

Matthias Kern

Printmaker / Artist

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Matthias Kern was born in 1964 in Celle, a small German city south of Hamburg. From a very early age he was exposed to various forms of art and attended all the art classes that were available in his hometown. He was fortunate to have attended classes with Martha Asfalck-Fietz, a very well known German artist, focusing on watercolor, and printmaking classes with Silvia Slawik-Nolte.

At this point *Matthias* was guided to study with Helga Hentschel-Holterdorf in Worpswede, an artist colony located in northern Germany (outside of Bremen) which further encouraged his desire to soak in as much art as possible.

In the mid 1980's, he became associated with other artists and held group shows in and around Celle and other German cities. In 1989 he had his first solo show, which brought him considerable notoriety and led his work to be presented more widely. As the early 1990's progressed, so did *Matthias'* work. He continued to attend art classes and hold more shows, both group and solo. He presented work all over Germany including shows in Hannover, Hamburg and Tecklenburg.

After moving to the United States and settling in New York, he had his first show in the DUMBO Art Festival in Brooklyn. Since then, he has had two solo shows in New York City. His work was noted as being a "very well needed entry onto the New York art scene." He also curated an art show at City College of New York assisting Japanese American artist, Michi Itami.

Over the years, *Matthias* has experimented with various artistic expressions including watercolor, acrylic and pastel, as well as printmaking. He enjoys working in the older printmaking techniques as well as more modern techniques of intaglio, encompassing dry point, aquatint, mezzotint, line etching, silk screen, monotype and woodcut.

His vision is to achieve with his art feelings that we all have experienced, and to allow his audience to personalize those emotions to mean something specific for them.

Pat Horner's article on Matthias in the magazine Inside Out:

"Kern's art has a lively, fresh temperament that is characterized by a surprising inventiveness that combines abstraction and representation in an intuitive way"

He studied under following artists:

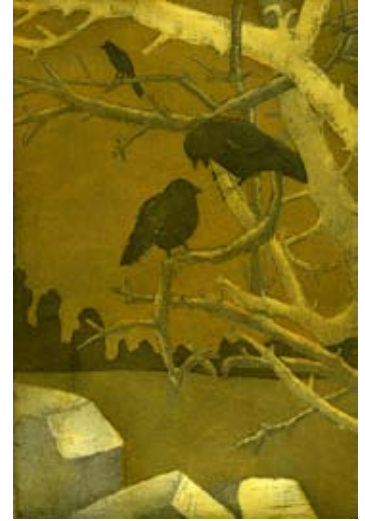
- Martha Asfalck-Vietz - Watercolor
- Silvia Slawik-Nolte - Printmaking
- Frederiecke Reinsch - Watercolor
- Michi Itami - Printmaking
- Arnold Brooks - Lithography
- Colin Chase - Sculpture
- Margaret Nussbaum - Silkscreen
- Takuji Hamanaka - Japanese Woodblock



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SOLO SHOWS

- 2010 - *upcoming April*: **"Trees/Nature/More"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
2008 - **"Expressions: Art and Antiques"**, Andes, NY, USA
2007 - **"Watercolor & Printmaking"** - West Kortright Centre, East Meredith, NY, USA
2007 - **"Impressions"** - Roxbury Arts Group, Roxbury, NY, USA
2005 - **"Face/Scapes"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
2003 - **"Dumbo Art Festival"** - Brooklyn, NY, USA
2002 - **"Lebensraum"** - New York, NY, USA
1999 - **"Cellesche Zeitung"** - Celle, Germany
1997 - Hamburg, Germany
1996 - **"Volksbank"** - Hermannsburg, Germany
1995 - **"Legge"** - Tecklenburg, Germany
1995 - **"ABH"** - Hannover, Germany
1994 - **"Cellesche Zeitung"** - Celle, Germany
1993 - **"Rathaus"** - Wesendorf, Germany
1991 - **"Cellesche Zeitung"** - Celle, Germany
1991 - **"Niedersachsenschau"** - Celle, Germany
1990 - **"Amalgam für Celle"** - Celle, Germany

GROUP SHOWS

- 2009 - *upcoming September*: **Grafisch Atelier Daglicht**, Meulensteen Art Center in Eindhoven, Netherlands
2009 - *upcoming August*: **"Print Exchange - Danger"** - Art House Coop, Atlanta, GA, USA
2009 - *upcoming April*: **"NOHO Art Walk"** - New York, NY, USA
2009 - *upcoming*: **"The Canvas Project - Volume 2"** - Atlanta Airport Atrium Gallery - July 31-September 4, Atlanta, GA, USA
2009 - **"Rome Art Coterie"** 03/28 - 04/05/09 - Rome Area Council for the Arts, Rome, GA, USA
2009 - **"Compact Prints"** 03/28 - 04/05/09 - Studio Paradiso, Sandon, Australia
2009 - **"Sketchbook Project 3"**
 - **Art House Gallery**, Atlanta, GA - February 27th
 - **Museum of Contemporary Art DC**, Washington, DC - March 3rd
 - **Chris' Jazz Cafe**, Philadelphia, PA - March 4th
 - **Laconia Gallery**, Boston, MA - March 6th
 - **Antena Gallery**, Chicago, IL - March 8th
 - **Soulard Art Market**, St.Louis, MO - March 11th
 - **3rd Ward**, Brooklyn, NY - March 13th
 - **Museum of Design Atlanta (MODA)**, Atlanta, GA - April 2nd
 - **Chicago Art Source Gallery**, Chicago, IL - mid May-mid June

2008 - **"Annual Christmas Show"**: Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
2008 - **"Christmas Show"** November - January '09: DAA Gallery, Delhi, NY, USA
2008 - **"Compact Prints"** 10/17/08 - 11/16/08: Umbrella Studio, Townsville, Australia
2008 - **"The Art of Democracy"** November: National Arts Club, New York, NY, USA
2008 - **"Face to Face"** May 31st - June 29th: DAA Gallery, Delhi, NY, USA
2008 - **"The Art of Persuasion"** - Chicago, IL, USA
2008 - **"CRAS Auction"** - Roxbury Arts Group, Roxbury, NY, USA
2008 - April: **"NOHO Art Walk"** - New York, NY, USA
2008 - January: **"The Art of Persuasion"** - Fine Arts Gallery at Westcester Community College, Valhalla, NY, USA
2007 - **"Annual Christmas Show"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
2007 - **"Print Salon"** New York Etchers Society - The National Arts Club, New York, NY, USA
2007 - **"Benefits Auction"** - Sierra Club, NY, USA
2007 - **"Who we are"** Portfolio Show - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
2007 - **"CRAS Auction"** - Roxbury Arts Group, Roxbury, NY, USA
2007 - **"The Art of Persuasion"** - Paramount Center for the Arts, Peekskill, NY, USA
2007 - **"NOHO Art Walk"** - New York, NY, USA
2006 - **"Annual Christmas Show"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
2006 - **"Designs for Living"** - Enderlin Gallery, Roxbury, NY, USA
2006 - **"Printmaking Show"** - Silvermine Guild Arts Center, New Canaan, CT, USA

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GROUP SHOWS (continued)

- 2006 - **"Benefits Auction"** - Sierra Club, NY, USA
- 2006 - **"CRAS Auction"** - Roxbury Arts Group, Roxbury, NY, USA
- 2006 - **"Creatures of the Deep & the Shallow"**, Sirene's Song Gallery, Greenport, NY, USA
- 2006 - **"NOHO Art Walk"** - New York, NY, USA
- 2006 - **"Art of Printmaking"** - Chace Randall Gallery, Andes, NY, USA
- 2006 - **"20th Anniversary Show"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York NY, USA
- 2005 - **"Annual Christmas Show"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
- 2005 - **"Small Works"** - Chace Randall Gallery, Andes, NY, USA
- 2005 - **"Group Show"** - Chace Randall Gallery, Andes, NY, USA
- 2005 - **"NOHO Art Walk"** - New York, NY, USA
- 2005 - **"Silkscreens"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
- 2005 - **"Imprinted: Contemporary Printmaking"** - El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe, NM, USA
- 2004 - **"Annual Christmas Show"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
- 2004 - **"Dumbo Art Festival"** Brooklyn, NY, USA
- 2004 - **"Annual Juried Art Competition at the South Arkansas Arts Center"** - El Dorado, AR, USA
- 2003 - **"Annual Christmas Show"** - Manhattan Graphics Center, New York, NY, USA
- 2003 - **City College** - New York, NY, USA (Artist and Assistant Curator)
- 1995 - **"Artist Community Vorwerk"** - Celle, Germany
- 1993 - **"Artist Community Vorwerk"** - Celle, Germany
- 1991 - **"With Dana Schönbach"** - Celle, Germany
- 1991 - **"Artist Community Vorwerk"** - Celle, Germany
- 1990 - **"Celler Artists"** - Celle, Germany
- 1989 - **"Celler Artists"** - Celle, Germany
- 1989 - **"Artist Community Vorwerk"** - Celle, Germany
- 1987 - **"Artist Community Vorwerk"** - Celle, Germany
- 1985 - **"Artist Community Vorwerk"** - Celle, Germany

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- 2007 - Manhattan Graphics Center Brochure, New York, NY, USA
- 2007 - Catskill Mountain News - upstate New York, USA
- 2006 - Walton Reporter - Walton, NY, USA
- 2006 - Catskill Mountain News - upstate New York, USA
- 2006 - Catskill Mountain Region Guide - upstate New York, USA
- 2006 - Manhattan Graphics Center Brochure, New York, NY, USA
- 2005 - Inside Out Magazine, upstate New York, USA
- 2005 - Catskill Mountain Region Guide - upstate New York, USA
- 2005 - Manhattan Graphics Center Brochure, New York, NY, USA
- 2004 - Dumbo Art Festival Brochure, Brooklyn, NY, USA
- 2003 - Dumbo Art Festival Brochure, Brooklyn, NY, USA
- before 2005 - Cellesche Zeitung, Celle, Germany (numerous times)
- before 2005 - Celler Markt, Celle, Germany (numerous times)
- before 2005 - Tecklenburger Tageblatt, Tecklenburg, Germany

COLLECTIONS

Private collections in USA, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Australia

SPECIALS

- 2003 - City College - New York, USA (Artist and Assistant Curator)

AWARDS

- 2003 - **Connor Award**, City College, New York, NY, USA
- 2003 - **Award for Disability Poster**, City College, New York, NY, USA

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Artist Statement

My work is created in various techniques such as printmaking, watercolor, and acrylic so as to achieve versatility as well as to remain interesting for myself

My visionary goal is to my audience and through my art, allowing them to find something within the artwork that they can personalize an emotion that can both mean something specific for them as well as realize a communal expression.

I seek to achieve a mystical essence to my work which I hope prompts the viewer to think and ponder it's meaning.

