

# Minh Dung Vu

Biography & artist resume

**Biography**

Born in 1995 in Vietnam  
Resides and works in Leipzig, Germany

The Vietnamese-German artist Minh Dung Vu is a contemporary painter who rather sews his compositions instead of painting them. Due to minimal interventions on linen, abstract paintings by Vu are marked by subtlety, texture, and ingenuity. He explores the possibilities of painting, materiality, light versus shadow, and our perception of everything above.

Dyed fabrics, most often silk, are sewn onto the canvas, creating an interplay of the visual characteristics of the material medium with the surface as its carrier. His background in graphic design feels very palpable in his artistic practice as he carefully searches for the exact spot for a specific piece of fabric to be placed on its surface, with the general image remaining perfectly in balance.

Minh Dung Vu studied graphic design at the Vietnam University of Fine Art before taking on painting at the University of Fine Arts in Essen and at the Graphic Academy of Fine Arts in Leipzig, Germany. In 2020, Vu received an award of recognition at the STRABAG Art Award in Vienna, Austria. The young emerging artist has exhibited in Germany and abroad at emerging and renowned galleries.

**Selected solo exhibitions**

2021 *Time on Flow*, STRABAG Kunstforum, Vienna, AT

**Selected group exhibitions**

2022 *Thank You For The Delay*, CAI Gallery, Harelbeke, BE  
*Minh Dung Vu / Jo Hummel*, Gallery Benjamin Eck, Munich, DE  
Position Berlin Art Fair, Gallery Biesenbach, Berlin, DE  
Diploma Exhibition, Academy of Fine Arts, Leipzig, DE

2021 *Abstract/3/Struktur*, Gallery Biesenbach, Cologne, DE  
*Season Black*, Werkschauhalle, Spinnerei, Leipzig, DE

2020 *Essential Reduction*, Gallery Heike Strelow, Frankfurt am Main, DE  
*STRABAG Art Award Internation Exhibition*, STRABAG Kunstforum, Vienna, AT  
*Carte Blanche*, Gallery Biesenbach, Cologne, DE  
*Project on #7*, Gallery Damdam Koreanisches Kulturzentrum, Berlin, DE

2019 *Unsere Meinung*, Urban Jungle, Leipzig, DE  
*Degree Show*, HBK, Essen, DE  
*West – Östlicher Diwan*, Gallery Noack, Wassenberg, DE  
*Small World*, Gallery Biesenbach, Cologne, DE  
*Flow*, Kupferdreherst, DE

2018 *Essener Förderpreis*, HBK, Essen, DE  
*Contemporary Art Ruhr*, Innovative Kunstmesse, Essen, DE  
*Art of Nedschroef*, Essen, DE

2017 *Clear Prospect*, Toscana Halle, Berlin, DE

**Press & publications**

2022 "8 Emerging Abstract Painters to Collect Now" in *Contemporary Art Issue*  
2020 *STRABAG Artaward 25 Jahre Kunstpreis für Malerei und Zeichnung*. Klagenfurt: Ritter Verlag  
"The Best Minimalist Painting: A Complete Overview" in *Contemporary Art Issue*  
2017 *Clear Prospect*. HBK: Essen Verlag

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#### Awards & grants

2020 STRABAG Art Award — Award of Recognition  
2018 Deutschlandstipendium für begabte Studierende  
Essener Förderpreisträger

#### Collections

STRABAG Kunstforum, Vienna, AT

