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Artist Biography

Naum Gabo (1890 - 1977)

Naum Gabo was born in Russia in 1890 and became a pioneer of the Constructivist movement and one of the most important and influential sculptors of the twentieth century. He first studied engineering in Munich in 1910 and held his first public exhibition in Moscow in 1920. Following this he moved to Berlin where he lectured at the Bauhaus. With the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939, he moved to St. Ives in Cornwall, England, and settled into an artistic community that included Ben Nicholson, Barbara Hepworth and Peter Lanyon. He remained there until 1946 when he moved to the USA. Gabo exhibited widely in both the USA and Europe, and lectured at Yale, Harvard, and Chicago. He took American citizenship in 1952, taught at the Harvard University Graduate School of Architecture (1953-54) and delivered the A.W. Mellon Lectures in 1959 in Washington DC. He completed a number of large commissions, including a 25 metre high free standing sculpture for the Bijenkorf Building in Rotterdam. In 1971 he was awarded an Honorary KBE by Queen Elizabeth II. He continued to receive honours, prizes, commissions and international recognition until the end of his life. He died in Connecticut in 1977.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Naum Gabo*, Tate St Ives, Cornwall, UK
Naum Gabo: Spatial Impressions, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Rotterdam Cultural Histories #10: Naum Gabo*, Witte de With Centre for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2016 *Gabo's Monoprints: A Family Collection*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 *Polychromies: Surface, Light and Colour*, The Henry Moore Foundation, Herts, UK
Naum Gabo, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK
- 2012 *ABSTRACT IMPRESSIONS: Naum Gabo, Josef Albers and Ben Nicholson*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK. Touring to Burton Art Gallery and Museum, Devon, UK
- 2010 *Advancing Abstraction in Modern Sculpture*, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, USA
Modern Times: Responding to Chaos, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK
- 2009 *The American Artists from the Russian Empire*, State Tretyakov Gallery on Krymsky Val, 10, Moscow, Russia
- 2008 *COMING OF AGE: Arte Americana dal 1850 al 1950*, Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy
- 2006 *Woodcut Monoprints*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2004 Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK
- 1999 *Pioneer of Abstract Sculpture*, Pace Wildenstein Gallery, New York, USA
- 1988 *The Constructive Idea*, Oxford Museum Modern Art; and touring
- 1985 *Sixty Years of Constructivism*, Dallas Museum of Art; and touring

- 1977 *Naum Gabo 1980-1970*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1968 *Retrospective exhibition*, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York, USA
- 1965 *Retrospective exhibition*, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; and touring
- 1950 Baltimore Museum of Art, USA
- 1948 Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1942 *New Movements in Art: Contemporary Work in England*, London Museum
The Exhibition of the Collection of the Société Anonyme, Museum of Modern Art, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, USA
- 1939 San Francisco Golden Gate exhibition, USA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1936 *Abstract and Concrete*, Lefèvre Gallery, London, UK
Cubism and Abstract Art, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1926 Little Review Gallery, New York, USA
- 1920 Tverskoi Boulevard, Moscow, Russia

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- CA Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
- DE Berlinische Galerie, Berlin
Städel Museum, Frankfurt am Main
Museum Ludwig, Cologne
- FR Musée d'art moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
- JA Kawamura Memorial Museum of Art, Chiba
- KR Leeum - Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
- NL Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- UK Kettle's Yard, Cambridge
Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh
Tate Britain, London
Tate Modern, London
Tate St Ives, Cornwall
- USA Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover
Dallas Museum of Art, Texas
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC
Los Angeles County Museum of Art - LACMA, Los Angeles
MoMA - Museum of Modern Art, New York City
Solomon R. Guggenheim, New York