

Born in 1985, Calgary, CA  
Lives and works in Berlin, DE

## EDUCATION

- 2016 Meisterschüler\*in, Painting Class of Monika Baer / Amy Sillman, at Hochschule für Bildende Künste – Städelschule, Frankfurt am Main
- 2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts with Distinction, Concordia University, Montréal

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2027 upcoming solo show at Spike Island, Bristol
- 2026 Elif Saydam. Glory, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
- 2025 List Projects 32: Elif Saydam, MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge  
Elif Saydam. RAUS, Franz Kaka, Toronto  
Elif Saydam. Saving Nine, Kunsthal Thy
- 2024 Elif Saydam. Hospitality, Audain Gallery, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver  
Elif Saydam. Stealth, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich
- 2023 Elif Saydam. Eviction Notice, Oakville Galleries, Gairloch Gardens, Oakville
- 2022 Elif Saydam. F\*rgiveness, Tanya Leighton, Berlin  
Elif Saydam. Cleaning up the Neighborhood, All Stars, Lausanne  
Elif Saydam / Tom Hardwick Allan, Lady Helen, Berlin
- 2021 Elif Saydam. ...schläft sich durch, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg  
Shane (with Beth Collar), Zarinbal Khoshbahkt, Cologne
- 2020 Elif Saydam. Everybody's Fool, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle  
NADA (with Paul Kajander), Franz Kaka, Toronto  
Elif Saydam. Gut feeling, Tanya Leighton, Berlin  
glücksfall (with Leonie Nagel), The Tail, Brussels  
Elif Saydam. Selfing, Mélange, Cologne
- 2019 Elif Saydam. What me worry, Stadium, Berlin  
Elif Saydam. La Belle Dame sans Merci, Franz Kaka, Toronto

# GALERIE RÜDIGER SCHÖTTLE

- 2018 Colt Jonner's Desecration of Descent (with Vera Palme), Büro BDP, Berlin Art Week
- 2017 Elif Saydam. No R.E.M, Ashley, Berlin
- 2016 Elif Saydam. Matador, Kunstverein Albrecht Dürer Gesellschaft, Nuremberg

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2025 The Three-Legged Cat, 18th Istanbul Biennial  
My Protagonists, Kunst Raum Riehen, Basel  
The Shape of a City, Frank Kaka, Toronto
- 2024 Ansichten einer Ordnung, Anti Kriegs Museum, Berlin  
A Crack We Sprout Through, Sanatorium, Istanbul  
it's not you it's me, Sentiment, Zurich
- 2023 Die Wissen, Taxispalais Kunsthalle Tirol, Innsbruck and nGbk, Berlin  
Half Life, Franz Kaka, Toronto  
Doch alle eine Insel?, GAK Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen  
POTSBLITZPAINTING, Potsdamer Str. 103, Berlin
- 2022 ENTER\_NATURE, Galerie im Körnerpark, Berlin  
Zum schönen Knie II, Doom Spa, Berlin  
Playing with Bones, La Traverse, Marseille  
Dogtooth, Helena Anrather, New York  
Two Cents, Hopscotch, Berlin
- 2021 Lose Enden, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern  
Kuli, Mauer, Cologne  
Jahresgaben, Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg  
Von der schenkenden Tugend, Zarinbal Khoshbahkt, Cologne  
CASA UOVO, Sangt Hipolyt, Berlin
- 2020 Luxury and Glamour. The Wilfulness of the Superfluous, Landes-Stiftung Arp Museum Bahnhof  
Rolandseck, Bonn  
Perhaps A window?, Stadium, Berlin  
Reality, Tropez, Humboldthain Schwimmbad, Berlin  
Kartoffelmuseum, Stallmuseum, Berlin-Brandenburg  
Times in Crisis, Klosterruine, Berlin
- 2019 Von Fleisch und Zucker, Montez Press Radio, Hamburg  
Made in Balmoral, Künstlerhaus Schloss Balmoral, Bad Ems  
Desecration of Descent (with Vera Palme and Stefan Müller), Cologne Art Book Fair, Kölnischer  
Kunstverein, Cologne  
DOD for die Marmory Show IV (with Vera Palme), Deborah Schamoni, Munich  
NEUE HORIZONTE 2030, Winterfeldtstr 41, Berlin  
Pure Fyction Mausoleum, Johan, Frankfurt am Main  
Real Books (Extraordinary Tales), Jan Kaps, Cologne  
Network Error, INOX, Copenhagen

