Benedetto Fellin

Biography & selected exhibitions



Fellin with “La Sabia (Die Weise)” in the studio.

Benedetto Fellin was born in Merano, South Tyrol, in 1956 and grew up in a family of artists. After his childhood in Graz, he moved to Vienna in 1972. At the Academy of Fine Arts, he studied with Anton Lehmden from 1973 and joined Rudolf Hausner's master class in 1975. Journeys to Nepal, India and Afghanistan, followed by travels in Africa, Mexico and Southeast Asia, informed his painting. People, animals and mountains meet in intricately detailed scenes; more recent works introduce machines and digital currencies.

Vienna's Galerie Infeld presented his first solo exhibition in 1983. Fellin received the Academy Friends Prize in 1983, the Theodor Körner Prize in 1984 and the ART Award in 2025. His work is held in the Belvedere, the Tyrolean State Museum Ferdinandeum and Reinhold Messner's collection. For his seventieth birthday in 2026, the Infeld Haus der Kultur devoted an exhibition to five decades of his painting. Fellin lives and works in Vienna and Hungary.

Publications

In der Tiefe der Zeit / 2012

Catalogue for the exhibition at the Waltherhaus in Bolzano, published by the Südtiroler Kulturinstitut. With a foreword by Reinhold Messner, a text by Georg Mühlberger and contributions by Benedetto Fellin.

Benedetto Fellin / 2003

Walter Schurian’s German-English monograph, published by Edition Infeld. It includes the essay “Verkörperungen / Embodiments” and a foreword by Peter Infeld. ISBN 3-85134-027-2.

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Solo exhibitions

Selection

2026	Benedetto Fellin · Fifty years of painting, Infeld Haus der Kultur, Halbturn
2025	Traumbilder von Benedetto Fellin · Galerie 4614, Marchtrenk
2025	Cryptobot and Cosmic Bitcoins · Print presentation, Galerie 10, Vienna
2019	Funktion - Interaktion · DAS DORF, Vienna
2012	In der Tiefe der Zeit · Waltherhaus, Bolzano
2008	Benedetto Fellin · DAS DORF, Vienna
2006	Benedetto Fellin retrospective · Margareten district assembly rooms, Vienna
2005	Galerie Pannonia · Sopron
2003	Infeld Haus der Kultur · Halbturn, Burgenland
2001	Gerersdorf Open-Air Museum · Burgenland
1998	Weltmuseum · Hofburg, Vienna
1998	Volksbank Galerie · Merano
1995	Galerie Pannonia · Sopron
1988	Alte Pfarre · Wolfegg, Allgäu
1985	Galerie Infeld · Vienna
1983	Galerie Infeld · Vienna

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Group exhibitions

Selection

2025	Wessi, Peter Gric, Aga Osak, Luigi La Speranza and Benedetto Fellin · Galerie 10, Vienna
2023	Vienna School of Fantastic Realism · Schütz Art Museum, Engelhartszell
2023	Wiener Wirklichkeiten · Realist painting from Rudolf Hausner's master class, Schloss Achberg
2018	Bramer. Fellin. Karlhuber. · Infeld Cultural Centre, Dobrinj, Croatia
2015	Markus and Benedetto Fellin · Minoritenkloster, Tulln
2011	Phantastenmuseum · Palais Palffy, Vienna
2011	Messner Mountain Museum Ripa · Bruneck Castle, South Tyrol
2010	Figurativ x3 · Domenig-Galerie in der Ankerbrot, Vienna
2009	Die Macht der Phantasie · Riegersburg Castle, Lower Austria
2001	GEGEN-STAND · Schottenstift, Vienna
2001	Gegenständliche Malerei aus Wien · Pasinger Fabrik, Munich
2000	Figurale Kunst in Österreich · Austria Center, Vienna
1997	Galerie 1990 · Eisenstadt
1997	Österreichische Malerei nach 1945 · Upper Belvedere, Vienna
1996	10 Jahre ART Meran · Merano
1996	Landschaft heute · Arik Brauer and his students, Wiener Wasserwerke
1994	Realismus heute · Stadtmuseum Erlangen
1992	Salon für internationalen Realismus · Fürth
1987	Visual Dhamma Gallery · Bangkok
1987	Benedetto and Markus Fellin · Pavillon de Fleur, Merano
1983	Kinokuniya Gallery · Tokyo
1983	Rudolf Hausner's master class · St. Peter an der Sperr, Wiener Neustadt
1982	Rudolf Hausner and his students · Kiel
1981	Students of Rudolf Hausner · Tungsram, Vienna
1981	The Fellin family · Kunstpavillon, Innsbruck