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Artist Biography

Ellsworth Kelly (1923 - 2015)

Ellsworth Kelly was one of the major exponents of post-painterly abstraction in the 1960s, and is known for his influence on Hard-Edge, Colour Field and Minimalist painting. Born in Newburgh, he studied at the Pratt Institute and the Boston School of Museum of Fine Arts. In 1964 he began to make prints with Gemini G.E.L and Tyler Graphics. Printmaking has given him scope for an autonomous activity in which his explorations into composition and surface texture have fed back into his constructions. He lived in New York State until his death in 2015.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *The Interaction of Colour*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Ellsworth Kelly: Last Paintings*, Matthew Marks Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2016 *Ellsworth Kelly Anthology*, Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, Netherlands
- 2015 *Monet | Kelly*, Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, USA
- 2013 *Ellsworth Kelly - Twelve colour prints from the artist's own collection*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2012 *Ellsworth Kelly: Los Angeles*, Matthew Marks Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
Ellsworth Kelly: Prints and Paintings, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, USA
- 2011 *Ellsworth Kelly: Black & White*, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
Ellsworth Kelly: Plant Drawings, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany
Ellsworth Kelly: Wood Sculpture, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, USA
- 2010 *Ellsworth Kelly: Drawings 1954-62*, Middlesborough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesborough, UK, touring to Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2009 *Ellsworth Kelly: Diagonal*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, USA
- 2008 *Color Chart: Reinventing Color, 1950 to Today*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 2007 *Living Color*, Vassarely Museum, Budapest, Hungary
Ellsworth Kelly in St Ives, Tate St Ives, Cornwall, UK
- 2005 *Spectrum*, Galerie Lelong, New York, USA
- 2004 *Das MoMA*, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 *Ellsworth Kelly*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA
- 2002 *ELLSWORTH KELLY. Werke 1956-2002*, Fondation Beyeler, Basel, Switzerland
Ellsworth Kelly, Tablet: 1948-1973, The Drawing Center, New York, USA
- 1999 *Ellsworth Kelly - Sculpture for a Large Wall*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
Ellsworth Kelly: The Early Drawings, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA

- 1998 *Ellsworth Kelly on the Roof*, Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 1996 *Ellsworth Kelly. A Retrospective*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 1993 *New Displays: Ellsworth Kelly*, Tate Gallery, London, UK
- 1989 *Ellsworth Kelly: Courtyard Installation*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA
- 1987 *Ellsworth Kelly: Works on Paper*, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, USA
Ellsworth Kelly: A Print Retrospective, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, USA
- 1982 *Ellsworth Kelly: Sculpture*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA
- 1979 *Ellsworth Kelly: Painting and Sculpture*, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Ellsworth Kelly: Recent Paintings and Sculpture, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
- 1973 *Ellsworth Kelly*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1968 *The Art of the Real*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1966 American Pavilion, XXXIII Venice Biennial, Venice, Italy
- 1963 *Paintings, Sculpture and Drawings by Ellsworth Kelly*, Gallery of Modern Art, Washington DC, USA
- 1959 *Sixteen Americans*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1957 *Young America 1957*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA
- 1956 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, USA
- 1951 Galerie Arnaud, Paris, France

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AU National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- DE Von der Heydt-Museum, Wuppertal
- ES Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid
- UK Tate, London
- US Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston,
Museum of Modern Art, New York,
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
National Gallery of Art, Washington DC
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven