

LUFTWERK

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SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *More Light!* | Poetry Foundation Chicago, IL

2023 *Light Over Light* | Volume Gallery, Chicago, IL

2023 *Scenography of Space* | Kurzfilmfestival Hamburg, Germany

2022 *Exact Dutch Yellow* | Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

2022 *Frequency / Chronology* | Fosdick Nelson Gallery, Alfred University, NY

2022 *Colorscapes* | Cheekwood Estate and Gardens, Nashville, TN

2021 *Open Square* | Mattress Factory Museum, Pittsburgh, PA

2020 *Chiaro Oscuro* | Volume Gallery, Chicago, IL

2019 *Parallel Perspectives* | Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst IL

2018 *afterglow* | Volume Gallery, Chicago IL

2017 *Color Code* | Cleve Carney Gallery, Glen Ellyn, IL

2017 *White Wanderer* | NRDC X EXPO Chicago, IL

2016 *Corner of a Square* | The Arts Club of Chicago, IL

2015 *solarise: a sea of all colors* | Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, IL

2014 *Into And Out Of* | The Franklin, Chicago, IL

2013 *SHIFT* | The Chicago Rooms, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

2010 *Driftless* | American Institute of Architects DesCours, New Orleans, LA

2010 *Projecting Modern* | The Frederick C. Robie House, Chicago, IL

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *A Tale of Today: Materialities* | Driehaus Museum, Chicago, IL, Artpark

2024 *Myth of the Organic City* | 6018 North, Chicago, IL

2024 *SOS Color Code* | Haggerty Museum of Art, Milwaukee, WI

2024 *Manifest* | Secrist Beach, Chicago, IL

2024 *Future Garden* | Guangdong Museum, China

2024 *Lost & Found* | Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago, IL

2023 *At the Precipice* | Design Museum of Chicago, IL

2022 *The Solar Biennial* | Rotterdam, Netherlands

2021 *Off the Charts* | Royale Projects, Los Angeles, CA

2020 *Total Space* | Museum of Design, Zürich Switzerland

2020 *Nothingness* | White Space Black Box, Neuchatel Switzerland

2015 *Terrain Biennial* | 6018 North, Chicago, IL

2014 *Currents New Media Festival*, Santa Fe, NM

SITE RESPONSIVE ART

2025 *Recurrence* | Tampa Public Art Collection, Convention Center, Tampa, FL
2024 *Polychromatic: Expanded Horizon* | SAIC 162 N State Lobby, Chicago, IL
2024 *Yellow Light to Dark* | Chicago Board of Trade building, Chicago, IL
2024 *Spectra* | Fashion Outlets Art Collection, Chicago, IL
2023 *Woven Together* | Chicago Public Art Collection, 4900 S Ashland Viaduct
2023 *Journey of the Sun* | Duke Energy Headquarter, Charlotte, NC
2022 ZUVA | Dzimbanhete Arts & Culture Interactions, Harare, Zimbabwe
2022 *Arboreta* | BMO Tower, Chicago, IL
2020 *Aeolus: Fast Shifting* | CBOE Collection, Old Post Office, Chicago, IL
2020 *SOS Color Code* | multiple institutional and private sites throughout the US
2020 *Tree of Light* | Fulton County Public Art Collection | Atlanta Central Library
2020 *Starry Fields* | Chicago Public Art Collection | 19th District Police Station
2020 *Requiem: A White Wanderer* | Millennium Park, Chicago, IL
2019 *Geometry of Light* | Barcelona Pavilion | Edith Farnsworth House, Plano, IL
2019 *Center of Rotation* | Robert F. Carr Memorial Chapel of St. Savior IIT, Chicago, IL
2018 *Occurrence of Light* | 707 Fifth Street, Calgary Canada
2018 *Linear Sky* | 21c Museum Hotel Collection | Kansas City, MO
2017 *Becoming* | Design Miami X Perrier Jouet, Miami, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Munich
2017 *Transition* | Rose Kennedy Greenway, Boston, MA
2017 *CloudLand* | MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
2017 *Turning Sky* | The 606, Chicago, IL
2016 *bLUMEN Pavilion* | Homan Square, Chicago, IL
2015 *Recurrence* | Kiley Gardens, Tampa, FL
2016 *Geometry in Space* | Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
2016 *Mauerschau* | Bayerische Staatsoper, Sommerfestspiele, Munich, Germany
2014 *Lyrical Geometry* | Bruce Goff designed Ford House, Aurora, IL
2014 *Modern Ball* | Architecture and Design Society, The Art Institute of Chicago
2014 *INsite* | Edith 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

RESIDENCIES

2025 White Space Black Box, Neuchatel, Switzerland
2023 Bellevue University, Sustainability Learning Lab | Bellevue, NE
2022 Institute of Electronic Art | Alfred University | Alfred University, NY
2022 CTG Collective | Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa
2022 Loghaven Residency | Knoxville TN
2021 Fallingwater Artist in Residence | Mills Run, PA
2021 Montello Foundation Artist in Residence | Montello, NV
2021 The Mattress Factory Residency | Pittsburgh, PA

2020 Institute of Electronic Art | Alfred University | Alfred University, NY
2019 Outer Ear Residency | Experimental Sound Studio, Chicago, IL
2019 3Arts Residency Fellowship | Djerassi Residency, Woodside, CA
2018 Institute of Electronic Art | Alfred University, NY
2018 Latitude Artist Residency | Chicago, IL
2017 3Arts Residency Fellowship | Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, Captiva, FL
2017 Winter BAiR | Banff Centre for Art and Creativity, Canada
2013 3Arts Residency Fellowship | Ragdale, River Forest, IL
2013 Institute of Electronic Arts | Alfred University, NY
2011 Lucerne Artist Residency | Swiss Benevolent Society

AWARDS

2022 Artist Award | Illinois Arts Council
2022 Hopper Prize Finalist
2021 Artist Fellowship | Illinois Arts Council
2020 Individual Artist Program | DCASE
2019 Artist Award | Illinois Arts Council
2019 Project Support | Year of German American Friendship
2019 Project Grant | The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts
2019 Individual Artist Program | DCASE
2018 AIA Chicago Small Projects Award for *bLUMEN Pavilion*
2017 Featured Project: *Solarise* | Americans for the Art Public Art Network
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
2014 Artist Award | Illinois Arts Council
2013 Featured project: Luminous Field | Americans for the Arts Public Art Network
2010 Project Grant | The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts

COLLECTIONS

Chicago Public Art Collection, Fulton County Art Collection, City of Tampa Public Art, The Collection Fashion Outlets, 21c Collection, Buchheim Museum, USF Institute for Research in Art, The Haggerty Museum of Art,

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