

Louise Bourgeois

Louise Bourgeois was born in Paris December 25, 1911 and died in New York May 31, 2010.

Although she lived in New York from 1938 until her death, much of her inspiration was derived from her early childhood in France. The family's prosperous business was the restoration and resale of seventeenth and eighteenth-century tapestries. She often spoke of her early, emotionally conflicted family life; her practical and affectionate mother, who was an invalid and her father's domineering disposition, as well as his marital infidelities.

Using the body as a primary form, Bourgeois explored the full range of the human condition. From poetic drawings to room size installations she was able to give her fears a physical form in order to exorcise them. Memories, love and abandonment are the core of her complex body of work.

Exhibitions

Solo show

2019

Louise Bourgeois : To Unravel a Torment, Voorliden Museum, Wassenaar, Netherlands

2018

Twosome, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel

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

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

Triptych for the Red Room, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

The Empty House, Schinkel Pavillon, Berlin, Germany

2017

Artist Rooms: Louise Bourgeois, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Structures of Existence: The Cells, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark

2016

No Exit, NGA, National Gallery of Art, Washington, United States

Estructuras De Existencia: Las Celdas, Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporaneo, Bilbao, Spain

2015

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Louise Bourgeois, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

Strukturen des Daseins: Die Zellen, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

He estado en el infierno y he vuelto, Museo Picasso Malaga, Málaga, Spain

2014

Alone and together, Faurschou Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark

Louise Bourgeois, A Woman Without Secrets, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Petite Maman, Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico

2013

Alone and Together, Faurschou Foundation, Beijing, China

Louise Bourgeois 1911-2010, moca - Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada

2012

Louise Bourgeois, Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography, Ottawa, Canada

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

Louise Bourgeois, Fondation Beyeler, Riechen, Switzerland

The Return of the Repressed, Freud Museum, London, United Kingdom

Personages, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

2011

Moi, Eugénie Grandet..., Maison de Balzac, Paris, France

Estampes et dessins, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Mother and Child, Kunstforeningen GL Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark

El retorno de lo reprimido, Fundacion PROA, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Femme, Listasafin Islands - National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland

Louise Bourgeois, Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil

O retorno do desejo proibido, Museu de Arte Moderna Rio de Janeiro (MAM), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2010

Les Fleurs, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Personages, Museum of Cycladic Art, Athens, Greece

Hommage Louise Bourgeois, Mu.ZEE, Ostend, Belgium

Louise Bourgeois, Nordiska Akvarellmuseet - The Nordic Watercolour Museum, Skarhamn, Sweden

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2009

Louise Bourgeois per Capodimonte, Museo di Capodimonte, Naples, Italy

Louise Bourgeois, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, United States

2008

Louise Bourgeois, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

La sage femme, Espacio AV, Murcia, Spain

Louise Bourgeois, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Nature Study, Inverleith House, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Louise Bourgeois, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

2007

Crouching Spider by Louise Bourgeois, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, United States

The Woven Child, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, United States

Fugue, Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, Switzerland

Abstraction, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Louise Bourgeois, Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, United States

Recent Projects, Haggerty Museum of Art, Milwaukee, United States

2006

Louise Bourgeois, Kunsthalle Wien Museumsquartier, Vienna, Austria

Femme, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, United States

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Louise Bourgeois, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, United States

Louise Bourgeois, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny,

2005

Stitches in Time, Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami (MOCA), Miami, United States

Louise Bourgeois, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Etchings, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, United States

2004

Stitches in Time, Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), Dublin,

Zeichnungen, Bücher, Druckgrafik, Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, Switzerland

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

Drawings by Louise Bourgeois, Saint Louis Museum, Saint Louis, United States

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Stitches in Time, CAC Centro de Arte Contemporaneo Malaga, Málaga, Spain

2003

le jour la nuit le jour, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

Louise Bourgeois, White Cube, London, United Kingdom

Spider, SCAI the Bathhouse, Tokyo, Japan

The Insomnia Drawings, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States

2002

Louise Bourgeois, Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporaneo, Bilbao, Spain

Louise Bourgeois in the Hermitage, The State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russian Federation

Zeichnungen und Skulpturen, Kunsthäus Bregenz, Bregenz, Austria

The Early Work, The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA), Madison, United States

2001

Louise Bourgeois, Goterborgs Konstmuseum, Gothenburg, Sweden

livres illustrés, Musée des Impressionnistes Giverny, Giverny, France

2000

Memoria y arquitectura, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain

Louise Bourgeois, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

1998

HOMESICKNESS, Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama, Japan

Louise Bourgeois, Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, United States

Louise Bourgeois, A Woman Without Secrets, CAPC - Musée d'art contemporain, Bordeaux, France

