

Arteritz – A Creation by ZoooooZ Roland Zulehner

About the Character: Arteritz Arteritz is a unique and imaginative figure born from the creative mind of artist and author ZoooooZ Roland Zulehner. Described as “**Die Kunst, die aus der Erde wächst**” (the art that grows from the earth), Arteritz embodies a living fusion of nature, creativity, and vibrant expression. This character represents the organic emergence of art — rooted in the ground, reaching toward color and life, intertwining image and text into a single, breathing entity.

Arteritz is not merely a static figure but a symbolic presence: a growing, evolving form that reflects Zulehner’s philosophy that art needs no reason — it simply dances, blooms, and leaves traces for others to follow.

About the Author: **ZoooooZ Roland Zulehner** ZoooooZ Roland Zulehner (born January 11, 1974, in Neresheim, Germany) is a contemporary German artist, painter, designer, and author known for his explosive use of color, abstract expressionism, and playful, emotional storytelling. Working primarily in acrylics on canvas, he creates vibrant, dynamic works that blend abstraction, portraiture, fantasy, and everyday inspiration.

Under his artistic alias **ZoooooZ**, he has built an international presence with a signature style that celebrates “**Dancing Colours**” and the belief that “**Art never needs a Reason.**” His motto — “*Leave a trace I can follow*” — runs through both his visual art and written work.

Roland Zulehner lives and works in Heidenheim, Germany, often collaborating artistically with Mumzy Maria (forming the duo Mumzy & ZoooooZ). His paintings have been featured in exhibitions, online galleries (such as TRiCERA, Loupe Art, Fine Art America), and publications.

In addition to his visual art, Zulehner is an **author** who writes poetry, short texts, reflections, and experimental books — often intertwining words and images. His writing echoes the same vivid, free-spirited energy found in his canvases.

Artistic & Literary Philosophy

For ZoooooZ Roland Zulehner, art and writing are inseparable ways of living colorfully and consciously. Whether through brushstrokes or words, he invites viewers and readers to discover beauty in chaos, emotion in movement, and meaning without explanation. Arteritz is one of his most poetic manifestations — a figure that grows, transforms, and reminds us that creativity is alive, rooted, and unstoppable.

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- Instagram: [@roland_zulehner](https://www.instagram.com/roland_zulehner)
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- Facebook: Roland Zulehner / Zulehner
- Other platforms: Fine Art America, TRiCERA, ArtMajeur

“Art is at the heart of everything — from the way we move to how we prepare a meal.”

— **ZoooooZ Roland Zulehner**

Contemporary Art refers to art produced by artists living and working in the present day, generally from roughly the late 20th century (often post-1970s or 1980s) to the current moment. It encompasses a wide range of practices in a globally influenced, culturally diverse, and technologically advancing world. Contemporary artists dynamically combine materials, methods, concepts, and subjects, continuing to challenge boundaries that began in the 20th century.^{[1][2][3]} Contemporary art is defined by its pluralism—no single dominant style or ideology prevails—and its focus on innovation, social commentary, identity, globalization, and technological integration.^[4]

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Idea and Essence

Contemporary art reflects the complexities of the present, responding to current events, cultural shifts, political climates, environmental concerns, identity politics, and digital transformation. It often prioritizes concepts over pure aesthetics, using art as a tool for questioning societal norms, exploring personal narratives, and fostering dialogue. Unlike earlier movements with unified goals, contemporary art embraces diversity of perspectives, making it multifaceted and reflective of lived experiences today.^{[5][6]}

Historical Context

Contemporary art emerged as a departure from modernism in the 1960s–1970s, influenced by movements like Pop Art, Minimalism, Conceptual Art, and Postmodernism. It rejects modernism's emphasis on formal purity and universal truths, instead embracing appropriation, context, institutional critique, and dematerialization (e.g., performance, installations, video). Institutions like Tate Modern (opened 2000) and MoMA define it as art from roughly 1980 onward, though timelines vary.^{[1][2][7]}

Characteristics

Key features include:

