LIESL RAFF

Born 1979 in Stuttgart, DE
Lives and works in Vienna, AT

Education

2007–2012 Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Sculpture Department, Vienna, AT
2003–2008 University of Music and Performing Arts Graz, Stage Design, Graz, AT

Solo Exhibitions

2026
Slant, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig, DE
Closer. Heidi Bucher – Liesl Raff, Kunst Museum Winterthur, Winterthur, CH
Wallpapers, Gathers and Mirages, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Vienna, AT
Hybrid Pleasures (with Helen Chadwick), Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, AT

2025
A Corridor, a Room, and Four Dens, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH

2024
Austrian Pavillion at 15th Gwangju Biennial, Gwangju, KR

2023
Gefüge (with Florian Mayr), EFES42 – Verein für Skulptur, Linz, AT
shed, Toplocentrala , Sofia, BG
clinch, Kunstraum Remise, Bludenz, AT
Liaison, fjk3-Contemporary Art Space, Vienna, AT

2022
covered, Sophie Tappeiner, Vienna, AT
Coats, Nicolas Krupp Galerie, Basel, CH
Transition, Kunstfenster Gnas, Gnas, AT

2021
Smoke and Mirrors, NEVVEN, Gothenburg, SE
Lasso of Truth, Edition, Linz, AT
The Loop, Sharp Projects, Copenhagen, DK
Schwindel, Biennale für Freiburg, Pförtnerhaus, Freiburg, DE

2020
About Palms, Snakes, and Tongues, Sophie Tappeiner, Vienna, AT

2019
#3 Liesl Raff, Crisis Contemporary, New York, NY, US

2018
Material Gestures, Galerie für Gegenwartskunst, E-Werk, Freiburg, DE
MAXIMAL SOFT, Sophie Tappeiner, Vienna, AT

2017
SO DO I, One Work Gallery, Vienna, AT

2013
pull yourself together, Kennst du Chagrall…?, Vienna, AT

Group Exhibitions

2027
The Outside Expands, Sixth New Museum Triennal, New Museum, New York, US

2026
Pauli-Preis 2026 (50. Jubiläum), Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen, DE
Spiel des Lebens, Fasan – contemporary art & more, Basel, CH
Stellprobe. Sammlungszugänge der letzten Dekade in einem Display von Heimo Zobernig, Belvedere 21, Vienna, AT
Lebt und arbeitet in Wien. Contemporary Art from Vienna, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, AT
Wallpaper #8; Donau Stromkilometer 1943,9, Liaison, evn Sammlung, Maria Enzersdorf, AT

2025
BOW, Austrian Cultural Forum London, London, UK
In erster Linie Skulptur. Denkform und Formensprache, Kunsthaus Mürz, Mürzzuschlag, AT
Kraut, Königshof 6, Königshof, AT
Kettenbrief, ES49, Vienna, AT

2024
17th Lyon Contemporary art Biennale, Lyon, FR
Particolare. A collectible exhibition (curated by Marc-Olivier Wahler), Kursalon Wien, Vienna, AT
Gekauft ! Und dann ? (curated by Vincent Weisl), musa - Wien Museum, Vienna, AT

2023
MELENCOLIA, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
Hier und Jetzt II, Neuer Kunstverein Wien, Vienna, AT

2022
"How exactly like the object, how beautiful!!", Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna, AT
Ebbing Touch, Madragoa Hotel, Lisbon, PT

2021
Avantgarde und Gegenwart (curated by Luisa Ziaja), Belvedere 21, Vienna, AT
PUT A SOCK IN IT! (curated by Lisa Long), Sophie Tappeiner, Vienna, AT
es ist viel passiert, Hotel Marienhof, Vienna, AT
enjoy (curated by Manuela Ammer), Mumok, Vienna, AT
The Slowest Urgency, objects for Philipp Gehmacher, Wiener Festwochen, Vienna, AT
einatmen, ausatmen, Kultum Graz, Graz, AT
Konkrete Poesie und so, Kunsthaus Mürz, Mürz, AT

2020
REVUE KAPITULIEREN, Ortloff, Leipzig, DE
Haus Wien, Vienna, AT
Oeverwerk, invited by Antoine Turillon, Graz, AT

Kunst im Setzkasten (curated by Heidi Brunnschweiler), Forum Kunst Rottweil, Rottweil, DE
Risentimento/ Ressentiment (curated by Christiane Rekade), Kunst Meran, Meran, IT
2019
Special School for Sculpture, xhibit, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Vienna, AT
Liesl Raff with Cäcilia Brown and Christoph Meier (curated by Peter Pakesch), Nicolas Krupp Galerie, Basel, CH
Peel Adhesion, Ve.Sch Kunstverein Vienna, Kaltenleutgeben, AT
Demolished Beauty x Mallorca, Spouse Vienna, Palma de Mallorca, ES

2018
Magazin im Internet Release and Exhibition, Pina, Vienna, AT
Champagnola, Westwerk, Hamburg, DE
Nowhere Near, Nextex, St.Gallen, CH
Material Gestures, E-Werk Freiburg, Freiburg, DE
Wiener Raum, Universitätsgalerie der Angewandten im Heiligenkreuzerhof, Vienna, AT

2017
Parallel Vienna with New Jörg, Vienna, AT
my moment is now yours (curated by Cathrin Mayer), Bob's Pogo Bar, Kunst-Werke Berlin, Berlin, DE
to figure it out, Sophie Tappeiner, Vienna, AT
How far to open up, Forum Stadtpark, Graz, AT

2016
A Thousand Friends, by Exo Exo, New Jörg, Vienna, AT
Ziesel oder ich hab auch Gefühle, Ausstellungsreihe Schmalzhofgasse, Vienna, AT

2015
Parallel Vienna with Bar du Bois, Vienna, AT
Peak Experiences, Shangrila, Joshua Tree, CA, US

2014
Ich vervielfache mich, um mich zu fühlen, Kunstraum NÖ, Vienna, AT
Der Schnupfen, Bar du Bois, Vienna, AT
SHOW BEAUTY HOT, ASA Studios, Hamburg, DE

2013
Bussi Baba, elephant art space, Los Angeles, CA, US

2012
Reflecting Fashion, mumok, Vienna, AT
Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Vienna, AT

2011
SAVE YOUR DATE, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Vienna, AT
Künstlerhauspassage (mit SAVE YOUR DATE) , Vienna, AT
there was a job to be done and everybody was sure somebody would do it..., Kunstraum NÖ, Vienna, AT
DÈJÀ-VU, (mit SAVE YOUR DATE), Kreisverkehr A7 Muldenstrasse, Linz, AT
PACO, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Kiel, DE
*Dispersio*n, The Smallest Gallery, Graz, AT

2010
The Most Incredible Thing, Demoraum K, Academy of Fine arts Vienna, AT

Temporealität, In der Kubatur des Kabinetts, Fluc Praterstern, Vienna, AT
Opening, Benu & Blu Banana Praterstern, Vienna, AT
max. 21x29,7, Paulusplatz, Vienna, AT

Residencies

2026
Residency grant abroad for artists (Austrian Federal Ministry), New York, NY, US

2018
Artist in Residence in Mexico City (Austrian Federal Chancellery), Mexico City, MX

Teaching

since 2019-2024
Lecturer and Senior Artist at the University of Applied Arts Vienna, Vienna, AT

2017-2020
Assistant Professor, Sculpture Department, University of Arts and Design Linz, Linz, AT