

Heinrich Gartentor | Biography

1965 Born in Schafmatt (CH), works and lives in Thun.

2005-07 First swiss minister of cultural affairs.

Solo exhibitions

- 2007 "Thun-le-Paradis", Wilfried von Gunten Art Space, Thun (CH)
"LINKS", Links, Dufon & Racz Gallery Bern (CH)
- 2006 "Aufräumen!" ("Clean up!"), Osram Galerie, Munich (D)
"Spitzbergen", Kunstpanorama Luzern (CH)
"Alles was ich hab!", Grosse Shedhalle Thun (CH)
"Gartenau – Privatinsel und Paradies", Kunsthalle Arbon (CH)
- 2005 "Heinrich Gartentor feat. Natascha Boegli", gip international fine art @ Showroom Bern Galleries (CH)
- 2004 "Gartentor-Golf", lothringer13/program angels, Munich (D)
"Besucht mich am Neunzehnten um null Uhr" ("Visit me on the 19th at midnight"), Marks Blond, Bern (CH)
- 2003 "Hopp, hopp, dranbleiben", Galerie Kabinett Zürich (CH)
"Radio Gartentor", Projektraum Kunsthalle Bern (CH)
"Vom Strand, den Bergen und dem Geburtstag von Tante Else" ("About beaches, mountains and the birthday of aunt Else"), LADEN, Düsseldorf (D)
- 2000 "Paris Beats" Kunstraum PLUS, Düsseldorf (D)
"Secret Spot", Stadtgalerie / Kiosk Bern (CH)
- 1998 "Contes à rebours", Kunsthalle Palazzo, Liestal (CH)

Group exhibitions

- 2007 "Piscine publique" – Môtiers (CH)
- 2006 "state of the art – Schweizer Gegenwartskunst" ("state of the art – contemporary swiss art"), gip international fine art , Burgdorf (CH)
"Die Ferienhäuser der Künstler" ("The artists summer residences"), Malkasten, Düsseldorf
- 2005 "Hotel Blond", Marks Blond @ Betonsalon Paris (F)
- 2004 "be.ch"; "XXS", Galerie im Park, Burgdorf (CH)
"10 Jahre LADEN", LADEN, Düsseldorf (D)
"le salon" Kunsthalle Palazzo, Liestal (CH)
"I need you" Centre Pasquart, Biel (CH)
"Reanimation", Kunstmuseum Thun (CH)
- 2002 "Rösti" ("hash browns"), video, Solothurn filmfestival (CH)
"Last Night (Porno Version)", "sehr schön" ("very beautiful"), videos, "VIPER" Basel
- 2001 "Rösti" ("hash browns"), video, "VIPER" Basel (CH)
"Grauzone" ("grey area"), part of the project "Enter", Kunstmuseum Thun (CH)
- 2000 "Air suisse", ESA Perpignan (F)
"Mare nostrum", Palazzo Ferretto, Genua (I)
"Paris Beats", Kunsthalle Bern (CH)
- 1999 "Heartbreakhotel", Hotel Beau Rivage, Thun (CH)
- 1997 "Kein Mord" ("no murder"), Villa Quisisana Thun (CH)
Starting to perform "nette Attentate" ("friendly assassinations") during an exhibition at the Kunstmuseum Thun (CH)

Happenings

- 2011 "04.11.2011", Hofgarten Düsseldorf (D)
- 2007 "moving" – by Allan Kaprow, Kunsthalle Bern
- 2006 "Bodenseeaktion", Kunsthalle Arbon (D)

- 2005 "Natascha Boegli", (www.boegli.info)
- 2004 Various activities on "Gartentor Golf"
Organisation of the first official european soccer championship for artists, Centre Pasquart, Biel (CH)
- 2003 "jetzredi" ("now it's me speaking"), lothringer13/program angels, Munich (D)
"cuisine", CRAC Alsace, Altkirch (F)
"Tibidabo", Quam Performance Festival, Vic/Barcelona (E)
"Wahlverwandtschaften" ("elective affinity"), Kaskadenkondensator, Basel (CH)
"StartUp", Festival on literature, Basel (CH) und Berlin (D)
"Was Sie schon immer über Giraffen wissen wollten" ("What you always wanted to know about giraffes"), Malkasten Düsseldorf (D)
"Seilspringen fürs 2. Gartentor-Stipendium" ("Jump roping for the second Gartentor grant"), Kunstmuseum Thun (CH)
- 2002 Inventing the "Heinrich Gartentor grant" (www.gartentor.ch/stipendium)
"Training": Cargo Basel, Tonhof Zürich, Dampfzentrale Bern (CH)
"Sackhüpfen" ("Sack racing"), Seedamm Kulturzentrum / Insel Ufnau (CH)
- 2001 "Exits", Kunsthalle Tirol (CH)
- 2000 "Ex Lux", Kunsthalle Tirol (CH)
"Gartentor klaut" ("Gartentor is stealing"), LuzernerTheater (CH)
"Ausgehen" ("Clubbing"), Hofgarten Düsseldorf (D)

Stipends and Grants

- 2007 Cultural Award of Bern
- 2005-06 Travel grant of the canton Bern
- 2004 Aeschlimann-Corti-Grant of the Bern artsociety
- 2002-03 Studiogrants of the canton Bern at the Cité des Arts Paris (F)
- 2000 Cultural Award of Thun (CH)
Werkpreis of the canton Bern (CH)
Guest in the studio of "Atelier Höherweg e.V." Düsseldorf (D)

Novels

- 2003 "StartUp", part 3 of Gartentor's biography; novel on progression with recipes and DVD – 192 pages – Passagen Verlag, Vienna
- 1999 "Schafmatt", part 1 of Gartentor's biography – 168 pages – Passagen Verlag, Vienna

Regular columns in newspapers

- 2005-07 Berner Kulturagenda
since 2003 Thuner Tagblatt