

# FOSTER/WHITE GALLERY

MICHAEL WOLF

1954 – 2019

## Education

- 1973-76 Studied photography and visual communications at the University of Essen, Germany, with Otto Steinert; Degree in Visual Communication
- 1972-73 UC Berkeley, California, USA
- 1971-72 North Toronto Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Canada

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 'Michael Wolf | Street View,' Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto, Canada
- 2020 'Spotlight on Michael Wolf,' Flowers Gallery, London, England
- 'Michael Wolf: Life in Cities,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2019 'Life in Cities Retrospective,' Urania, Berlin, Germany
- 'Bottrop-Ebel '76,' Josef Albers Museum, Bottrop, Germany
- 'Michael Wolf | Metropolis,' Bruce Silverstein Gallery, New York, USA
- 2018-19 'Life in Cities Retrospective,' Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, Germany
- 2018 'Bottrop-Ebel '76,' Flowers Gallery, Kingsland Road, London, England
- 'Life in Cities Retrospective,' Stelline Foundation, Milan, Italy
- 2017-18 'Life in Cities Retrospective,' The Hague Museum of Photography, The Netherlands
- 2017 'City,' Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto, Canada
- 'Life in Cities Retrospective,' Les Rencontres de la Photographie, Arles, France
- 2016 'Paris Rooftops,' Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto, Canada
- 'Hong Kong, Informal Solutions,' Centre Photographique, Pole Image  
Haute-Normandie, France
- 2015 'Paris Rooftops,' M97 Project Space, Shanghai, China
- 'Blind Walls and Night Trees,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen,  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 'Back Alley Deconstructed,' pop-up at wontonMeen, Hong Kong, China
- 'Hong Kong Inside Outside,' Tin Shed Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 'Tokyo Compression,' Belfast Exposed, North Ireland
- 'Informal Arrangements,' Flowers Gallery, London, England

- 2014 'Paris Abstract,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
 'Amsterdam: My Favorite Thing,' Wouter Van Leeuwen Galerie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 'The Real Toy Story,' K11 Art Foundation, Shanghai, China  
 'Architecture of Density,' Flowers Gallery, London, England
- 2013 'Architecture of Density, The Scout Shots & Small God, Big City,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 'Small God,' Big City, 25 Books, Berlin, Germany  
 'Tokyo Compression,' Recontres Gaspesie, Canada  
 'Architecture of Density,' X Bienal de Arquitetura, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
 'Transparent City,' Bau-Xi Photo, Toronto, Canada  
 'Industrial Architecture,' M97 Gallery, Shanghai, China  
 'Small God, Big City,' M97 Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2012 'Street View Portraits,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 'Total City,' Ivam Institut D'art Modern, Valencia, Spain  
 'Bamboo Theater Exhibition: Portraits of Cantonese Opera Singers,' Museum M+, Hong Kong, China
- 2011 'Untitled,' Flowers, London, England  
 'Life in Cities,' Christophe Guye Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland  
 'Real Fake Art / Tokyo Compression Revisited,' 25 Books, Berlin, Germany  
 Sh Contemporary, Shanghai, China  
 'Life In Cities,' Gun Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden  
 'Metropolis,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
 'I'm Watching You,' Elipsis Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey  
 'Fear in the City,' Monnaie de Paris, France  
 'Tokyo Compression,' Forum Für Fotografie, Cologne, Germany
- 2010 'Hong Kong Corner Houses,' Upper Station Street Gallery, Hong Kong, China  
 'We Are Watching You,' La Galerie Particulière, Paris, France  
 'Street View / Tokyo Compression,' Gallery Fifty One Fine Art Photography, Antwerp, Belgium  
 'Tokyo Compression,' 25 books, Berlin, Germany  
 'Street View & Tokyo Compression,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 'ISEEYOU,' Bruce Silverstein Gallery, Chelsea, New York, USA  
 'Life in Cities,' M97 Gallery, Shanghai, China  
 'Architecture of Density,' M97 Gallery at art HK 2010, Hong Kong, China  
 'Paris Street View,' Curated by Foam, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
 'Paris Street View,' Goethe Institute Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

