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Artist Biography

Paula Rego (1935 - 2022)

Paula Rego was born in Lisbon in 1935. She studied at the Slade School of Art, London between 1952–56 and settled permanently in London in 1963. Rego came to prominence in Britain after her first major solo exhibitions at the Air Gallery, London, in 1981 and the Serpentine Gallery, London, in 1988. The Casa das Histórias Paula Rego, a museum located in a district outside Lisbon that was commissioned by the Portuguese government in 2011, permanently houses Rego's entire collection of over 200 prints, alongside drawings, preparatory works and paintings loaned by the artist.

Rego explores themes of power, rebellion, sexuality and gender, grief and poverty. One of the most important figurative artists of her generation, her work ranges from painting, pastel, and prints to sculptural installations. In 2010 she was created a Dame of the British Empire. Rego died in London in 2022.

Cristea Roberts Gallery is the worldwide representative for original prints by Paula Rego.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Subversive Stories*, Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
Literary Inspirations, Petersfield Museum, UK
The Milk of Dreams, 59th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Secrets of Faith, Galleria Victoria Miro, Venice, Italy
- 2021 *The Forgotten*, Victoria Miro, London, UK
An Enduring Journey, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
Paula Rego, Tate Britain, London, UK; Kunstmuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands; Museo Picasso, Málaga, Spain
Paula Rego, Museum de Reede, Antwerp, Belgium
Paula Rego at Hogarth's House, Hogarth's House, London, UK
Who Will Write the History of Tears, Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
- 2020 Queen Sonja Lifetime Achievement Print Award and Exhibition, Norway
- 2019 *Obedience and Defiance*, MK Gallery, Milton Keynes; Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK; Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
- 2019 *Giving Fear a Face*, Centro de Arte Tomas y Valiente, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 *The Cruel Stories of Paula Rego*, Musée de l'Orangerie, Paris, France
- 2017 *Family Sayings*, La Virreina Centre de la Imatge, Barcelona, Spain
The Boy who Loved the Sea and Other Stories, Jerwood Gallery, Hastings, UK
The Sketchbooks, Pallant House, Chichester, UK
- 2016 *Old Meets New*, Casa das Histórias Paula Rego, Cascais, Portugal
- 2015 *Cousin Bazilio and Other Stories*, Marlborough Galería, Madrid, Spain
- 2014 *Fábulas Reales (Real Stories)*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Gas Natural Fenosa, La Coruña, Spain

- 2013 *Dame with the Goat's Foot and Other Stories*, Marlborough Fine Art, London, UK
- 2012 *Paula Rego Retrospective*, The Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2011 *Oratorio*, Casa das Histórias Paula Rego, Cascais, Portugal
- 2010 *Paula Rego Retrospective*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Monterrey, Mexico; Pinacoteca de Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2008 *Paula Rego Retrospective de l'oeuvre graphique*, Ecole Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Nîmes, France
- 2007 *Paula Rego: Retrospective Exhibition*, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain; National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington D.C., US
- 2005 *Paula Rego: Printmaker*, Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh; Victoria Art Gallery, Bath; University Gallery, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne; Royal College of Art, London, UK
- 2004 *Paula Rego*, Serralves Museum, Porto, Portugal
Paula Rego, Tate Britain, London, UK
- 2001 Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, UK; Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut, USA
- 1998 Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK
- 1997 Tate Gallery, Liverpool, UK; Fundação das Descobertas, Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1995 Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia
- 1991 *Tales from the National Gallery*, National Gallery, London; Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Plymouth; Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester; UK; The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal
- 1985 The Art Place, New York, US
- 1977 Módulo Centro Difusor da Arte, Oporto, Portugal
- 1965 Sociedade Nacional de Belas-Artes, Lisbon, Portugal

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- DE Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg
- GR Frissiras Museum, Athens
- PT Berardo Collection Museum, Lisbon
Chapel of the Palacio de Belém, Lisbon
Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon
- UK Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal
Arts Council Collection, England
Bristol City Art Gallery, Bristol
British Council Collection, England
British Museum, London
Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge
National Gallery, London
National Portrait Gallery, London
Portuguese Embassy, London
Saatchi Gallery, London
Southbank Centre, London
Tate, London
Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester
- USA Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut