

# Franz Kaka

## Michael Zahn

*Tiny Theme Park*

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### Press Release

The drive was so long. Now we're here and I'm starving!

We could have stopped on the way to eat something. Why didn't you let me know?

Because I really want to eat at *Hannibal Lecter's* restaurant! They serve finely prepared offal.

Human flesh?

Yes, but made in a lab ... so no.

Here is the map. Look, your disgusting lunch is being prepared behind *Silent Hill*.

Disgusting? Look around, that's why we're here. We want to amuse ourselves in our own fictions, at least in the artifacts that are left of them. We're here in a place where gigantic settings are on display, built to tell stories. We can go from the American high school cafeteria into the seventh circle of hell in just a few steps. It's fascinating.

Wait, it says *Thriving Jungle*. I remember a scene where everything goes quiet in the big city and "urban gardening" becomes existential. In fact, here they've equipped the "backdrop" with real vines. This one is inconsistent with the rest. How the sun reflects off the glass facades and illuminates the vegetation from behind ... ooh.

Magic.... Do all the visitors who are here with us see it the way we do?

Maybe those who share a similar habit. Otherwise, I assume most people want to have a day of fun with tingling in the belly.

My stomach is tingling too, and up ahead I can already see *Hannibal Lecter's* restaurant!

—Peter Odinzow, 2021

**Michael Zahn** (b. 1982, Toronto; lives and works in Los Angeles) received his MFA from Art Center College of Design in 2013. He has most recently exhibited at Visitor Welcome Center, Treignac Projet, Commonwealth and Council, The Summer Room, Bel Ami, Shanaynay, 356 Mission, and Office Hours.

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## Education

2013 MFA Art Center College of Design, Pasadena CA  
2013 Kunsthochschule Weißensee, Berlin Germany  
2006 BArch Cornell University, Ithaca NY

## Solo Exhibitions

2021 *Tiny Theme Park*, Franz Kaka, Toronto  
2017 *I am Ann, LAMOA DS#3* at Commonwealth and Council, Los Angeles, CA  
2017 *Toy Bell*, The Summer Room, Treignac, France  
2013 *Madita*, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA

## Select Group Exhibitions

2020 *No More Land West*, Visitor Welcome Center at Arm Gallery, CA  
2020 *From the Xmas Tree of Lucy Bull 2*, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 *Lark*, Macfarlane, Los Angeles, CA  
2019 *Garland*, Treignac Projet, Treignac, France  
2019 *Micrologies*, Scharaun, Berlin, Germany, curated by DXIX  
2017 *Sangria*, Bel Ami at NADA Miami  
2016 *Demimonde*, Bel Ami at Treignac Projet, Treignac, France  
2015 *O*, Shanaynay, Paris, France  
2015 *Arrears*, Strongroom, Los Angeles, CA  
2015 *Teeter*, Office Hours, Los Angeles, CA  
2014 *Another Cats Show*, 356 Mission, Los Angeles, CA  
2013 *House Show*, 757 Orange Grove, Pasadena, CA

## Publications

2014 *seven haiku* 'Comment Section #2'. Ed. Naoki Sutter-Shudo and Kim Farkas.

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