

PIA FRIES

- 1955 Born in Beromünster (Switzerland). Lives and works in Düsseldorf and Munich.
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

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, Lucern

Works in Public Collections

- Aargauer Kunsthau, Aarau
Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York
Detroit Institute of Art
FRAC Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand
Josef Albers Museum Quadrat, Bottrop
Kunsthau Zürich
Kunstmuseum Bern, Stiftung Kunst Heute
Kunstmuseum Bonn
Kunstmuseum Luzern
Kunstmuseum St. Gallen
Kunstmuseum Winterthur
Kunstpala, Düsseldorf
Lindenau-Museum, Altenburg
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Musée d'Art moderne de la Ville de Paris
Museum Folkwang, Essen
Museum Kurhaus Kleve
Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen
Museum of Contemporary Art, MCASD, San Diego
Neues Museum – Staatliches Museum für Kunst und Design in Nürnberg
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
Sammlung Niedersächsische Sparkassenstiftung, Hannover
Staatsgalerie Stuttgart
Studio A, Otterndorf
Universitätsspital, Zürich