Louise Bourgeois, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

Art is a Guarantee of Sanity, Wood Street Galleries, Pittsburgh, United States

1997

Ode a Ma Mere - Works on a Theme by Louise Bourgeois, Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center (CAC), Cincinnati, United States

Louise Bourgeois, Fondazione Prada, Milan, Italy

1996

La elegancia de la ironia, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey (MARCO), Monterrey, Mexico

Grafiek 1938-1993, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht,

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Louise Bourgeois, The Drawings Center, New York, United States

Les lieux de la mémoire, œuvres choisies 1946-1995, Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

La elegancia de la ironía, Museo Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico

Drawings, List Visual Arts Center (LVAC), Cambridge, United States

1995

The Locus of Memory, Works 1982-1993, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, United States

Dessins, pensées-plumes, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

The Drawings of Louise Bourgeois, Ota Fine Arts - Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

Louise Bourgeois, National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), Melbourne, Australia

1994

The Locus of Memory, Works 1982-1993, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, United States

The Personages, Saint Louis Museum, Saint Louis, United States

1992

She Lost It, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, United States

C. O. Y. O. T. E., Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, United States

1991

Louise Bourgeois, Fundacion Antoni Tapiés, Barcelona, Spain

L'œuvre Gravée, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

1990

Louise Bourgeois, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany

Louise Bourgeois, Musée d'Art Contemporain Lyon, Lyon, France

1989

Dessins 1940/1986, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

A Tribe of One/Works from the Sixties, The Dan Flavin Art Institute - Dia Art Foundation, Bridgehampton, United States

1987

Sculpture by Louise Bourgeois, Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati, United States

1985

Rétrospective 1947 -1984, Galerie Maeght-Lelong, Paris, France

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Louise Bourgeois: Nature Study, Serpentine Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1983

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

Louise Bourgeois, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH), Houston, United States

1981

Femme Maison, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, United States

Group show

2020

TRANSFORMACIONES - Mujeres artistas entre dos siglos, Fundación CajaCanarias, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain

Biennial

2017

15th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul Biennal, Istanbul,

2007

52nd International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale / Biennale di Venezia, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2005

51st International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale / Biennale di Venezia - Always a little further, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2003

50th International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale / Biennale di Venezia, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2002

Documenta 11, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1999

48th International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1998

24º Bienal de São Paulo, Bienal de Sao Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

1997

Whitney Biennial 1997, Whitney Biennial, New York, United States

4e Biennale de Lyon, La Biennale de Lyon, Lyon, France

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

5. International *İstanbul Biennial*, International Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey

1996

23° Bienal de São Paulo, Bienal de Sao Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

1995

La Biennale di Venezia, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1993

Biennale di Venezia - 45th International Art Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1992

documenta 9, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1983

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

1973

Whitney Biennial 1973, Whitney Biennial 1973, New York, United States

Public Collection

Museum Frieder Burda, Baden-Baden, Germany

Kolumba, Cologne, Germany

Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany

Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), Melbourne, Australia

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

Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo (mam), São Paulo, Brazil

Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

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

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark

Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Bilbao, Spain

Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo (CAAC), Sevilla, Spain

Dia: Beacon, Beacon, United States

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAM/PFA), Berkeley, United States

Institute of Contemporary Art Boston (ICA), Boston, United States

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, United States

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Paris – New York

- List Visual Arts Center (LVAC), Cambridge, United States
The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, United States
The Warehouse, Dallas, United States
Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, United States
The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, United States
Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, Gainesville, United States
Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, United States
Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, United States
Museum of Fine Arts Houston (MFAH), Houston, United States
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, United States
New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA), New Orleans, United States
Samek Art Museum, Lewisburg, United States
Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, United States
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, United States
Marciano Art Foundation, Los Angeles, United States
Maier Museum of Art, Lynchburg, United States
Chazen Museum of Art, Madison, United States
Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami (MOCA), Miami, United States
Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, United States
Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery, Nashville, United States
Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, United States
Dia:Chelsea, New York, United States
Exit Art, New York, United States
Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, United States
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, United States
The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, United States
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, United States
Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis, United States
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), San Francisco, United States

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Paris – New York

- Sweet Briar College Art Gallery, Sweet Briar, United States
Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, Utica, United States
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, United States
Kiasma - Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland
Collection Lambert, Avignon, France
Castello di Ama, Gaiole in Chianti, Italy
Palazzo Forti - Galleria d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Verona, Italy
Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, Vaduz, Liechtenstein
The Museum of Contemporary Art Oslo, Oslo, Norway
Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, Netherlands
Berardo Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
Leeum - Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom
Magasin 3 Stockholm Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden
Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, Switzerland
Musée Jenisch, Vevey, Switzerland
Daros Exhibitions, Zürich, Switzerland