

Luftwerk, founded 2007

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EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Immersed in Light* | The Mint Museum | Charlotte, NC
2018 *afterglow* | Volume Gallery | Chicago, IL
2017 *becoming* | Design Miami X Perrier Jouet | Miami, FL
2017 *Color Code* | Cleve Carney Gallery | Glen Ellyn, IL
2017 *White Wanderer* | EXPO Chicago
2017 *The Midnight Special*, group show | Volume Gallery | Chicago, IL
2016 *Corner of a Square* | The Arts Club of Chicago | Chicago, IL
2015 *INsite ONview* | Matthew Rachman Gallery | Chicago, IL
2015 *TypologyMorphology* | Fosdick-Nelson Gallery | Alfred, NY
2015 *Refractions* | Silent Funny | Chicago, IL
2015 *Invisible*, group show | Glass Curtain Gallery Columbia College | Chicago, IL
2015 *Degrees of Lightness* | 6018 North | Chicago, IL
2015 *Scaped*, group show | A+D Gallery Columbia College | Chicago, IL
2015 *Wonder Room*, video installation, Dupage Children's Museum | Naperville IL
2015 *As the Air Moves Back*, Fosdick-Nelson Gallery | Alfred, NY
2014 *Translucent* | Tampa Museum Art | Tampa, FL
2014 *Into And Out Of* | The Franklin | Chicago, IL
2013 *Horizon* | EXPO Chicago, Navy Pier | Chicago, IL
2013 *SHIFT* | The Chicago Cultural Center | Chicago, IL
2011 *Flux* | P3 Studio, The Cosmopolitan | Las Vegas, NV
2010 *Driftless* | American Institute of Architects DesCours | New Orleans, LA
2010 *Projecting Modern* | The Frederick C. Robie House | Chicago, IL
2010 *Digital Incarnate* | Columbia College Arcade Gallery | Chicago, IL
2009 *Convergence* | Museum of Contemporary Art Warehouse | Chicago, IL
2009 *Seacurrence*, Audible Gallery | Chicago, IL
2007 *Adrift* | The Chicago Cultural Center | Chicago, IL
2007 *Humble Sky* | Caro d'Offay Gallery | Chicago, IL
2006 *Doppelgänger* | Hyde Park Art Center | Chicago, IL
2006 *Against the Membrane* | Caro d'Offay Gallery | Chicago, IL

PUBLIC ART

- 2018 *Occurrence of Light* | Manulife new headquarters | Calgary, Canada
2018 *The Other World* | The Greenway | Boston, MA
2017 *White Wanderer* | Two Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL
2017 *CloudLand* | MASS MoCA | North Adams, MA
2017 *Turning Sky* | The 606 | Chicago, IL
2016 *bLUMEN Pavilion* | Homan Square | Chicago, IL
2015 *solarise: a sea of all colors*, Garfield Park Conservatory | Chicago, IL
2015 *transLIT* | The 606 | Chicago, IL
2015 *Recurrence*, Lights on Tampa, Kiley Gardens | Tampa, FL
2014 *INsite* | Farnsworth House | Plano, IL
2014 *FLOW / Im Fluss*, Couch Place Alley | Chicago, IL
2012 *Luminous Field*, Millennium Park | Chicago, IL
2011 *Art in Nature: Fallingwater* | Mill Run, PA

PRIVATE COMMISSIONS

2018 *Current Air* | 150 Media Stream | Chicago, IL
2018 *Grace*, mixed-media artwork for private client | Chicago, IL
2016 *Kalos Eidos Skopeo*, mixed-media artwork for private client | Chicago, IL
2016 *Geometry in Space*, architectural video mapping, Denver Art Museum | Denver, CO
2014 *Lyrical Geometry*, video for concert, Ford House | Aurora, IL
2014 *Evermore*, mixed-media artwork for private client | Chicago, IL
2014 *Modern Ball*, Architecture and Design Society, The Art Institute of Chicago | Chicago, IL
2013 *Fleurotica*, The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago | Chicago, IL
2012 *Edison Talks*, Chicago Ideas Week, Oriental Theater | Chicago, IL
2011 *Flow*, video installation, MUJI, JFK Airport Terminal 5 | NYC
2010 *Zayed Future Energy Awards*, Emirates Palace | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
2009 MASS MoCA 10-year Anniversary Gala | North Adams, MA

FESTIVALS & SET DESIGN

2016 *Mauerschau*, stage and video, Bayerische Staatsoper | Munich, Germany
2015 Terrain Biennial | 6018 North, Chicago, IL
2014 Currents New Media Festival | Santa Fe, NM
2013 *Whiteout*, video for dance, Same Planet Different World Dance Center | Chicago, IL
2013 *Ascendance*, video for dance, Hedwig Dances, Athenaeum Theater | Chicago, IL
2012 International Light Festival | Moscow, Russia
2012 *Red Kite Project*, stage and video, Chicago Children's Theater | Chicago, IL
2011 *Once Upon a Symphony*, video for concert, Chicago Symphony Orchestra | Chicago, IL
2008 Smart Media Festival, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art | Grand Rapids, MI
2007 Around the Coyote Festival | Chicago, IL

