

Antoni Tàpies

Antoni Tàpies was born in 1923 in Barcelona. He died in 2012.

Antoni Tàpies' artistic experimentation began during a long convalescence from a serious illness, after which his dedication to painting and drawing led him to abandon his university education. By the 1940s, he was exhibiting works that distinguished him from the artistic scene. Influenced by Miró and Klee, he became increasingly interested in iconographic and magical subjects.

In the mid-1950s, Tàpies achieved international recognition. He began incorporating, in the 1960s, new iconographic elements and techniques. His pictorial language continued to develop, resulting in a creative body of work admired throughout the world.

Antoni Tàpies' oeuvre has been exhibited at prestigious institutions including the MoMA and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Institute of Contemporary Art and the Serpentine and Hayward Galleries, London; Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin; Kunsthaus, Zurich; Musée d'Art moderne de la Ville de Paris, Jeu de Paume and MNAM – Centre Pompidou, Paris; Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid; Institut Valencià d'Art Modern, Valencia; Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona.

In parallel with his artistic production, Tàpies authored literary works, many published by Galerie Lelong.

Solo shows (selection)

2024

Antoni Tàpies. La Pràctica de l'Art, Museu Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Ara és demà. Art i activisme en l'obra d'Antoni Tàpies, Museu d'Historia de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain

Galerie Lelong

L'empremta del zen, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

La práctica del arte, Museo Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

2023

La Pratique de l'Art, Bozar, Brussels, Belgium

Les Armes d'Éros, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Tàpies. Fustes, papers, cartons i collages, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2022

Creus, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Melancholia, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

The Fertiliser that Feeds the Soil. Tàpies (1958-88), Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2021

Antoni Tàpies: Foregrounding Reality 2021, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2020

L'objet, Galerie Lelong & Co., espace Matignon, Paris, France

L'àcid és el meu ganivet, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2019

Certes sentides, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Teatre, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2018

Antoni Tàpies - T for Teresa, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2017

Antoni Tàpies - Temps, matière, mémoire, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

Antoni Tàpies - Nuevas lecturas en torno a la colección, Museo Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain

2016

Tàpies : Parla, parla, Les Abattoirs - FRAC Midi-Pyrénées, Toulouse, France

Galerie Lelong

Antoni Tàpies. Colección, 1955–65, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2015

Tàpies: From Within, Perez Art Museum, Miami, United States

2014

Antoni Tàpies. Del Objeto A La Escultura (1964–2009), Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Bilbao, Spain

Other Ways, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Tàpies. Desde el interior, Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain

2013

Tàpies. Desde el interior, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2012

Antoni Tàpies, Musée d'art moderne, Céret, France

Tribute to Antoni Tàpies, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Antoni Tàpies, Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Siegen, Germany

Tàpies – Image, Body, Pathos, Reykjavík Art Museum, Reykjavík, Iceland

Antoni Tàpies. Cabeza brazos piernas cuerpo, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Material Glance: A Portfolio of Lithographs by Antoni Tàpies and Poems by Shūzō Takiguchi, Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery, Nashville, United States

2011

Antoni Tàpies - Nouvelles peintures, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Nouvelles peintures, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2010

Antoni Tàpies, Museo delle Arti, Catanzaro, Italy

Antoni Tàpies. Los lugares del arte, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2009

Antoni Tàpies, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Galerie Lelong

Antoni Tàpies - The Resources of Rhetoric, Dia:Chelsea, New York, United States

Antoni Tàpies: The Resources of Rhetoric, Dia: Beacon, Beacon, United States

2008

Antoni Tàpies - obra gràfica, Kunstverein Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany

Antoni Tàpies—Drawings, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2007

Antoni Tàpies, Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo, Finland

Los carteles de Tàpies y la esfera pública, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2006

Antoni Tàpies, Museu Oscar Niemeyer, Curitiba, Brazil

Antoni Tàpies, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Colección, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2005

Antoni Tàpies, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Lissone, Italy

Antoni Tàpies, Museo de Arte de Zapopan, Zapopan, Mexico

Tàpies - Blockbuster!, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore, Singapore

Colección, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Tàpies. Tierras, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

Antoni Tàpies, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2004

Antoni Tàpies - Retrospectiva, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

Colección, Fundación Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2003

Colección, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Galerie Lelong

2002

Obra Gráfica, Museu Municipal de Tavira - Palácio da Galeria, Tavira, Portugal

Collecció 2002, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Antoni Tàpies - Neue Bilder, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2001

Collecció 2001, Fundación Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2000

Tàpies, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

Tàpies, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

1998

Tàpies - El tatuatge i el cos - Papers, cartons i collages, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

1995

Antoni Tàpies - Les années 90, Musée d'art moderne, Céret, France

1994

Tàpies, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

Tàpies: el Libre - Das Buch, Stadtmuseum, Siegburg, Germany

1993

Antoni Tàpies - Druckgraphiken 1959-69, aus der Sammlung Carin und Carl Vogel, Städtisches Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, Germany

Tàpies. Celebració de la mel, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

1992

Tàpies - Vernizes: celebracio de la mel, Museu Serralves, Porto, Portugal

Tàpies en la Colección de Arte de Telefónica, Museo de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Santander, Spain

Tàpies. Certezas sentidas, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Tàpies. Comunicació sobre el mur, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Galerie Lelong

Tàpies: Writing on the Wall, Serpentine Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Antoni Tàpies in Print, Frost Art Museum, Miami, United States

Antoni Tàpies in Print, Museum of Modern Art, New York City, United States

1991

Antoni Tàpies, Fuji Television Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1990

Antoni Tàpies. Extensiones de la realidad, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

1989

Tàpies, Galerie Lelong, New York, United States

1983

Antoni Tàpies - Gemälde aus einer Privatsammlung, Städtisches Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, Germany

1977

Antoni Tàpies : rétrospective, Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

Antoni Tàpies, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, United States

Antoni Tàpies, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, United States

Antoni Tàpies, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, United States

1976

Tàpies, Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul, France

1971

Antoni Tàpies: Prints, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, United States

1968

Antoni Tàpies, Kunstverein, Hamburg, Germany

1965

Antonio Tàpies: Paintings 1945-1965, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, United Kingdom

Galerie Lelong

1962

Antoni Tàpies, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

Group shows (selection)

2025

In Other Worlds: Acts of Translation, Focal Point Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2019

As Far as the Eye Can See New Insight into the Würth Collection, Kunsthalle Würth, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany

2018

Zéro De Conduite: Obras Da Coleção De Serralves, Museu Serralves - Museu de Arte Contemporânea, Porto, Portugal

2017

Conversation piece, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

2016

CERAMIX. Art et Céramique de Rodin à Schütte, La Maison Rouge, Paris, France

CERAMIX. Art et Céramique de Rodin à Schütte, Sèvres - Cité de la céramique, Sèvres, France

Trio, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

2015

Retrospektive 25 Jahre Kunst im Stadtmuseum, Stadtmuseum, Siegburg, Germany

2014

Face à l'œuvre, Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul, France

2013

Von Beckmann bis Warhol - Die Sammlung Bayer, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany

2012

Primer Acto, Museo Tamayo, Mexico City

Kartons - Works on Cardboard, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

Galerie Lelong

2010

Antoni Tàpies - Eduardo Chillida, Künstlerhaus, Wien, Austria

Gipfeltreffen der Moderne. Das Kunstmuseum Winterthur, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria

Press Art - Sammlung Annette und Peter Nobel, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria

