

## **MERLIN CARPENTER**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Born 1967 in Pembury, UK  
Lives in Shepperton, UK, works in London, UK, and Berlin, Germany

### **EDUCATION**

**1986-1989** Central Saint Martin's School of Art, London, UK

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023** *Room Based*, Guzzler, Victoria, Australia
- 2022** *Merlin Carpenter*, Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York, NY  
*Room Based*, KUNSTHALLE FREEPORT, Porto, Portugal  
*Room Based Paintings*, JUBG, Cologne, Germany
- 2021** *Room Based*, Guzzler, Rosanna, Victoria, Australia  
*Steam Engine*, Longtang, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2020** *Paint-It-Yourself*, Reena Spaulings, New York, NY  
*Circuits*, dépendance, Brussels, Belgium  
*Circuits*, Palette Terre, Paris, France  
*archive élastique*, Centre d'art contemporain la synagogue de Delme, Delme, France
- 2019** *Merlin Carpenter*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK
- 2018** *Not Doing a Show in FPÖ Austria*, Nousmoules, Vienna, Austria  
*De Streepschilderijen*, Overduin & Co., Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*De Streepschilderijen – L.A. HUB*, Overduin & Co., Los Angeles, CA
- 2017** *Do Not Open Until 2081*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK (exh. cat)  
*Title of Show*, Christian Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Business Women*, Galerie Neu, Berlin, Germany
- 2016** *Blogs of the Near Future*, dépendance, Brussels, Belgium
- 2015** *Hands Against Hands*, Reena Spaulings, New York, NY  
*MIDCAREER PAINTINGS*, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland (exh. cat)  
*Poor Leatherette*, MD 72, Berlin, Germany  
*Formalist Sidewalk Poetry Club*, Formalist Sidewalk Poetry Club, Miami, FL
- 2014** *DECADES*, Simon Lee Gallery, Hong Kong  
*MERLIN*, Overduin & Co., Los Angeles, CA
- 2013** *DECADES*, Galeria Nuno Centeno, Porto, Portugal  
*Solo Show II - All Power to the Factory Outlets*, Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, Tallinn, Estonia  
*Support nightclub experience Nightclub*, Uma Certa Falta de Coerência, Porto, Portugal  
*POLICE*, dépendance, Brussels, Belgium (exh. cat)
- 2012** *funky house*, Limazulu Project Space, London, UK  
*Au Café*, Bar de la Victoire / Bureau Capan-Bordes, Nice, France  
*TATE CAFÉ*, Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2011** *TATE CAFÉ*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK  
*„Heroes“*, MD 72, Berlin, Germany  
*Overduin and Kite*, Los Angeles, CA

- 2010** *Solo Show*, Formalist Sidewalk Poetry Club, Miami, FL  
*Ballard in Narnia*, the interzone, London, UK (with Richard Parry)
- 2009** *The Opening*, dépendance, Brussels, Belgium  
*The Opening*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK
- 2008** *The Opening*, Galerie Mitterrand + Sanz, Zürich, Switzerland  
*The Opening*, Galerie Christian Nagel (at Mercedes-Welt am Salzufer & The Corner Berlin), Berlin, Germany  
*The Opening*, Overduin and Kite, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007** *The Opening*, Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York, NY  
*Relax It's Only a Bad Cosima von Bonin Show*, Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Vienna, Austria (exh. cat)
- 2006** *Sounds of War*, Galerie Edward Mitterrand, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2005** *A Roaring RAMPAGE of Revenge*, Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York, NY  
Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany  
*Look What You Made Me Do*, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, Norway
- 2004** *Nueva Generación*, Distrito 4, Madrid, Spain (exh. cat)  
*Take It Easy Default*, M-Project, Paris, France
- 2003** *Children of the Projects*, American Fine Arts, Co., New York, NY  
*When in Doubt Blame the Victim*, Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Graz, Austria (with Jeremy Glogan)
- 2002** *The Making of 1945, 1997* (screening), The McAllister Institute, New York, NY  
*Militant*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany (exh. cat)
- 2001** *My Father, the Castaway*, WhiteCube, Kunstakademi Bergen, Bergen, Norway
- 2000** *When You Drain the Pool, You Don't Consult the Frogs First*, Magnani, London, UK  
Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany  
*As a Painter I Call Myself the Estate of, Secession*, Vienna, Austria (exh. cat)  
VOLVO, Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Graz, Austria
- 1999** *Survivors*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany
- 1998** *Doppelgänger*, The Top Room, London, UK  
*Chant No 1*, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany
- 1996** Friedrich Petzel Gallery, New York, NY
- 1995** *Voluntary Effort*, Tom Solomon's Garage, Los Angeles, CA
- 1994** Friedrich Petzel/Nina Borgmann, New York, NY
- 1993** *Meet You by the Strange Twisted Old Oak Tree on the Secluded Knoll at Dawn in Your Swimming Trunks and I'll Tell You Something Secret. (Don't Be Late)*. (with Nils Norman), Galerie Z, Göttingen, Germany  
*Les Jeunes*, Bruno Brunnet Fine Arts, Berlin, Germany
- 1992** *Meadow/Wiese*, Galerie Max Hetzler, Cologne, Germany
- 1991** *Electric*, Pavillon Ryszard Varisella, organised by Galerie Grässlin-Ehrhardt, Frankfurt, Germany  
*To the extreme*, Fettstrasse 7A (Birgit Küng), Zürich, Switzerland
- 1990** *Crusade*, Münzstrasse 10, Hamburg, Germany

