

Doug Ashford (1958)

Born in Rabat, Morocco, lives and works in New York (US)

Doug Ashford is an artist, writer and Associate Professor at The Cooper Union in NYC where he has taught design, theory, sculpture, and public art since 1989. Ashford's early art practice (1982 - '96) was as a member of the collective Group Material that produced over 40 installations and public projects. By the mid-eighties the group's projects challenged the art exhibition form and proposed that audiences could be invited to imagine democratic forms, re-assign art's relationship to history and invent new purposes for the museum. The group's work has been recently collected in the book *Show and Tell: A Chronicle of Group Material*, (Four Corners Press, 2010) – edited by Ashford's long time collaborator, Julie Ault. Since 1996, Ashford continued to produce museum and public projects, the most notable production is the book *Who Cares*, (Creative Time, 2006), a publication built from a series of conversations between Ashford and an assembly of other cultural practitioners on public expression, beauty, and ethics. He has lectured internationally at numerous institutes and schools, and a selection of his writing has been collected in a publication produced on the occasion of his solo exhibition at the Grazer Kunstverein in 2013: *Doug Ashford: Writings and Conversations*. His painting work, sporadically produced and originally sequestered from public view, has been recently exhibited; In 2016 he participated in the Gwangju Biennial, 2014-15 his work was shown at *Beyond the Black Square*, Whitechapel Gallery London (UK), *Future Light*, Vienna Biennial, (AT), and *We Are Living on a Star*, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo (NO). In 2011-2012 he was part of the travelling show *Abstract Possible* (Malmö, Museo Tamayo, Tensta Konsthall), The Sharjah Biennial *Plot for a Biennial*, 2011 and dOCUMENTA13.

Education

1981 BFA, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art

Teaching

1089 - 2019 *The Cooper Union, New York, NY*
Professor since 2019

2012 - present *Yale University, New Haven, CT*
Visiting Associate Professor, School of Art, MFA Painting

2013 *Parsons School of Design, New York, NY*
Visiting Professor, MFA in Fine Arts Program

2014 - present *Salzburg International Summer Academy, Salzburg, AT*
Course Instructor

2013 *Fondazione Spinola Banna, Turino, IT*
International Workshop Artist

1999 - 2004 *Vermont College, Montpelier, VT*
Faculty Chair, MFA in Visual Arts Program

1992 - 2004 *Vermont College, Montpelier, VT*
Faculty, MFA Program in Visual Arts

1997 *Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH*

- 1993 - 94 Visiting Instructor
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
 Visiting Adjunct Professor, Mason Gross School of Art, Photography Department
- 1992 - 93 *Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI*
 Visiting Instructor, Graduate Program in Sculpture
- 1989 - 2000 *The Cooper Union, New York, NY*
 Adjunct Instructor/Professor, School of Art

Selection of Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Album*, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
- 2017 *Bunker 2*, Doug Ashford, Mission Gallery, Wales (UK)
- 2016 *Next Day II*, works by Doug Ashford @ 4th Floor, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
- 2015 *Bakersfield CA*, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
- 2014 *Doug Ashford, Six Paintings and One Photograph from Saturday, June 25th, 2005*
 Bureau Publik, Copenhagen (DK)
- 2013 *Abstraction as Empathy*, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
Doug Ashford, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz (AT),
 curated by Krist Gruijthuisen

Selection of Group Exhibitions

- 2019 Parallax, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
- 2018 *Common Forms*, Peana Projects, Mexico City (MX)
What We Make, Richard M Ross Museum, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware (US)
First Person Plural: Empathy, Intimacy, Irony, and Anger, BAK, Utrecht (NL)
Index: Doug Ashford, Matts Leiderstam, Karel Martens, Bruno Munari, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
- 2017 *Ephemeroptera*, The Hand, Brooklyn (US)
The Times, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York (US)
Spurensicherung, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
In the Abstract, MASS MoCA (US)
THE STAND, Organized by Prem Krishnamurthy and Anthony Marcellini, P!, New York (US)
 The Ural Industrial Biennial of Contemporary Art, NCCA, Ekaterinburg (RU)
A Poetical Wager, MoCA Cleveland (US)
Parapolitics: Cultural Freedom and the Cold War, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin (DE)

