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Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 your clouds your hair your laketown, dépendance, Brussels (BE)
It's a Capriccio, Diana*, Milan (IT)
- 2023 Hypostasicisms, Layr, Vienna (AT)
El Comercio de los Lamentos Finos, House of Gaga, Mexico-City (MEX)
- 2022 Ulysses, Greene Naftali, New York (US)
- 2021 The Mephisto Hours, Galerie Buchholz, Berlin (DE)
- 2020 Spirits and Objects... and How Non-Productive Love Is Sometimes Contained
in Them..., Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf (DE)
- 2019 How to be an Angel Painter, Galerie Francesca Pia, Zurich (CH)
The Prototype, House of Gaga, Los Angeles (US)
- 2018 Tears and New Tears, Greene Naftali, New York (US)
- 2017 Invitation Epiphany, Künstlerhaus Bremen, Bremen (DE)
- 2016 Rainy Day and Hundred of Water and Everything, dépendance, Brussels (BEL)
Loyalties, House of Gaga, Mexico-City (MEX)
- 2015 A Turtle Dreaming (... Echoes from an Encapsulated Space Exiled Sounds of
Letters Requiring Symphonic Treatment), Secession, Vienna (AT)
- 2014 Turtles + 8 Paintings + Yellow Brown Blue, Tempo Rubato, Tel Aviv (ISR)
The New World, Application for Turtle Island, The Renaissance Society,
University of Chicago, Chicago (US)
- 2013 Greetings from our Garden of Condesa, The Jewels of Moctezuma, Thea
Westreich Art Advisory Services, New York (US)
Übersetzungsbüro – Office for Duplication, Galerie Buchholz, Berlin
EDITION REPETITION COMPETITION, House of Gaga, Mexico-City (MEX)
- 2012 Exercises ab initio..., Greene Naftali, New York (US)
- 2011 3 Exercises: anrufen, bekennen, wegwerfen, Galerie Francesca Pia, Zurich
(CH)
- 2010 Vienna and Jerusalem (mit Martin Guttman), Pro Choice, Vienna (AT)
- 2009 The Space of Words, MUDAM, Luxembourg (LUX)
- 2008 A Dissidence Coincidence But WHCTLJS, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö (SWE)
Voices and Substitutes, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2007 The Tabernacle on Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz, Institut im Glaspavillon, Berlin
(DE)
- 2006 Don't Climb the Pyramids, Greene Naftali, New York (US)
Invited by Yilmaz Dziewior, Bibliothekswohnung Anna-Catharina Gebbers,
Berlin (DE)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 Ship of Fools, ES49, Vienna (AT)
 2024 Ins Dunkle schwimmen, Abysses of the Creative Imperative, University
 Gallery of the Angewandte, Heiligenkreuzerhof, Vienna (AT)
 2022 Identität nicht nachgewiesen, Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn (DE)
 New Space Show, Layr, Vienna (AT)
 2020 Words at an Exhibition – an exhibition in ten chapters and five poems,
 Busan Biennale, Busan (KOR)
 2018 dog chews shoes, Ampersand, Lisbon (PORT)
 Role Models, Hopkinson Mossman, Auckland (NZ)
 2017 Souvenir, Alto Refugio, Paternal, Buenos Aires (AR)
 Section Litt.raire, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern (CH)
 Passages of Neo-Avantgarde, Austrian Cultural Forum, Warschau und im
 Polnischen Institut, Budapest (HUN)
 2016 The Thea Westreich Wagner and Ethan Wagner collection, Centre Pompidou,
 Paris (FR)
 Pure Fiction, Marian Goodman Gallery, Paris (FR)
 Night Thoughts, CCS Bard, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York (US)
 Poesie der Ver.nderung, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg (AT)
 Und eine Welt noch, Kunsthaus Hamburg, Hamburg (DE)
 2015 to expose, to show, to demonstrate, to inform, to offer, Museum moderner
