

Abner Preis (b. 1975, IL)

Lives and works in Amsterdam.

Represented by Harlan Levey Projects.

Education

2012-13

Master of Fine Arts, Dutch Art Institute, Arnhem, the Netherlands

2001

BFA, Tyler School of Fine Arts - Painting, Art History, Philadelphia, USA

2000

Temple University, Rome, Italy

1995-97

Prescott College School of Environmental Science, USA

1997

Independent study Mexican Murals and Masks, The Silver Route, Mexico

1996

Marine Ecology and Environmental studies, South Water Key, Belize City, Belize

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2017

The Mask Maker and The Tree, Framer Framed, Amsterdam, NL

2016

The Circus, All Together Now, Rotterdam, NL

Eat Shit Smile, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

2015

Voyager, Nieuwe Vide, Haarlem, NL

Jelly Fish Hate Life on Earth, Gallery Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam, NL

2014

Born again, TETEM kunstruimte, Enschede, NL

2013

The Plague Doctors, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

2012

The Accidental Champion, Gabriel Rolt Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

Running with Rocky, Harlan Levey Projects, Brussels, BE

2011

The Adventures of the Great Abnerio, Showroom MAMA, Rotterdam, NL

Solo as part of the Twente Biennial, Rijksmuseum Twente, Enschede, NL

2010

Brothers in Arms, World of Witte de With Quarters arts festival, Rotterdam, NL

The Struggles of a Superhero: An Introvert and a Rising Star, Zaal 5, Filmhuis, Den Haag, NL

2009

Bear Man and Alice, Kunsthuis SYB, Beetsterzwaag, NL

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016

Bosè Clowns Re Loaded, Kunst Pliese Erlegen, DE

The Big Draw, Tetem, Enschede, NL

Making Product, All Together Now, Rotterdam, NL

2015

Arcadia, Folklore, Nature and the Neighbours, Diepenheim, NL

Do It, Kunsthal, Rotterdam, NL

2014

Opening with a Stitch, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam, NL

Dutch Art Institute: Using the museum, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, NL

Bending Colours, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam, NL

Théâtre de l'absurde, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam, NL

2013

The Heavy Meddle Generator, Museum Twentse Welle, Enschede, NL

Heavy Merry Finland, Titanic Gallery, Turku, FI

K.O. anti-sportsbar, TE TEM kunstruimte, Enschede, NL

2012

The Kids Are All Right, Kunsthal, Rotterdam, NL

Sweatboxing II, Galleria Leto, Warsaw, PL

2011-12

Super Hero Project, Cologne, DE, Istanbul, TR, Mexico City, MX

2011

To All Tomorrow's Parties, TENT, Rotterdam, NL

Den Bosch Film Festival, CBK Den Bosch, Den Bosch, NL

Pièce de Resistance, Mediamatic Lab, Amsterdam, NL

Light Show II, Gabriel Rolt Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

The Great Abnerio's Circus, IFFR, Rotterdam, NL

2010

The Rappical, Moddr Institute for Media, Berlin & Amsterdam, DE, NL

Don't Worry Be Happy, Showroom MAMA, Rotterdam, NL

SCHWARZWALD Heavy Metal III, Noordkaap, Dordrecht, NL

2009

Happy Ever After, Galerie Brot Und Spiele, Berlin, DE

The Love Tour, Urban Affairs, Berlin, DE

Urban Explorers Festival, Dordrecht; NL

RAiR #1, Rotterdam Artists In Residence, NL

Monkeys On the Water, Het Wilde Weten, Rotterdam, NL

2008

Big Geezers Show, Scione Installation Space, Los Angeles, USA

No New Enemies, Museum Botanique, Brussels, BE

Fuoco, Fiera Di Milano, Spazio Breda 40, Milan, IT

The New Dutch School, Artworks Gallery, Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA

The Smoke Show, Tattooed Mom, Philadelphia, USA
Some of Our Heroes Play Sports, Prostor Gallery, Zagreb, HR
America Liberates the Netherlands, Cutting Cultures Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
The Garbage-Tzar, B.A.D. Project space, Rotterdam, NL