- 2016 Gwangju Biennial, Gwangju (KR)
Life of forms, Mary Boone Gallery, New York (US)
Dispatches, SECCA, Winston-Salem, NC (US)
First Exhibition, Elizabeth Dee, New York (US)
- 2015 *Adventures of the Black Square: Abstract Art and Society*, Whitechapel Gallery, London (UK)
Future Light, curated by Maria Lind, part of Ideas for Change, MAK, Vienna Biennale 2015 (AT)
Eminent Domains (proper names), Robert Miller Gallery, New York (US)
The problem today is not the other but the self, Ludlow 38, New York (US)
Sorry, I've been trying to teach a peacock how to act, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York (US)
All Watched Over, Curated by Tina Kukielski, James Cohan Gallery, NY
Formal Relations, Taymour Grahne Gallery, NY (US)
The School of Kyiv – Kyiv Biennial 2015, curated by Hedwig Saxenhuber and Georg Schöllhammer
*curated by Joe Scanlan: The * of Love*. Galerie Martin Janda, Vienna (AT)
Next Day, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
Plain Sight, Albertine Monroe-Brown Gallery, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo (US)
- 2014 *We Are Living on a Star*, Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo (NO)
Homing, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
Homing II, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam (NL)
- 2013 *Artists on art works*, lecture at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Memphis Social, organized by Tom McGlynn, Beautiful Fields Collective, Memphis Tennessee (US)
Together Apart, CCA Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw (PL)
- 2012 *Abstract Possible: The Stockholm Synergies*, Tensta Konsthall, Stockholm (SE)
Ruptures: Forms of Public Address, 41 Cooper Gallery, The Cooper Union, New York (US)
dOCUMENTA 13, Museum Fridericianum and other locations, Kassel (DE)
The Air We Breathe, SFMOMA, New York (US)
- 2011 Sharjah Biennial 10, A Plot for A Biennial, Sharjah (UAE)
Abstract Possible: The Tamayo Take, Museo Tamayo, Mexico City (MX)
- 2010 *Abstract Possible: The Trailer*, Malmö Konsthalle (SE)
- 2006 *When Artists say We*, Artists Space, New York (US)
- 1997 *A Museum for Antioch*, produced in collaboration with students of the *Exhibition as Artistic Medium*, Seminar, Yellow Springs, OH (US)
- 1994 *The Label Show: Contemporary Art and the Museum*, The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (US)
- 1988 *Unknown Secrets, Art and The Rosenberg Era*, Palmer Museum of Art; Aspen Museum, Aspen (US)
Constitution, Temple Gallery, Tyler University, (by Group Material) Philadelphia, PA (US)

- 1987 *Lost Facts*, Minor Injury Gallery, Brooklyn (US) (with students from Boys and Girls High School)
The Castle, Museum Fridericianum, Documenta 8, Kassel (DE), (by Group Material)
Home, Camera Lucida, Sydney, NSW (AU)
Resistance, Anti-Baudrillard, White Columns, New York (US), (by Group Material)
- 1986 *Post-pluralism*, Mission Gallery, New York (US)
Liberty and Justice, The Alternative Museum, New York (US)
 MASS, The New Museum, New York; LACE, Los Angeles CA and other locations (US)
 (by Group Material)
The Public Art Show, Nexus, Atlanta (US)
Seen and Heard, PS 122 Gallery, New York (US) (with students from Boys and Girls High School)
Whose Govt.?, Spectacolor Light Board, The Public Art Fund, New York (US)
Political Art Now, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen (US)
- 1985 *Situations*, The Museum of Modern Art Advisory Service, various locations
Alarm Clock, Festival Hall, London (UK) (by Group Material)
20/20, B.K. Smith Gallery, Lake Erie College, Painesville, OH (US)
A.D.: The Influence of Christianity on Contemporary Art, WORK Gallery, New York (US)
 (by Group Material)
Americana, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (US) (by Group Material for The
 Whitney Biennial; catalog)
Disinformation, The Alternative Museum, New York (US) (catalog)
Studio Artists 1984-85, The Clocktower, New York (US) (catalog)
Corners, The Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn (US)
- 1984 *Motives*, Hallwalls and The Albright Knox Gallery, Buffalo (US)
Selections, Artists' Space, New York (US) (catalog)
Timeline, PS 1, Long Island City (U) (by Group Material for Artists' Call Against US
 Intervention in Central America)
34: 83-84, The Clocktower, New York (US) (catalog)
Call and Response: Art on Central America, Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville (US)
American Fair, Danceteria, New York (US)
An Exhibition for Artists' Call, WORK Gallery, New York (US)
- 1983 *Persuasions*, The Kitchen, New York, (US)
Subculture, The IRT Subway trains of New York (US) (by Group Material)
Looks at Books, ABC NO RIO, New York, (US)
Contemporary Perspectives, Center Gallery, Bucknell University (US) (catalog)
Reading History, Printed Matter, New York (US) (solo installation)
Preparing for War, Brooklyn Army Terminal, Brooklyn (US)
Not For Sale, The El Bohio Community Center and surrounding streets, New York (US)
Resistance, Danceteria, New York (US)
Newspace, PS 122 Gallery, New York (US)