 Kunst Stiftung Ludwig Wien, Vienna (AT)
 Turtles plus eight Paintings plus Yellow Brown Blue, Tempo Rubato, Tel
 Aviv (ISR)
 2014 No Such Thing as History: Four Collections and One Artist, Espace Louis
 Vuitton, Muñchen (DE)
 On Radical Juxtaposition, Halle fuñr Kunst, Luñneburg (DE)
 Abandon the Parents, Statens Museum for Kunst, Kopenhagen (DNK)
 A Needle Walks Into a Haystack, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool (UK)
 The Promise, Arnolfini, Bristol (UK)
 2013 Counter-Production (Part 2), Index – The Swedish Contemporary Art
 Foundation, Stockholm (SE)
 Some Redemptions, curated by Josef Strau, Soloway, New York (US)
 The Whole Earth, Haus der Kulturen und der Welt, Berlin (DE)
 Letter Tunnels, Frieze, London (UK)
 2012 Florbelle (after Sade), Air de Paris, Paris (FR)
 La Demeure Joyeuse II, Galerie Francesca Pia, Zurich (CH)
 Perros Negros Presents Perros Negros, A Post-Posteriori, New Jersey,
 Basel Counter-Production, Generali Foundation, Vienna (AT)
 Donde el lenguaje es el material, Casa del Lago, Mexico-City (MEX)
 Keine Zeit, 21er Haus, Vienna (AT)
 2011 Time Again, Sculpture Center, New York (US)
 A Different Person, Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe (DE)
 FAX, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge
 (UK)
 2010 The Baghdad Batteries, MoMA P1, Long Island City, Queens (US)
 At Home/Not At Home: Works from the Collection of Martin and Rebecca
 Eisenberg, CCS Bard Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York
 (US)
 Josef Strau and Clegg&Guttman, Pro Choice, Vienna (AT) and Jerusalem
 (ISR)
 Light from Light, MAAP, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane and
 Shanghai Library, Shanghai (CN)
 The Milk Drop Coronet, Camera Austria, Graz (AT)
 2009 Collecting History: Highlighting Recent Acquisitions, Museum of
 Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (US)
 evas arche und der feminist (carte blanche), The Front Room, Contemporary
 Art Museum, St. Louis (US)
 Scorpio ñs Garden, Temporäre Kunsthalle, Berlin (DE)
 Looking Back, White Columns, New York (US)

- 2008 Manifesta 7, Trentino (IT)
One Season in Hell, Mehringdamm 72, Berlin (DE)
Novel, Bibliothekswohnung Anna- Catharina Gebbers, Berlin (DE)
- 2007 Door Slamming Festival, Mehringdamm 72, Berlin (DE)
Wonderwall–Constructing the Sublime, Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo (JPN)
Shandyismus, Wiener Secession, Vienna (AT)
- 2006 ...: ICAL KRBBR PRDLY PRSNTS GART JAS, JON KLSY, JOSF STRA, Portikus,
Frankfurt am
Main (DE)
Make Your Own Life: Artists In and Out of Cologne, Institute of
Contemporary Art, Philadelphia (US) ; (other locations: Power Plant,
Toronto (CA); Henry Art Gallery, Seattle (US), 2007)

Published texts

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Sometimes Contained in Them...", Eva Birkenstock (ed.), Kunstverein für die
Rheinlande und Westfalen, Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther und Franz
König, 2022
- 2020 Strau, Josef: "Spirits and Objects... and How Non-Productive Love is
Sometimes Contained in Them...",
Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf, 2020
(exhibition text)
- 2019 Strau, Josef: "Application for Turtle Island and a School Cannot Move" /
"The Nonproductive Attitude", in: "Städelschule Lectures 1", Koenig
Books, London 2019, pp. 157-183 / pp. 381-406
Strau, Josef: "How to be an Angel Painter", Galerie Francesca Pia,
Zurich, 2019 (exhibition text)
Strau, Josef: "The Prototype", Gaga, Los Angeles, 2019 (exhibition text)
