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## Artist Biography

### Josef Albers (1888 - 1976)

Josef Albers' printmaking career spanned over sixty-five years and covered many different media. He is perhaps best known for his *Homage to the Square*, but he produced many striking woodcuts and linocuts using his favoured geometric forms. In 1920, he enrolled in the Bauhaus School of Design, later becoming an instructor, and eventually Director of the school's noted furniture workshop. In 1950 he became head of the Department of Design at Yale University School of Art. He died in 1976, but his paintings, prints, as well as his writings, still exert a powerful influence on contemporary artistic practice

#### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Pedagogical Experiments*, Kawamura Memorial DIC Museum of Art, Sakura, Japan  
*Formulation: Articulation*, Fleming Museum of Art, Burlington, VT, US
- 2022 *Homage to the Square*, Josef Albers Museum Quadrat Bottrop, Bottrop, Germany  
*Opening Eyes*, Art Museum of the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, US  
*Anni and Josef Albers*, Kunstmuseum Den Haag, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2021 *Josef and Anni Albers: Art and Love*, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, France
- 2019 *The Interaction of Colour*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK  
*Learning to See*, Tucson Museum of Art, Tuscon, AZ, US
- 2018 *Programmed*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, US  
*Looking Back (Looking Forward)*, Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery, Nashville, TN, US
- 2017 *The American Dream*, British Museum, London, UK  
*Sunny Side Up*, David Zwirner Gallery, London, UK
- 2016 *Homage to the Square*, Galería Cayón, Madrid, Spain  
*Albers & the Bauhaus*, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK  
*Drawing Then*, Dominique Lévy, New York, NY, US
- 2015 *Adventures of the Black Square*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK  
*How to Live? Visions of the Future, Yesterday and Today*, Wilhelm-Hack-Museum, Germany  
*A Beautiful Confluence*, Mudec, Milan, Italy
- 2014 *Black and White*, Waddington Custot, London, UK  
*Minimal Means, Maximum Effect*, Fundación Juan March, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 *Learning to See*, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, AZ, US  
*Josef Albers, Interaction of Color*, Künstlerhaus Wien, Vienna, Austria  
*Mingei: Are You Here?* Pace Galleries, London, UK, touring to New York, NY, US  
*Albers and Heirs*, Elliott Museum, Stuart, FL, US

- 2012 *Abstract Impressions*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London UK  
*The Sacred Modernist Josef Albers as a Catholic Artist*, Glucksman Gallery, Cork, Ireland  
*Bauhaus*, Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 *Painting on Paper: Josef Albers in America*, Louisiana Museum of Art, Humlebaek, Copenhagen: touring to Kunstmuseum Basel, Switzerland; Musée Nationale d'Art Moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France; Centro de Arte Moderna, Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon, Portugal and Morgan Library and Museum, New York, NY, US
- 2010 *Utopia Matters*, Deutsche Guggenheim, Berlin, Germany  
*Innovation and Inspiration*, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C., US
- 2009 *Bauhaus, 1919-1933*, MoMA, New York, NY, US
- 2008 *Name Dropping*, Mitterrand+Cramer, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Color, Material, Space*, Josef Albers Museum, Quadrat Bottrop, Germany
- 2007 *Formulation: Articulation*, NIU Art Museum, IL, US
- 2006 *Albers and Moholy-Nagy*, Tate Modern, London, UK; Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Germany; Whitney Museum, New York, NY, US
- 2004 *Seeing in Colour*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Phoenix, AZ, US
- 2001 *Homage to the Square*, Galerie Karsten Greve, Milan, Italy
- 2002 *Josef Albers*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1971-2 *Josef Albers*, MoMA, New York, NY, US
- 1964-7 *Homage to the Square*, MoMA New York, touring throughout North and South America

#### SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AU National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- BR Museu de Arte Contemporânea da Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo
- CA Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver
- CH Kunsthaus Zürich, Zurich
- DE Sprengel Museum Hannover, Hannover  
Museum für Neue Kunst & Medienmuseum, Karlsruhe
- FR Espace de l'art concret, Mouans Sartoux
- IT Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice
- JP The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- KR Leeum - Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul
- NO Henie Onstad Art Centre, Høvikodden
- UK Tate Britain, London
- US Miami University Art Museum, Oxford, OH  
MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA  
MoMA - Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY