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SIMEN JOHAN

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EDUCATION

- 1996 BFA in Photography, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 1992 Degree in Photography, Video, and Film, Lugnetskolan, Falun, Sweden

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Until the Kingdom Comes, Fotografiska Tallinn, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2022 Re-invented Realism, Space Z, Beijing, China
- 2019 Conspiracy of Ravens, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
Brad Cushman Gallery, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
- 2018 Until the Kingdom Comes, Fotografiska, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 Center for Photography, Ykaterinburg, Russia
- 2016 Simen Johan, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 Simen Johan, Olson Gallery, Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
- 2013 Simen Johan, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 Simen Johan, Until the Kingdom Comes, David Winton Bell Gallery, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2011 Simen Johan, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
Simen Johan: Until the Kingdom Comes, Pollock Gallery, Meadows School of the Arts, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
Simen Johan: Until the Kingdom Comes, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN
- 2010 Simen Johan: Until the Kingdom Comes, 21c Museum, Louisville, KY
Simen Johan, Pollock Gallery, Meadows School of the Arts, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
- 2009 Until the Kingdom Comes, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008 Simen Johan: Evidence of Things Unseen, Museum of New Art, Detroit, MI
- 2006 Until the Kingdom Comes, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 Breeding Ground, Stiftelsen 3,14, Bergen, Norway
Simen Johan, M.K. Ciurlionis National Art Museum, Lithuania
- 2004 Breeding Ground, Koch Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Simen Johan, Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, Norway
Simen Johan, Lumen Travo Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2003 Breeding Ground, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
Simen Johan, Hordaland Kunstsenter, Bergen, Norway and Rogaland Kunstsenter, Stavanger, Norway
- 2002 Evidence of Things Unseen, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 Room to Play, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 And Nothing Was to Be Trusted, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
And Nothing Was to Be Trusted, Benham Studio Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1999 Simen Johan, The Physics Room, Christchurch, New Zealand
And Nothing Was to Be Seen, Cortland Jessup Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 Self Portraits, Cortland Jessup Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 1996 Simen Johan, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
Simen Johan, Galleri Lava, Stockholm, Sweden

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 A Time for Everything: 25 Years of Contemporary Art, Scandinavia House, New York, NY
15 Fotografiska Years, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2023 In It For The Long Haul, Curcio Projects, New York, NY
- 2016 Another North: Landscape Reimagined, Scandinavia House, New York, NY

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- 2015 From Vision Machines to Instagram: Preus Museum Twenty Years, Preus Museum, Horten, Norway
Director's Cut: Recent Photography Gifts to the NCMA, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
100+: A Photograph For Every Year of the MIA, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Fra Synsmaskiner Til Instagram: Preus Museum 20 År, Preus Museum, Karljohansvern, Horten, Norway
Beastly/Tierisch, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland
Tech 4 Change, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Øvre Eiker, Norway
- 2014 New Mythologies: Supernatural States and Polar Exploration, Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
The Collector's Eye: The Maloney Collection, FotoFest 2014, Silver Street Studios, Houston, TX
Birds, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 Myths & Realities, Visual Arts Gallery at the School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
Unnatural Formations: Three Contemporary Photographers at Scandinavia House, Nordic Center in America, New York, NY
The Perfect Storm, Julie Saul Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 Beautiful Vagabonds: Birds in Contemporary Photography, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 Dead or Alive: Nature Revisited, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY
Other as Animal, Danese Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 Extended Family: Contemporary Connections, Brooklyn Museum, New York
- 2008 Presumed Innocence, Decordova Museum and Sculpture Park, MA
Pubertet, Haugar Vestfold Kunstmuseum, Tønsberg, Norway
- 2007 All for Art!, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada
The Digital Portrait, Clamp Art, New York, NY
Lost in the Woods, University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ
New Acquisitions, 21C Museum, Louisville, KY
Photographic Culture, CONTACT Toronto Photography Festival, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 Creepy Crawlies, Ipswich Art Gallery, Ipswich, Australia
Drawn, Exposed, & Impressed, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
New to View: Recent Acquisitions in Photography, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA
- 2005 Picturing Eden, George Eastman Museum Rochester, NY (traveling); Herbert Johnson Museum, Cornell University, NY; John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida; Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute, Utica, NY, Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA, University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, Iowa
Acting Out: The Invented Melodrama in Contemporary Photography, University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA and the Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY
The Children's House, Museum of New Art, Detroit, MI
In Focus: Contemporary Photography from the Allen G. Thomas Jr. Collection, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
- 2004 Pool Party, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
Photography Reborn, Kresge Gallery, Ramapo College, NJ
Changeling, Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney, Australia
The Picture of Innocence: Children in Modern Photography, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN
Dreamweavers, Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, NY
Beginning Here: 101 Ways, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
The Beauty of Darkness, Reflex Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2003 Only Skin Deep, International Center of Photography, New York, NY
Niños, Centro de Arte de Salamanca, Spain
Migration, A Barents Art Project, Grenseland Museum, Kirkenes, Norway (to travel to Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia through 2004)
- 2002 Role Play in Self-Portrait Photography, Zabriskie Gallery, New York, NY
New Acquisitions, Los Angeles Contemporary Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Into the Woods, Julie Saul Gallery, New York, NY

