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## Enrico *Freitag*

b. 1981, Arnstadt, Germany

Enrico Freitag's paintings are often dominated by brown and black, and are partially wrapped in an intense moody lighting; the scenes look realistic and indeterminate at the same time. Fascinated by the difference between objective reality and subjective deformed memory, Freitag combines spatial and temporal separated parts, mounts it to a new fictional ensemble, and provides the possibility of present-time-related associations and interpretations. As a starting point for his figurative paintings Enrico Freitag uses image processing techniques like montage and collage to cut and mix historical photographs with prepared newspapers and video clips or even his own painted works.

In Freitag's work people play a leading role. He deals with the issues of the human being in relation to its working environment: feelings of alienation and fear of being absorbed by nameless masses in generic working places is the main theme in Freitag's paintings and watercolors. In his paintings with the title *Der Grosse Traum von Glück* (The big dream of happiness) the daydreaming individuals may be dreaming about happiness, but are they? Captured in the domain of the working place, using the table to take a nap, these dreams seem far from reality. The otherwise empty spaces, which surround the figures, the shelves and cupboards empty, symbolize the gap between reality and fantasy.

Freitag studied Fine Arts at the Bauhaus University in Weimar (2002 – 2007). While still a student, he was a co-founder of Gallery Eigenheim, a place for contemporary art and communication, which is based in Weimar and Berlin today. In 2009 he participated on a 6-week residency of the Bauhaus Lab in Marseille. In 2015 he followed a two-month residency in Amsterdam. In the same year he was awarded the scholarship for Fine Arts of the Free State of Thuringia.

### Education & Residencies

2007	Study of Fine Arts at Bauhaus-University Weimar, Germany
2009	Residency at Bauhaus Lab Marseille, France
2015	Residency at Bart Invites Amsterdam, Netherlands
2015	Scholarship for Arts from Freistaat Thüringen, Germany

### Solo Exhibitions

2024	Painter on his way to work, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2022	IMG_, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Germany
2020	Nebelherz, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin, Germany MONO part 1, Kunsthalle Harry Graf Kessler, Weimar, Germany MONO part 2, EIGENHEIM Weimar, Weimar, Germany
2019	Enrico Freitag - Painting and drawing, EIGENHEIM Berlin (Salon), Berlin, Germany
2018	Flora et Labora, Gallery Eigenheim, Berlin, Germany

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- 2017 Volta Art Fair, New York, USA  
10 Years Gallery Eigenheim - Double Solo with Konstantin Bayer, Kunsthalle Harry Graf Kessler Weimar, Germany  
The Pursuit of Happiness, Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2015 Black Fields, Galerie Eigenheim, Berlin, Germany  
Bart Invites, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2014 Art Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten, Germany
- 2013 Enrico Freitag, Galerie Martin Mertens, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 Malerei, Zeichnung & Collage, Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany
- 2011 Through the Darkness Chivalrous Cantaloup Commune, Shanghai, China
- 2011 Solo ExLalulala / Leipzig, Germany
- 2010 Works 2006–2010 Centre Design Marseille, Marseille, France
- 2010 Privat party Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany
- 2009 ...an einem freien Tag Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany
- 2007 Von der Entdeckung zur Erinnerung Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany
- 2006 Kleinbildformat Galerie Markt 21, Weimar, Germany

## Group Exhibitions and Fairs

- 2021 KOLLEKTION KOLLEKTIV, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Germany  
Blühstreifen – zwischen Traum und Zaun, Kunsthalle Erfurt, Germany  
AUFL. / ED., EIGENHEIM Berlin, Germany  
DAS KOLLEKTIV EIGENHEIM, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Germany
- 2020 PRISMA, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Berlin, Germany  
EIGENHEIM Edition #4 - Bauhaus 100, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Germany  
Overland. 100 years of art in Thuringia, Schmalkalden, Thuringia, Germany  
FINE SELECTION - Group exhibition with artists of the gallery and guests
- 2019 FROM THE LAB TO THE STUDIO - new technologies and materials in art, EIGENHEIM Berlin, Germany  
ON GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD / BAUHAUS CONTEMPORARY, EIGENHEIM Weimar, Germany  
FROM THE LAB TO THE STUDIO - Bauhaus 100, EIGENHEIM Weimar, Germany
- 2018 ZOOM - Art Association Mannheim, Germany  
Positions Art Fair, Berlin, Germany  
Can't Buy Me Sunshine, City Gallery ADA Meiningen, Germany  
2nd Cabinet Exhibition, Brotfabrik Berlin, , Germany  
Germany - the 3rd edition of Eigenheim Berlin, Germany  
Germany - the 3rd edition of Eigenheim Weimar, Germany  
GÜLLE, GLYPHOSAT UND ZORN, Galerie Eigenheim Berlin, Germany  
GÜLLE, GLYPHOSAT UND ZORN, Galerie Eigenheim Weimar, Germany  
Special presentation for the Gallery Weekend 2018, Galerie Eigenheim, Berlin  
Volta New York, Brandt Gallery, New York, USA
- 2017 PAN Amsterdam, Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
sub-surface, Gallery Eigenheim Berlin, Germany  
Elements, Gallery Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany  
Eigenheim at the Gallery Weekend Berlin, Germany  
10 years Galerie Eigenheim, Kunsthalle Harry Graf Kessler Weimar, Germany
- 2016 PAN Amsterdam, Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
ART Paris, Brandt Gallery, Paris, France  
Rundgang der Spinnerei Galerien, Brandt Gallery, Leipzig, Germany

