

### VROVRO GEIGER

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"As a human being, I feel called to reflect my inner and outer reality and express my subjective experiences and impressions I've made artistically and to share these with others. With different media such as visual arts, music, theatre and circus, I try to pick up aspects of today's society and find an artistic output for them. Art offers countless opportunities to reflect and question our society and through questioning it offers the opportunity to find new solutions to old and new problems. Art is a way of communication that can transcend borders.

One day I decided to destroy my paintings ("destruction action") in order to focus more on political issues and issues through conceptual and performance art. I am interested in the combination of different techniques and forms of expression. Many of the resulting projects have social aspects and invite people to be an active part of them. I love to travel and communicate with everyone I meet through the mediums of visual arts, music, theater and the circus."

Vrovro Geiger 2015

### PERFORMANCE, THEATRE & CIRCUS



© Christoph Schiele 2014

Vrovro Geiger is a freelance artist and singer/songwriter who is passionate about performing, solo as Lavanda Kawumm, or in cooperation with other performance and circus artists 2016-2022 she was part of the fire artist group Flame Rain Theatre or with the circus collective C³. From 2015 to 2017 she worked together with the artist Lisa Begeré in the performance duo Space Girrls. 2022-23 she worked on an interdisciplinary theatre play "Really angry!" together with the circus artist and clown Lisa Suitner. The play premiered in September 23.

Through her performances, she turns all the places she visits into platforms for encounters between her character and the audience. She likes to slip into different roles for her performances and responds to her own wishes and dreams with a pinch of self-mockery.

"I LOVE WHAT I DO. WHEN LOVE STOPS, I WILL STOP WHAT I AM DOING. I BREATH IN DEEPLY AND TRY AGAIN WHAT I WAS DOING BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY AND LOVE AND PASSION MAY COME BACK TO ME."

### LINKS

Lavanda Kawumm (since 2016)

VarietEKH (since 2013)

Flame Rain Theatre (2017-2022)

**Space Girrrls** (2014-2016)

C<sup>3</sup> Curious Circus Collective (2011-2015)

Froschkönigin (2013)

Rainbow Lagoon (2005-2011)

### **AUSBILDUNG**

2006-2007 <b>studies</b> " <b>arte</b> " at Universidad Católica, Santiago de Chile	
2002-2006 <b>studies German philology</b> at Main University Vienna, Austria	
2002-2003 <b>studies</b> " <b>voice, mass and oratorium</b> ", Conservatorium, St. Pölten	
2003-2011 <b>studies</b> " <b>Art and Communication</b> ", Academy of Fine Arts Vienna	
2002-2011 <b>studies</b> " <b>Textile Art</b> ", Academy of Fine Arts Vienna	
2020 "Ceramics" with Georg Niemann	
2019 <b>Drama-techniques</b> Stanislavsky; Chekhov, Sanford-Meisner with Dunja Tot	
2018 Basic-video-course at art2art	
2016 " <b>Creacion</b> " at "Bont's International Clownsschool", Menorca, Spain	
2015-2016 Training <b>psychodramatic roleplay</b> (Jacob Levy Moreno), ÖAGG Wien	
2015 <b>Clowntheaterworkshop</b> with Hubertus Zorell and Verena Vondrak	
2015 <b>Improvisation</b> -theatre-course with Werner Landsgesell	
2014 <b>Body-theatre</b> course with Willi Gansch	
2013 <b>Body-theatre</b> course with Anke Gerber	
2012-2013 artistic fellowship at Jana Sanskriti,	
International Centre of Theatre of the Oppressed, India, Westbengal	
2011-2012 Training " <b>Theatre of the Oppressed</b> " with Birgit Fritz	
2003 <b>Summer-academy</b> Geras, Prof. Hollemann	
2002 <b>Oil-Painting</b> , Geras	

### **FINE ARTS**



"Diagonal" (c) Vrovro Geiger 2008 Acrylic on canvas, Vienna

### <u>Selbstkritik – Selfcriticism 2008</u>

#### Video – Performance – Fine Arts

"Destruction of my own paintings on Held\_innenplatz in Vienna - as a symbol for self-criticism on the one hand and criticism of the art world on the other. As a challenge to all artists to consider socially critical themes. At the end of the performance, I invited everyone watching to change the images in a creative way and create something new together as a sign that interaction and social interaction are important aspects of being an artist."

