Sean Scully

Sean Scully was born in 1945 in Dublin. Aged four, he moved with his family to London. In 1972, he went to study at Harvard, and in 1975 moved to New York. Between 1977 and 1983, Scully taught at Princeton. He became an American citizen in 1983. He lives and works in New York.

Solo shows (selection)

2025

The Horizontal and The Vertical, Daegu Art Musuem, Daegu

Sublime and Sunyata, Sichuan Conservatory of Music, Ziyang, China

Sean Scully. Stories, Bucerius Kunst Forum, Hamburg, Germany

Retrospective, La Pedrera, Barcelona, Spain

Sean Scully: The Albee Barn, Montauk, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, United States

2024

Sean Scully: Geographies, Ludwig Museum, Koblenz, Germany

Sean Scully: Uninsideout, Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest, Hungary

2023

Arles Nacht Vincent, Collection Lambert, Avignon, France

Sean Scully, Passerelle Centre d'art contemporain, Brest, France

Sean Scully at Houghton Hall – Smaller Than The Sky, Houghton Hall, Norfolk, United Kingdom

2022

Sean Scully: Passenger – A Retrospective, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb, Croatia

Sean Scully: Material World, Thorvaldsens Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark

Sean Scully: Bodies of Color, KUNSTWERK Sammlung Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, Germany

Sean Scully: Song of Color, Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany

Sean Scully: SQUARE, Kerlin Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

Sean Scully. A Wound in a Dance with Love, Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

Sean Scully: Passenger – A Retrospective, Center of Contemporary Art Znaki Czasu, Toruń, Poland

Sean Scully: The Shape of Ideas, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, United States

2021

Sean Scully: Passenger - A Retrospective, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

Sean Scully: Eleuthera, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland

Sean Scully: The 12, Chelsea Studio, New York, United States

The Shape of Ideas, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, United States

2020

Opulent Ascension, LWL-Museum for Art and Culture, Münster, Germany

Aeternum, Forum Paracelsus, Saint-Moritz, Switzerland

2019

Long Light, Villa Panza, Varese, Italy

Eleuthera, Centro de Arte Contemporaneo de Malaga, Málaga, Spain

Sea Star: Sean Scully, National Gallery of Art, London, United Kingdom

Landline, The Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, United States

2018

Sean Scully: Standing on the Edge of the World, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Sean Scully, Cuadra San Cristóbal, Mexico City, Mexico

Landlines and other recent works, De Pont, Tilburg, Netherlands

Sean Scully. Facing East, The State Russian Museum - Marble Palace, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

Sean Scully - Wall of Light, Mnuchin Gallery, New York, United States

Sean Scully: No Words, The Edward Hopper House, Nyack, United States

2016

Sean Scully. Resistance and Persistence, The Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, China

Sean Scully. Metal, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Sean Scully - Etchings for Federico García Lorca, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, United States

2015

Painting as an Imaginative World Appropriation, Museum Liaunig, Neuhaus, Austria

Sean Scully 1974-2015, Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Follow the Heart, Himalayas Art Museum, Shanghai, China

Sean Scully - Figure/Abstract, Kunsthalle Rostock, Rostock, Germany

2014

Doric, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Sean Scully - Figure/Abstract, Ludwig Museum im Deutschherrenhaus, Koblenz, Germany

Sean Scully Encounters: A New Master among Old Masters, Christ Church Picture Gallery, Oxford, United Kingdom

2013

Sean Scully: Doric, Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, Dublin, Ireland

Sean Scully: Change And Horizontals, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

Sean Scully, Verey Gallery - Eton College, Windsor, United Kingdom

Sean Scully - Change and Horizontals, The Drawing Center, New York, United States

2012

Sean Scully - Grey Wolf - Retrospektive, Lentos Kunstmuseum, Linz, Austria

Sean Scully - Doric Order, Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

Sean Scully - Doric, Institut Valencià d'Art Modern, Valencia, Spain

Sean Scully - Grey Wolf, Kunstmuseum, Bern, Switzerland

Sean Scully – Works On Paper / Wall Of Light Red Shade, Van Every/Smith Galleries at Davidson College, Davidson, United States

2010 Sean Scully: Works from the 1980s, VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art, Carlow Town, Ireland Sean Scully, Ulster Museum, Belfast, United Kingdom Sean Scully: Works from the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, The Old Jail Art Center, Albany, United States 2009 Konstantinopel oder die versteckte Sinnlichkeit, MKM Museum Küppersmühle für Moderne Kunst, Duisburg, Germany Sean Scully - Recent Paintings, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States 2008 La surface peinte, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France The Prints of Sean Scully, The Baker Museum, Naples, United States The Prints of Sean Scully, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, United States The Prints of Sean Scully, The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, United States 2007 Sean Scully. Wall of light, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States 2006 Sean Scully - Wall of Light, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, United States 2005 Sean Scully - New Work, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States 2004 Sean Scully - Body of Light, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia Sean Scully, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland Sean Scully, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Sean Scully. Fotografias, Galeria Pilar Serra, Madrid, Spain

Granada, Spain

Sean Scully. Dedicado a Federico García Lorca, Casa-Museo Federico García Lorca,

2003	
	Sean Scully, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States
2002	
	Sean Scully. Wall of Light, Centro de Artes Helio Oiticica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	Sean Scully, Musée Jenisch, Vevey, Switzerland
2001	
	Sean Scully - Work on Paper, Rex Irwin Gallery, Woollahra, Australia
	Sean Scully, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France
	Sean Scully - Die neunziger Jahre, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
	Sean Scully. New Works on Paper, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States
2000	
	Sean Scully on Paper, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States
1999	
	Sean Scully. Prints 1968 – 1999, Albertina, Vienna, Austria
	Sean Scully, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France
1998	
	Sean Scully. Works on Paper 1975-1996, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Cambridge, United Kingdom
1997	
	Sean Scully. Paintings and Works on Paper, Lentos Kunstmuseum, Linz, Austria
	Sean Scully. Recent Paintings, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France
	Sean Scully: Between the Lines, Henie Onstad Art Centre, Høvikodden, Norway
	Sean Scully. Paintings and Works on Paper, Fundação Caixa Geral de Depósitos - Culturgest, Lisbon, Portugal
	Sean Scully. Floating Paintings and Photographs, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States
1996	
	Sean Scully, Paintings and Works on Paper, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

	Sean Scully: Zwanzig Janre, 1976 - 1995, Schim Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany
	Sean Scully: Twenty Years, 1976-1995, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
	Sean Scully: The Catherine Paintings & Watercolours, Casino Luxembourg - Forum d'art contemporain, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
	Sean Scully: Twenty Years, 1976-1995, Caixa Forum, Barcelona, Spain
	Sean Scully, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States
	Sean Scully: Twenty Years, 1976-1995, The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, United States
1993	
	Sean Scully: The Catherine Paintings, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, United States
1992	
	Sean Scully. Paintings 1973 – 1992, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Cambridge, United Kingdom
1990	
	Sean Scully. Pastel Drawings, Grob Gallery, London, United Kingdom
1989	
	Sean Scully. Pinturas y obra sobre papel 1982-88, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
	Sean Scully, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, United Kingdom
1988	
	Sean Scully, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, United States
1987	
	Sean Scully / MATRIX 112, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAM/PFA) Berkeley, CAUSA, New York, United States
1985	
	Sean Scully, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, United States
1982	
	Sean Scully, paintings 1971-1981, The Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

1979		
	Sean Scully: Paintings, 1975-1979, MoMA PS1, New York, United States	
Group shows (selection)		
2024		
	Probité de l'image, Villa Beatrix Enea, Anglet, France	
2020		
	Living with art: Picasso to Celmins, British Museum, London, United Kingdom	
2019		
	on the spiritual matter of art, MAXXI - Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome, Italy	
2018		
	Sarajevo 2000, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria	
	250th Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom	
2017		
	Summer Exhibition 2017, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom	
2016		
	Royal Academy of Arts - Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom	
2013		
	Estampes, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France	
	Die Sammlung, Hubert Looser Kunsthaus, Zürich, Switzerland	
	Fenêtres, de la Renaissance à nos jours. Dürer, Monet, Magritte, Fondation de l'Hermitage, Lausanne, Switzerland	
	Edge Order Rupture, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States	
2011		
	Pars Pro Toto, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland	

2008

A Year in Drawing, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States

2007

Große Malerei, Lentos Kunstmuseum, Linz, Austria

2003

Streifzüge, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

Divergent, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States

2000

"Pars Pro Toto", Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

Biennials (selection)

2019

Blickachsen 12, Skulpturenbiennale Blickachsen, Bad Homburg, Germany

2002

25° Bienal de São Paulo, Bienal de Sao Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Public collections (selection)

Essl Museum - Kunst der Gegenwart, Klosterneuburg, Austria

Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz, Linz, Austria

Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria

Otten Kunstraum, Hohenems, Austria

Centre de la Gravure et de l'Image imprimée, La Louvière, Belgium

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany

Museum Schloss Wilhelmshöhe, Kassel, Germany

Von der Heydt Museum, Wuppertal, Germany

Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
Musée Jenisch, Vevey, Switzerland
Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, United States
List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, United States
Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, United States

Retrospectives (selection)

2020

Passenger – A Retrospective, Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest, Hungary