

# Tanya Leighton

## MARIANNE WEX

Born 1937 in Hamburg  
Lived in Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany  
Died 2020 in Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany

### Education

1961 Academy of Fine Arts, Hamburg  
1958 University of Fine Arts, Mexico City

### Selected Exhibitions

- 2024 *Identities*, Rothschild & Co Wealth Management, Zürich
- 2023 *Serial Tendencies*, SETAREH, Düsseldorf  
*The Lives of Documents—Photography as Project*, Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montréal
- 2022 *Fun Feminism*, Kunstmuseum, Basel
- 2021 *Masculinities: Liberation through Photography*, Luma Foundation, Arles; FOMU, Antwerp  
*The Feminist Avant-Garde of the 1970s. Works from the Verbund Collection*, Lentos Kunstmuseum, Linz, Austria  
*Entgrenzungen – von öffentlichen und privaten Sphären*, Kallman-Museum, Ismaning, Germany
- 2020 *Masculinities: Liberation through Photography*, Barbican Centre, London; Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin  
*Radical Passivity: Politics of the Flesh*, nGbK, Berlin
- 2019 *The Feminist Avant-Garde of the 1970s. Works from the Verbund Collection*, CCCB, Barcelona; International Center of Photography, New York  
*Maskulinitäten*, Bonner Kunstverein, Kölnischer Kunstverein & Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf
- 2018 *Let's Take Back Our Space*, Tanya Leighton, Berlin
- 2017 *Life. A manual exhibition inspired by the work of Georges Perec*, Galeria Zachęta, Warsaw, Poland
- 2016 *Bad Visual Systems: Ruth Buchanan, Judith Hopf, Marianne Wex, Adam* Art Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2015 *Marianne Wex: „Weibliche“ und „männliche“ Körperhaltungen aus den Jahren 1972 bis 1977*, Frauengesundheitszentrum Sirona e.V., Wiesbaden
- 2014 *Dependency*, Gasworks, London  
*Re-discovery*, Autocenter, Berlin
- 2013 *Le Deuxième Sexe - une note visuelle*, La Galerie - Centre d'art Contemporain, Noisy-le-Sec, Paris
- 2012 *Anna Oppermann: Filiations / Andrea Pinheiro: Bomb Book / Marianne Wex: Let's Take Back Our Space*, Presentation House Gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
*„Weibliche“ und „männliche“ Körpersprache als Folge patriarchalischer*

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- Machtverhältnisse*, Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe  
*Marianne Wex – An Exhibition*, Yale Union, Portland, US  
 2009 *Let's Take Back Our Space*, (curated by Mike Sperlinger), Focal Point Gallery, Southend-on-Sea, UK  
 1982 Institut of Contemporary Arts, London  
 1979 Bonner Kunstverein, Germany  
 1977 *Künstlerinnen International 1877-1977*, Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin  
 Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt a.M., Germany  
 1976 *Malerei*, Kommunikationszentrum Schalom, Hamburg

#### Selected Bibliography

- 2022 Judith Rodenbeck, "Between the Personal and the Political: On Marianne Wex's *Let's Take Back Our Space*", *ARTMargins*, December 2022
- 2020 "Marianne Wex (1937-2020)", *Artforum*, October 2020  
 Jens Hinrichsen, "Analystin von Körpersprache - Die Künstlerin Marianne Wex is tot", *Monopol*, October 2020
- 2019 Francesca Raimondi, "Dies ist kein Phallus", *Texte zur Kunst*, December 2019
- 2018 Jesi Khadivi, "Marianne Wex: Let's Take Back Our Space", *Flash Art*, March/April 2018  
 Anna Voswinkel, "Spatial Expansion", *Texte zur Kunst*, February 2018  
 Jens Hinrichsen, "Marianne Wex in Berlin: Men, Make Room", *Monopol*, 20 January 2018
- 2017 Mike Sperlinger, "Dead Precedents", *Bad Visual Systems cat.*, February 2017
- 2016 "Marianne Wex", *SPIKE Magazine*, March 2016
- 2014 "Wie Stehen Sie denn da?", *Monopol*, October 6, 2014  
 Leopold Lambert. "#TOPIE IMPITOYABLE /// The Space a Body "Occupies: Marianne Wex's Striking Gendered Photos", *THE FUNAMBULIST MAGAZINE*, 2014
- 2013 Amy Fung, "Anna Oppermann: "Filiations," Andre Pinheiro: "Bomb Book," Marianna Wex: "Let's Take Back Our Space", *Galleries West Magazine*, February 24, 2013  
 David Company, "Marianne Wex: Lets Take Back Our Space, 1979", *APERTURE no. 213*, 2013  
 "HERstories", *Contemporary Art Daily*, August 21, 2013
- 2012 John Motley, "Marianne Wex", *Artforum*, November, 2012  
 Richard Speer, "Gender, Bended and Re-bended", *Willamette Week*, October 16, 2012  
 Saim Demircan, "Marianne Wex", *Frieze Magazine no. 150*, October 2012  
 "Marianne Wex at Badischer Kunstverein", *Contemporary Art Daily*, September 1, 2012
- 2011 Mike Sperlinger, "Two Slight Returns: Chauneu Hare and Marianne Wex", *Afterall Journal*, April 19, 2011
- 2009 Mike Sperlinger. "Lets Take Back Our Space", *Body Language Catalog*,

- Focal Point Gallery, U.K. 2009
- 2002 "Männersprache – Frauensprache", *EMMA Magazine*, July/August 2002
- 1977 "Künstlerinnen International 1877-1977", *Women Artists International 1877-1977* catalogue pages 108-1013, Berlin 1977

#### Publications

- 2022 *A World History of Women Photographers*, Luce Lebart & Marie Robert (London: Thames & Hudson, 2022)
- 2020 *Masculinities: Liberation through Photography*, Ed. Alona Pardo (Westminster / London: Prestel Publishing, 2020)
- 2012 *Marianne Wex: an Exhibiton*, Ed. Robert Snowden & Hope Svenson, (Portland: Yale Union, 2012)
- 1992 *Parthenogenesis Today: Women, Naturally Pregnant Without a Second Sex* (Wiesbaden: Frauenmuseum Wiesbaden, 1992)
- 1979 „Weibliche“ und „männliche“ Körpersprache als Folge patriarchalischer Machtverhältnisse, 2037 Fotografien zeitgenössischer und historischer Körperhaltungen. (*Let's Take Back our Space, „Female“ and „Male“ Body Language as a Result of Patriarchal Structures*), Marianne Wex (Hamburg: frauenliteraturverlag, 1979)
- 1977 *Was ist Frauenkunst? Marianne Wex in Künstlerinnen international 1877 - 1977. Ausstellung im Schloss*, (Berlin: Schloss Berlin-Charlottenburg; Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst (NGBK) / Arbeitsgruppe Frauen in der Kunst, 1977)
- Body Language* (Berlin: Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, 1977)

#### Public Collections

Museum of Modern Art, New York