Shalom, Enzo/Strau, Josef: "You Are Like Him: Josef Strau", in: Mousse
Magazine, Summer 2019, pp. 46-47
- 2018 Strau, Josef: "Tears And New Tears", Greene Naftali, New York City, 2018
(exhibition brochure)
- 2017 Strau, Josef: "Michael Krebber", in: Meyer, Christian (ed.): "Das
unbekannte Meisterwerk", Schlebrügge.Editor, Vienna, 2017, pp. 32-45
Strau, Josef: "Invitation Epiphany", Künstlerhaus Bremen, February 2017
(exhibition text)
Gritz, Anna/Strau, Josef: "Das Universum erzählt sich selbst/The Universe
Narrates Itself", in: Spike Art Quaterly, Spring 2017, pp. 124-138
- 2016 Strau, Josef: "Rainy day and hundred of water and everything",
Dependance, Brussels, 2016 (exhibition text)
Strau, Josef: "Loyalties", House of Gaga, Mexico City, 2016 (exhibition
text)
- 2015 Strau, Josef: "Dreaming Turtle", Secession, Wien, 2015 (exhibition
catalogue)
Strau, Josef: "Isa Genzken: Sculpture as Narrative Urbanism (2009)", in:
"Isa Genzken", October Files, MIT Press, Massachusetts, 2015, pp. 183-189
Strau, Josef: "Apology", in: Dysfction II, Pure Fiction, Frankfurt am
Main, 2015, pp. 8-9
Strau, Josef: "Montezuma. Fell from Hell", in: Mousse, December-January
2014/2015, pp. 179-181

- 2014 Strau, Josef: "The New World 2: Travels in Turtle Island", The Renaissance Society, Chicago, 2014 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "The New World 1: The Application", The Renaissance Society, Chicago, 2014 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "The New World Application for Turtle Island", The Renaissance Society, Chicago, 2014 (exhibition text) Strau, Josef: "Pocahontas Alterations", in: Bryson, Fiona, Cytter, Keren and Van Voorheers, Roger (eds.): "Noon on the Moon", A.P.E (Art Projects Era), Rotterdam, 2014, pp. 26-27
 Strau, Josef: "The Lamp and the Ribbon (2009)", in: Hudek, Antony (ed.): "The Object", Whitechapel: Documents of Contemporary Art, February, 2014, pp. 87-88
 Strau, Josef: "My BC Years", in: "Bernadette Corporation: 2000 Wasted Years", Koenig Books, Cologne, 2014, pp. 290-298 (catalogue)
- 2013 Strau, Josef: "Babeck's Biograph (*Staten Island, 1992) - / 2. True Considerations / 3. Fell From Hell / 4. OSIP, the writer", in: "Lazy Susan", A.P.E (Art Projects Era), Rotterdam, 2013, pp. 28-34
 Strau, Josef: "Diary", "La Vita E Una Altra Cosa", in: Bryson, Fiona, Cytter, Keren and Van Voorheers, Roger (eds.): "The Atlantis Search Engine", A.P.E (Art Projects Era), Rotterdam, 2013, pp. 52-66, 68-75
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 "Josef Strau", in: Frieze Projects, Frieze Art Fair, London 2013 (exhibition brochure)
 Strau, Josef: "Übersetzungsburo - Office for Duplication", Galerie Buchholz, Berlin, 2013 (exhibition text)
 Strau, Josef: "Edition, Repetition, Competition and Jewelry of Flowers and of Redemption", House of Gaga, Mexico City, 2013 (exhibition text)
 Strau, Josef: "Some Redemptions", Soloway, New York City, 2013 (exhibition text)
 Strau, Josef: "Mike Kelly", in: Artforum, May 2013, pp. 318-319
- 2012 Strau, Josef: Untitled, in: Olesen, Henrik: "Mr. Knife & Mrs. Fork", Gesellschaft für Moderne Kunst am Museum Ludwig, Verlag der Buchhaltung Walter König, Cologne, 2012, pp. 12-45 (exhibition catalogue)
 "Transcript of a Conversation Between Colin De Land, Josef Strau, and Stephan Dillemath", in: Knoll, Valerie; Loichinger, Hannes; Magnus Schaefer (eds.): "Dealing with – Some Texts, Images, and Thoughts Related to American Fine Arts, Co.", Sternberg Press, Berlin, 2012, pp. 50-63
