

# DAVID MICHALEK

## BORN

1967 San Francisco, CA.

## EDUCATION

1990 University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts, English Literature  
1998 New York University Film School, Sight and Sound Program

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University – Lecturer in religion and the visual arts, 2006 – present

## SHORT BIOGRAPHY

David Michalek was born and raised in California. He lives and works in New York City. Michalek's body of work ranges from photography, drawing, video/sound installations and live performance to site-specific works of public art. His focus over the past ten years has been closely tied to his interest in the contemporary person, which he explores through the use of performance techniques, storytelling, movement and gesture. He conceives of the human body as a metaphor for society, religion, politics and sexuality.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2013 Gallery Ostrava, Czech Republic  
2013 Pomona College Museum of Art, California  
2013 Yale University, New Haven, CT  
2013 Tanz Im August, Berlin  
2013 Cleveland Museum, OH  
2013 Southampton Art Center, New York  
2012 Le Laboratoire, Paris, France  
2012 Edinburgh Festival, Scotland  
2012 Harvard University (façade of Widener Library), Cambridge, MA  
2011 Holland Festival (public art), Den Haag, The Netherlands  
2011 Lincoln Center Festival (public art, façade of Koch Theater), New York  
2010 Sadler's Wells (public art, Trafalgar Square), London  
2010 Village Underground, London  
2009 Yale University, New Haven, CT  
2009 Taipei Festival (public art) Taiwan  
2009 Paris Opera (façade of Opera Bastille), France  
2009 The Dock Center for Contemporary Art, Dublin, Ireland  
2009 Monaco Festival, Monaco  
2008 Luminato Festival (public art) University of Toronto Campus  
2008 Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy  
2008 Jacob's Pillow, Becket, MA  
2008 Dartmouth College (façade of Hopkins Art Center) Hanover, NH  
2008 Orange County Performing Arts Center (public art), CA  
2008 Walton Arts Center (public art) Fayetteville, AR  
2007 Lincoln Center (public art, façade of State Theater), New York  
2007 Los Angeles Music Center (public art in the Plaza), CA  
2006 Yale University, New Haven, CT  
2004 Brooklyn Museum, New York  
2002 The Kitchen, New York

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2013 "Deficit", Galleria Poggiali e Forconi, Florence, Italy

- 2012 "Theater of Life", Center of Contemporary Art, Torun, Poland
- "Poetics of Anxiety and Speech", Serpentine Gallery, London
- 2011 Edinburgh Festival (Summerhall Venue), Scotland

**OPERA, THEATER AND MUSIC COLLABORATIONS**

- 2013 *Density* – Claire Chase solo flute, The Kitchen (staging, lighting design)
- 2013 *Restless Creature*, Wendy Whelan 4 duets (artistic direction)
- 2013 New Composers Evening, Carnegie Hall -- collaboration with composer, Du Yun (film)
- 2008 *Artful Time: Dancing Tableaux Vivants*, Metropolitan Museum, lecture demonstration with Bill T. Jones and Arden Reed (film)
- 2005 *Kafka Fragments*, Gyorgy Kurtag (film for Peter Sellar's production)
- 2004 *Music Off The Walls* – (collaboration with the Brooklyn Philharmonic)
- 2002 *14 Stations* – town hall meeting, lightboxes, projection, spoken word, piano
- 1998 Los Angeles Poverty Department, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (video)
- 1994 *Murder in the Cathedral/Obedience to Authority*, T.S. Eliott, Stanley Milgrim (direction)
- 1992 *Spem in Alium/Cast Concrete/Blue Light* -- live performance installation with The Tallis Scholars (concept, staging and lighting design)
- 1992 *St. François d'Assise*, Olivier Messian -- (visual art component for Peter Sellar's production)

**AWARDS, GRANTS AND COMMISSIONS**

- 2012 Le Laboratoire – Arts/Science Support Award
- 2012 Pomona College – New Project Commission
- 2012 Richard DeMarco Foundation – Project Support Grant
- 2011 Trade Residency Award (Selected mentor for 2011-12), Ireland
- 2010 Lincoln Center – New Project Commission
- 2010 Rockefeller Brothers Foundation – Project Support Grant
- 2010 Jerome Robbins Foundation – Project Support Grant
- 2010 Asian Cultural Council – Project Support Grant
- 2008 Bessie Award – Installation and New Media Award
- 2007 Karan-Weiss Foundation – Project Support Grant
- 2007 Luminato Festival, Toronto – New Project Commission
- 2007 Asian Cultural Council – Project Support Grant
- 2006 Lincoln Center Festival – New Project Commission
- 2006 Jerome Robbins Foundation – New Project Support Grant
- 2006 Los Angeles Music Center – New Project Commission
- 2006 Sadler's Wells, London – New Project Commission
- 2002 Franklin Furnace– New Project Support Grant