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Simon Denny

Born 1982 in Auckland, New Zealand
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EDUCATION

2010

Studio program, Kölnischer Kunstverein

2009

Meisterschüler, Städelschule, Staatliche Hochschule für Bildende Künste, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (prof. Willem De Rooij)

2004

BFA, Elam School of Fine Arts, University of Auckland, New Zealand

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2015

Selected to represent New Zealand at the 56th Venice Biennale

2014

Walters Prize finalist

2013

Preis der Nationalgalerie für junge Kunst nomination

2012

14th Annual Baloise Prize

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2015

Products for Organising, Serpentine Sackler Gallery, London (solo)

Secret Power, New Zealand Pavillion, 56th Venice Biennale (solo)

The Innovator's Dilemma, MoMA PS1, New York (solo)

Toys Redux - On Play and Critique, Migros Museum, Zurich (group)

Implicated and Immune, Michael Lett, Auckland (group)

2014

The Personal Effects of Kim Dotcom, Adam Art Gallery, Wellington (solo)

The Darknet - From Memes to Onionland, Kunsthalle St Gallen, Switzerland (group)

To the End of the Line, Chateau Shatto, Los Angeles (group)

The Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Auckland, New Zealand (group)

New Management, Portikus, Frankfurt (solo)

The Personal Effects of Kim Dotcom, Firstsite, Colchester (solo)

TEDxVaduz redux, T293, Rome (solo)

The Go-Between, Ernesto Esposito Collection, Museo Nazionale di Capodimonte, Naples (group)

Art Post-Internet, Ullens Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing (group)

Disruptive Berlin, Galerie Buchholz, Berlin (solo)

2013

Preis der Nationalgalerie für junge Kunst, Nationalgalerie im Hamburger Bahnhof, Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin (group)
Systeme, Ars Vida 12/13, Kunsthalle zu Kiel (group)
Systeme, Ars Viva 12/13, Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, Vaduz (group)
Speculations on Anonymous Materials, Fredericianum, Kassel (group)
The Personal Effects of Kim Dotcom, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig wien (MUMOK), Vienna (solo)
All You Need is Data, Petzel Gallery, New York (solo)
All You Need is Data, Kunstverein Munich, Munich (solo)
The Encyclopedic Palace, Venice Biennale (group)
L'image dans la Sculpture, Centre Pompidou, Paris (group)

2012

ars viva 2012/13 Systeme/Systems, Neues Museum, Nuremberg; Kunsthalle zu Kiel; Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein (solo)
Things, Words and Consequences, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow (group)
Letter from Alice May Williams, Michael Lett, Auckland, New Zealand (group)
The Walters Prize, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Auckland, New Zealand (group)
Full Participation, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, Colorado, (solo)
Remote Control, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, England (group)
Made Active: The Chartwell Show, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, Auckland, New Zealand (group)
Envisaging Vocational Rehabilitation, Westfälischer Kunstverein, Münster (solo)

2011

Corporate Video Decisions, Friedrich Petzel Gallery, New York, (solo)
Corporate Video Decisions, Michael Lett, Auckland, (solo)
Based in Berlin, KW – Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin (group)
Collecting Contemporary, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington (group)
Cruise Line, NAK Neuer Aachener Kunstverein, Aachen (solo)
Chronic Expectation: CFS/ME Documentary Restoration, T293, Rome (solo)
7 Unreachable Elevators, IMO, Copenhagen (solo)
Simon Denny, Matthew Buckingham, Will Bradley, Landings, Vestfossen, Norway (group)
Let Us Compare Mythologies, Witte De With, Rotterdam, The Netherlands (performance series)
Der Western leuchtet, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany (group)
Dystopia, CAPC Musée d'Art Contemporain de Bordeaux, Bordeaux (group)
That's the way we do it, Kunsthaus Bregenz (group)
Various Transmitters, Renwick Gallery, New York (group)

