

John Coplans

John Coplans was born in 1920. He died in 2003.

Coplans was an artist and a British photographer, emigrated to U.S. in 1960. He was first director of several museums, including the Museum of Akron, Ohio. Then in 1980 he moved to New York where he devoted himself to photography. John Coplans is famous for his series of black and white self-portraits, studies of the naked body and aging.

Solo shows (selection)

2022

John Coplans : La vie des formes, Fondation Henri Cartier-Bresson, Paris, France

2014

A Body, Joseph Bellows Gallery, La Jolla, United States

2011

Photographs 1984-2000, Carl Solway Gallery, Cincinnati, United States

2006

One-person exhibition, Listasafn Reykjavíkur - Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

2004

Body Parts - A Self-Portrait, List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, United States

Photographs, Howard Yezerski Gallery, Boston, United States

2000

John Coplans, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

1999

Self portraits, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh

1998

A Self-Portrait, MoMA PS1, New York, United States

Galerie Lelong

1996

Self Portraits, Spectrum Sotos, Zaragoza, Spain

1994

A Self-Portrait, National Gallery of Canada - Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, Ottawa, Canada

John Coplans, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

1991

Matrix 113, The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, United States

Self portraits, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States

1990

John Coplans, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany

John Coplans, Museum Boymans, Rotterdam, Netherlands

1989

Autoportraits, Musée de la vieille charité, Marseille, France

1988

John Coplans, The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, United States

Photographs by John Coplans, Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States

1986

Photographer, The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, United States

Biennials (selection)

1983

Whitney Biennial 1983, Whitney Biennial, New York, United States

Public collections (selection)

Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

Galerie Lelong

National Gallery of Canada - Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Kiasma - Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland

Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain (MAMCS), Strasbourg, France

Musée national d'Art moderne (MNAM), Paris, France

Mezzanin Stiftung für Kunst, Schaan, Liechtenstein

Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA), Barcelona, Spain

Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, United States

Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, United States

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), San Francisco, United States

The Getty Center, Los Angeles, United States