SELECT AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Featured Project: *Solarise* | Americans for the Art Public Art Network
2017 Individual Artist Program grant | DCASE
2016 Design 50 | New City Magazine
2015 *INsite* | CODAAwards
2015 Featured Project: *INsite* | Americans for the Arts Public Art Network
2015 Endorsement Award for Innovation | Surface Magazine
2014 Media Art Award | National Endowment for the Arts and NorthernLights.mn
2013 Featured project: Luminous Field | Americans for the Arts Public Art Network
2013 Artist in Residency Fellowship, Institute of Electronic Arts | Alfred University, NY
2013 Artist Award | Illinois Arts Council
2012 Artist in Residence | Chicago Ideas Week
2010 Featured Artist | Chicago Artist Month
2010 Project Grant | The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts
2007 Special Assistance Grant | Illinois Arts Council
2007 Community Arts Assistance Grant | DCASE

RESIDENCIES

2018 Institute of Electronic Art | Alfred University | Alfred NY
2018 Latitude Artist Residency | Chicago, IL
2017 3Arts Residency Fellowship | Robert Rauschenberg Foundation
2017 Winter BAiR | Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity
2013 3Arts Residency Fellowship | Ragdale | River Forest, IL
2011 Lucerne Artist Residency | Swiss Benevolent Society

COLLECTIONS

White Wanderer, Private art collection, Anne Slaughter Andrew
Mauerschau Morsespiel, Museum Buchheim

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Alan Burdick | *The New Yorker* | '2017 in Review: Buttscharching Caterpillars, Whispering Whales, and Eight Other Sounds that Defined 2017'
Guy-Claude Agboton | IDEAT | Design Miami 2017: le Top 5
Taylor Dafoe | *Observer*, 2017 | The Best Booths of EXPO CHICAGO 2017
Claire Voon | *Hyperallergic*, 2016 | An Ominous Score for Antarctica's Collapsing Glaciers
Zivan, David | *CHSO Modern Luxury*, Dec 2016 | What Color is the Air Today?
Krasting, Malte | *Max Joseph Magazin*, 2016 | 'Ist der Bericht wahr?'
Kalchschmid, Klaus | *Die Deutsche Bühne*, 2016 | 'Küsse Bisse'
Schneider, Andrew | *Architectural Record*, 2015 | 'solarise: a sea of all colors'
Smith, Ryan | *Chicago Reader*, 2015 | People Issue 2015 'The Public Artists'
Richardson, Whitney | *Newcity*, 2015 | Luftwerk/Silent Funny
Zarse, Thaddeus | *The Architect's Newspaper*, 2014 | 'Luftwerk's Immersive Illumination'
Kohlhasse, Bill | *Pasatiempo*, 2014 | 'Currents 2014 – Synthesis 2013'
Zetouni, Sigalit | *Chicago Life Magazine*, 2013 | 'The Sound of Light'
The Artist Catalogue, Winter 2013 | 'Featured Artist: Luftwerk'
Elliot, Annette | *Newcity*, 2013 | 'Luftwerk Shines a Light on Modernist Architecture'
Caro, Mark | *Chicago Tribune*, 2012 | 'Luminous Field' Millennium Park in a new light'
Braithwaite, Hunter | *Condé Nast Traveler*, 2015 | 'The Best Ways to Experience Chicago's First Architecture Biennial'
Bradbury, Victoria | *New Media Caucus*, College Art Association, 2015 | 'Lessons from Luftwerk's *solarise: a sea of all colors*'
ArtSlant Editors | *ArtSlant*, 2015 | 'Immersive Light Artworks to Illuminate Chicago's Garfield Park Conservatory'
Azzarello, Nina | *designboom*, 2014 | 'Luftwerk projects a kaleidoscope of light onto Mies' Farnsworth House'
Rosenthal, Emmerson | *The Creators Projects*, 2014 | 'Mies van der Rohe's Iconic Farnsworth House Gets the Projection Mapping Treatment'
Moore, Rob | *Natural Resources Defense Council Switchboard*, 2014 | 'What Happens when Art and Environment Meet in a Dark Alley'
Vesselinovitich, Andrew | *Blogspot*, 2010 | 'Robie House on Fire'

Book Entries

'*Why Look at Plants*' | Giovanni Aloï, Brill Publishers, 2018
'*Elements and Principles of 4D Art and Design*', OXFORD University Press 2016
'*The State of Art*' | *Installation & Site Specific #2*, Bare Hill Publishing, Fall 2015
'*Public Places*' | *Gestalten*, Fall 2012

Select Media

The Art Assignment | Art Trip: Chicago 2, The Great Outdoors, 2016 | PBS

EDUCATION

Petra Bachmaier, originally from Munich, holds an MA from the University of Fine Arts of Hamburg, Germany. She also holds a BFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) and spent an academic semester at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam. Sean Gallero, originally from the Bronx, NYC, studied art and humanities at Lehman College, with a focus on applied arts and continued studies at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. The duo met during studies at SAIC and have collaborated since 2000, forming Luftwerk in 2007. Luftwerk studio is based in Chicago, IL, USA.

Luftwerk explores light, color, and perception in immersive, experience-based installations.