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022** *The Patriot*, O'Flaherty's, New York, NY
- 2021** *Os Conviventes*, Nuno Centeno, Porto, Portugal  
*Stop Painting*, Fondazione Prada, Milan, Italy  
*FAKTURA (FOR A NERVOUS SPIRIT)*, Kim? Contemporary Art Center, Riga, Latvia  
*Party de campagne*, exposition hors les murs, Centre d'art contemporain - la synagogue de Delme, Delme, France  
*Sarah Staton: Supastore Southside, Slingbacks & Sunshine*, South London Gallery, London, UK

*The Party*, Galerie der Stadt Schwaz, Schwaz, Austria  
*Room Based*, Le Bourgeois, Eros House, London, UK

**2020**

*WORDS*, Simon Lee Gallery, Online  
*The Sewers of Mars*, Reena Spaulings, New York, NY  
*FAKTURA (FOR A NERVOUS SPIRIT)*, Kim? Contemporary Art Center, Riga, Latvia

**2019**

*Die bucklige Verwandtschaft - Hunchbacked Relation*, Nagel Draxler, Cologne, Germany

**2018**

*The Vitalist Economy of Painting by Isabelle Graw*, Galerie Neu, Berlin, Germany  
*Revelations*, curated by Robert Müller, Galerie Emanuel Layr, Rome, Italy  
*Sad Movie*, Kunsthalle Freeport, Bangkok (with Tobias Kaspar)  
*Mad World*, Marciano Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA  
*Trance - By Albert Oehlen*, Aishti Art Foundation, Jal el Dib, Lebanon  
*Distropical Encounters*, In extenso offsite at TARS Gallery, Bangkok (with Tobias Kaspar)  
*Optik Schröder II*, MUMOK, Vienna, Austria (exh. cat)  
*The Church Painting Show*, Blackwing Studios, London, UK  
*DEATH LOLZ Presents...*, Peak, London, UK  
*Readymades Belong to Everyone*, Swiss Institute, New York, NY

**2017**

*in search of characters...*, Galerie Neu, Berlin, Germany  
*New Pleasure*, Simon Lee Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Painting Show*, Aram Art Gallery, Goyang Aram Nuri Arts Centre, Seoul, South Korea  
*PAINTING | OR | NOT*, The Kaviar Factory, Henningsvaer, Norway  
*Peace Love and Anarchy = Freedom and Fun Forever*, The Horse Hospital, London, UK  
*Pje. Corina. Ka*, Feria de Arte Contemporaneo Argentino, Hipodromo de Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*TISCH*, Kieffholzstrasse 401, Berlin, Germany  
*'All Day Breakfast'*, Munchees Café, Reading, UK  
*CONTROL 20*, Laure Genillard Gallery, London, UK  
*The Painting Show*, Limerick City Gallery of Art, Limerick, Ireland  
*Readymade*, Eva Presenhuber House, Vnà, Switzerland (Ex. Cat)

