

Parra

Pieter 'Parra' Janssen

Dutch artist Parra (1976) is best known for his curved post-Pop imagery, highly saturated colours, vibrant hand-drawn letters and worlds inhabited by hybrid, surreal characters. Celebrated by galleries and championed by an underground following from the outset, Parra has quickly become a respected and eclectic artist worldwide. Working across drawing, painting, animation and sculpture, Parra creates an enigmatic and instantly recognisable style that defies easy categorisation. Parra is cofounder of cult apparel label Rockwell Clothing and a member of electronic music group Le Le. Parra Lives and works in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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Solo Exhibitions

2018

VOLTA, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York

2016

No Work Today, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York

I Can't Look At Your Face Anymore, Ruttkowski;68 Gallery, Cologne

2015

Yer So Bad, Jonathan Levine Gallery, New York

Parra (a 10 year survey, The story so far), Kunsthal, Rotterdam

Salut, Alice Gallery, Brussels

2014

Same Old Song, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

2013

And Wait for Something to Happen, Ruttkowski 68 Gallery, Cologne

Il Senso di Colpa, Galleria Patricia Armocida, Milan

Tracy Had a Hard Sunday, Jonathan Levine Gallery, New York

2012

Kind Regrets, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

Weirded Out, 60 feet indoor mural for the SFMOMA, San Francisco

2011

The How Original Show, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

2010

The Amsterdam Show, Common Gallery, Tokyo

Yes Yes Yes, Project Space, Los Angeles

2009

I Like the Tee Shirt but I Will Get the Painting, Pool Gallery, Berlin

The Disco of Italo, Patricia Armocida Gallery, Milan

Is That a Gun My Friend?, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

2008

Boo to the Hoo, Lazy Dog Gallery, Paris

2007

Parrived, Arrive, Miami

LaLaLa, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

The Of Best, Vallery Galley, Barcelona

Random Tits, Reed Space, New York

2006

Tits and Typo, Kemistry Gallery, London

The Art of Parra, Toykyo, Ghent

I really like it but could you change the colors & the design?, Lazy Dog Gallery, Paris

2005

Jobs I do for friends for less than 100 pounds, Kemistry Gallery, London

Selected Group Exhibitions

2018

10 Years, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York

2017

Pulse Art Fair, Joshua Liner Gallery Booth, Miami

2016

Juxtapoz x Superflat, Pivot Art + Culture, Seattle

Summer Mixer, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York

2013

UN/LIMITED, A Poster Project, Musée des beaux-arts, Le Locle. (Curated by Thibaud Tissot, onlab)

This is not Music, La Friche Belle de Mai, Marseille

2011

Animate Everything, Protein Gallery, London

2010

Never Judge...?, Stolen Space, London

Go Font Yourself, Peer Gallery, Sydney

2009

Smile On Your Brother, Livestock, Vancouver

Bad Day issue #4, Emporium Gallery, Montreal, Canada

2008

Yes, Gallery Mama, Rotterdam

Awards

Winner, D&DAD silver pencil for illustration for
Tastebuddies campaign (2011)

Winner, De Amsterdam Prijs voor de Kunst
(Amsterdam Art Prize 2010)

Winner, Best Illustration, Dutch Design Awards (2010)

Works in Public Collections

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Selected Press

Chris Read, Parra: Short for Paranoid, Hypebeast,
18 March 2011

Bradley Carbone, The Top 25 Artists of 2010, Complex Magazine, 20 December 2010

Arye Dworken, Piet Parra: My Life Has Surpassed
Expectations, The 99%, January 2010

Charly Wilder, Parra and the Case of Art v. Commerce,
New York Times, 14 September 2009