## GALERIE RÜDIGER SCHÖTTLE

- 2018 Still Life, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich  
Damp Down, Skeppsta hyutta Gnesta Konstrunda, Gnesta  
Die Welt und das Schwimmbad, Tropez, Berlin  
Pure Fyction, Ashley, Berlin  
Telephone: Miss St's Hieroglyphic Suffering, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin  
Emic etic, Between Bridges, Berlin  
Shan't Shalt Paint, TKA, Hamburg
- 2017 Produktion: MADE IN GERMANY DREI. Der Kaukasische Kreidekreis von Brecht,  
Kestnergesellschaft, Sprengel Museum, Kunstverein Hannover  
Young Positions, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich  
Pressing your face in wet grass, privateOFFSPACE, Frankfurt am Main  
Friday the 13th Full Moon in Cancer presents tears, Cave 3000, Berlin
- 2016 The Grand Balcony: La Biennale de Montréal. Le Misanthrope, Société des arts technologiques,  
Montréal  
Croissant, MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt am Main  
31 Women, Philipp Pflug Contemporary, Frankfurt am Main  
Marianne-Defet-Malerei-Stipendium, Kunsthalle Nuremberg  
Belly of the Whale, Johan, Frankfurt am Main

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2026 Maracuya Residency, Tijuana  
Arbeitsstipendium Bildende Kunst, Senatsverwaltung für Kultur und Gesellschaftlichen  
Zusammenhalt, Berlin
- 2024 Studio Fellowship New York City, Hessische Kulturstiftung
- 2022 Canada Council for the Arts Concept to Realization Grant  
Kunstfonds NEUSTART Kultur
- 2021 Canada Council for the Arts Concept to Realization Grant  
Singular Plurality: Canada in Germany, Frankfurt Book Fair, Canadian Embassy in Germany
- 2020 Sponsorship "Kataloge für junge Künstler", Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung  
Kunstfonds NEUSTART Kultur
- 2019 Künstlerhaus Schloss Balmoral, Stiftung Rheinland-Pfalz für Kultur, Bad Ems  
Singular Plurality: Canada in Germany  
Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant  
Canada Council for the Arts Research and Creation Grant
- 2018 Sobey Award Longlist, National Gallery of Canada  
RFSU Ottarfonden, SE  
Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant  
Production grant, Canadian Embassy in Germany

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- 2017 Berlin Program for Artists, Berlin  
Production grant, Canadian Embassy in Germany
- 2016 Marianne-Defet-Malerei-Stipendium. Da Vinci Pinselabrik / Kunstverein Nürnberg Albrecht Dürer  
Gesellschaft, Nuremberg  
Production grant, Canadian Embassy in Germany  
Linklaters LLP Prize for Painting, Städelschule Rundgang, Frankfurt
- 2012 Professional Development Award, British Columbia Arts Council  
Banff Centre Spring Thematic: LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL STOP PLEASE ALLOW FEATURES ASSUME... ,  
Banff Centre for the Arts  
Samband Islenskra Myndlistarmanna/Association of Icelandic Artists, Reykjavik
- 2009 The Betty Goodwin Award in Studio Arts, Concordia University  
Prix du centre des arts et des fibres du Québec, Concordia University / Diagonale Centre des arts  
et des fibres du Québec

## COLLECTIONS

Public Collection of Contemporary Art of the Republic of Germany, DE  
RBC Corporate Art Collection, CA  
Yan Du Collection, London, UK  
Neuer Berliner Kunstverein Artothek, Berlin, DE  
Istanbul Modern, TR  
By Art Matters, CN