

## PIA FRIES

- 1955 Born in Beromünster, Switzerland. Lives and works in Düsseldorf and Lucerne.  
1977 – 1980 Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts, specialist class for sculpting with Anton Egloff  
1980 – 1986 Academy of the Arts, Düsseldorf, studies painting with Gerhard Richter, master scholar  
1984 – 1998 Lecturer in painting at the Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts  
1998 – 2000 Lectureship in painting at the Academy of Arts, Düsseldorf  
2000 – 2001 Visiting professorship at the Academy of Arts, Karlsruhe / Freiburg i. Br.  
2007 – 2009 Visiting professorship at the Berlin University of the Arts  
2009 – 2014 Professorship at the Berlin University of the Arts  
2014 – 2023 Professorship at the Academy of Fine Arts, Munich  
since 2023 Member of the North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Düsseldorf

## Scholarships and Awards

- 1985 Jury Prize of the six central Swiss cantons  
1986 Graduate scholarship from the State of North-Rhine Westphalia  
1989 Work grant of the Canton and City of Lucerne, Fine Art  
Swiss government art scholarship  
1991 Swiss government art scholarship  
1992 Nordmann-Prize, Canton of Lucerne  
Swiss government art scholarship  
1994 Bonn Art Foundation  
1996 Art Prize Münsterland  
2000 Studio residency in London from the Zug Cultural Foundation, Landis & Gyr  
2009 Fred-Thieler Award, Berlinische Galerie, Berlin  
2011 Iserlohner art scholarship, Villa Wessel Iserlohn  
2014 Art- and culture award of the city of Lucern, Switzerland  
2017 Gerhard Altenbourg-Award, Lindenau-Museum Altenburg  
2023 Recognition award of the Foundation for Graphic Arts in Switzerland  
2025 Granted honorary citizen of the municipality of Beromünster

## Works in Public Collections

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| Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau, Switzerland          | Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA         |
| Albertina Modern, Vienna, Austria               | Ministerium für Bauen und Verkehr des Landes |
| Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, NY             | Nordrhein-Westfalen, Deutschland             |
| Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO                   | Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, France         |
| Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI          | Museum Folkwang, Essen, Deutschland          |
| FRAC Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France         | Museum Kurhaus Kleve, Deutschland            |
| Gerd Metzdorff Collection, Vancouver, Canada    | Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Deutschland   |
| Germanisches Nationalmuseum, Nuremberg, Germany | Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, CA     |
| Josef Albers Museum Quadrat Bottrop, Germany    | Nationalbank Essen, Deutschland              |
| Kunsthaus Zürich, Switzerland                   | Neues Museum Nürnberg, Deutschland           |
| Kunstmuseum Bern, Switzerland                   | Niedersächsische Sparkassenstiftung,         |
| Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany                       | Hannover, Deutschland                        |
| Kunstmuseum Luzern, Switzerland                 | Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME         |
| Kunstmuseum Mannheim, Germany                   | San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA       |
| Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, Switzerland             | Sprengel Museum Hannover, Deutschland        |
| Kunstmuseum Winterthur, Switzerland             | Staatgalerie Stuttgart, Deutschland          |
| Kunstpalast Düsseldorf, Germany                 | Studio A, Otterndorf, Deutschland            |
| Lindenau-Museum, Altenburg, Germany             | Universitätsspital Zürich, Schweiz           |

## Selected Exhibitions

Kunstmuseum Luzern / Bonner Kunstverein, 1992  
Galerie Mai 36, Zurich, since 1994  
Kunstverein Freiburg / Museum Kurhaus Kleve / Kunstmuseum Aarau, 1997 / 1998  
Biennale di Venezia, 1999 (G)  
Overbeck-Gesellschaft, Lübeck, 2000  
Site, Santa Fe, Biennial, 2001 (G)  
CRG Gallery, New York, 2004–2016  
Christopher Grimes Gallery, Los Angeles, 2002–2005  
Albright-Knox-Gallery, Buffalo, 2005 (G)  
Art Basel: Art Unlimited, Basel, 2005  
Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London, 2006, 2007  
Kunstmuseum Winterthur, 2007  
Joseph Albers Museum Quadrat Bottrop, 2007  
Berlinische Galerie, Berlin, Fred-Thieler-Preis, 2009  
Seoul National University Museum of Art, 2009 (G)  
Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, 2010  
Galerie Nelson, Paris, 2002–2013  
National Gallery of Art, Washington, 2013 (G)  
Kunstpaterre München, 2015  
Neiman Molenaar & Mai 36 Galerie, Hongkong, 2015  
Kopfermann-Fuhrmann Stiftung, Düsseldorf, 2016  
Galerie Ute Parduhn, Düsseldorf, since 2017  
Lindenau Museum, Altenburg, Gerhard Altenbourg Preis, 2017  
Museum Kurhaus Kleve, 2017  
Sprengel Museum Hannover, 2017 (G)  
Galleria ARTE-RIA, Locarno, Hans Brändli / Pia Fries, 2018  
Musée d'Art moderne de la Ville de Paris, 2018  
Kunstmuseum Bern, 2018 (G)  
Kunstpallast Düsseldorf, 2019  
Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, since 2021  
Kunsthaus Baselland, Basel, 2023  
Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, 2024  
Haus zum Dolder, Beromünster, 2025  
Germanisches Nationalmuseum, Nuremberg, 2026