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Denis Savary

Born 1981, Granges-Marnand, Switzerland / Lives and works in Geneva, Switzerland.

SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2025

Eidolon, Bernheim, Zurich, Switzerland

Présentation de deux vidéos de Denis Savary, Centre d'édition contemporaine, Geneva, Switzerland

Nashville, KBCB Kunsthaus Biel Centre d'art Bienne, Biel, Switzerland

2024

Quiet Clubbing, Centre d'édition contemporaine, Geneva, Switzerland

Roma Roma Roma, Rolex Learning center, EPFL, Ecublens, Switzerland

2023

Octogone with Chloé Delarue, Mayday, Basel, Switzerland

Pierre-Olivier Arnaud and Denis Savary, Josy's Club, Synagogue de Delme, Delme, France

2022

The Puppet Show, Centre d'Art Contemporain de Geneva, Switzerland

CAC synagogue de Delme, Delme, France

Maison Tavel, Musée d'Art et d'histoire, Geneva, Switzerland

Flower of Fog, GNYF, Berlin, Germany

2021

Fonderia Artistica Battaglia, Milan, Italy

Ambarabà Ciccì Cocco, Stiftung Kunst Halle Sankt Gallen, Sankt Gallen, Switzerland

Phantom, LEMME, Sion, Switzerland

Ithaca, Galerie Maria Bernheim, Zurich, Switzerland

Ventimiglia, Galerie Maria Bernheim, London, UK

2019

VFO edition, Zurich, Switzerland

Fondation Baur, Geneva, Switzerland

Houdini, Musée des Beaux-Arts, La Chaux-de-Fond, Switzerland

2018

Swamp, Galerie Maria Bernheim, Zurich, Switzerland

2017

Flytraps, Museo Pietro Canonica in villa Borghese, Rome, Italy

Eustache, Xippas, Geneva, Switzerland

2016

Jour Blanc, Centre Culturel Suisse, Paris, France

Lokis, Galerie Maria Bernheim, Zurich, Switzerland

Gipsoteca, Villa Medici, Rome, Italy,

Lagune et autres poisons, Le Confort Moderne, Poitiers, France

Denis Savary, Xippas, Paris, France

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2015

Neiges de Printemps, Mamco, Geneva, Switzerland
Denis Savary, l'Adresse, Le Printemps de Septembre, Toulouse, France
Neiges de Printemps, La Placette, Lausanne, Switzerland
Denis Savary, Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, France

2013

Etrusques, art3, Valence, France
Denis Savary, Xippas, Geneva, Switzerland
Etourneaux, Cyclop de Jean Tinguely, Milly-la-Forêt, France
Les Mannequins de Corot, Musée d'art et d'histoire, Geneva, Switzerland

2012

Baltiques, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland

2011

Brûlis, Xippas, Paris, France
Period Room, Evergreene, Geneva, Switzerland

2010

Carrousel, La Ferme du buisson, Noisiel, France
Le Narrenschiff, Centre Pasquart, Bienne, Switzerland
La Villa, Villa Bernasconi, Geneva, Switzerland

2008

Billard, Evergreene, Geneva, Switzerland
Denis Savary, Xippas, Athens, Greece
Meilleur Voeux / D'Après, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

2007

Musée Jénisch, Vevey, Switzerland
Xippas, Paris, France
Sima, Nuremberg, Germany

2005

Elles Portent Des Plaisirs Qui Leur Sont Propres Mais Qui N'Ont Rien A' Voir Avec Le Plaisir De
Se Grater, La Russille, Switzerland
Perpetual Motion Food, Sima, Nuremberg, Allemagne

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

Search for Tomorrow, Bernheim, London | Zurich
Woman in Blue: Oskar Kokoschka and Alma Mahler, Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
Félix Vallotton. Un Hommage, Musée Jenisch, Vevey, Switzerland

2024

Le MAMCO, de mémoire, MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland
Hot Shots!, EAC Les Halles, Porrentruy, Switzerland
Basel Social Club, Basel, Switzerland
Galerie Michela Shama x Hit, Michela Shama, Geneva, Switzerland
Temps De Mars, Musée des Beaux-Arts, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland

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The Big Chill, Bernheim, London, UK
Mirage, MCBA, Lausanne, Switzerland
Deep Deep Down, MUDAM, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

2022

Bally Artist of the Year Award 2022, MASI Lugano, Palazzo Reale, lugano, Switzerland
Listening To The Earth, MUDAC, Musée de Design et d'arts Appliqués Contemporains,
Lausanne, Switzerland
The Puppet Show, curated by Mohamed Almusibli, Centre d'Art Contemporain Geneve, Geneve,
Switzerland

2021

Platform 10, Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland
Michel François, Vincent Lamouroux: La Suite, Institut D'Art Contemporain, Villeurbanne, France
MAMCO - Permanent Collection, Geneva, Switzerland
Ballard in Albisola, Albisola 21, Jorn House, Albisola, Italy
Art en plein air, Môtiers 2020, Môtiers, Switzerland
Body Double, Galerie Maria Bernheim, London, UK

2020

Avant demain, Château de Penthes, Pregny-Chambésy, Switzerland
Nestlé Young Art Prize 2019, Vevey, Switzerland
Swiss Made: Invitation. Chapter II, Ribordy Thetaz, Geneve, Switzerland
Duna Bianca, A Proposal By ALfredo Aceto, Dittrich & Schlechtriem, Berlin, Germany
Misplacements, Museum Villa Stiassni, Brno, Czech Republic