2010

The Front Room, Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis (solo)
Negative Headroom: the broadcast signal intrusion incident, Halle Für Kunst, Lüneburg (solo)
Remote Tutorial: hate poems for travelers, Landings Project Space, Vestfossen (solo)
Introductory Logic Video Tutorial, Artspace, Sydney (solo)
The Smart Fridge. Chilly Forecast for Internet Fridge, Kunstverein Medienturm, Graz (group)
Trailer Park, Teatro Margherita, Bari (group)
More Pricks Than Kicks, David Roberts Foundation, London, England (group)
Forbidden Love : Art in the Wake of Television Camp, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Köln (group)
The Luminous West, Kunstmuseum, Bonn (group)
Permanent Mimesis. An Exhibition on Realism and Simulation, GAM Underground Project, Turin (group)
Re-Dressing, Bortolami Gallery, New York (group)
Let us compare Mythologies, Witte de With, Rotterdam (group)

Throwing Three Balls in the Air to Get a Straight Line, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö (group)
Vuelo fuera del tiempo, Museo de la Ciudad de México, Cuauhtémoc (group)
The Perpetual Dialogue, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York (group)

2009

Deep Sea Vaudeo, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne, Germany (solo)
Starting from behind, Michael Lett, Auckland, New Zealand (solo)
Watching Videos Dry, T293, Naples, Italy (solo)
Quodlibet II, Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Cologne, Germany (group)
Seven Drunken Videos, Luttgen Meijer, Berlin, Germany (solo)

2008

Aquarium Paintings (with Nick Austin), Centre, Berlin, Germany (two-person)
Witte de Withe curated section: Show Me Don't Tell Me, Brussels Biennial, Belgium (solo presentation)
79a Brick Lane, London, United Kingdom (solo presentation)
The Gentle Art of Collapsing the Expanded Field, Cardenas Bellanger, Paris, France (group)
Alexandra Bircken / Simon Denny, Ursula Blickle Stiftung, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (two person)
Revolutions: Forms that Turn, Sydney Biennale 2008, Sydney, Australia (solo presentation)
Recent Haircuts, Uplands Gallery, Melbourne, Australia (solo)
Recent Haircuts, Gambia Castle, Auckland, New Zealand (solo)
Leftovers, Micamoca Berlin, Berlin, Germany (group)
I am a man, Parade with Arto Lindsay, Portikus, MMK and the Stadelshule, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (group)
Menschheit, Mother's Tankstation, Dublin, Ireland (group)
Liste 08, Michael Lett Stand, Basel, Switzerland (group)
Art LA, Michael Lett Stand, Los Angeles, United States of America (group)

2007

Post Mass Audience Age, Hamburg Hfbk Gallery, Hamburg, Germany (group)
Monthly Cowards, Gambia Castle, Auckland, New Zealand (solo)
Compression Club, Michael Lett, Auckland, New Zealand (solo)
Filaturen, Sies + Höke Galerie, Dusseldorf, Germany (group)
Domestic Irony, Museion, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Bolzano, Italy (group)
The Köln Show 2, European Kunsthalle / Galerie Sprueth Magers, Köln, Germany (group)
Paltry Motion, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand (solo) (Exh. Cat.)
Moment Making, Artspace, Auckland, New Zealand (group)
Prospect, Wellington City Art Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand (group)
Group Show!, Michael Lett, Auckland, New Zealand (group)

2006

Break/Construct, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth New Zealand (group)
Old entertainment system, Window, Auckland, New Zealand (solo)
54321 Performance Projects, with Tahī Moore, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland New Zealand (group)
Mostly Harmless: performance series, with Tahī Moore, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth New Zealand (group)
Archiving Fever, Adam Art Gallery, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand (group)
The Natural Order of Tact LISTE 06 Art Fair (solo show) Michael Lett Stand, Basel, Switzerland (solo)
SCAPE, Art & Industry Biennial, Christchurch New Zealand (solo project)
News is also on Television, live performance with Tahī Moore, Michael Lett, Auckland, New Zealand (two person)
Old Things, Michael Lett, Auckland, New Zealand (solo)

2005

They Who Would Eat the Fruit Must First Climb the Tree, with Tahi Moore, RM103, Auckland, New Zealand (two person)

Waikato Art Awards, Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, New Zealand (group)

Arranging Sympathies, Volume Series, The Physics Room, Christchurch, New Zealand (solo)