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- Evidence of Things Unseen, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY
Situated Realities, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD and Minneapolis College of Art and Design, MN
- 2001 Chelsea Rising, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA
In a New York State of Mind, Embassy of Sweden, Washington, DC
Go Fish, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO
- 2000 Don't Follow Patterns, Empire Bronze Foundry, Queens, NY
Images in a Post-Photographic Age, Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, NY
- 1999 The Artist as Patron, Alternative Museum, New York, NY
Images in a Post-Photographic Age, CEPA Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Artists of Our Times III, Alternative Museum, New York, NY
Revolution in Technology: Past and Present, Foreman Gallery, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY
Transcending Limits: Moving Beyond Mainstream, Texas Fine Arts Association, Austin, TX
- 1998 Re-conceptualizations of a Vision, Goldstrom Gallery, New York, NY
Sixth Annual New York Digital Salon, Visual Arts Museum, New York, NY (traveled to Italy, Spain and Portugal through 1999)
(R)evolution, Bianca Pilat Contemporary Art Gallery and Leonardo da Vinci National Museum of Science and Technology, Milan, Italy
- 1997 SVA Alumni, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY
- 1996 The Art Market, Gen Art, New York, NY
- 1995 Bit by Bit, Post-Photographic Imaging, Hunter College Times Square Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 Disposable Generation, CB's 313 Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

21C Museum, Louisville, KY
Art in Embassies, US Department of State, Washington, DC
Art and Learning Center & Union Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park, MD Art Gallery of Ontario, Ontario, Canada
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
Fanzhi Foundation, Beijing, China
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
LaSalle Bank, Chicago, IL
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts, Denmark
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
Norsk Museum for Fotografi, Preus Fotomuseum, Horten, Norway
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2012 The George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation Grant for Photography, Providence, RI
- 2009 The Pollack-Krasner Foundation Grant, New York, NY
American-Scandinavian Foundation Grant, New York, NY
- 2003 MacDowell Colony Fellowship, Peterborough, NH
- 2002 New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, Brooklyn, NY

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RADIO

- 2006 "The Speakeasy with Dorian." WFMU, 91.1 FM & 90.1 FM, 27 March.
2004 "Kultur Nytt." NRK1, (Norwegian Television), 14 Oct.
2003 "The Speakeasy with Dorian." WFMU, 91.1FM & 90.1FM, 10 Nov.
"The Leonard Lopate Show." WNYC, 820AM & 93.9FM, 28 Oct.

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Glaviano, Alessia. "The magic world of Simen Johan." Vogue 26 September 2019
Rapp, Adam. "The Sand and the Snow." The New York Times Style Magazine 10 April 2019
"Stunning Surreal Opposites: Simen Johan." Beautiful Now March 2019
- 2017 "La Storia Infinita." Amica June 2017.
Fu, Joanna. "The Nature of the World is Ambiguous." Cityzine April 2017.
"On Post-Production, Pt. 3: Inside the fantastical world of photographer Simen Johan." British Journal of Photography 27 January 2017.
- 2016 Horne, Rebecca. "These Nature Photographs Aren't What They Seem." Nautilus 14 July 2016
Rexer, Lyle. "Interview: Simen Johan." Photograph Magazine July/August 2016
Meyers, William. "Gravity Defiers, Fashion Mavens and Shape Shifters." Wall Street Journal 24 June 2016.
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Pereira, Lorenzo. "Amalgamation of Anthropomorphic and Zoomorphic in the New Simen Johan Exhibition at Yossi Milo." Widewalls 17 May 2016.
Seymour, Tom. "Simen Johan's matrix of the natural world go on show in New York." British Journal of Photography 3 May 2016.
- 2015 Don't Call Me a Photographer! Ivorypress: Madrid, 2015.
Leen, Sarah. "Picturing an Imaginary Animal Kingdom." National Geographic Proof 11 March 2015.
- 2013 "Goings On About Town: Art, Simen Johan." New Yorker November 2013.
"Simon Johan's Digitally Manipulated Photographs of Animals at Yossi Milo Gallery." Architectural Digest 28 October, 2013.
"The One Show You Must See in NYC this Season." Condé Nast Traveler, 30 September 2013.
Allende, Monica. "Simen Johan: Evidence of Things Unseen." Ojodepez, Volume 13, 2013.
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Meyers, William. "Lay of the Land and Strange Sights." The Wall Street Journal, 14-15 July, 2012
Zimmer, Carl. "Friends with Benefits." Time Magazine, February 20, 2012.
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Aletti, Vince. "Beautiful Vagabonds." The New Yorker, 29 August 2011: 20.
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- 2007 All for Art! In Conversation with Collectors, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 2008: p. 218.
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