- 2009 'Metropolis,' La Galerie Particulière, Paris, France  
 'Transparent City,' Wouter van Leeuwen Gallery at Art Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 'Architecture of Density & Transparent City,' Elipsis Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey  
 'Art Brussels,' Brussels, Belgium  
 'Transparent City,' Gallery Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 'AIPAD: The Photography Show,' New York, USA  
 'Transparent City,' Gallery Fifty One Fine Art Photography, Antwerp, Belgium  
 'Transparent City & Architecture of Density,' Entropy Art, Naples, Italy  
 'The Armory Show,' Modern, New York, USA
- 2008 'Transparent City,' Museum for Contemporary Photography, Chicago, USA  
 'Transparent City,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
 'Butterfly Dream: Shanghai Moca Envisage II,' Moca, Shanghai, China  
 'Translocalmotion: Shanghai Biennale,' Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
 'Hong Kong Back Door,' Lumenvision Gallery, Hong Kong, China  
 'Art Chicago Photography Show,' Chicago, USA  
 'Heritage: Hong Kong Corner Houses,' Goethe Institute, Hong Kong, China  
 'Real Fake Pictures & Architecture of Density,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2007 'Real Fake Art and 100 x 100,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
 'China Projects,' Gallery M97, Shanghai, China  
 'Fake - Portraits of Chinese Copy Art,' Goethe Institute, Hong Kong, China  
 'Hong Kong Industrial,' Ursula Huber Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
- 2006 'Architecture of Density / China Copy Artists,' Gallery Fifty One Fine Art Photography, Antwerp, Belgium  
 'Hong Kong Front Door Back Door,' German Museum for Architecture, Frankfurt, Germany  
 'Architecture of Density / Architecture of Work,' Art Fair Zurich/ Gallery Huber, Switzerland  
 'Architecture of Density,' Gallery Fifty One Fine Art Photography at Paris Photo, Paris, France  
 '100 x 100,' Gallery of the Goethe Institute, Hong Kong, China  
 '100 x 100 / Architecture of Density,' Daegu Photo Biennale, Korea  
 'Architecture of Density,' 798 Photo Gallery, Beijing, China  
 'Architecture of Density / 100 x 100,' Gallery Laif, Cologne Germany  
 'Architecture of Density,' Janet Oh Gallery, Seoul, Korea  
 'New Work from Hong Kong,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
 'Architecture of Density,' Hasted-Hunt Gallery, New York, USA

- 'Architecture of Density,' 1918 ArtSPACE, Shanghai, China
- 'Architecture of Density / 100 x 100,' Gallery Laif, Cologne, Germany
- 'Architecture of Density,' Janet Oh Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 'New Work from Hong Kong,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 'Architecture of Density,' Hasted-Hunt Gallery, New York, USA
- 'Architecture of Density,' 1918 ArtSPACE, Shanghai, China
- 'Hong Kong Architecture,' AIPAD New York, Robert Koch Gallery, New York, USA
- 'Sitting in China,' Kap Forum, Cologne, Germany
- 2005 'Hong Kong: Front Door/Back Door,' Gallery Colette, Paris, France
- 'Useful, Cute and Collected. The Photographed Animal,' Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
- 'Architecture of Density,' Ping Yao Photography Festival, Ping Yao, China
- 'Architecture of Density,' Art Basel / Robert Koch Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
- 'Architecture of Density,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2004 'The Real Toy Story,' John Batten Gallery, Hong Kong, China
- 'Hong Kong the Back Door,' Hong Kong Art Walk, Hong Kong, China
- 'Architecture of Density,' New York Fashion Week, Bryant Park, New York, USA
- 2003 'Portraits of Chinese People,' John Batten Gallery, Hong Kong, China
- 'Sitting in China,' Kestner Museum, Hannover, Germany
- 'Images Against War,' Galerie Lichtblick, Cologne, Germany

#### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 'Ten Photographs,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, USA
- 2021 'In my bubble,' Christophie Guye Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
- 'Focus on Photography,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, USA
- 2016 'Informal Solutions,' MOTi, Breda, The Netherlands
- 'In and/or Out: Seiichi Furuya and Michael Wolf,' Grisebach, Berlin, Germany
- 'The Soul of Money,' DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2015 'Straight Shot,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, USA
- 'Digital Conditions,' Kunstverein Hannover, Hannover, Germany
- 'Words matter,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2012 'Von Sinnen: Wahrnehmung in Der Zeitgenoessischen Kunst,' Kunsthalle Zu Kiel, Kiel Germany
- 'Public: Collective Identity | Occupied Spaces,' The Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada
- 'Making History,' Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany

- 2011
- 'The Near and Elsewhere,' PM Gallery, London, England
  - 'Davos Art Exhibition,' Meeting of the World Economic, Davos, Switzerland
  - 'Prix Pictet: Growth,' Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
  - 'Prix Pictet: Growth,' Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC, USA
  - 'Fotodoks,' Münchner Stadtmuseum, Munich, Germany
  - 'Infinite Balance: Artists and the Environment – Museum Photographic Arts, San Diego, USA
  - 'Cities: Visionary Places,' Torrance Art Museum, Los Angeles, USA
  - 'Metropolis. City Life in the Urban Age 2011,' Noorderlicht Photo Festival, Groningen, The Netherlands
  - 'Prix Pictet: Growth,' Arteversum, Dusseldorf, Germany
  - 'Sifest #20,' Savignano Immagini, Savignana Sul Rubicone, Italy
  - 'Hail Traveler!' Rick Wester Fine Art, New York City, USA
  - 'Summer in the City,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  - 'NY Temporary: The City Through Photography, Film and Video,' Muse Center of Photography, New York, USA
  - 'Prix Pictet: Growth,' Galleria Carla Sozzani, Milano, Italy
  - 'Prix Pictet,' Christophe Guye Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
  - 'Prix Pictet: Growth,' Thessaloniki Museum of Photography, Thessaloniki, Greece
  - 'Street Photography Now,' Uno Art Space, Stuttgart, Germany
  - 'Prix Pictet,' Passage de Retz, Paris, France
- 2010
- '10 years,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  - 'Street Photography Now,' Contributed, Berlin, Germany
  - 'Renversements de Faits / Abstractions Photographiques,' Le Château d'eau, Toulouse, France
  - 'Street Photography Now,' Third Floor Gallery, Cardiff, England
  - 'Alles Wieder Anders,' Ruhr Museum, Essen, Germany
  - 'Bredaphoto,' 2010, Breda, The Netherlands
  - 'Meer,' Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
  - 'City Flâneur: Social Documentary Photography,' Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong, China
  - 'From the Vanishing Point,' Demolished Public Housing Estates in Hong Kong – 1a Space, Hong Kong, China
  - 'Untitled,' Elipsis Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
  - 'The New York Photo Festival,' New York, USA
  - 'Index 1.0,' Gallery Fifty One Fine Art Photography, Antwerp, Belgium
  - 'Homelesshome,' Museum on the Seam, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2009
- 'Cities,' Places Visionaires – Auditorium Arte, Rome, Italy

