Petra Cortright

b. 1986, Santa Barbara, CA Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

Petra Cortright's core practice is the creation and distribution of digital and physical images using consumer or corporate softwares. She became renowned for making selfportrait videos that use her computer's webcam and default effects tools, which she would then upload to YouTube and caption with spam text. Cortright's paintings on aluminum, linen, paper, or acrylic are created in Photoshop using painting software and appropriated images, icons, and marks. The digital files are endlessly modifiable, but at a "decisive moment" they are translated into two-dimensional objects. They become finite, yet their range of motifs and marks, and their disorienting perspectives and dimensions suggest dynamic change.

Education

2006 Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

2004 California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA

Awards

2015 *Rhizome: Future-Proof.* Joint honoree with Paul Chan & Badlands Unlimited

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2022 Foxy Production, New York (forthcoming) Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens San Clemente, CA (forthcoming) von ammon co., Washington DC (forthcoming)

2021 Société, Berlin, Germany Predator Swamping, 1301 PE, Los Angeles Spiced Diamond Pool Earn 4x Points, COUNTY Gallery, Palm Beach, Florida

2020 ZUCCHETTE VETTII, L21, Mallorca Rouge Vif d'Étampes, Brigade, Copenhagen borderline aurora borealis, team (gallery, inc), New York

2019

Computer Paintings on Linen, Duarte Sequeira Braga Petra Cortright. Danziger Gallery, New York LUCKY DUCK LIGHTS OUT, 1301PE, Los Angeles

2018

Platinum Blonde Black Knight, Société, Berlin BEUTYFOL GIRLS XEROX DESERT ROSE, Doota Plaza , Seoul Cultural Matter: Petra Cortright , LIMA , Amsterdam PALE COIL COLD ANGEL , Nahmad Projects , London BANK , Shanghai CAM WORLS , UTA Artist Space , Los Angeles

2017

HUMAN SHEEP BRAIN "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" AMERICANA , Foxy Production , New York RUNNING NEO-GEO GAMES UNDER MAME , City Gallery , Wellington RUNNING NEO-GEO GAMES UNDER MAME , Tristian Koenig , Collingwood quack doctor violet "saltwater fish" , 1301PE , Los Angeles

2016

ORANGE BLOSSOM PRINCESS FUCKING BUTTERCUP , Carl Kostyál , London die Rose , Société , Berlin ZERO-DAY DARLING , Ever Gold [Projects] , San Francisco

2015

Niki, Lucy, Lola, Viola , Depart Foundation , Los Angeles Ily , Foxy Production , New York

2014

PETWELT , Société , Berlin Petra Cortright , Carl Kostyal , Stockholm ASMR , MAMA , Rotterdam Family State of Mind , Petra Cortright & Ed Fornieles , Galerie Chez Valentin , Paris

2013

BLank BLANk bLANk , Steve Turner Contemporary , Los Angeles

2012

Vicky deep in Spring Valley , Club Midnight , Berlin Void Mastery , Blank Control , The Composing Rooms: The Green Room , London Video Syrup , Curated by Maggie Lee , Spectacle Theater , New York

2011

Beholder , Talbot Rice Gallery , University of Edinburgh , Edinburgh

SO WET , Preteen Gallery , Mexico City Lesbian Kiss Episode , Planet Ummo , Project Space , Mexico City

2010

It Takes Strength to be Gentle and Kind, Gloria Maria Gallery, Milan Avatar 4D, Curated by JstChillin, NOMA Gallery, San Francisco Tits Vagina Sex Nude Boobs Britney Spears Paris Hilton Jordan Capri Honey Moon, Preteen Gallery, Mexico City

2008

Show #20, Petra Cortright & Peter Barrickman, And/Or Gallery, Dallas

Selected Group Exhibitions

2021

Search Engine, MoMA Collection galler, MoMA, New York Summer Group Exhibition, Santa Barbara Museum of Art Spatial Affairs, Ludwig Museum – Museum of Contemporary Art, Budapest The Light Between Us, Kadist Video Library Online Video Exhibition Body Snatchers (The Church) Church of San Giuseppe – Polignano A Mare Studio Visit, The Centre d'Art Contemporain, Genéve

2020

Slippery Painting, Starkwhite, NZ
The Body Electric, traveling exhibition, Museum of Art and Design, Miami
Dade College, Miami, FL, organized by the Walker Art Center *MoMA Virtual View: Video Lives*, MoMA, New York, NY *PAINT*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
In the Meanwhile...Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary Art, Santa Barbara
Barbara, CA *Glitch, The American University in Cairo Tahrir Cultural Center, Cairo, Egypt Petra Cortright, Elizabeth Ibarra, and Susumu Kamijo, Aliso Editions* x The
Newsstand Project, Los Angeles, CA
permanent collection display, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

2019

Plugged-in Paintings, SITE131, Dallas, TX Hate Speech: Aggression and Intimacy, Künstlerhaus Halle für Kunst & Medien, Austria Now Playing: Video 1999-2019, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ The Body Electric, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN Dirty Protest: Selections from the Hammer, Los Angeles, CA Primary Directives, Marlborough Contemporary, London

Midnight Moment, Times Square Arts, New York, NY

2018

Par amour du jeu , Magasins généraux , Pantin I Was Raised on the Internet , Museum of Contemporary Art , Chicago