Vrovro Geiger 2014

### **FINE ARTS**

### "City Perspectives" paintings, 1997 – 2008, Vienna



"Queer Perspective – schräge Perspektiven acrylic on canvas 80 cm x 80 cm Vienna



"City figures – Crane love" acrylic on canvas 100 cm x 120 cm Vienna

### "Faces & Bodies in the City" paintings, 2005 – 2010, Vienna



"Hidden Wonders" acrylic on canvas 80 cm x 80 cm Vienna



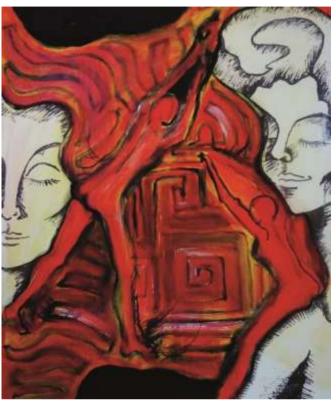
"Wondering" acrylic on canvas 80 cm x 80 cm Vienna

## FINE ARTS

### "Faces & Bodies in the City" Malereien, 2005 – 2010, Wien



"Psychedelic" acrylic on canvas 100 cm x 120 cm, Vienna (loan from André Reitter)



"Crawling Into The Labyrinth" acrylic on canvas 50 cm x 60 cm, Vienna



"City Walk" acrylic on canvas 50 cm x 60 cm, Vienna

# FINE ARTS

### Portrait-Paintings

paintings, Vienna and Santiago de Chile, 2005-2006



(c) Vrovro Geiger 2005-2006

# FINE ARTS

"Diverse Drawings", 21 cm x 29,7 cm, 2019 – 2022, Vienna



# FINE ARTS

"Scratchings" gravings, drawings, oil-chalk on paper, 2020



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"Scratchings" gravings, drawings, oil-chalk on paper, 2020





### PERFORMANCE ART

### ..Efficient Art Production"

# Performance at Mad Circus Convention painting by juggling

Paperfabric Graz, Austria 2014



(c) Vrovro Geiger 2014



"Ceiling paint" Acrylic/emulsion paint on canvas – 300 cm x 300 cm, Vienna

**UV-light** images

objects of the performance

### PERFORMANCE, THEATRE & CIRCUS

#### **Lavanda Kawumm**



Lavanda Kawumm 2018 © Natalja Kreil, Radessen

# Singer-Songwriter, Storytelling, Clown-Theatre, interactive performance

since 2016

Lavanda Kawumm sings her own poetry in German, French, English and Spanish, deals in her own way with the topics of equality, migration and freedom and invites the listeners to take part. Whatever Mademoiselle Kawumm does, she does it with enthusiasm and passion, but also with a great deal of courage to fail and self-irony.

### Flame Rain Theatre

# Feuerartistik, Theater, Musik, Tanz, Jonglage 2017-2022



The professional ensemble has years of international performance experience in the fields of circus, dance and theater. Technical perfection, beautiful choreographies and safety are guaranteed.

Many of the juggling techniques used were self developed and were unique. Vrovro's part was juggling with poi & staff, playing theatre and composing and performing the song for the grand finale.

© Lisa Sadovnik 2019, Graz

#### **Space Girrrls**

## LED-Performance, Clown-Theatre, dance, visual arts

2015-2017



© David 2016, Burgkino, Wien

Lisa Begeré and Vrovro Geiger met first 2012 at a rehearsal for a uv-light performance for the circus play "ReAlice". Since then they are both part of the Curious Circus Collective and create self-organized circus structures. Dreams came true, numbers have been created, stage design, costumes. They both tended to combine fine arts and performances, shared the passion for music and political views.

### PERFORMANCE, THEATRE & CIRCUS

Die Froschkönigin/The Frog Princess

### UV-Performance, Theatre, dance, Juggling, Visual Arts



2013

After numerous performances of "re-Alice", in 2012/13 they developed the black light performance "The Frog Princess" together with Sula Krause and Anna Thiemann. In 2014, the Curious Circus Collective developed the second circus piece "Brainsquatting", in which they performed together in some numbers. From 2015 to 2017 they performed as a performance duo and developed the number "Space Girls – A different kind of light poi painting" and offered circus theater workshops.

<u>Kunstzirkus – Ausstellung, Bühne & Workshops</u>/Art circus – exhibition, stage & workshop at one

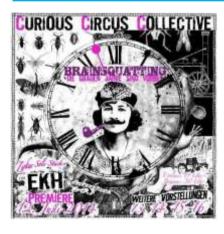
### Performance, Theater, Tanz, Jonglage, Visual Arts, Varieté, Ausstellung, Kurse



2015

With the "Art Circus" project, they created a format that combined their diverse artistic work: visual art, circus, performance, collective processes and an open, selforganized stage.

#### C3 - Curious Circus Collective



Circus-Collective, Circus-Theatre, Varietés since 2012

As a circus collective we invite professionell circus artists and amateur to get a show together, the income we donate to different organisations

### PERFORMANCE, THEATER & ZIRKUS

### "Richtig Wütend/Really Angry"

an interdisciplinary theatre play about the possibilities and limits of anger Since 2023



von und mit: Lisa Suitner und Vrovro Geiger Premiere: 22.9.2023, Theater am Saumarkt,

Feldkirch

Richtig wütend ist eine humorvoll inszenierte Kritik an der Selbstoptimierung, ein Plädoyer für mehr Selbstbestimmung und eine unterhaltsame Auseinandersetzung mit der eigenen Unzulänglichkeit.

