

ANITA STEINWIDDER
plastic art | textile art | mixed media | sustainability in art

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And the Artist group *quit nature*;

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Anita Steinwidder lives and works as a freelance artist in Vienna. After completing her degree in architecture at the Technical University of Graz in 2000, she founded the label STEINWIDDER in 2002. For 15 years, she explored clothing as both a sculptural object and a medium for social reflection. Her conceptual collections were based on discarded textiles, which she used to address ecological and social issues. Her work has been presented internationally in projects, exhibitions, and fashion shows.

Since 2014, her artistic focus has shifted to the visual arts: She combines found objects with textile techniques to create sculptural works, assemblages, and installations at the intersection of material research, cultural memory, and narrative object design.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

2012 | Winner of the Modepalast best of 10 Award
2011 | Winner of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce Fashion Production Prize; AFA AWARDS
2011 | Winner of the GREEN & CLEAN FASHION AWARD

PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS

2021 | Purchase by the State of Styria, Universalmuseum Joanneum, Neue Galerie Graz; Austria
2019 | Purchase by the Costume and Fashion Collection of the University of Applied Arts Vienna
Various purchases by private art collectors

SELECTED ART EXHIBITIONS, -PROJECTS AND -FAIRS

2025 | *IDENTITY*; group show curated by MUSA International Art Space; INSA ART CENTER; Seoul (KOR)
2025 | *YONU YOKUTE – AUF ZU NEUEN UFERN*; solo exhibition; musical intervention (Karim Thiam, SEN|A); in the context of Bezirksfestwochen Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus; Amtsgebäude 15th district; Vienna (A)
2025 | *YONU YOKUTE – ON THE MOVE*; solo exhibition; musical intervention (Karim Thiam, SEN|A); SPEKTAKEL; Vienna (A)
2025 | *NATUR, DIE UNS ATMET*; group exhibition; Galerie Stiegenwirt; Wullersdorf (A)
2025 | *TRASH & TREASURES*; group exhibition; Galerie KRAS; Vienna (A)
2024 | *STEINWIDDER | MAI – ALLES GEHT WEITER.*; project statement by Anita Steinwidder and Dora Mai; PARALLEL Editions; Vienna (A)
2024 | *ZWISCHENRUF NATUR - Kulturtage am Meidlinger Markt; Ein interaktives und partizipatives Ausstellungsprojekt von quit nature in der Zusammenarbeit mit der Marktgemeinschaft Meidling*; group project; Vienna (A)
2024 | *GETTING MYSELF A THICKER SKIN*; Intervention; PARALLEL VIENNA; (A)
2024 | *WAS BLEIBT UND WAS ENTSTEHT*; solo exhibition; ROLLWERK; Vienna; (A)
2024 | *WOMAN ARTIST ON THE MOVE*; group exhibition; Galeria Domu Norymberskiego – Nuremberg House Gallery; Krakow; (POL)
2024 | *Un Paradiso Amaro *Visita di Ravenna*; group exhibition; Polo delle Arti di Ravenna; Ravenna; (I)
2024 | *REBUILDING* : solo exhibition; Spektakel Wien; Vienna; (A)
2023 | *OPAQUE MEMORIES*; project statement (in cooperation with Dora Mai); PARALLEL VIENNA; (A)
2023 | *ALLES GEHT WEITER*; (in cooperation with Dora Mai); Galerie Grenzart; Hollabrunn (A)
2023 | *UN PARADISO AMARO | BITTER PARADISE*; group exhibition; Forum Austriaco di Cultura Roma; (I)
2022 | *MILKY WAY IM LUFTWAGGON*; performance participation; Riesenrad; Vienna (A)
2022 | *BIRTH! SCHOOL! WORK! DEATH! the little house we used to live in*; solo exhibition; Austrian Fashion Association; Vienna (A)
2022 | *RENEWAL*; solo exhibition; Galerie M2; Vienna (A)
2021 | *LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Das fragile feministische Wir*; group exhibition; Universalmuseum Joanneum; Neue Galerie; Graz (A)
2020 | *QUARANTARIUM: Resilience in the Time of COVID19*; group online exhibition; Kooshk Residency in collaboration with Mohsen Gallery; in partnership with Austrian Cultural Forum; Teheran (IRN)
2016 | *REFASHIONING AUSTRIA*; group exhibition; austrianfashion.net in collaboration with Liu Haisu Art Museum and the Austrian Federal Chancellery; Shanghai (CHN)
2014 | *THE LOVE SHOW*; group exhibition; glanz&gloria; Vienna (A)
2002 – 2014 | Several participations in international fashion fairs, exhibitions and shows in Beijing, Havana, Colombo, London, Paris, Berlin, Zurich, Vienna and Graz