- 2010 Josef Strau: "The "why does this all happen to me experience"", House of Gaga, Mexico City, 2010 (exhibition text)
 Josef Strau: "Lamp Memoirs", curated by Kim Machan, MAAP, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane and Shanghai Library, Shanghai, 2010 (exhibition text)
 Strau, Josef: "Alongside the abstract plane, dots and bangs of latent evidences and true relativity exposed", in: Wolfgang Tillmans exhibition, Serpentine Galleries, 2010 (exhibition text)
 Strau, Josef: "I felt my own transformation into a true moment of assistance", in: "Avere Luogo. Nora Schultz", Nero, Italy, 2010 (catalogue text)
 Strau, Josef: "Why working together with an inner Voice", May, No. 4, June 2010, pp. 131-134
 Interview with Dominik Eichler: "Out of Inconvenience", in: Mousse Magazine, April-May 2010, pp. 34-39
 Strau, Josef: "Untersuchungen des Selbst - Über Birgit Megerle", in: Texte zur Kunst, March 2010, pp. 74-79
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 Strau, Josef: "The Mount of J", in: "The Space of Words", MUDAM, Luxembourg, 2009, pp. 290-298 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "the new year lamp müsli shop lamp letter.", in: "Berlin-Los Angeles. A Tale of Two (Other) Cities", Mousse Publishing, Milano, 2009 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "Fell from Hell / Aus der Hölle Gefallen", in: Parkett, No. 85, 2009, pp. 33-34, 40
 Strau, Josef: "Ei Arakawa: A Non-Administrative Performance Mystery / Ein nicht administratives Performance-Mysterium", in: Parkett, No. 84, 2009, pp. 158-168
- 2008 Strau, Josef: "Bad Conscience", in: "Novel", Bibliothekswohnung, Anna-Catharina Gebbers, organised by Alun Rowlands and Matt Williams, Berlin, 2008 (publication)
 Strau, Josef: "Wolfgang Tillmans: Lighter", in: Artforum, December 2008, p. 100
 Strau, Josef: "Top Ten", in: Artforum, September 2008, pp. 183-184
 Strau, Josef: "Grammatik des Unmöglichen", in: Tageszeitung, June 2, 2008, p. 15
- 2007 Strau, Josef: "The Bad Conscience", in: Krebber, Michael: "...ical Krbbr Prdly Prsnts Gart Jas, Jon Klsy, Josf Stra", Portikus, Frankfurt am Main / Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther König, Cologne, 2007, pp. 161-194 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "White Nights", in: "Shandyismus", Secession, Vienna, 2007 pp. 143-149 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "Voices", Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne, 2007 (exhibition text)
 Strau, Josef: "Mizmor l'Jacov", in: Manifesta 7, Trentino-South Tyrol, Italy, 2007 (exhibition text)
- 2006 Strau, Josef: "The Non-productive Attitude", in: "MAKE YOUR OWN LIFE: Artists In & Out of Cologne", Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, 2006, pp. 28-31 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "The Nazis of Suburbia", Berlin 2006 (artist publication)
 Strau, Josef: "My Light / The-Cologne-In-Review-Lamp", Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne 2006 (artist publication)
 Strau, Josef: "The Bad Conscience", Bibliothekswohnung, Anna-Catharina Gebbers, Berlin 2006 (artist publication)
- 2005 Strau, Josef: "Die Anrufung/The Invocation", in: "Amelie von Wulffen", Kunstmuseum Basel, Basel, Kunstverein Düsseldorf, Dusseldorf, 2005, pp. 149-157 (exhibition catalogue)
- 2004 Strau, Josef: "Dear Little Tiger", Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Köln 2004 (artist publication)
