

WOLFGANG SEMMELROCK

Born 1971 in Klagenfurt, Austria

Lives and works in Vienna

Wolfgang Semmelrock is an interdisciplinary artist working across sculpture, painting, installation, performance and sound. With a background in architecture and experimental pneumatic structures, his practice explores the transformation of space and perception through sculptural interventions, participatory situations and interdisciplinary environments.

EDUCATION & STUDIES

1993–1998

Architecture, Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien), Vienna, Austria

1998–2003

Studies and practice in experimental architecture and pneumatic structures, Austria / United Kingdom / USA

2003–2013

East Asian calligraphy and painting with Kazuaki Tanahashi, Austria / USA

2008

International Summer Academy of Fine Arts Salzburg, Painting Class with the Zhou Brothers, Salzburg, Austria

2006–2010

Studies in Multimedia Art Therapy, ÖAGG, Austria

1990–1993

Training in metalwork; studies in photography and design, Hanover, Germany

1990

Abitur, Baden-Baden, Germany

ARTIST RESIDENCIES & INTERNATIONAL STUDIO PRACTICE

2010

Artist in Residence, Villa Sträuli, Winterthur, Switzerland

2009

Artist in Residence, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, USA

2009

Studio residency / work stay with Kazuaki Tanahashi, Berkeley, California, USA

2011

Studio, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, USA

2004–2007

Studio for Fine Arts, Hollenburg Castle, Krems an der Donau, Austria

2002–2004

Studio supported by the Palmers Group, Vienna, Austria

Since 2012

Studio for Pneumatic & Fine Art, Vienna, Austria

Temporary studio practice in Chicago, USA

SELECTED PROJECTS, EXHIBITIONS & COLLABORATIONS**2025 *IL SUONO DEI PIANETI***

Gustav Mahler CulturalCenter Toblach, Südtirol, Italy

2022 .2023 .2024 .2026

ALBAN'S GARAGE Planetenklang Collaborative Format with invited Artists at Alban Berg Waldhaus in Carinthia, Austria

Planetenklang Since **2018**— interdisciplinary art project combining sculpture, sound, installation, performance and participatory formats; Gustav Mahler Composing Hut, Maiernigg, and Alban Berg Waldhaus, Carinthia, Austria, with subsequent project presentations and interventions at various locations

2020

Planetenklang Pop-Up Gallery, Hotel Linde, Maria Wörth, Carinthia, Austria

2019

PlanetenLaboratorium, Galerie Walker Park, Carinthia, Austria

2019

Presentation in the context of the UN Vienna / COPUOS and UNOOSA, Vienna, Austria

2018–2019

The Other Art Fair by Saatchi Art, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, USA

2014–2016

Seasonal sculptural installations, rooftop of Bitzinger, Albertinaplatz, Vienna, Austria

2012–2013

AUFBLAS BAR, Yppenplatz, Vienna, Austria — temporary architecture and art space featuring inflatable bar and ceiling structures. Project documented in the archive of the Architekturzentrum Wien (Az W)

2008–2016

ONE-STROKE Painting Performances, Nos. 1–10, Austria / Switzerland / USA

2009

Museum of Contemporary Art Warehouse Exhibition in the context of Art Chicago, Chicago, USA

2003–2004

Inflatable furniture prototypes and spatial interventions for DAS MÖBEL, Vienna, Austria

2002 & 2008

SOHO in Ottakring — installation and performance in collaboration with M. Fischer / Machfeld, Vienna, Austria

ART EDUCATION & PARTICIPATORY PRACTICE**Since 2019**

Workshops and art mediation in collaboration with Kunstvermittlung Künstlerhaus Wien, Vienna, Austria

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & MEMBERSHIPS**2021**

Scholarship for Visual Arts, State of Carinthia, Austria

Since 2019

Member, Association of Austrian Artists, Künstlerhaus Wien, Vienna, Austria

Since 2001

Member, Kunstverein Kärnten / Künstlerhaus Klagenfurt, Austria

2003

BACA Art Award and acquisition by Bank Austria, Galerie 3, Austria

Since 2005

Commissions and acquisitions by public institutions and private collections in Austria, Switzerland and the USA

SELECTED AUCTIONS**2016 & 2011**

Sotheby's charity auction for SeedingArt / ZOOM Children's Museum, MuseumsQuartier Vienna, Austria

2011

Villa Sträuli auction / AXA Winterthur Collection, Switzerland

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Works are held in public, corporate and private collections in Austria, Germany, Switzerland and the United States, including:

AXA Winterthur · KPMG · Bank Austria · Volksbank Wien · Villa Sträuli Art Foundation, Winterthur · Warmbad Villach · Zhou B Art Center, Chicago · Playboy Art Foundation, Chicago · Guaranteed Rate, Chicago · Chicago Park District · Studio Gang Architects, Chicago

SELECTED MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

Semmelrock's work has been featured in newspapers, magazines, exhibition catalogues, art books, project publications and yearbooks, including:

Der Standard · Die Presse · Format · Die Brücke · Red Bulletin / Red Bull publications · Chicago Gallery News · Sophisticated Living Chicago

Online features include **Saatchi Art** and **Colossal / The Other Art Fair**.

RADIO & TELEVISION

Selected national and international coverage:

ORF · Ö1 · CNBC · WGN-TV · Radio Kärnten · Radio Agora