

## MATTHIAS CONTZEN

### Biography

Matthias Contzen (b. 1964, Aschaffenburg, Germany).

Lives and works in Lisbon, Portugal.

Based in Portugal since 1998, Matthias Contzen is a multimedia artist who employs marble, sound and light as material. His work is represented in several continents, in both private and public collections, in New York, Germany, France, Luxemburg, Portugal, Sweden, Spain, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, England, China, Switzerland and India. In 2009, Contzen founded *SCULPTURE.FACTORY*, a multipurpose center that serves as workshop and art gallery located in Sintra, of which he is artistic director. Contzen is represented by *Loo & Lou Gallery* and *Galerie Dutko*, both in Paris, *Callan Contemporary*, in New Orleans LA, USA and *São Mamede Gallery*, in Lisbon.

### Education

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

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 *Callan Contemporary*, New Orleans, USA
- 2015 *Universe*, *Galerie Lou & Loo—Haut Marais*, Paris, France
- 2015 *For You—Mandala*, *Galerie Lou & Lou—Georges V*, Paris
- 2014 *Planet*, *Nuit Blanche of Paris* (October 4th)
- 2014 Commissioned by *Lou & Loo Foundation*, Luxembourg
- 2013 *In Beauty We Trust*, *SCULPTURE.FACTORY*, Sintra, Portugal
- 2012 *My Pocket Universe*, *Cidadela Art District*, Cascais, Portugal
- 2010 *Berliner Liste*, *International Contemporary Art Fair*, Berlin, Germany

- 2009 *Além do Real*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2006 *Retrospectiva*, Museu da Pedra, Cantanhede, Portugal
- 2006 *Objectos de Memória*, São Mamede Gallery, Lisbon
- 2005 *Recent Works*, Galeria Municipal Vila Franca de Xira, Portugal
- 2001 *Evoluções*, Galeria Art Konstant, Lisbon
- 2001 *Contzentração*, Cascais Culture Centre, Cascais
- 2000 *Recent Works*, Bank of Portugal, Lisbon
- 1999 *Pedra Viva*, Fábrica das Artes, Torres Vedras, Portugal

### **Group Exhibitions**

- 2019 XIIth Triennale-India, New Delhi
- 2018 *Inaugural Exhibition*, Town Museum, Cascais
- 2018 *Paris Art Fair*, Grand Palais Paris. In partnership with Loo & Lou Gallery
- 2018 *PAD, Paris Art and Design Fair*, Paris. In partnership with Gallery Dutko
- 2018 *Collect*, Saatchi Gallery, London. In partnership with Gallery Dutko
- 2017 *Scope Miami Beach*, Callan Contemporary, Miami, USA
- 2016 *Scope Miami Beach*, Callan Contemporary, Miami, USA
- 2016 *BRAFA Art Fair*, Galerie Dutko, Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 *BRAFA Art Fair*, Galerie Dutko, Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 *Ombres & Lumières*, Galerie Dutko Bonaparte, Paris
- 2014 *Infiniment Art*, Galerie Dutko Bonaparte, Paris
- 2014 *The Essence of Human Being*, Batalha Monastery, Batalha, Portugal
- 2014 *Art Breda*, Continuum Gallery, Breda, The Netherlands
- 2013 Uttarayan Art Foundation II International Sculpture Symposium, Boroda, India
- 2013 *Art.Fair Cologne*, Continuum Gallery, Köln, Germany
- 2013 *In the Heat of the Night*, Continuum Gallery, Königswinter, Germany
- 2012 *Reloaded*, Sculpture.Factory, Sintra
- 2012 Escultura de Matthias Contzen, Rui Matos e Vitor Ribeiro, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
- 2012 *Colectiva de Escultura*, Centro Cultural São Lourenço, Almancil, Portugal
- 2011 *Welcome to my Soul*, Art | Form, Estoril, Portugal
- 2011 1st International Sculpture Exposition, Sculpture.Factory, Sintra
- 2010 *Artelisboa 10*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
- 2010 *Colectiva de Verão*, Centro Cultural São Lourenço, Almancil
- 2010 Escultura de Ar Livre'10, Amadora, Portugal
- 2010 Sculpture Exposition, Continuum Gallery, Königswinter