 Strau, Josef: "Genuss Luxus Stil. Sstems – ideological milieu", in: "Josef Kramhöller", Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen Düsseldorf, Dusseldorf, 2004, pp. 69-70 (exhibition catalogue)
- 2003 Strau, Josef: "White Nights", Pork Salad Press/Jacob Fabricius, Kobenhagen 2003 (artist publication)
 Strau, Josef: "Cafe Voss", in: "Sergej Jensen/Stefan Müller", Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig, 2003 pp. 32-36 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "Haare wachsen, wie sie wollen", in: "Isa Genzken", Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther König, Köln, 2003 (catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "Zitat und Künstlichkeit", in: fluter, January 30, 2003
 Strau, Josef: "Josef Strau", in: "Prague Biennale 1: Peripheries Become the Center", Prague Biennale 1, National Gallery, Veletrzni Palac, Prague, 2003 (exhibition text)

- 2002 Strau, Josef: "Der Malstrom", in: Dany, Hans-Christian; Wege, Astrid (eds.): "Ökonomien der Zeit", Museum Ludwig, Cologne, 2002 pp. March 4-8 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "The Nazis of Suburbia", in: Dany, Hans-Christian; Wege, Astrid (eds.): "Ökonomien der Zeit", Museum Ludwig, Cologne, 2002 pp. August 10-17 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "Giorgine und die Entspannung für die Nicht-Authentischen", in: Texte zur Kunst, December 2002, pp. 95-97
 Strau, Josef: "B", in: Texte zur Kunst, March 2002, pp. 76-83
- 2001 Strau, Josef: "Die Favoritin", in: Metallic, Berlin 2001
 Strau, Josef: "Das Auge der Verwesung / The Eye of Decay", in: "Josephine Pryde: Serena", Kunstverein Braunschweig 2001, pp 50-55 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "Ruine und Mond", in: "Amelie von Wulffen: Museum der Römischen Geschichte", Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig 2001, pp. 15-16 (exhibition catalogue)
 Strau, Josef: "Spuk am Waldsee", in: Texte zur Kunst, March 2001, pp. 114-117
- 2000 Strau, Josef: "Nostalgia of the bad architecture" / "Performing Monuments" / "Genuss Luxus Stil. Sstems – ideological milieu" / "Fendi Life Essence", 2000 (artist book)
 Strau, Josef: "Geheimnis der Mode", in: Texte zur Kunst, December 2000, pp. 170-172
 Schmerler, Sarah: "Snowflake Office", in: Time Out, January 2000
- 1999 Strau, Josef: "Berliner Geschichten, ein Gang durch das Jüdische Museum", in: Texte zur Kunst, December 1999, pp. 146-152
- 1997 Strau, Josef: "Die wir soziale Intervention" (mit A. Siekmann), in: A.N.Y.P., Nr. 8, Berlin 1997
- 1996 Strau, Josef: "Kontinuität am Beispiel des Stadtplaners Roland Rainer", in: demontage Nr. 11, Wien, 1996
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- 1992 "Ein Fax-Gespräch zwischen Stephan Dillemmuth/Josef Strau und Margreiter/Mathias Poledna/Florian Pumhösl, Oktober 1991", in: Texte zur Kunst, Spring 1992, pp. 130-139
- 1991 Strau, Josef; Dillemmuth, Stephan: "F-Space, Ludwigstraße 11", Kunstraum Daxer, München 1991 (exhibition brochure)
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- 1988 Strau, Josef: "Übersetzungsbüro", Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne, 1988 (exhibition brochure)

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- 2004 "Zu Josef Kramhöllers Buch" in Josef Kramhöller, Kunstverein Düsseldorf.
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- 2019 Tarasoff, Sabrina: "The Prototype", in: X-traonline.org, July 11, 2019
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