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Artist Biography

Jean Dubuffet (1901 - 1985)

Jean Dubuffet was born on 31st July 1901 in Le Havre, France. In 1918 he moved to Paris and studied at the Académie Julian, leaving after six months to study independently. Following an eight year break spent starting a family and working as a wine merchant, Dubuffet returned to Paris in 1933, rented a studio and started to paint again but it was not until 1942 that he became a full time artist. Dubuffet's first solo exhibition was held at the Galerie René Drouin, Paris, in 1944 and the Pierre Matisse Gallery gave him his first solo show in New York in 1947. Dubuffet is known for an idealistic approach to aesthetics that embraced so called "low art" and eschewed traditional standards of beauty in favour of what he believed to be a more humanistic and authentic approach to image-making. He died in Paris in 1985.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Jean Dubuffet*, Musée des civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée, Marseille, France
Jean Dubuffet and Venice, Palazzo Franchetti, Venice, Italy
Muse and Motif, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Jean Dubuffet: A Festival of the Mind*, Waddington Custot, London, UK
Jean Dubuffet: Théâtres de mémoire, Pace Gallery, New York, USA
- 2017 *Jean Dubuffet: The Deep End*, Rijksmuseum and Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Jean Dubuffet: Théâtres de mémoire, Pace Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 *Jean Dubuffet: Soul of the Underground*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 2012 *Jean Dubuffet: Transitions*, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK
Dubuffet; in paper, Galerie Zlotowski, Paris, France
- 2011 *Dubuffet as Architect*, Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium
- 2009 *Jean Dubuffet - Retrospective*, Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2008 *Dubuffet - The Walls*, Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain
- 2006 *Jean Dubuffet, Musical Experimentations*, Dubuffet Foundation, Paris, France
- 2003 *Jean Dubuffet: Trace of an Adventure*, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria
Jean Dubuffet: Trace of an Adventure, Guggenheim Bilbao, Bilbao
- 2000 *Los Dubuffet de Dubuffet*, Museo de Bellas Artes, Bilbao, Spain
- 1999 *Jean Dubuffet: Figuren und Köpfe*, Saarland Museum, Saarbrücken, Germany
- 1998 *Dubuffet to de Kooning: Expressionist Prints from Europe and America*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

- 1993 *Jean Dubuffet 1943-1963: Paintings, Sculptures, Assemblages*, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC, USA
- 1991 *Jean Dubuffet, les dernières années*, Galerie nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris, France
- 1987 *Dubuffet: Works on Paper*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1980 *Dubuffet retrospective*, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Germany
- 1973 *Jean Dubuffet: A Retrospective*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 1972 *Dubuffet: Persons and Places*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1966 *Jean Dubuffet, Paintings Retrospective*, Tate Gallery, London, UK
- 1962 *The Work of Jean Dubuffet*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1960 *Rétrospective Jean Dubuffet 1942-1960*, Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France
- 1947 Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, USA
- 1944 Gallery René Drouin, Paris, France

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AU Australian National Gallery, Canberra
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- CH Kunsthau, Zürich
Fondation Beyeler, Basel
- DK Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk
- DE Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin
Museum Ludwig, Cologne
Kunstmuseum, Hannover
- FR Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
Musée des arts décoratifs, Paris
Musée des Beaux-Arts, Lyon
- IL Museum of Art, Tel-Aviv
- IT Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice
- JP National Museum of Western Art, Tokyo
Open Air Gallery, Tokyo
- NL Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
Museum Boymans, Rotterdam
- SE Moderna Museet, Sweden
- UK Tate Modern, London
- USA Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, New York
National Gallery of Art, Washington DC
Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, New York
MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Museum of Fine Art, Dallas, Texas
Museum of Modern Art, New York
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York