- 2009 ARTEMAR 2009, Denis Oppenheim International Public Sculpture Award, Estoril
- 2009 *ArteLivre* (public art exhibition), Town Library, Amadora, Portugal
- 2008 ARTEMAR 2008, International Sculpture Exhibition, Estoril
- 2008 *Exposição Colectiva*, Galeria São Mamede, Porto
- 2008 *Escultura Livre*, Loures City Museum, Loures, Portugal
- 2008 Acervo, works from the Centro Cultural São Lourenço Collection, Almancil
- 2007 *Exposição Colectiva*, Galeria São Mamede, Porto and Lisbon
- 2007 ARTE LISBOA International Contemporary Art Fair, Centro de Congressos de Lisboa, Lisbon
- 2007 VI Prémio Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Amarante, Portugal
- 2007 III EMAAR International Sculpture Symposium, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2007 II International Sculpture Symposium, Paço de Mariña, La Coruña, Spain
- 2006 ARTE LISBOA International Contemporary Art Fair, Lisbon
- 2006 *Lapídea VIII*, International Sculpture Symposium, Mayen, Germany
- 2005 I International Stone Sculpture Symposium Ontario, Toronto, Canada
- 2005 *ArteEstoril*, Seteais Palace, Sintra, Portugal
- 2005 *Made in Portugal*, Groeneveld Sculpture Park, Almelo, Netherlands
- 2005 V Prémio Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Amarante
- 2004 *IV Simpósio Internacional de Escultura*, Museu da Pedra de Cantanhede, Portugal
- 2004 SINEP 2004, Câmara de Lobos, Funchal, Portugal
- 2004 *Objectos de Memória*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
- 2004 *International Sculpture Exhibition*, Echo Research Institute, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 *Exposição Colectiva*, Galeria Domus Varius, Lisbon
- 2004 *ArteEstoril*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
- 2004 *Colectiva de Escultura*, Casa da Cultura, Funchal
- 2004 Recent Works by International Artists, Valley Art Gallery, Toronto
- 2003 II Simpósio Internacional de Escultura, Sernancelhe, Portugal
- 2003 IV Prémio Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, Amarante
- 2003 III Prémio de Escultura City Desk, Cascais
- 2003 *ArteEstoril*, Centro de Congressos, Estoril
- 2003 *Sculpture Park*, ISCAC, Coimbra
- 2003 *Exposição Colectiva*, Galeria Valbon, Lisbon
- 2003 *Colectiva de Escultura*, Galeria São Mamede, Lisbon
- 2003 *Porto Arte*, EXPONOR, Porto
- 2003 Sintra Arte Pública II, Sintra, Portugal
- 2003 Toyamura International Sculpture Biennale, Hokkaido, Japan

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

### **Public Presentations**

- 2016 "Light of Humanity," Changsha University, Changsha, China
- 2013 "Match Box Universe," Uttarayan Art Foundation, Boroda, India

### **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
- 2006 *Lapidea VIII*, International Sculpture Symposium, Germany
- 2005 *Nomination, V Prémio Amadeo de Sousa Cardoso*, Portugal
- 2003 *Nomination, Toyamura International Sculpture Biennial*, Japan
- 2003 *Nomination, IV Prémio Amadeo de Sousa Cardoso*, Portugal
- 2002 *1st Sculpture Award, II Sculpture Award City Desk*, Portugal
- 1995 *3rd Object Design Award, International Design Competition "Cultures & Matières"*, Sarrbruecken, Germany and Nancy, France

## **Commissions**

- 2016 *Light of Humanity*, Changsha Sculpture Park, Changsha, China
- 2007 III EMAAR International Sculpture Symposium, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2007 II International Sculpture Symposium, Paço de Mariña, La Coruña, Spain
- 2006 ArteLisboa International Contemporary Art Fair, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2005 I International Stone Sculpture Symposium Ontario, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 IV Simpósio Internacional de Escultura de Cantanhede
- 2004 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
- 1999 I Simpósio Internacional de Escultura de Viseu

## **Public Collections**

- Changsha Sculpture Park, Changsha, China
- Hurun Report*, Shanghai, China
- Echo Research Institute, 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 Ahr Eifel, Mayen
- Banco de Portugal, Lisbon
- Fundação António Prates, Lisbon
- Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa, Lisbon
- Amadora-Sintra Hospital, Lisbon
- Vila de Cascais, Cascais
- Farol Design Hotel, Cascais
- Centro Cultural de Cascais, Cascais
- Fundação Dom Luís I, Cascais
- Estoril Congress Centre, Estoril
- Quinta do Pomar, Funchal, Madeira
- Câmara Municipal de Câmara de Lobos, Madeira

*Museu da Pedra, Cantanhede, Portugal*

Oliveira de Frades, Portugal

Hilton Vilamoura, Vilamoura, Portugal