

Roger Ballen

Born in 1950, New York. Lives and works in Johannesburg, South Africa.

One of the most influential and important photographic artists of the 21st century, Roger Ballen's photographs span over forty years. His strange and extreme works confront the viewer and challenge them to come with him on a journey into their own minds as he explores the deeper recesses of his own.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

- *Art Gallery of South Australia, South Adelaide, Australia
- *Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, Australia
- *Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- *Berkeley Art Museum, California, USA
- *Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, USA
- *Biblioteque Nationale, Paris
- *Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Alabama, USA
- *Bonnetantmuseum, Maastricht, Netherlands
- *Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
- *Centre National de L'audiovisuel, Dudelange, Luxembourg
- *Central Academy of Fine Arts Museum, China
- *Centro Fotografico Manuel Alvarez Bravo, Mexico
- *Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- *Chazen Museum of Art, Madison Wisconsin, USA
- *Cleveland Museum, Cleveland, Ohio USA
- *Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- *Ekaterinburg Museum of Fine Arts, Ekaterinburg, Russia
- *Fotomuseum, Munchen, Germany
- *George Eastman House, Rochester, New York, USA
- *Getty Museum, Los Angeles California, USA
- *Haifa Museum of Art, Israel
- *Hasselblad, Goteborg, Sweden
- *High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA
- *Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C., USA

- *International Center for Photography, New York, USA
- *Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
- *Iziko National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- *Johannesburg Art Museum, South Africa
- *Kuntsammlung Jena, Jena Germany
- *Les Rencontres de la Photographie, Arles, France
- *Los Angeles County Museum of Art, USA
- *Louisiana Museum, Denmark
- *Maison Europeene de la Photographie, Paris, France
- *Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom
- *MOMus Thessaloniki Museum of Photography, Greece
- *MONA Museum, Hobart, Tasmania
- *Musée de la Photographie á Charleroi, Belgium
- *Musée de l'Elysee, Lausanne, Switzerland
- *Museum for Fotokunst, Denmark
- *Museo nazionale Della Fotografia, Brescia, Italy
- *Museu de Arte Moderna do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- *Museum Dr. Guislain, Ghent, Belgium
- *Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
- *Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, USA
- *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, USA
- *Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA
- *Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- *Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, Paris, France
- *Museum of Contemporary Art, Madrid, Spain
- *Museum of Contemporary Art, Rome, Italy
- *Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb, Croatia
- *National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- *National Museum of Film and Photography, Bradford UK
- *National Art Gallery Sofia, Bulgaria
- *New Orleans Museum of Art, Louisiana, USA
- *Oliewenhuis, Bloemfontein, South Africa
- *Palm Springs Art Museum, California, USA
- *Pori Art Museum, Pori, Finland
- *Pushkin Museum, Moscow, Russia

- *Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- *Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels, Belgium
- *San Francisco Museum of Art, USA
- *Serlachius Museum, Mänttä, Finland
- *SMAK, Municipal Museum of Contemporary Art, Gent, Belgium
- *Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington D.C., USA
- *Spencer Art Museum, Kansas, USA
- *State Museum of Russia, Moscow, Russia
- *Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- *Tate Britain, London, UK
- *Tel Aviv Museum, Tel Aviv, Israel
- *The Baltimore Museum of Art in Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- *The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Centre, VASSAR College, New York, USA
- *The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC, USA
- *The Jewish Museum, New York City, United States
- *The Menil Collection, Houston, USA
- *The Museum at Bethel Woods, USA
- *The Museum of Fine Arts in Yekaterinburg, Russia
- *The Thessaloniki Museum of Photography, Greece
- *University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington, USA
- *University of California Art Museum, Santa Barbara, California USA
- *University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky USA
- *Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
- *Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Virginia, USA
- *Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, USA
- *Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa

BOOKS

2022

Ballenesque Roger Ballen: A Retrospective paperback edition – Thames & Hudson, UK

2020

Roger the Rat – Hatje Cantz, Germany

2020

The Earth Will Come to Laugh and Feast, by Gabrielle Tinti and Roger Ballen
PowerHouse Books, USA

2019

The World According to Roger Ballen – Thames & Hudson, UK

2019

Asylum of the Birds Second Edition - Thames & Hudson, UK

2017

Ballenesque Roger Ballen: A Retrospective - Thames & Hudson, UK

2017

Unleashed, Roger Ballen, Hans Lemmen - Kerber Verlag,

2017

Roger Ballen – Polaroids, volume 1 - Alex Daniels, Reflex Editions, Amsterdam

2016

The Theatre of Apparitions, Roger Ballen in collaboration with Marguerite Rossouw - Thames & Hudson, UK

2016

Roger Ballen Appearances, Disappearances, Reappearances - Nazraeli Press, USA 2016

2016

No Joke, Asger Carlsen, Roger Ballen - Morel, UK

2015

Resurrected, Toinen Tuleminen - Kerber Art/Serlachius Museot, Finland

2012

The House Project, Didi Bozzini - Oodee Books, UK

2015

Elemental, Roger Ballen and Adam Ganz - Hotshoe, UK

2015

Outland - Phaidon USA, UK First published 2000, Reprinted 2009, Second edition, revised and expanded