2017

4th Ural Industrial Biennial Of Contemporary Art. Curated by João Ribas, Ekaterinburg and other cities of the Ural region, Russia

2016

Shift, Stretch, Expand: Everyday Transformations , Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbra , Santa Barbara Chatham Square , Foxy Production , New York

Electronic Superhighway, Curated by Omar Kholeif, Whitechapel Gallery, London

2015

Young Americans , Franz-Josef-Kai 3 , Vienna The Metabolic Age , Curated by Chus Martinez , MALBA , Buenos Aires On YouTube. Kunst und Playlists aus 10 Jahren , Kunsthaus Langenthal , Langenthal First Look: Brushes , New Museum , New York L'art et le numérique en résonance 1/3 : Convergence , La Maison Populaire de Montreuil , Montreuil Im Inneren der Stadt , Künstlerhaus Bremen , Bremen

2014

Farm to Table , Foxy Production , New York Fútbol: The Beautiful Game , Los Angeles County Museum of Art , Los Angeles Liquid Crystal Palace: Recent Works with J. Blake , Honor Fraser Gallery , Los Angeles Art Post-Internet , Ullens Center for Contemporary Art , Beijing Full Screen , XPO , Paris You Might Be a Dog , Lab for Emerging Arts and Performance , Berlin E Vapor 8 , Site Gallery , Sheffield

2013

Casting a Wide Net , Postmasters , New York Paddles On! , Curated by L. Howard , Philips , New York "D" , ZweiDrei , Berlin Frieze Film , Curated by N. Lees and Victoria Brooks , Frieze London , London Meanwhile...Suddenly and Then , 12th Biennale de Lyon , Lyon Lonely Girl , Curated by A. , Martos Gallery , New York Sneakererotics: Further Material for a Theory of the Young-Girl / Curated by R. Peckham / Edouard Malingue Gallery / Hong Kong Art Baja Tijuana , Casa GS , Tijuana Things That Turn Your Brain to Mush , Museum of Contemporary Art , Santa Barbara

ZonaMACO, Steve Turner Contemporary, Mexico City

2012

E-Vapor-8, Curated by F. Gavin, 319 Scholes, Brooklyn Ex-Girlfriends in the Age of Drones, Naherholung Strenchen, Berlin

2011

December, De Joode & Kamutzki Winter Auction, Berlin LikeArtBasel, Miami Art Basel, Curated by R. Ripps, Sponsored by Artspace, Miami Notes on a New Nature , Curated by N. O'Brien , 319 Scholes , New York Empty Orchestra, Curated by G. Park and S. Rodgers, Eastside Projects at Birmingham Contemporary Art Forum, Birmingham Collect the WWWorld: The Artist as Archivist in the Internet Age, Curated by D. Quaranta, Settimana dell'Arte, Brescia Life on the Screen, Curated by P. Bard, RE/Mixed Media Festival, New York Video Village 2011: New Media Expeditions, Curated by N. Collier and S. Szerlip, Index Art Center, Newark Life on the Screen, Curated by P. Bard, Joyce Yahouda Gallery, Montreal Internet Livre, SESC Ribeirao Preto, Sao Paulo 2010

Domain: Webkam, Live Performance in collaboration with Rhizome.org, SJ01 Biennial, San Jose Made in Internet / Curated by M. Ramocki / Artbook Festival / Krakow VHS AIDS, Preteen Gallery, Hermosillo Playlist, Neoncampbase, Bologna Don't Worry, Be Happy, Showroom Mama, Rotterdam

2009

The True Artist Helps the World by Revealing Mystic Truths , Rapture Heap , Liberty Corner , Dublin My Biennale Is Better Than Yours, Xth Biennale de Lyon, Lyon Screen Grab, The Nightingale Theatre, Chicago Speed Conference Call Dating, Envoy Enterprises, New York PROMO Billboard Np3, Groningen New Wave , The Internet Pavilion , The Venice Biennale , Venice The New Easy, Artnews Projects, Berlin Treasure Room , Organised by Loshadka , Light Industry , New York Endless Pot of Gold CD-Rs, (with Nasty Nets), Sundance International Film Festival, Park City

2008

This is a Magazine: Episode 26, Curated by C. Agnello, Documentation Center For Visual Arts, Milan Netmares, Netdreams V 3.0, Current Gallery, Baltimore Young Curators, New Ideas, Bond Street Gallery, New York Build A Fire, Plexus Contemporary, Louisville Lizard Gear, Organised by Loshadka, MTAA's OTO, New York

New York Underground Film Festival , Anthology Film Archives , New York B I T M A P: as good as new , Leonard Pearlstein Gallery at Drexel University , Philadelphia

2007

B I T M A P: as good as new , vertexList , New York The Sims: In the Hands of Artists , Chelsea at Museum , New York Nasty Nets Event , Telic Arts Exchange , Los Angeles

Public and Museum Collections

MoMA, New York LACMA, Los Angeles Moderna Museet, Stockholm MOTI, Breda, in collaboration with Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive Hammer Museum, Los Angeles MOCA, Los Angeles San Jose Museum of Art, California Péréz Museum, Miami Net Art Anthology, Rhizome Booth Business School Collection, University of Chicago