**2016**

*Multiplier*, Frans Masereel Centrum, Kasterlee, Belgium  
*The Squatter*, Gaudel de Stampa, Paris, France  
*THE GEO POLITICS OF MONETIZED AIRSPACE - Come Fly with Me, I Meet You by the Airside Gucci*  
*Concession at 4*, Fox Fur Hat, Midway Contemporary Art, Minneapolis, MN  
*Putting Rehearsals to the Test*, VOX, the Leonard & Bina Ellen Art Gallery, and SBC Gallery of Contemporary Art Montreal (QC), Canada  
*Convergence*, Stonescape, Calistoga, CA  
*Fora da ordem - obras da Coleção Helga de Alvear*, Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Painting 2.0: Expression in the Information Age*, MUMOK, Vienna, Austria (Ex. Cat.)  
*La Collection Thea Westreich Wagner et Ethan Wagner*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France (Ex. Cat.)  
*On Limits: Estrangement in the Everyday*, The Kitchen, New York, NY  
*Paris - Bruxelles, dépendance*, Brussels, Belgium  
*The Painting Show*, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, Lithuania (Ex. Cat.)  
*Frenemies: Art Versus Commodity*, University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA  
*Le Bourgeois*, 3236RLS, London, UK  
*International Fun*, Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn, Estonia

**2015**

*Mega Por No*, Colmegna Spa, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*Collected by Thea Westreich Wagner and Ethan Wagner*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY (exh. cat)  
*Painting 2.0: Expression in the Information Age*, Museum Brandhorst, Munich  
*Faux Amis*, Simon Lee Gallery, London  
*wow! Woven? Entering the (sub) Textiles*, Künstlerhaus, Halle für Kunst & Medien, Graz, Austria (exh. cat)  
*Macumba Night Club éditions - Merlin Carpenter / Jérôme Robbe*, Artothèque de Villeurbanne, France  
*Please respond-*, M/L Artspace, Venice, Italy  
*Selbstjustiz Durch Fehleinkäufe*, Falckenberg Collection, Hamburg, Germany  
*The 60s*, watch it gallery, London, UK

*MUSEUM SHOW* by Nang Gallery, Centre Pompidoo-doo, London, UK  
*Call and Response*, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, NY

- 2014** *Excerpts from / How They Met. Part 1: Mother and Her House / Supastore / The Issues of Our Time (1&3) / Fille/Garçon / In the Middle of Affairs*, Galerie Emanuel Layr, Vienna, Austria  
*BAR DREI*, 681 Morgan Ave, Greenpoint, New York, NY  
*Hard Words*, Christian Andersen Gallery, Copenhagen  
*Concept Store*, Nest, The Hague, The Netherlands  
*kim? Salon*, kim? Contemporary Art Centre, Riga, Latvia  
*Coming of Age for Ages*, Halle für Kunst Lüneburg, Lüneburg, Germany  
*The Hawker*, dépendance at Carlos/Ishikawa, London, UK  
*Frieze Art Fair*, booth of dépendance, Brussels  
*Merlin and Isabelle Bankside Launch - A Graduate Exhibition* by Sabrina Tarasoff, Paris, France
- 2013** *The November Issue*, Mathew, Berlin, Germany  
*Performance*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
*Please Come to the Show, Part II (1980-Now)*, Museum of Modern Art Library, New York, NY  
*„Why Painting Now?“*, Cover Up Curated by Antony Hudek, Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna, Austria
- 2012** *Redundanz*, Dependance der Galerie für Landschaftskunst Hamburg in der Wandelhalle Bad Tölz, Tölz, Germany  
*Port*, Galeria Nuno Centeno, Porto, Portugal  
*Context Message*, Zach Feuer Gallery, New York, NY  
*POST MoDERN*, curated by Clayton Deutsch, Friedric Snitzer Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2011** Mathew, Berlin, Germany  
*The Institute of Mental Health is Burning*, Newport Museum and Art Gallery, Wales, UK  
*Rituals of the Art World*, Ludlow 38, New York, NY  
*Rebus*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK  
*A Portrait of the Artist As a Young Man*, Galerie Reinhard Hauff, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2010** *Novel*, dépendance, Brussels, Belgium  
*Barbaric Freedom*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK
- 2009** *Malen ist Wahlen, 1981-2009*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Berlin, Germany  
*Paintings By*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK  
*Sonic Youth etc.: Sensational Fix*, LiFE, Saint Nazaire, France; Museion, Bolzano, Italy; Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany; Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden; and CA2M, Madrid, Spain  
*Untitled (History Painting)*, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI  
*WIR VERBESSERN IHRE ARBEIT*, Galerie Sandra Bürgel, Berlin, Germany (show by Instituto Divorciado)
- 2008** *The Coma Lounge Edinburgh*, The Collective Gallery, Edinburgh, UK  
*Congratulations You Are Represented By Nang Gallery*, Nang Gallery, London, UK (and other Nang shows late 2008)  
*Sonic Youth etc.: Sensational Fix*, Museion, Bolzano, Italy. (exh. cat) *Buy No Wino Buy Lino By Bono*, Hats Plus, London, UK  
*Painting: Now and Forever, Part II*, Greene Naftali Gallery / Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, NY  
*How Can You Represent When You Can't Pay The Rent*, The New Dome, Cable St. Studios, London, UK  
*Zodiac 3000*, International Project Space, Birmingham, UK (exh. cat)  
*DO WHAT THY WILLT*, Nang Gallery, London, UK
- 2007** *Élégance*, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne, Germany  
*Genesis I'm Sorry*, Greene Naftali Gallery, New York, NY (collaboration with Melanie Gilligan)
- 2006** *LIVE HUMANS*, The George Tavern, London, UK  
*Make Your Own Life*, Institute of Contemporary Art University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*slow burn*, curated by Jonah Freeman, Galerie Edward Mitterrand, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2005** *Painters Without Paintings & Paintings Without Painters*, Orchard, New York, NY  
*The Top Room: A Retrospective*, Chelsea Space, London, UK  
*TOTAL ASBO*, Pogo Cafe, London, UK  
*Miradas y conceptos en la colección Helga de Alvear*, MEIAC, Badajoz, Spain  
*Islands of Glory in Streets Caked With the Fæces of Decadence*, Nang Gallery, London, UK
- 2004** *Werkleitz Biennale*, Halle, Germany