A Process of Bewilderment, with Tahi Moore, Enjoy Public Art Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand (two person)

Creative New Zealand recent graduate show, CNZ Offices Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

Tahi and Simon find the morning towards the border of bewilderment and begin construction, with Tahi Moore, George

Fraser Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand (two person)

2004

Left Di Right, with Tahi Moore, Special Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand (two person)

Auckland Project, 2nd Auckland Triennial Public/Private Tumatanui/Tumataiti, George Fraser Gallery, Auckland, New

Zealand (group)

Ergophobia, Windowspace, with Tahi Moore, Cnr Custom Street and Commerce St, Auckland, New Zealand (two person)

2003

Die Die Die, George Fraser Gallery, with Tahi Moore, Auckland, New Zealand (two person)

BOOKS AND CATALOGUES

2015

Secret Power. Milan: Mousse Publishing, 2015. Texts by Chris Kraus, Robert Leonard, Metahaven and Simon Denny.

The Innovator's Dilemma. New York: MoMA PS1, 2015. Texts by Peter Eeley, Jocelyn Miller and Agatha Wara.

2014

New Management. Milan: Mousse Publishing, 2014. Texts by Sophie von Olfers, Matt Goerzen, Sam Grobart, Jinny Kim, Lee Kun-hee and Lee Won-bok.

2013

The Personal Effects of Kim Dotcom. Cologne: Walther König, 2013. Texts by Christian Höller, Jasmine McNealy, Matthias Michalka, interview with Laura Preston.

All You Need is Data: The DLD 2012 Conference REDUX. Munich: Kunstverein Munich, 2013. Texts by Dr. Michael Littger and Karen Archey, interview between Simon Denny and Hans-Ulrich Obrist.

2012

Full Participation. Aspen: Aspen Art Museum, 2012. Texts by Jacob Proctor, Pablo Larios, and Hanna Hölling.

Envisaging Vocational Rehabilitation. Münster: Westfälischer Kunstverein, 2012. Text by Joanna Fadyl.

2011

Cruise Line. Cologne: Walther König, 2011. Texts by Norman M. Klein and Mark von Schlegell.

2010

Video Aquarium Broadcast. Cologne and Auckland: Galerie Daniel Buchholz and Michael Lett, 2010. Texts by Nicolas

Ceccaldi, Simon Denny, and Simon Pound, interview with Dan Arps.

2008

Simon Denny. Kraichtal: Ursula Blickle Stiftung, 2008. Texts by Nicolas Ceccaldi and David Levinson, interview with

Katja Schroeder. Sarah Hopkinson, ed. Gambia Castle. Auckland: Gambia Castle Press, 2008.

2007

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Jeppesen, Travis, "Data Mine," Frieze, May 2015, pp. 178-183.

"Must See New York: Friday, May 8," Artforum Art Guide, May 2015.

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"Simon Denny's Secret Power opens in Venice," voxy.co.nz, May 6, 2015.

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McGarry, Kevin, "New Zealand's Contribution to the Venice Biennale: A Library and an Airport, Transposed," New York Times Style Magazine, May 1, 2015.

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Lau, Venus, "Simon Denny," Kaleidoscope, Issue 24, Spring/Summer 2015, pp. 156 -165.

Leverant, Zoë, "Simon Denny: The Innovator's Dilemma Opening with Genius," Flavorpill, April 2015.

Freeman, Nate, "Tech World Junkie Simon Denny Turns MoMA PS1 Into a Wacky Fake Tech Conference," Observer, April 2015.

Champoux, Kevin, "From Trade Show Aesthetics to the Airport: An Interview with Simon Denny," Art in America, April 24, 2015.

"Must See New York: Simon Denny, The Innovator's Dilemma," Artforum.com, April 23, 2015.

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Freeman, Nate, "Tech World Junkie Simon Denny Turns MoMA PS1 Into a Wacky Fake Tech Conference," New York Observer, April 7, 2015.

Paul, Kari, "At Launch Party, Post-Rap Genius Shows How to Annotate Anything on the Web," Motherboard, April 6, 2015.

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2014

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2013

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2012

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2009

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2008

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2007

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2006

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2005

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