

SHORT BIOGRAPHY – TERESA HUBBARD / ALEXANDER BIRCHLER

TERESA HUBBARD (Irish/ American/ Swiss, born in Dublin, Ireland 1965) and ALEXANDER BIRCHLER (Swiss, born in Baden, Switzerland 1962) have been working collaboratively in film, photography and sculpture since 1990. They live and work in Austin, USA and Berlin, Germany. In 2017 they represented Switzerland in the Swiss Pavilion at the 57th Venice Biennial in the exhibition "Women of Venice", curated by Philipp Kaiser. Their work invites suggestive, open-ended reflections on place and cinema and is "propelled by the artists' fascination with the open circuits of social life, memory, and history that sit just outside the frame of moving images."¹ Interweaving hybrid forms of storytelling, their work explores "the ways film's past-tense fictions permeate real geographies in the present."²

Hubbard / Birchler's work is held in numerous public collections including the Los Angeles County Museum LACMA; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at the Smithsonian, Washington D. C.; Kunsthaus Zurich, Switzerland; Kunstmuseum Basel, Switzerland; Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth; Museum of Fine Arts Houston; National Museum of Art Osaka, Japan and the Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany.

Their exhibition history includes venues such as the 48th and 57th Venice Biennial; the Tate Museum Liverpool; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago; Reina Sofia Museum Madrid; Kunsthaus Graz; Mori Museum Tokyo; Hamburger Bahnhof, Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin and the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin. Their exhibitions are regularly reviewed in the New York Times, ArtForum International, Art in America, Frieze, Parkett and has been prominently featured on the PBS series, Art 21 - Art in the 21st Century, an educational archive, resource and history of contemporary art that is broadcast in over 50 countries. Hubbard / Birchler are represented by Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York / Los Angeles; Lora Reynolds Gallery, Austin and Galerie Vera Munro, Hamburg.

Hubbard grew up in Australia and later attended the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, as well as the graduate sculpture program at Yale University School of Art, New Haven, Connecticut. Birchler grew up in Switzerland and studied at the Academy of Art and Design Basel and the University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland. They began collaborating as artists-in-residence at the Banff Centre for the Arts and later completed graduate degrees at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax, Canada. Currently, Hubbard is the William and Bettye Nowlin Endowed Professor in Photography and Birchler is an Associate Professor of Practice, in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Texas at Austin.

In April 2017, they were each awarded an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts in recognition of their outstanding achievements to art and culture by the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University in Halifax, Canada.

¹ Jordan Amirkani, „Sound Speed Marker at the Blaffer Art Museum“, in: *Daily Serving: An International Publication for Contemporary Art*, 10. Juni 2015.

² Grant Johnson, „Teresa Hubbard and Alexander Birchler“, in: *ArtForum International*, Critic's Picks, Oktober 2014.