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Antoni Tàpies (1923 - 2012)

Antoni Tàpies was a Spanish artist known for his mixed-media paintings that incorporated marble dust, found objects, and resin as seen in his seminal work *Grey and Green Painting* (1957). Social themes run throughout his highly textured and tactile paintings, which were influenced by his experience of the politics and environment of the wartime and the postwar state of the Spanish government. "If one draws things in a manner which provides only the barest clue to their meaning, the viewer is forced to fill in the gaps by using his own imagination," he reflected. "He is compelled to participate in the creative act, which I consider very important." Born on December 13, 1923 in Barcelona, Spain, he originally studied law while pursuing art, he became a friend of his fellow Catalan Joan Miró who was an integral influence on Tàpies's early Surrealist work. Incorporating the scrawling marks of Paul Klee, Tàpies joined the Art Informel movement, as his work turned toward the abstract and seemingly anticipated the Arte Povera movement. Over the several decades to follow, the artist became more nuanced in his choice of materials and attempted to convey the accidental marks of walls and graffiti. He died on February 6, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain. Today, his works are held in the Fundació Antoni Tàpies Museum in Barcelona, The Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Tate Gallery in London, and the Reina Sofia National Museum in Madrid, among others.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Antoni Tàpies. Theatre.*, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain
- 2018 *Antoni Tàpies. Objects.*, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain
- 2017 *Antoni Tàpies: Revulsion and Desire*, Timothy Taylor Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 Timothy Taylor Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 *Pathos: Body and Work*, Museum für Gegenwartskunst Siegen, Germany
- 2010 *Mira la Ma*, Fundacio Palau, Spain
- 2009 Galerie Lelong, Paris, France
- 2008 *Recent Work*, Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 2006 Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 2004 Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
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- 1996 Museum of Contemporary Art, Kagawa, Japan
Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 1995 Pace Wildenstein, New York, USA
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 1994 Galerie Lelong, Paris, France
Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 1993 The Pace Gallery, New York, USA
Fundacio Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain
- 1992 The Museum of Modern Art, New York touring to
The Art Museum at Florida International University,
Miami; Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, USA and Museo
de Arte Contemporaneo, Caracas, Venezuela

Artist Biography

- 1991 Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany
Galerie Lelong, New York, USA
Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 1989 Galerie Lelong, New York, USA
Centre of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
- 1988 Baxter Gallery, Portland School of Art, Portland touring
to Anderson Gallery, Virginia; The Art Gallery, University
of Maryland Lamont Gallery, The Phillips Exeter
Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire; David Anderson
Gallery, Buffalo, USA and Musée Cantini, Marseilles,
France
- 1986 Metropolitan Museum and Art Centre, Coral Gables,
Florida, USA
- 1984 Galerie Brusberg, Berlin, Germany
Fundacio Joan Miro, Barcelona, Spain
- 1965 Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AU National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- AR Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires
- AT Neue Galerie Graz am Landesmuseum
Joanneum, Graz
Sammlung Essl - Kunsthau, Klosterneuburg
- BE MAMAC Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain,
- BR mam - Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo
- CH Kunstmuseum Basel, Basel
Foundation Beyeler, Riehen a
- DE Kolumba, Cologne
Museum Ludwig, Cologne
- ES ARTIUM Centro-Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo,
Vitoria-Gasteiz
Fundación Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona
Galleria d'Arte Moderna di Bologna - GAM, Bologna
Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y
Contemporáneo, Bilbao
- IE Irish Museum of Modern Art - IMMA, Dublin
- IN National Gallery of Modern Art - New Delhi, New Delhi
- IT Museo D'Arte Contemporanea Donna Regina - MADRE,
Naples
- JP Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
- KR Seoul Museum of Art (SeMA), Seoul
- MX Museo Tamayo, Mexico City
- PT Berardo Museum - Collection of Modern and
Contemporary Art, Lisbon
- SW Göteborgs konstmuseum, Göteborg
- UK Tate Britain, London
Tate Modern, London
- US MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles
MoMA - Museum of Modern Art, New York
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York