

**NEO RAUCH from Germany**

 (born on [18. April](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/18._April) [1960](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/1960) in [Leipzig](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leipzig), Germany)

KNOWN AND FAMOUS…..

* for his idea of sampling: elements of art history, paraphrases of surrealism and metaphors of daily work life are combined.
* for having experienced the regime in the DDR, former Eastern Germany, as a teenager.

LIFE…

* Only four weeks after his birth Neo Rauch´s young parents died in a train accident. He grew up with his grandparents who were still very young for being grandparents (not 40 yet). They looked after him and his well-being in detail.
* After completing his A-levels he studied art painting at the [Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hochschule_f%C3%BCr_Grafik_und_Buchkunst_Leipzig) in Leipzig from 1981 till 1990.
* First he became an assistent of a famous German artist in Leipzig and then he started teaching art himself at the university. From 2009 till 2014 he worked as a professor in honour at the university.
* Neo Rauch is married to an artist called Rosa Loy. They have a son who is already an adult. The couple lives close to Leipzig.
* The city of Leipzig is home for Neo Rauch. That is where he gets the best and his constant inspiration.

STYLE…

* Paintings are bright and colourful.
* Fihures are shown in overlapping spaces and time levels.
* His style resembles a socialistic realism, but there are also elements of pop art and comic.
* Mostly his works resemble surrealism and an be described as magical realism. His ideas often seem of dream like.
* Rauchs painzings are shown in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and in the [Museum der bildenden Künste](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Museum_der_bildenden_K%C3%BCnste) in Leipzig.

CURIOSITY…

* Rauch´s paintings are popular with Hollywood stars. Brad Pitt likes his paintings and has already bought some.
* Neo Rauch is sometimes called the “Robbie Williams of the art world“. Is it because of his outward appearance or the hype created about his personalty?
* He needs bodyguards when he shows up and sometimes girls scream and faint when they see him.
* His painting „“Platz“ was sold for 1.641.085 Dollar.

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MASTERPIECES….

1. *Tal*, 1999, 200cm x 250 cm, oil on canvas (private collection)



1. *Fastnacht*, 2010, 2,5 m x 3 m, oil on canvas,**(**[Museum der bildenden Künste Leipzig](https://www.google.de/search?sa=X&hl=de&bih=730&biw=1517&cs=0&sxsrf=ALiCzsaiErwd0xsND1NrLoAkXVeVl0oMTQ:1662671540996&q=Museum+der+bildenden+K%C3%BCnste+Leipzig&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LVT9c3NEwzTi8xjzfJUuLSz9U3MDJLS08z1JLPTrbSL8ssLk3MiU8sKtEH4vL8omyrnPzkxJLM_LxFrCq-pcWppbkKKalFCkmZOSmpeUCk4H14T15xSaqCT2pmQVVm-g5Wxl3sTBwMAEo6GU9tAAAA&ved=2ahUKEwjx0dCUjob6AhUHzqQKHdPkBp0QmxMoAXoECEsQAw))



1. *Die Kontrolle*, 2010, 300 cm x 420 cm, oil on canvas, private collection



1. *Die Fuge*, 2007, oil on canvas

