

STEFAN SZCZESNY



Biography and Exhibitions (selection)

1951

Born in Munich to Martha Meuffels, a theater producer and Gerhard Szczesny, a writer

1957 - 1967

Primary and secondary school

Spends summers with his parents at the isle of Elba

1967-1969

Attends a private school for Free and Applied arts in Munich

1970-1971

At the same time he works as a freelance art critic for the "Abendzeitung" newspaper Munich

1969-1975

Studies at the Munich Academy of Applied Arts and attends classes in art and art history and philosophy at Munich University

1974

Marries Mechthild Moldenhauer

1975-1976

DAAD Scholarship in Paris.

Birth of his son David

1979

Birth of his daughter Sarah

1980

Awarded a stipend for the Villa Romana scholarship, Florence

1981

Organises the exhibition "Rundschau Deutschland", as protagonist of Germany's Neo-Expressionist painting movement

1982-1983

wins the Rome prize awarded by the Prussian Academy of Arts Berlin

A year in Villa Massimo, Rome

1984-1998

Editor of the Journal "Malerei, Painting Peinture"

Travels with his father to Masuria

Spends time in Morocco

1987

Birth of his son Roman

Travels to the United States, has his first major show, curated by Klaus Honnef in Rheinisches Landesmuseum, Bonn

1989

Birth of his son Aurel

1990

First trip to the Caribbean. Barbados and Jamaica

1991-1992

Works on stage set for the Opera "Dunkles Haus" at the Bavarian State Opera, Munich

1993

Spends time with Elvira Bach in Sicily and works on "Fiumara d'Arte"

Meets Eva Klein in New York and works with Donald Kuspit on the Szczesny monograph, published by DuMont in 1995

1994

Moves into his New York studio Warren Street

1995

“Voltaire project” in Postdam

Stays on the island Mustique for the first time

Lindencorso art project in Berlin

1996

Founding of the Szczesny Factory and first publications released by the associated publishing company International Senefelder Prize for Prints

1997

Birth of his son Felix

1998

Works on glass sculptures in Murano, Italy

Travels to Israel

Starts his “Kempinski Art Project”

1999

Marries Eva Klein on Mustique

2000

Birth of his son Anton

“Living planet Art Project” for the EXPO 2000 in Hanover

2001

Relocates to his new Studio “Le Mas des Palmiers ” in Saint Tropez, from now on main residence for himself and his family

Working trips and artists in residence at a studio in Seville, on the rooftop of a museum

2002

"Premiere of Szczesny –the Film (directed by Curt Faudon, New York) at the Cannes International Film Festival

"Szczesny Mustique" is released

2003-2004

Begins work on ceramic sculptures for the art project "Villa Soleil", Terre Blanche in Tourettes as well as creating the concept for the art project " Le Roc" Roquebrunne sur Argens

2005

Begins work on the " Le Roc" Roquebrunne sur Argens

2006

Shadow sculptures all over the city of St. Tropez

Opening of the Szczesny Factory in Berlin

2005-2007

Mainau Island: A Dream of Earthly Paradise, Germany

2007

Musée de la Photographie Villa Aurélienne, Fréjus

Centre d'art la Malmaison, Cannes

2008

Shadow sculptures Grimaud, France

Art Project "summer in Tegernsee", Germany

Shadow sculptures, Sternberg Lounge, Düsseldorf

Shadow sculptures, Villa Aurelien, Fréjus

Ceramics, Villa Domergue, Cannes

2009

Caribbean Style, Szczesny Factory, Berlin

Garden show, Rechberghausen

32 sculptures for the Art Basel in Miami

2010

Grand opening of the new atelier and establishing central storehouse in Saint Tropez

Beginning of the Art Project Shadow Sculptures in Saint Tropez, Saint Moritz Sylt together with Jaguar

2011

"Jaguar Art Project – Szczesny : Shadow Sculptures" in Saint Tropez - Saint Moritz - Sylt together with Jaguar

The city of Saint Tropez is honouring Stefan Szczesny's 60th birthday with a large sculpture exhibition throughout the town

2012

Schatten im Park, Schloss Bensberg/Schloss Lerbach

Szczesny at the Adlon, Hotel Adlon, Berlin

Szczesny in Frankfurt, with main exhibition "Kunstgarten Palmengarten" at the Palmengarten, Frankfurt

Szczesny: Neue Wilden works from the 80s, 532 Gallery Thomas Jaeckel, New York

2013

"Saint-Tropez meets Miami", paintings and sculptures, Addison House Miami

"Méditerranée. L'esprit du sud" paintings at Gallery Guy Pieters, in Saint Paul de Vence

