

Lotti Krauss (* 1912 in Basel, CH, † 1985 in Basel, CH)

My father is a painter. Pencil and color have always been a matter of course for me. After the compulsory schooling ended, I went to the School of Crafts for two years. Rebellious, lazy and playful, I found no real contact with academic classes, except through Mr. Ernst Buchner. Travels to Sicily, Munich and Paris left strong impressions; I was never at ease in school. To this day I haven't learned a "recipe" or style, I always feel at the beginning. But I don't mind „getting lost“ if only I succeed in painting the images of the imagination again and again.

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In addition to her autodidactic training, she studied Fine Arts in Munich and Paris. She went on numerous study trips through Europe, Brazil and Africa. Lotti Krauss's work has been shown in numerous exhibitions. Among others, she exhibited several times at Kunsthalle Basel, CH. She received two art scholarships from the city of Basel.

Cristina Spoerri (* 1929 in Tenero, CH, † 2013 in Reinach, CH)

Cristina Spoerri grew up in Ascona. In 1949 she was a student of Professor Heuselmann in Lugano, and in 1951/1952 she studied at the Zurich School of Applied Arts with Otto Morach and Johannes Itten, among others. In 1953 she had her first exhibition with the artist group Réveil at the Kunsthaus Zürich. From 1957 she lived in Reinach and worked in the studio cooperative Kaserne Basel. Exhibitions with Spoerri's participation took place in the Kunstmuseum Bern CH, Kunstmuseum Luzern CH, Kunsthaus Glarus CH, Helmhaus Zurich CH, Musée Rath Geneva CH, and at the Kunsthalle Basel CH. Furthermore her works have been shown in various galleries. She received several awards, including: the Federal Art Scholarship CH, the Europe Prize for Painting Ostende DE and the Art Prize for Fine Arts of the Canton of Baselland CH.

In 2008 the non-profit Cristina Spoerri Foundation was established. On the one hand, the foundation aims to preserve and publish the life's work of the founder, Cristina Spoerri. Another goal is to provide financial support for young artists with a one-time grant. The Artists should mainly live or work in the cantons of Baselland or Basel-Stadt CH.

Isadora Vogt (* 1992 in Zurich, CH) lives and works in Basel

Isadora Vogt received her BA in Fine Arts at the Art Institute of HGK Basel. She graduated with an MA in Painting from the Royal College of Art, London in 2021. She has shown her work in national and international exhibitions, including: Kunsthaus Langenthal CH, Sentiment Zurich CH, Union Pacific Gallery London UK (all 2021); Weiss Falk Gallery Basel CH, Kunsthalle Basel CH, Royal College of Art London UK (all 2020), she is currently working on a solo exhibition with Gallery Sundry in London. She has received funding and grants such as: Kiefer Hablitzel Prize, CH; GGG studio grant in Basel, CH; Credit Suisse's video art advancement award, CH.

Irene Zurkinden (* 1909 in Basel, CH, † 1987 in Basel, CH)

Irene Zurkinden completed an apprenticeship as a fashion draftsman at the School of Crafts in Basel from 1924-29 and attended drawing, painting and graphics classes. In 1929 a scholarship enabled her to

go to Paris for the first time. She was close with Meret Oppenheim, who had lived in Paris since 1932, and with the Surrealists. In 1939 she lived between Paris and Basel. In 1941 she returned to Basel and exhibited for the first time in 1942 with the Basler Gruppe 33 and participated as their member in all the following exhibitions of the artists' association. Her work has been shown in important galleries and museums, including: Galerie Marguerite Schulthess Basel CH; Beyeler Gallery Basel CH; Kunsthalle Basel CH and 1985 as part of a comprehensive retrospective at the Kunstmuseum Basel CH. In 1986 she received the Basel Art Prize.

Her involvement in Gruppe 33, her work as a portraitist and, last but not least, her designs for stage sets, costumes and decorations for the Basel theater made Irene Zurkinden one of the best-known artistic personalities in Basel.

Selina Zurkirch (* 1992 in Büron, CH) lives and works in Basel.

Selina Zurkirch completed her BA in Fine Arts at the Art Institute of HGK Basel in 2021. She showed her work in exhibitions such as: World's Rainbow, Kunsthaus Baselland CH (2021); Amore Basel, CH (2021); Kunsthalle Palazzo Liestal, CH (2020/2021); Der Tank Basel, CH (2019).