Selected Artist Talks, Lectures, Public Presentations, Panels

- 2018 Lecture, BAK, Utrecht (NL)
- 2017 Artist talk, “Reading Through the Non Human”, MoCA Cleveland (US)
Live projection, State of Emergency event, corner of Bowery and Prince Street, New York City (US)
- 2015 Lecture, “Stanley Picker Lectures: Doug Ashford,” Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK
Lecture, “Painting a Non-Human Being,” International Summer Academy, Salzburg, AT
Lecture, “Doug Ashford: Big Ideas,” Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
Panelist, “Abstract Art and Society,” Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 Lecture, “Painting a Non-Human Being For Living as Form,” Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Boston, MA
Lecture, “What we may know from abstract painting.” Oslo National Academy of the Arts (KHIO), Oslo, NO
Public conversation, “Doug Ashford and Mathias Danbolt,” Bureau Publik, Copenhagen, DK
Lecture, “Painting a Non-Human Being.” Meadows School of the Arts, SMU, Dallas, TX
Artist lecture, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
Public Conversation, Doug Ashford with Elizabeth Thomas, “Not My Outside World.” University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Visiting Artist, School of Art and Design at Purchase College, SUNY. NY
- 2013 Museum tour and lecture, “Artists on Artworks,” The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Lecture, “What we may know from abstract painting,” International Summer Academy, Salzburg, AT
- 2012 Seminar/Lecture, Independent Curators International, The Curatorial Intensive, New York, NY
Lecture, “What we may know from abstract painting,” Tensta Konsthall, Stockholm, SE
Artist lecture, Malmo Art Academy, Malmo, SE
Lecture/performance, “A Riot is the Language of the Unheard,” The Cooper Union, New York, NY
- 2011 Public Conversation with Angelo Bellfatto, “Sometimes We Say Dreams...” *The Propositions Series*, The New Museum, New York, NY
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, The Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm, SE
- 2010 Panelist, “Art and the Social: Exhibitions of Contemporary Art in the 1990s,” Tate Britain, London, UK
Artist Talk, Konstfack, University College of Arts, Crafts and Design, Stockholm, SE
Artist Talk, Malmo Art Academy, Malmo, SE
Panelist, “Performing the Curatorial,” Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, SE
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, The Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm, SE
- 2009 Moderator, symposia in conjunction with *Free as Air and Water*, The Cooper Union, New York, NY

Panelist, "The New Productivists," Museu D'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA),
Barcelona, ES
Panelist, "1980's Think Tank," Harvard Art Museum, Cambridge, MA
Participant, "Transpedagogy," Contemporary Art and the Values of Education, MOMA, New York
Panelist, "Tainted Love," La Mama Galleria, New York