- Edge of the Real*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
- 2003** *Wild Nights: Remembering Colin de Land*, CB's 313 Gallery, New York, NY  
*Messe in der Galerie*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany  
*Haupt- und Nebenwege*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany  
Frieze Art Fair, booth of Galerie Christian Nagel, London, UK  
*Malerei II Ausstellung Nullldrei*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany
- 2002** *Art Crazy Nation Show*, MK G, Milton Keynes, UK
- 2001** *Favoritin*, Danzigerstr. 44, Berlin, Germany  
*Jewels-in-Art*, Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Graz, Austria  
*Works on Aluminum Selected by Paper*, WhiteCube, Kunstakademi Bergen, Bergen, Norway  
*Musterkarte*, Goethe-Institut, Centro Cultural Conde Duque, Galería Elba Benítez, Galería Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain
- 2000** *Girlfriend*, curated by Sarah Morris, Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Leipzig, Germany  
*21st Gear*, The Top Room, London, UK  
*It May be a Year of Thirteen Moons But it's Still the Year of Culture*, Transmission Gallery, Glasgow, UK  
*Drawings*, Taché-Lévy Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
*Part One*, Magnani, London, UK
- 1999** *Painting Lab*, Entwistle Gallery, London, UK  
*Malerei*, INIT Kunsthalle, Berlin, Germany  
*How Will We Behave*, Robert Prime, London, UK  
Taché-Lévy Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 1998** Art Club Berlin, Mies van der Rohe Pavilion, Barcelona, Spain  
Art Club Berlin, Berlin Art Forum, Berlin, Germany
- 1995** *The Message is the Medium*, Castle Gallery, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY
- 1994** *The Ideal Place*, Haags Centrum Voor Aktuelle Kunst, The Hague, The Netherlands  
*Sarah Staton's Supastore Boutique*, Laure Genillard Gallery, London, UK  
*Untitled Group Show*, Metro Pictures, New York, NY  
Sammlung Volkmann, Berlin, Germany  
*Museum auf Zeit*, Fridericianum Museum, Kassel, Germany
- 1993** *London Photo Race*, Friesenwall 120, Cologne, Germany  
*Galerie Fettsack*, Friesenwall 120, Cologne, Germany
- 1992** *A Show by Kiron Khosla*, The Long Gallery, Chelsea Old Town Hall, London, UK  
Bruno Brunnet Fine Arts, Berlin, Germany
- 1991** *Paris Bar*, Berlin, Germany  
*Group Show*, Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York, NY  
*Fallen und Fallen Lassen*, Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Graz, Austria
- 1990** *Peace and anarchy & I love form but she doesn't love me & strange flowers & homage to Schnabel equals freedom and fun forever*, 64-65 Guilford St., London, UK  
*Heimspiel*, Kunstverein in Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
- 1989** *Rotation - Art Critic's Art*, Galerie Esther Schipper, Cologne, Germany