2014

"Saint-Tropez meets Miami", paintings and sculptures, CU-1 Gallery Miami

"Métamorphoses méditerranéennes", Palais des Papes, Avignon

"Paintings and ceramics", Galerie Sassi Milici, Vallauris

2015

Tree of Life and ceramics, Villa Domergue, Cannes

Szczesny at the Jigsaw flagship store, London

Galerie Kronsbein, Munich

Exhibition of sculptures, Domaine de la Croix, La Croix Valmer

2016

"Welcome to Saint-Tropez", redbox gallery, Zurich

2017

Retrospective Sculptures 2005-2017 at the Citadelle de Saint-Tropez

“Tour de l’Art” Steigenberger Parkhotel & Galerie Kellerman, Düsseldorf

Althoff Grand Hotel Schloss Bensberg, Bergisch Gladbach Cologne

2018

Szczesny “ die andere Eva” at the Galerie Reitz , Cologne

“Feedback” Galerie Heitsch, Munich

2019

"Szczesny-Céramiques", Lavoir Vasserot, Saint-Tropez, May 4-14, 2019

"Szczesny-Les Baux-de-Provence", Cité des Baux-de-Provence, June 1st, 2019 -February 28th, 2020

"Szczesny-Aquarelles", September 2019-April 2020, Galerie Espace des Lices, Saint-Tropez

Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez, September 28th-October 6th 2019, Village des Voiles, Saint-Tropez

"Szczesny-The Dance", Context Art Miami, December 3rd-8th 2019, Miami

2020

Stefan Szczesny, « Caribbean Mood II », January 16th-February 6th 2020, Galerie Asie, Saint-Barthélémy

Stefan Szczesny, « Selected prints », Anse Chastanet Gallery, from February 13th 2020, Santa Lucia

Stefan Szczesny, Sculptures exhibition, Beddington Fine Art, Bargemon, France, April-September 2020.

« Szczesny : Surfin’ Saint-Tropez », Lavoir Vasserot, Saint-Tropez, France, 2-8 July & 13-19 August 2020

Stefan Szczesny, « Sylt Art Fair », Geuer & Geuer, Düsseldorf – Sylt, Germany, June 24th – October 18th 2020

"Stefan Szczesny - Neue Bilder/Recent Paintings", October 23rd 2020-January 17th 2021, Geuer & Geuer Art Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany

2021

« Szczesny : Sculptures monumentales au Parc du Château de la Moutte », Saint-Tropez, Fonds de dotation Szczesny Art Foundation, 1. August – 17. October 2021

"Stefan Szczesny – Gemälde. Aquarelle. Skulpturen", 20. August 2021- , Geuer & Geuer Art Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany

« Stefan Szczesny : Sailing #Art4GlobalGoals », Monheim, 22. August 2021

« Stefan Szczesny : Global Goals Project », Ludwig Museum Koblenz, 25. September – 28. November 2021

« Szczesny : Sailing #Art4GlobalGoals Project », Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez, Saint-Tropez, 25. September – 9. October 2021 (with Geuer & Geuer Art Gallery)

« Szczesny : Peintures et sculptures sous le soleil de Saint-Tropez », Salle Jean Despas, Saint-Tropez, 1. -17. October 2021

2022

« Szczesny : Peintures et sculptures », Guy Pieters Gallery, Albertplein, Knokke, 2.-18. April 2022

« Szczesny – Sailing Art#4GlobalGoals”, Paris, UNESCO, 8.-9. & 10. June

“Szczesny Art Project – Grimaud”, Grimaud, 27. May – 15. October 2022

“Szczesny – Kitz Art Project », Kitzbühel, 17. December 2022 – 31. April 2023

2023

“Szczesny : Céramiques & Oeuvre graphique », Lavoir Vasserot, Saint-Tropez, 4 – 10. May 2023

« Stefan Szczesny – Painting Paradise », Kunsthaus Artes, Berlin, Germany, 01. July – 2. September 2023

« Szczesny Sail #Art4GlobalGoals », Geneva, Switzerland, 9 – 12. June 2023

“Stefan Szczesny & Elvira Bach”, Galerie Noah, Augsburg, Germany, 27. July – 24. September 2023

Since 1974 : Numerous solo and group exhibitions in art galleries and museums.

2020 : Creation of the Fonds de dotation SZCZESNY ART FOUNDATION – Saint-Tropez.

Venues included : Munich, Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, Augsburg, Paris, Zurich, Rome, Venice, Amsterdam, Saint-Tropez, Chicago, Miami and New York, as well as numerous art and building projects (amongst others: Lindencorso Berlin; Kempinski Marbella, Expo Hannover, Terre Blanche, Côte d'Azur).

Stefan Szczesny lives and works in St. Tropez and Berlin.