Residencies

2017

A.I.R. Institute of contemporary art, Warsaw, PL

2012

Museum Quartier Vienna, AT

2011

Moddr Institute for Media, Berlin, DE

2009

Kunsthuis Syb, Beetsterzwaag, NL

2008

Kunst and Complex Rotterdam, NL
Foundation B.A.D. Rotterdam, NL

2006

Het Kattenback Amsterdam, NL

Awards and Grants

2015

Prix De Rome (LongListed), IT

2012

Featured artist, Art Rotterdam, NL
Illy Prize for young Art

2010

Solo Presentation Art Basel, CH
Solo Presentation Scope Art Fair, Miami, USA

Performances

2013

Museum Twentse Welle, Enschede, NL
WORM, Rotterdam, NL
Museums Quartier Wien, Vienna, AT
Filmhuis Den Haag, Den Haag, NL
Gabriel Rolt Gallery, Amsterdam, NL

2012

Infr'Action, Performance Festival, Sète, FR
Grace Exhibition Space, New York, USA
Dordrechts Museum, Dordrecht, NL
Like a Hurricane, Good Children Gallery, New Orleans, USA
The More Crisis the More Performance, Performance art event Brakke, Grond, Amsterdam, NL
Sweat Boxing, Galleria Leto, Warsaw, PL

2011

Museum Schunck*, Heerlen, NL
W139, Amsterdam, NL
MU, Eindhoven, NL
Ro Theater/Showroom MAMA Museum Night Rotterdam, NL
21 Rozendaal, Enschede, NL
NP3, Groningen, NL

2010

The Super Hero project, Modo Brussels, Brussels, BE
Human Cities Festival, Istanbul, TR
Scope Miami, Miami, USA
Gemeentemuseum/GEM, Den Haag, NL
FAU Jupiter Library Gallery, Florida, USA
Photo Gallery Rotterdam, Rotterdam, NL
"Comma" Festival, Perugia, IT
A Star Is Born, Museum Folkwang, Essen, DE
Solar Festival, Roermond, NL
Juicy Beats Festival, Drochden, DE
Who Stole The Tarts, CBK TENT, Rotterdam, NL
Kom Ja Ook 5, Het Compagnietheater, Amsterdam, NL
Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam, NL
Paradise Row Gallery, London, UK
Walhalla Theater, Rotterdam, NL
Hotel Dominican, Brussels, BE
Mr. Ego, Brussels, BE
Showroom MAMA, Rotterdam, NL
Mediamatic, Amsterdam Netherlands,

2009

Warriors, Loners and Space Travelers, (with Wayne Horse), Gabriel Rolt Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
Happy Ever After, Galerie Brot, Undspiele, Berlin, DE
The Love Tour, Urban Affairs, Berlin, DE
Urban Explorers Festival, Dordrecht, NL
Bear Man and Alice, Kunsthuis SYB, Beetsterzwaag, NL
Art Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL
RAiR #1, Witte de With: Centre for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, NL
Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam, NL
The Honor Dance, Gabriel Rolt Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
Painting Wars, The Melkweg, Amsterdam, NL
These Are the Shoes my Daddy Was Wearing When He Touched My Birdie, Picto Plasma, Berlin, DE
Tattoo's Are Gay, No New Enemies, Brussels, BE
Hiding Hidi, MeBike Festival at Paradiso, Amsterdam, NL
James Brown Tribute, Johnny Cash Tribute, Motown Tribute, Sugar Factory, Amsterdam, NL
A song From Venice Beach, Club Attent, Rotterdam, NL
Pete the Pig and Charley the Clown, Art Amsterdam, Amsterdam,, NL
Words Live 2, De Player, Rotterdam, NL
Charlie the Clown, Scione Installation space, Los Angeles, USA
Shirly Templeton, Paradiso, Amsterdam, NL
The Bully, De Kring, Amsterdam, NL
Prix De Nuix, Paradiso, Amsterdam, NL
Letters From The Front, Foundation B.A.D., Rotterdam, NL
Plastic, The White Hotel, Brussels, BE
Boxing Series, Accidental Monday, Sugar Factory, Amsterdam, NL

2008

Big Geezers Show, Scione Installation Space, Los Angeles, USA
Museum Botanique, Brussels, BE
Fuoco, Fiera Di Milano, Milan, IT
The New Dutch School, Artworks Gallery, Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA
The Smoke Show, Tattooed Mom, Philadelphia, USA
Art Therapy Tour, Wolf and Pack Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
Some of Our Heroes Play Sports, Prostor Gallery, Zagreb, HR
America Liberates the Netherlands, Cutting Cultures Gallery, Amsterdam, NL
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- “Holland Tunnel”, *ArtForum*, February 2010
- “The Great Abnerio”, *ModArt Magazine*, February 2010
- “Blame It on Abner”, *Time Out Amsterdam*, February 2010
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