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- Positions Art Fair Berlin, Gallery Eigenheim Weimar/Berlin, Germany  
Grounding, Gallery Eigenheim Weimar, Germany  
XPositions, GALLERY WEEKEND Berlin, Germany  
10 years anniversary exhibition - Galerie Eigenheim, Berlin, Germany  
Spotlight, Gallery Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany
- 2015  
PAN Amsterdam, Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Slick Art Fair, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Paris, France  
Spectrum one, Gallery Eigenheim Berlin, Germany  
BERLIN ART WEEK, Gallery Eigenheim Berlin, Germany  
The Opening, Gallery Eigenheim, Berlin, Germany  
The principle of luck, Kunstfest Weimar Gallery Eigenheim Berlin, Germany  
art Karlsruhe, Rheinstetten, Germany  
Spectral Reflection, Gallery Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany  
Happiness is boring, Galerie Martin Mertens, Berlin, Germany
- 2014  
Parklandschaften, Kunstfest Weimar, Germany  
bloom, ART FAIR, Koln, Germany
- 2013  
Groupshow, Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany  
The Welcome Show - Galerie Eigenheim, Shanghai, China  
Borderless 2 - Yang Shanghai Art Space, Shanghai, China  
Kabinett - das kleine Format", Galerie Martin Mertens, Berlin, Germany
- 2012  
measuringspace, choir, Shanghai, China, Germany  
Enrico Freitag & Lars Wild at Chivalrous Cantaloup Commune, Shanghai, China
- 2011  
RaumNichtraum, Kunsthalle am Hamburger-Platz in Berlin Weißensee Malerei am  
Bauhaus heute Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar, Germany  
DerArtDerOrt 5 DerArtDerOrt, Gotha, Germany  
DAS DEPOT Eigenheim trifft DNT II, Deutsches Nationaltheater, Weimar, Germany  
Auto/Portrait Galerie de la jeune creation, Paris, France
- 2010  
GalleryExchangeGalerieFrenhofer, Berlin, Germany  
M120-reused Moganshan Road 120, Shanghai, China  
Eigenheim Gallery Weimar-Shanghai Yongkang Road 64, Shanghai, China
- 2009  
Eigenheim trifft Nationaltheater Deutsches Nationaltheater, Weimar Kunstlawine II  
Altes Innenministerium, Erfurt, Germany  
Armella Show Altes Innenministerium, Erfurt, Germany  
Water drops, we run La Friche la belle de mai, Marseille, France Kunstlawine I  
Altes Innenministerium, Erfurt, Germany  
Kunst im Turm Kindl-Turm, Berlin, Germany  
Bauhausler Superstars Galerie Eigenheim, Weimar The Mass Island6 Shack , Shanghai,  
China
- 2008  
OverseasIsland6Shack, Shanghai, China
- 2007  
NewYorkII Kunsthalle, Weimar, Germany  
NewYork Kunsthalle, Weimar , Germany
- 2006  
BilderwahnGalerieEigenheim, Weimar, Germany

## Awards & Scholarships

- 2015 Arbeitstipendium für zeitgenössische Kunst vom Freistaat Thüringen  
2015 Artist in Residence in Amsterdam bei bart invites, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2009 Artist in Residence Bauhaus Lab Marseille, France

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## Collections

Kunstsammlung des Deutschen Bundestages

Staatskanzlei Thüringen, Erfurt, Germany

Kunstsammlung der SV Sparkassenversicherung, Stuttgart, Germany

Epicentro art - Contemporary Art and Private Collection, Berlin, Germany

Omer Tiroche Contemporary Art, London, UK