- 2008 Lecturer and Panelist, "Disruptions: The Political in Art Now," Museum of Contemporary
Art, Chicago, IL
Panelist, "Protest and Survive, The Legacy of Collective Action" PS1/MOMA, (in conjunction
with *WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution*), Queens, NY
Visiting Lecturer, Open Practice Committee, Department of Visual Arts at the University of Chicago, IL
- 2007 Visiting Lecturer, Critical Issues Seminar, MFA in Visual Arts, Columbia University, New York
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, Syracuse University, College of Visual and Performing Arts,
Syracuse, NY
- 2005 Co-organizer, Moderator and Panelist, "Who Cares," Creative Time, New York (three
organized conversations on beauty and ethics published into a book of the same title, 2006)
Panelist, "A Conversation with Critical Art Ensemble," City University, New York
Respondent, "The Impact of Patriot Act on Art," 2005 CAA Conference, Atlanta, GA
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, The School of The Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA
- 2004 Visiting Artist/Lecturer, The Museum of Fine Arts, Glassell School, Core Program, Houston, TX
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, Yale University, School of Art, Sculpture MFA, New Haven, CT
- 2003 Visiting Artist/Lecturer, Universidad Politécnic de Valencia, Valencia, ES
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, Yale University, School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2002 Visiting Lecturer, Bard Center for Curatorial Studies, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY
Visiting Lecturer, School of the Arts, MFA in Visual Art Program, Columbia University,
New York, NY
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, The Merz Academy, Stuttgart, DE
- 2001 Symposia Participant, *Encuentros de Arte Publico*, Universidad Politécnic de Valencia, ES
Visiting Lecturer, MFA Program, Purchase College, New York, NY
- 2000 Symposia Participant, *Education, Information, Entertainment*, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, AT
Visiting Lecturer, MFA in Visual Arts Columbia University, New York, NY
- 1999 Visiting Lecturer, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
Visiting Lecturer, University of California, Art History Dept., Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 Lecturer, "Public Showings," Conference on public culture and issues of display, University of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, University of Hamburg, School of Art, Hamburg Kuntsverein, Hamburg, DE

- 1997 Panelist, "Public Art is Every Where," Kuturbelohde Hamburg and the Kunstverein Hamburg, DE
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, The University of Montana, Fine Arts program, Missoula, MT
(with Group Material)
- 1996 Panelist, *Point of Entry, public art projects of the Three Rivers Arts Festival*, Pittsburgh, PA (with Group Material)
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, The University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Art and Design,
Critic in Residence, Chicago, IL
Panelist, *Conversations on Culture*, Conversations at the Castle, Arts Festival, Atlanta, GA
Visiting Lecturer, New York University, Fine Arts Program, New York, NY
- 1995 Visiting Artist/Lecturer, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, CA (with Group Material)
Visiting Artist/Lecturer, Carnegie Mellon University, The School of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1994 Visiting Artist/Lecturer, University of California at San Diego, MFA Program, San Diego, CA (with Group Material)
Participant, *Summer Projekt im Kunstverein Munchen*, Munich, DE (with Group Material)
Lecturer, "Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way," Kunstlerhaus, Stuttgart, DE
Visiting Lecturer, California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA (with Group Material)

Published Essays

- 2013 "Writings and Conversations by Doug Ashford", edited by Krist Gruijthuisen. Graz: Grazer Kunstverein and Mousse Publishing, 2013
"Empathy and Abstraction (Excerpts)" published on the occasion of the exhibition *Traditions*, at Marres Center for Contemporary Culture and Grazer Kunstverein, June 2013
- 2012 "Sometimes We Say Dreams When We Want to Say Hopes, or Wishes, or Aspirations" in *Interiors*, Burton, Johanna; Cooke, Lynne; McElheny, Josiah, eds. Sternberg Press/CCS Bard, 2012. pp 88-109.
"AIDS Timeline" #032 of 100 Notes – 100 Thoughts, dOCUMENTA 13, 2012. (with Julie Ault).
"Group Material: Abstraction as the Onset of the Real" in *Performing the Curatorial; Within and Beyond Art*. Lind, Maria, ed. Sternberg Press, Berlin. 2012. pp 46-59.
- 2011 "The Boy in the Park, or, The Miniature and The Model" (third printing) in *Jochen Klein*, Schwenk, Bernhart and Tillmans, Wolfgang, eds. Hatje Cantz Verlag, Germany, pp. 221-5.
- 2010 "An Artwork is a Person" in *Show and Tell: A Chronicle of Group Material*, Ault, Julie, ed, Four Corners Books, London, pp. 220-5.

