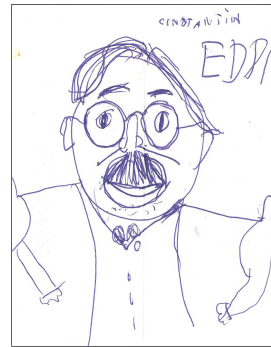


## Lothar Schirmer – Short Biography



Portrait Lothar Schirmer, Photo: Bob Adelman,



Portrait of Lothar Schirmer, child's drawing by "Eddi" Constantin von Pape, c. 1989

- Born on February 1, 1945 in Schmalkalden/Thuringia  
Moved to Cologne in spring 1953
- Grew up in Cologne, Recklinghausen and Bremen
- Graduated from high school in 1965 in Bremen
- Military service from fall 1965 until spring 1967
- Studied Economics in Cologne, graduating in spring 1972
- Moved to Munich. From fall 1972 to spring 1974 PA to the management at Droemer Knaur Verlag, Munich
- Founded Schirmer/Mosel Verlag on April 1, 1974 together with Erik Mosel. The publishing house quickly emerged as one of the major European players, a trailblazer as regards prowess in contemporary photography and visual arts.
- Since 1986 sole managing partner and publisher of Schirmer/Mosel Verlag
- 1995 honored with the *George Eastman Medal* for his publishing efforts in the field of creative photography
- 1999 bestowed the *Goldene Ehrennadel* awarded by Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels
- 2000 *Montblanc Arts Patronage Award*
- 2004 founded SchirmerGraf Verlag with Tanja Graf
- 2009 awarded the *Commendatore Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana* for his contribution to nurturing Italian art and culture in Germany
- 2012 voted *Publisher of the Year* by the jury of the journal BuchMarkt
- 2013 awarded the medal *München leuchtet* in Gold by the City of Munich for his services as a publisher and patron of the new Lenbachhaus Collection