- 'The Bare Necessity of Art,' Etherton Gallery, Tucson, USA
- 'Parallax,' M97 Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 'Landscape As Dream,' Studio La Citta, Verona, Italy
- 'Dystopia,' Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 'Art Rotterdam,' Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 'Transparent City,' Stephen Daiter Gallery, Chicago, USA
- 2008 'Summer in the City 08,' Galerie Wouter van Leeuwen, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 'China Design Now,' Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England
- 'Eastern Standard, Western Artists in China,' MASS MoCA, North Adams, USA
- 2007 'Two Photographers in a Dialog: Michael Wolf's Architecture of Density & Stephen Canham's Travelling Gypsies Homes,' Hallische Gallerien, Dresden, Germany
- 'New Urban Vistas,' Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, USA
- 'Bac!' Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- 'Facades,' Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, USA
- 'Contemporary Art from the Permanent Collection,' San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, USA
- 'Ulisphotofest 2007,' Ulisphotofest, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2006 'Architecture of Density,' Shanghai Biennale / ArtSPACE 1918, Shanghai, China
- 2004 'Truth! Photography's Promise of Reality,' Ruhrland Museum, Essen, Germany
- 2003 'Post Chicago: April 2003–2004,' Gallery 400, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA
- 2000 'Peking Shanghai Shenzhen: Cities of the 21st Century,' Bauhaus Museum, Dessau, Germany
- 1990 'Otto Steinert and Students,' Folkwang Museum, Essen Germany
- 1981 'Wie Lebt Man im Ruhrgebiet,' Folkwang Museum, Essen Germany
- 1979 'Eugene Richards / Michael Wolf: Neighborhoods,' Folkwang Museum, Essen Germany
- 1975 'Portraits of Craftsmen in Essen Werden,' Curated by Ute Eskildsen, Room 315 of the University of Essen, Germany

## Museum Exhibitions

- 2018 'Traveling Retrospective: Life in Cities,' Urania, Berlin, German; House of Photography at the Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, Germany; Fondazione Stelline, Milano, Italy; Fotomuseum den Haag, the Hague, Netherlands; Les Rencontres d' Arles, Arles, France
- 2016 'Photography and Contemporary Experience, Portland Art Museum, Portland, USA
- 2012 'Hong Kong and Shenzhen Biennial of Urbanism/Architecture,' Hong Kong, China

- 2010 '100 x 100 & Architecture of Density,' Venice Biennale of Architecture, Venice, Italy
- 2009 'Transparent City,' Aperture Gallery, New York, USA
- 2007 'Pieces of China: A Retrospective of Michael Wolf's China Projects,' Museum Center  
Vapriikki, Tampere, Finland
- 2006 'The Real Toy Story,' Museum for Work, Hamburg, Germany
- 'Made in China,' Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, USA

#### Permanent Collections

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany  
 The Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA  
 The German Museum for Architecture, Frankfurt, Germany  
 The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA  
 The Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, USA  
 The Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
 The San Jose Museum of Art, California, USA

#### Selected Publications

- 2012 Tokyo Compression Three, Peperoni Press / Asia One  
 Small Gods Big City, Hong Kong University Press  
 Bottrop Ebel, Peperoni Books  
 Architecture of Density, Peperoni Press / Asia One
- 2011 Hong Kong Corner Houses, Hong Kong University Press  
 Portraits, Superlabo, Japan  
 Growth - Prix Pictet 2010, Teneues Verlag  
 Tokyo Compression Revisited, Peperoni Press / Asia One  
 Real Fake Art, Peperoni Press / Asia One  
 FY, Peperoni Press
- 2010 A Series of Unfortunate Events, Peperoni Press  
 Tokyo Compression, Peperoni / Asian One
- 2009 Hong Kong Inside Outside, Peperoni / Asia One
- 2008 The Transparent City, Aperture / mocp
- 2007 Pieces of China, Tampere Museums
- 2006 Hong Kong Front Door Back Door –German Edition, Steidl
- 2005 Hong Kong Front Door Back Door, Thames & Hudson

2003	Chinese Propaganda Posters, Taschen
2002	Sitting in China, Steidl
2001	China im Wandel, Frederking & Thaler
1982	Maloche: Levin im Revier, Eichborn Verlag

#### Recent Awards

2011	World Press Photo Award Competition – Honorable Mention
2010	Prix Pictet Photography Award
	World Press Photo Award Competition – First Place
2005	World Press Photo Award Competition – First Place