2019

Cruise Kidman Kubrick, Galerie Maria Bernheim, Zurich, Switzerland
WEFRAC, FRAC des Pays de la Loire, La Fleuriaye, France
Roma,Roma,Roma, Istituto Svizzero, Rome, Italy
Oskar Kokochka. A Retrospective, Leopold Museum, Vienna, Austria
Récréation Exposition, Villa Bernasconi. Art Center, Geneva, Switzerland
Was Erzählt Die Romandie?, Häusler Contemporary, Zurich, Switzerland

2018

Oskar Kokoschka. A Retrospective, Kunsthaus, Zurich, Switzerland
Sang Bleu Carte Blanche, Selfridges, London, UK
RomaRomaRoma, Parc de la Grange, curated by Lionel Bovier, Geneva, Switzerland
Art en Chapelles, Villedieu lès Mouthe-Église St-Joseph, Labergement-Sainte-Marie, France
Nuit des Musées, Musée Jénisch, Vevey, Switzerland
Institut Français, Athens, Greece
Inversion / Aversion, Centre d'Art Contemporain - La Synagogue de Delme, Delme, France

2017

BIENALSUR - International Biennial of Contemporary Art of South America, Buenos Aires,
Argentina
Geneva Lux Festival, Geneva, Switzerland
In the Museum Trilogy, Kunsthaus Glarus, Switzerland
Villa du Parc, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Annemasse, France
The Show Must Go On, Kunstmuseum Bern, Switzerland

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2016

La Grande Place, CACY, Yverdon, Switzerland

30 Years Kunsthalle Bern Foundation, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland

2015

Tunguska, Galerie Maria Bernheim, Zurich, Switzerland

Dimensione Disegno. Posizioni contemporanee, Villa dei Cedri, Bellinzona, Switzerland

Work Hard: Selections by Valentin Carron, Swiss Institute, New York, USA

Printmaking, ECAL, Lausanne, Switzerland

L'Exposition D'Un Film (Produits Dérivés) Par Mathieu Copeland, Centre National de l'Estampe et de l'Art Imprimé, Chatou, Paris, France

Cycle Des Histoires Sans Fin Séquence Été 2015, MAMCO Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland

2014

Sphère 2014, Xippas, Continua / Le Moulin, Boissy-le-Châtel, France

Drawing Night, Centre Culturel Suisse, Paris, France

Le Regard du Bègue, Cycle des histoires sans fins, Mamco, Geneva, Switzerland

2013

Post Mortem, FORDE, Geneva, Switzerland

L'Origine Des Choses, Collection du Centre national des arts Plastiques (CNAP Paris), Centrale for Contemporary Art de Bruxelles, Brussels

Vertigo, Xippas Art Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland

LOST IN LA, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

The Never Ending Stories Cycle, Autumn Sequence 2013-2014, MAMCO Geneve, Geneva, Switzerland

2012

La Jeunesse Est Un Art/ Manor Art Award Anniversary Exhibition, Kunsthau Aargau, Switzerland

Misia, Reine de Paris, Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France

This and there, Fondation Ricard, Paris, France

2011

Café des Rêves, Helmhaus Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland

LOOK, Xippas Art Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland

Hospitalités, Institut français de Slovaquie, Bratislava, Slovakia

2010

Modèles modèles 2, Mamco, Geneva, Switzerland

Voici Un Dessin Switzerland (1990-2010), Musée Rath, Geneva, then Kunsthau, Aarau, Switzerland

2009

INSIDERS, L'entrepôt CAPC, Bordeaux, France

Invasion of Sound, Zacheta, National Gallery of Art, Varsow, Poland

Espéride, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Lausanne, Switzerland

Jean-Marc Chapoulie : Festival Spirits, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

2008

Palimpseste Un Bon Pre-texte, La Réserve, Pacy-sur-Eure, France

Performa(c)tivity, Amore Theater, Athens, Greece

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2007

Flexibility, Flexibility, Flexibility, Evergreene, Geneva Module, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

2003 - 2006

Incipit, Espace Paul Ricard, Paris, France

Conjonctions, cycle Mille et trois plateaux, sixième episode, MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland

Scènes De Vie, Centre Culturel Suisse, Paris, France

Disappearance, Fri-art Kunsthalle, Fribourg, Switzerland

Mine De Rien, MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland

Negotiation : for Love or Money, Donzé Van Saanen, Lausanne

Wrong Time, Wrong Place, Les Halles - Espace d'art contemporain, Porrentruy

GRANTS / PRICES

2023

Record Price for Faune

2018

Landis & Gyr Stiftung Residency, London, United Kingdom

2011

Prix Culturel Arts Visuels, Fondation Vaudoise pour la Culture, Suisse

2007

Swiss Art Award, Switzerland

Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France

2006 - 2007

Pavillon du Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

Atelier des Arques, Les Arques, France

2004

Prix Ernest Manganel, Fondation Ernest Manganel, Lausanne

Bourse de la Fondation Leenaards, Lausanne

Bourse de la Fondation Liechti pour les arts, Nyon

Swiss Art Award, Switzerland

2003

Viper Swiss Award, Basel

EDUCATION

2004

Diplôme d'arts visuels, ECAL, Lausanne

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

2020

BIRD in Geneva

ECA in Lausanne

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2024

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2023

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2022

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2021

McHugh, Camila. "The Shrunken World of Denis Savary." frieze, 10 February 2021.

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2014

Dirié, Clément, Jounnais, Jean-Yves and Phillipe-Alain Micahaud, eds. Denis Savaray. Zürich: JRP | Ringier, 2014.

2011

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