2014

The Audience - Nazraeli Press, USA

2014

Roger Ballen's Theatre of the Absurd - Pug Oslo, Norway

2014

Asylum of the Birds - Thames and Hudson, UK

2013

Roger Ballen and Die Antwoord, I Fink U Freeky - Random House Prestel, USA, UK

2013

Lines, Marks and Drawings: Through the Lens of Roger Ballen - Smithsonian National Museum of African Art Washington DC, DelMonico Books, Prestel, USA

2012

Roger Ballen – introduction by Dominique Eddé - Photo Poche, France

2011

Animal Abstraction - Reflex, Netherlands

2010

Roger Ballen Photographs 1969 – 2009 Ulrich Pohlman - Kerber Verlag, Germany

2009

Boarding House - Phaidon Press, UK

2005

Shadow Chamber - Phaidon Press, UK

2005

Outland - Phaidon Press, UK

1994

Platteland, Images from Rural South Africa, William Watermark Publications, South Africa

1997

Cette Afrique La - Photo Pouche series, Editions Nathan, France

1986

Dorps, Small Towns of South Africa - Clifton Publications, South Africa

1979

Boyhood - Chelsea House Publishers, USA, UK

FILMS

2020

Roger the Rat, Executive producer Roger Ballen, Director Justin Elgie, Artistic Director Marguerite Rossouw,

2020

No Exit - Revisited, Virtual Reality Production, Executive Producer Roger Ballen, Executive Director Renaud Gramolini,

2018

TateShots - A Good Picture Comes from Nowhere, Roger Ballen, Director Marie-Therese Hildebrandt,

2018

No Exit, Wiesbaden, Roger Ballen, Directors Roger Ballen, Jakob Klaffs and Maria Magdalena Ludewig,

2017

Ballenesque, Roger Ballen, Director Roger Ballen, Artistic Director Marguerite Rossouw,

2017

House of the Ballenesque, Roger Ballen, Directors Florent Demarchez and Laurent Perraeau,

2017

Tommy Can't Sleep Music Video by Die Antwoord, Creative Director Roger Ballen,

2016

Theatre of Apparitions, Roger Ballen, Directors Emma Calder and Ged Haney,

2016

Theatre of the Mind, Roger Ballen, Directors Tanja Bruckner, Roger Ballen and Marguerite Rossouw,

2016

You May Be a Photographer, But Are You an Artist? Roger Ballen, Director Ullrich Grill Cooperative of Photography,

2016

Outland, Roger Ballen, British Journal of Photography, Directors Seymour, T; Cox, T; Bainbridge S; Spatz, JM,

2015

Outland, Roger Ballen, Directors Ben Crossman and Roger Ballen,

2014

Asylum of the Birds, Roger Ballen, Directors Ben Crossman and Roger Ballen,

2013

Asylum, Roger Ballen, Director Saskia Vredeveld,

2012

I fink you Freeky Music Video by Die Antwoord, Directors Roger Ballen and Ninja,

2012

Behind the Scenes with Die Antwoord and Roger Ballen, Director Peter Schiering,

2009

Breakfast with Roger Ballen: Audio interview and 25 photos, Director Jim Casper
Lenculture magazine,

2005

Memento Mori, Roger Ballen, Director Saskia Vredeveld The Netherlands Film Fund,

2002

Selfportrait, Roger Ballen, Director Saskia Vredeveld Netherlands Broadcasting
Cooperation.

1995

Platteland, Images from Rural South Africa, Roger Ballen, Director David Thomas ITV
Television South Bank Show, London.

1986

Dorps, Small Towns of South Africa. A Film documentary on Roger Ballen's book, South
African Broadcasting Corporation,

1972

Ill Wind. Director Roger Ballen,

AWARDS

2019

Bokeh Lifetime Achievement Award for

2018

Kingston University, United Kingdom, Honorary Doctor of Art and Design

2017

The Asia Pacific Brands Foundation Legendary Award,

2014

Suddeutsche Zeitung Magazin, Artist of the year, (See Issue 46, November 14, 2014)

2010

Lucie Award, Finalist for Solo Exhibition of the year, George Eastman House,

2009

PhotoEspana, Madrid Spain, Honourable mention - Best Photographic Book of the Year for Boarding House

2006

Art Directors Club Award Photography

2004

Top 10 Exhibition 2004, Matthew Higgs, Artforum, December

2004

Honorable Mention, UNICEF Photo of the Year

2002

Top 10 Exhibition 2002, Vince Aletti, Artforum, December

2002

Photographer of the Year 2002, Rencontres d'Arles, July

2001

Photo-eye, Best Documentary Title, Best Photography Books of

2001

Special mention: UNICEF Photo of the Year

2001

PhotoEspana 2001, Madrid Spain, Best Photographic Book of the Year

2000

Sani Festival, Thessaloniki Greece, Best Solo Exhibition, February