



JÖRG MICHEL

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PROFILE

Jörg Michel is the Founder and Managing Director of POLA Landschaftsarchitekten GmbH, a globally recognized and award-winning landscape architecture studio based in Berlin, with an additional office in Hamburg. The name POLA, which stands for “Poetic Landscapes,” embodies the studio’s philosophy of crafting landscapes that are rich in emotional and cultural significance.

His work is characterized by a poetic, holistic approach to landscape design, focusing on uncovering the emotional and cultural essence inherent in each place. Drawing on his extensive experience in both design practice and academia in Germany and Canada, he seamlessly blends artistic vision with practical execution.

Jörg Michel has taught landscape and urban design as a guest professor at the Berlin University of Applied Sciences (BHT) and has also lectured in landscape architecture at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences and the HAWK University of Applied Sciences and Arts in Hildesheim, all located in Germany. A landscape architect and visual artist, he studied in both Germany and Canada and is also a trained horticulturist and landscape gardener. He regularly serves as a juror in national and international architectural and landscape design competitions.

EDUCATION

- DAAD Scholarship Recipient, University of Guelph (1997–1998)
- Technical University of Dresden (1990-1996)
Diploma in Landscape Architecture (1996)
- University of Guelph, Canada (1993–1994)
School of Fine Arts | Department of Landscape Architecture

APPRENTICESHIP

Certified Gardener in Landscaping and Horticulture

PROFESSIONAL MILESTONES

- 2025 Participant of the of the 19th International Architecture Exhibition in Venice
(La Biennale Architettura di Venezia)
- 2023 Winner of the German Landscape Architecture Award in two categories
(Deutscher Landschaftsarchitektur-Preis 2023)
- 2018 Founded POLA Landschaftsarchitekten GmbH | Managing Director
- 2016 Established POLA Hamburg office
- 2015- today Jury member in national and international architectural and landscape design competitions
- 2008 Founded POLA Landschaftsarchitekten in Berlin
- 2005–2008 Partner at LOCODROM Landschaftsarchitekten GbR in Berlin
- 1996–2005 Project & Office Lead in Berlin, Munich & Toronto

ACADEMIC ROLES

- Guest Professor, Berlin University of Applied Sciences (BHT)
- Lecturer, Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Landscape Architecture Department
- HAWK University of Applied Sciences and Arts in Hildesheim, Architecture Department

MEMBERSHIP

- Berlin Chamber of Architects (FGL 09907, since 2000)
- BDLA – Association of German Landscape Architects (since 2008)
- IFLA – International Federation of Landscape Architects (since 2008)