- 2009 "Group Material: une memoria de la abstraccion como matriz de lo real" in Los Nuevos Productivismos, Autonomous University of Barcelona. pp. 109-129.
 "The Miniature and the Model, On the Paintings of Jochen Klein" (second printing of this article) Artscape Magazine, #00, Feb/March 2009. pp. 6-11.
- 2008 "HaHa as a Catalyst for Collective Memory" in With Love From Haha, Essays and Notes on a Collective Practice. White Walls Inc, Chicago, IL, 2008. pp. 10-19.
- 2007 "Rebellion Without A Goal, On the Work of Sharon Hayes" in After Before The Near Future. Hernandez, Sophia, ed. Art in General, NYC, 2007. pp. 21-5.
- 2006 "Finding Cythera: Disobedient Art and New Publics." in Who Cares, Creative Time, Inc., pp. 15-20.
 "Aesthetic Insurgency", in System Error: War is a Force that Gives us Meaning, exhibition cat. Siena. pp. 99-119.
 "Group Material: On Democracy." in Participation, Bishop, Claire, ed. Whitechapel, London; MIT, Cambridge. p. 135.
- 2005 "Notes for A Public Artist." Public Space Anthology, Copenhagen University, pp.112-20.
- 2001 "Notes on the Pedagogical Importance of Failure", essay on MFA education and the Vermont College Program, Education, Information, Entertainment, Ute Meta Baur, Ed.; Editions Selene, Vienna, 2001.
- 2000 "Airport Photos", essay on the emotional economy of photography, The Saint Ann's Review, Brooklyn, NY, Vol.1 No.1, 2001. pp 145-8.
- 1998 "The Exhibition as Artistic Medium", annotated documentation of seminar taught at Antioch and the exhibitions that resulted from it. Art Journal, Vol. 57, No. 2, Summer
- 1998 "A Boy in the Park, or, The Miniature and the Model", essay on the relationship between Jochen Klein's paintings and the work he did with Group Material, in the book Jochen Klein, Wolfgang Tilmans, ed., Walter Koenig Publications, Cologne, 1998.
- 1997 "Democracy is Empty", interview with Mierle Laderman-Ukeles, Documents, no. 10, , Fall 1997. New York, NY. pp. 23-30.

- "Notes for a Public Artist", essay on the nature of community based art practices and their appropriation by urban renewal agendas, in the exhibition catalogue *Public Art is Everywhere*, Hamburg, Germany: Kunstverein in Hamburg and Kulturbehörde of Hamburg), pp.110-125, 1997
- 1997 "The Monument Lover", essay on loitering as a model for artistic practice, in *Öffentlicher Raum*, Helmut Draxler, ed., Verlag Anton Pustet, Salzburg, 1997.
"storage/displayed," review of an installation by Martin Beck for *Texte zur Kunst*, Cologne, 1997.
- 1991 "A Project by Group Material", artists' project, *Art Journal*, Vol. 50, No. 3, 1991, pp. 38-39.
- 1990 "Group Material's AIDS Timeline", *Afterimage*, Art & Auction, Art in America, Art New England, ARTFORUM, Arts, Contemporanea, High Performance, October, Parkett and Shift, Dec. 1990, (for Day Without Art 1990).
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- 2015 Rich, Sarah K. "Adventures of the Black Square: Abstract Art and Society 1915-2015", *Artforum*, April 2015. pp 246-7.
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- “*A Chronicle of Interventions.*” London: Tate Modern, London; San Jose: TEOR/eTica, 2014
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"Group Material: AIDS Timeline," *From Media to Metaphor: Art About AIDS*, Independent Curators Incorporated, (exhibition cat.), NYC, 1993, pp. 9-17.
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 "1991 Biennial Exhibition," (exhibition cat.) Whitney Museum of American Art, March 1991, pp. 46-47; 127.
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