**SELECTED PROJECTS**

- 2013** *Burberry Propoganda*
- 2010 -** *Salon 4*, London
- 2005 - 2015** *Nana Gallery*, London
- 2001 - 04** *merlinstore*, merchandising website
- 1998 -** *Victim*

1994 – 1996 *Poster Studio*, London

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- 2011 K. Toffoletti, *Baudrillard Reframed*, I.B. Tauris, London/New York, pp. 51-55.  
C. Busta, *Art and Subjecthood*, Sternberg Press, Berlin, p. 38.
- 2009 I. Graw, *High Price*, Sternberg Press, Berlin, pp. 214 & 221.
- 2008 A. Goldstein, *The Problem Perspective*, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, pp. 93 & 103.  
I. Graw, *Der große Preis*, Dumont, Berlin, pp. 220 & 226.
- 2010 *Merlin Carpenter: Social Aesthetics*, The Institute of Social Hypocrisy, Paris.
- 2006 A. Schaughnessy, *non-format*, Pyramyd, Paris, p. 116.
- 2005 U. Grosenick (ed.), *Art Now Vol 2*, Taschen, Köln, p. 92.  
M. Krebber, *Außerirdische Zwitterwesen*, Verlag der Buchhandlung Walter König, Köln, p. 80 & 122.
- 2004 *Nueva Generación*, Distrito 4, Madrid, Spain.
- 2003 T. Groetz (ed.), *Berlin, 1994-2003*, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, p. 29 & 40.
- 2002 U. Grosenick (ed.), *Art Now*, Taschen, Köln, p. 84.  
V. Beuvar (ed.), *Vitamin P*, Phaidon, London, p. 58.
- 2001 M. Collings, *Art Crazy Nation*, 21 Publishing, London, p. 212.

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- 2018 *Merlin Carpenter: Do Not Open Until 2081* (Simon Lee Gallery, London)
- 2016 *La Collection Thea Westreich Wagner et Ethan Wagner* (Centre Pompidou, Musée national d'art Moderne, Paris, France).  
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- 2015 *Collected by Thea Westreich and Ethan Wagner* (The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY).  
*Midcareer Paintings* (Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, Switzerland).
- 2014 *Merlin Carpenter – POLICE* (dependence, Brussels).
- 2011 *The Opening*, Sternberg Press, Berlin.  
*Merlin Carpenter* (Formalist Sidewalk Poetry Club, Miami).
- 2008 *Zodiac 3000* (International Project Space, Birmingham).
- 2007 *Relax It's Only a Bad Cosima von Bonin Show* (Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Vienna).
- 2002 *Militant* (Christian Nagel Gallery, Köln).
- 2001 *Jewels-in-Art (with Jeremy Glogan, Josephine Pryde and Sarah Staton)* (Galerie Bleich-Rossi, Graz).
- 2000 *As a Painter I Call Myself the Estate of* (Secession, Vienna).
- 1995 *Voluntary Effort* (Tom Solomon's Garage, Los Angeles).
- 1993 *Meet You by the Strange Twisted Old Oak Tree on the Secluded Knoll at Dawn in Your Swimming Trunks and I'll Tell You Something Secret* (Merlin Carpenter and Nils Norman, in association with Galerie Z, Göttingen).

