Frontviews*, Berlin, Germany  
*Flugblätter*, Künstler Gut Loitz e.V., Loitz, Germany
- 2016 *Kumsitz. The Bronner Residency Grant Holders, Part II*, Düsseldorf KIT Kunst im Tunnel, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2015 *Do you want something sweet?*, City Gallery Piran, Slovenia  
*Temporary Relocation: The Bronner Residency*, Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art, Israel  
*Lekker Belangrijk! as long as there's a buzz*, TAC Temporary Art Centre, Eindhoven, Netherlands (cat.)
- 2014/15 *Skulpturen und Objekte von Künstlerinnen aus der Sammlung Moderne*, Museum Kunstpalast Düsseldorf
- 2014 *Teach Us To Outgrow Our Madness*, Galerie Thomas Schulte, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *Die Bildhauer. Kunstakademie Düsseldorf 1945 bis heute*, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen K20, Düsseldorf, Germany (cat.)  
*RAUM + OBJEKT, Teil X: RaumInterventionen*, Kunstverein Gelsenkirchen, Germany  
*Die „Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW Düsseldorf“*, Stiftung Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany (cat.)  
*summer group show*, Galerie Heinz Holtmann, Cologne, Germany  
*sculpture NOW*, Galerie Ruth Leuchter, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*group show*, Galerie Heinz Holtmann, Cologne, Germany
- 2012 *66. Internationale Bergische Kunstausstellung*, Museum Baden, Solingen, Germany (cat.)  
*new talents, junge biennale Köln*, Cologne Germany (cat.)  
*new talents, Landesvertretung NRW*, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *Deserto Rosso*, MAP, Düsseldorf, Germany  
Kunstverein Oberhausen, Germany  
Galerie Heinz Holtmann, Cologne, Germany  
British Ceramics Biennial, Stoke-on-Trent, Great Britain
- 2010 *die grosse Kunstausstellung NRW*, Stiftung Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany (cat.)

- 2009 *parcours interdit*, Malkastenpark Düsseldorf, Germany (cat.)  
*Trendwände*, Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2008 *fremdkörper*, Orangerie Schloss Benrath, Germany
- 2007 *Gottfried-Brockmann-Preis*, Stadtgalerie, Kiel, Germany (cat.) Muthesius Export, Kunstverein Linda, Hamburg, Germany
- 2006 *WalzSchelleWerk*, Clubruine, Düsseldorf, Germany  
Klasse Kamp 1974-2006, Kunsthalle und Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Germany (cat.)
- 2005 *Muse heute - Inspirationsquellen aktueller Kunst*, Kunsthalle und Städtische Galerie Bremen, Germany (cat.)  
*Berlin-Kiel - junge Kunst*, Kunstverein Schloß Plön, Germany  
*Stadtzeichen*, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany  
*pre-production*, Landesvertretung Berlin, Germany
- 2004 *Altar und Tafel*, Landeskulturzentrum Salza, Germany (cat.)

#### PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

CELINE Art Collection  
Kunsthaus NRW Kornelimünster  
Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf  
Michael Horbach Foundation, Cologne  
Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf  
NATIONAL-BANK Collection  
Peter Marino Collection, New York  
Sammlung Philara, Düsseldorf  
Skulpturenpark Waldfrieden, Wuppertal  
The Josef M. Cohen Family Collection, New York

#### PUBLIC SCULPTURES

2025 Chemnitz European Capital of Culture  
2024 Station to Station, Kassel  
2022 Johannes Rau Library, Bergische Universität Wuppertal  
2010 Kunst am Moltkeplatz, Essen

#### COMMISSION WORK AND MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2020 Board Member of the NATIONAL-BANK Foundation  
2020 External Member of the Selection Committee for 3 Professorships in Digital Product Design, Game Art and Design, and Digital Media Design, HBK Essen  
2019 Member of the Expert Jury for the Art in Architecture Competition, Fraunhofer Institute IME-BR, Giessen  
2017 Member of the Expert Jury for the Baustelle Schaustelle Art Prize, Essen

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

*Leunora Salihu*, with texts by Friedrich Meschede and Julia Wallner, cat. Published on the occasion of the exhibition at Galerie Thomas Schulte, Berlin, July 2 – August 27, 2016  
*Leunora Salihu*, with a text by Sabine Maria Schmidt, cat., published on the occasion of the exhibition at Kunstraum Düsseldorf, December 7, 2012 – January 20, 2013  
*Leunora Salihu. Junction*, with a text by Marion Bornscheuer, cat. published on the occasion of the exhibition at Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg, December 8, 2011 – March 4, 2012  
*Leunora Salihu. Tube End*, Verein Kunst am Moltkeplatz e.V. (ed.), with a text by Tankred Stachelhaus, published on the occasion of the exhibition Tube End. junge Kunst am Moltkeplatz Essen, October 2010 - September 2011