Pluralism and diversity of styles, media, and perspectives
Conceptual focus: ideas often take precedence over technique
Use of varied materials and hybrid forms (traditional to digital/AI)
Engagement with social, political, and environmental issues
Blurring boundaries between art and life, high and low culture
Innovation and experimentation, rejecting strict rules^{[8][9]}

Techniques and Mediums



Contemporary artists employ an unrestricted range of techniques: painting, sculpture, photography, video, performance, installation, digital art, AI-generated works, found objects, and immersive environments. This flexibility allows for hybrid practices that prioritize concept and experience.[\[10\]](#)

Impact

Contemporary art provokes reflection on urgent global issues, creating sensory, intellectual, and emotional engagement. It influences culture, fashion, activism, and digital spaces, democratizing expression through social media and global platforms while challenging viewers to confront the present.[\[11\]](#)

Key Figures

Influential contemporary artists include Yayoi Kusama (infinity installations), Jeff Koons (commodification), Damien Hirst (conceptual works), Ai Weiwei (political activism), and Banksy (street art). In 2025–2026, rising or highly influential voices feature Amy Sherald (portraiture and identity), Kerry James Marshall (history re-centered), Anne Imhof (performance), Beeple (digital/NFT), and emerging talents exploring surrealism, technology, and narrative.[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)

Contemporary Perspectives

In the mid-2020s, contemporary art continues to evolve with trends like renewed materiality amid digital saturation, marginalized narratives, AI integration, and social engagement. It shapes visual culture through multipolar, innovative practices.[\[14\]](#)

Controversial Art of the New Era



Kunst gepackt in Dosen für Jeden, Idee und

realisiert von ZoooooZ

Contemporary art is often controversial, pushing boundaries with provocative themes, materials, and concepts that challenge social norms, politics, and ethics. Notable examples include Maurizio Cattelan's works, such as a banana duct-taped to a wall sold for \$120,000, critiquing commodification; Tracey Emin's *My Bed*, seen as obscene for displaying personal detritus; and Damien Hirst's preserved animals, questioning life and art's value. These pieces spark debates on obscenity, authenticity, and cultural appropriation, reflecting the era's tensions. The "new time" amplifies controversies through media and globalization, making art a catalyst for public outrage and discussion.

Contemporary as All Art and Every Style Direction



a critic from [ZoooooZ](#) about the *Contemporary* Art, the Idea of Everything, the Birth of the boring

Given its fluid nature, contemporary art appears to encompass "all art," as it lacks a uniform organizing principle and integrates diverse styles from abstract expressionism to street art, conceptualism, and digital forms. It draws from global cultures, rejecting exclusivity, and includes every direction—realism, surrealism, minimalism, and more—reinterpreted in modern contexts. This inclusivity stems from postmodern influences, where art mirrors life's complexity without boundaries, making it a catch-all for current expressions.

An Idea Between Boring and Uncertain

Contemporary art often evokes subjective responses, ranging from perceptions of boredom—due to its conceptual or minimalist approaches that may seem mundane or inaccessible—to uncertainty, as it challenges viewers with ambiguous meanings, experimental forms, and intellectual demands. Pieces like invisible sculptures or everyday objects elevated to art status (e.g., Salvatore Garau's immaterial work sold for \$18,000) highlight this spectrum, where art's value lies in ideas rather than aesthetics, leaving audiences between indifference and confusion. This duality underscores art's role in questioning reality and perception.

Contemporary Art and the Rise of Robots and AI

A defining aspect of recent contemporary art is the integration of AI and robotics, marking when "the robot started making art." Pioneered in the 2010s, AI-generated works and

robot artists like Ai-Da—a humanoid robot using cameras, algorithms, and robotic arms to draw, paint, and perform—blur lines between human and machine creativity. Ai-Da's portraits, such as one of King Charles III, and collaborations in robotic painting explore embodiment, agency, and collaboration. This era questions artistry's essence, with AI augmenting rather than replacing human input, fostering new dialogues on technology's role in expression.

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