# **PROJECTS**

### "Mahila Naudanda",

### Artcraft-Theatre-Project with women groups

Naudanda, Nepal, 2014









(c) Vrovro Geiger 2014, Naudanda, Nepal

### **PROJECTS**

"Kunstzirkus- Ausstellung, Werkstatt & Bühne in einem / Art Circus – exhibition, workshop & stage at once"

### Artproject together with Lisa Begeré,

at WUK and at Amerlinghaus, Vienna, Austria, 2015





#### **Creation of Puppets in Nepal 2013**

January & February 2013, Bhaktapur, NEPAL:

Creation of a "Putali", a traditional Nepalese puppet in collaboration with local artists and craftsmen. With the knowledge she acquired, the artist developed the design for a female joker: the Jokerni. The creation of the puppet was followed by a performance of a puppet theater piece.



(c) Vrovro Geiger 2013

## CONCEPTUAL ART IN PUBLIC SPACE



#### 2008

### "Lauffeuer"/ "Wildfire"

interactive project in public space, at Julius-Tandler-Platz, Vienna

#### 2007-2009

### "Tetrapack-Tipi"

presentation of the utopia of a controll-free space in public space made of Tetrapack; exhibiion at "Rundgang"Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna

#### 2009

### "Zwiebel"/"Onion – art, commercial or garbage", object in public space, at Urban-Loritz-Platz, Vienna

# ARTISTIC PORTFOLIO WORKSHOPS



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#### **BE: BENEVOLENT EMPOWERMENT**

#### THEATRE WORKSHOPS "MAGIC OF THEATRE"

#### □ VERBAL SELF-DEFENSE

setting limits and sharing opinions with the whole body, voice & heart

#### □ SELFEMPOWERMENT

selfempower yourself and otthers

#### □ "CRAZY/FUNNY GAMES" FÜR EINE GUTE GRUPPENDYNAMIK

exercices and games for people working with people

- □ IMPRO-WIESE: THEATRE FOR LIFE Improvisation theatre
- □ PLAYING THEATRE & LEARNING GERMAN roleplay & voice exercices
- □ CLOWNTHEATER learning through failure, embracing it
- ☐ THEATER FÜR KIDS writing and performing a theatre play
- □ ZIRKUS FÜR KIDS - writing and performing a circus varieté

#### ART WORKSHOPS "WORLD OF COLOUR"

- DRAW & PAINT 19:00-21:30, Creative Session at Amerlinghaus
- ACT & PAINT 18:00-22:00, artist meeting at Kulturcafé Max
- WINE & PAINT: 15:00-17:30, painting & sipping wine together at Planquadrat
- DRAW & PRINT Printing-Workshop at Craftistas
- PUPPETS Building & designing puppets
- MASKS Building & designing masks
- MAKING PAPER

### **REFERENCES**

#### Als Lavanda Kawumm:

Numerous concerts and shows in Europe, India, Nepal and Southamerica More information: https://kawumm.rocks/category/performance/

#### With Flame Rain Theatre:

Linzer Pflasterspektakel (2019, 2021) Villacher Straßenkunstfestival (2019, 2021) Gauklerfest Feldkirch (2019) Tagträumer\*innen Festival, NÖ (2021, 2022) Street Live Festival (2019) Bambera zaubert (2019)

Other shows: www.flame-rain.at

### **VIDEOS**

#### **DUO Space Girrrls**

2015 Varietekh

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZYK5Ougk1M

https://youtu.be/59REdo0l660

#### Lavanda Kawumm

https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=lavanda+kawumm

#### Flame Rain Theatre

https://www.youtube.com/c/FlameRainTheatre

### **FUNDED PROJECTS**

"Mahila Naudanda" Artcraft theatre project with women groups in Nepal, 2014

- Funded by solidarity circus shows at Varietekh

"Art Circus/Kunstzirkus – Ausstellung, Werkstatt & Bühne in einem", 2015, Amerlinghaus, WUK, Vienna

- Funded by MA7, Wien Bezirksförderung 1090, 1070

"Lichtspiele" Burgkino Varieté 2016

- Funded by Bundeskanzleramt BMKOES

**Theatre projects** 2019-2021Freiraumschule Kritzendorf:

2019: "Unruhe in Farbiniae" – concept, directing, show

2020: "Alte Geschichte neu erzählt" - concept, directing, show, OED: 600€

2021: "Eure Message auf der Bühne" – circus varieté-theatre play, concept, directing, show

Funded by Kultur Kontakt Austria later called OED: 700€

#### Funding for circus- & theatre productions:

2022: Artistic Scholarship for contemporary circus, BMKÖS – 8400€

2022: "Really Angry" Theatre project funded by Land Vorarlberg Kulturabteilung, durch Kulturabteilung der Stadt Feldkirch, BMKÖS