### ARTICLES AND REVIEWS



- 2017** 'London Round-up: The Room • One Paved Court • Simon Lee', *Art Monthly* (December 2017 - January 2018).  
 'Merlin Carpenter: Do Not Open Until 2081', *Whitelies* (November 2017).  
 G. Vasey, 'Merlin Carpenter: Do Not Open Until 2081', *ARTWORKS LONDON* (November).  
 M. Gerlis, 'Copyright keeps pictures under wraps', *Financial Times* (10 November).  
 'Merlin Carpenter Can't Let You See His New Paintings (They Might Be Against the Law)', *Artnet News* (2 November).  
 'Merlin Carpenter', *Wall Street International* (1 November).  
 S. Morris, 'The Man In The Mirror Sarah Morris On Merlin Carpenter At Galerie Neu, Berlin' *Texte Zur Kunst*, No. 107 (September).  
 L. Considine, 'Triumph of the Banal: Merlin Carpenter's DECADES and the Legacy of the Handmade Readymade', *X-TRA* (Spring 2017).
- 2016** K. Jentjens, 'Love is Hate', *Metropolis M*: 94-101.  
 C. Busta, 'Bad Canon', *Texte Zur Kunst*, No.100: 114 – 121.
- 2015** A. Rosenmeyer, *Merlin Carpenter: Midcareer Paintings*, *Art Review* (December): 119  
 J. Chung & Q.T. Madea, *Best of 2015*, *Artforum* (December): 208-9  
 'Merlin Carpenter – Midcareer Paintings', *We Find Wilderness* (21 October).  
 D. Roeschmann, 'Nach dem Jugendbonus', *Artline (Freiburg)* (2 October).  
 H. Lagger, 'Kunsthalle hat die Krise', *Bz Berner Zeitung* (21 September): 4.  
 M. Bieri, 'Das Nur-so-tun-als-ob un seine Grenzen', *Der Bund (Bern)* (21 September): 27.  
 F. Lerch, 'Kritik als Schein statt Pinslerfleiss', *Journal B (Bern)* (18 September).  
 L. Tichy, 'Das grosse Augenzwinkern', *Berner Kulturagenda*, no. 38 (17 September): 3.  
 Anon., 'Sehr böse' *Annabelle* (9 September): 56.  
 S. Wurster, 'Mein Kinderwagne, mein Kuhlschrank, mein Superbike', *Berliner Tageszeitung* (21 June): 15.  
 M. Pobywajlo, 'Merlin Carpenter at MD 72', *Archive Collective, Kansas City* (31 May).  
 'Merlin Carpenter at MD 72', *Contemporary Art Writing Daily* (28 May)  
 T. Widmann, 'The Desaturation of Graffiti', *May*, no. 14 (August): 125.
- 2014** O. Cha, 'Merlin Carpenter', *Flash Art* (October): 100-101.
- 2013** O. Frolov, 'Merlin Carpenter Goes East', *Texte Zur Kunst* (December): 223-227.
- 2012** D. Marcus, 'Proposal for a Museum', *SFMOMA | OPEN SPACE Blog* (6 December).  
 A. Leigiehn, 'Austellen, Wo Andere Urlaub Machen', *Texte Zur Kunst Online* (25 September).  
 M. Pollack, 'Interiors: Edouard Vuillard: A Painter and His Muses, 1890-1940' at the Jewish  
 A. Russeth, 'Who Is Henry Codax? And Other Tales of Secret Art', *The New York Observer* (5 June).  
 N. Asfour, 'A Courageous little gallery takes on MoMA', *The New York Observer Online* (5 June).  
 'Museum and Gallery Listings: Merlin Carpenter: 'Tate Café'', *The New York Times* (25 May): C18.  
 R. Smith, 'Merlin Carpenter: 'Tate Café'', *The New York Times* (18 May): C27  
 B. Sutton, 'Artist Merlin Carpenter Made a Painstaking Copy of the Tate Café on the Lower East Side', *Artinfo.com* (15 May).  
 R. Smith, 'Promising Tyros Join an Art Fair Club', *The New York Times* (9 March): C25.  
 A. Hunt, 'Merlin Carpenter: Simon Lee Gallery, London', *Frieze* (March): 169.  
 L. McLean-Ferris, 'West London', *Art Review* (January/February): 103.
- 2011** L. Owens, 'The Artists' Artists', *Artforum* (December): 102.  
 M. Hermes, 'Mitteilungen an die Presse und für die Öffentlichkeit Manfred Hermes über Merlin Carpenter Bei MD72, Berlin', *Texte zur Kunst*, no. 82 (June): 260.  
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 S. Mizota, 'Yes, he invited the copycat', *Los Angeles Times Online* (25 February): 18.
- 2010** S. Snowden, 'And Now, Gentlemen, The Shirts Off Your Back, If You Please', *Idiom Online* (9 December).  
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- 2009** C. Chevalier, 'Event/not Event', *May Revue*, no. 2 (October): 47.  
 M. Collings, 'An Artist of our Time', *Modern Painters* (Summer): 18-20.  
 M. Coomer, 'Merlin Carpenter: The Opening', *Art Review* (Summer): 124.  
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 M. Schwendener, 'Merlin Carpenter - The Opening', *The New York Times* (5 October): E41.  
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- 2006**  
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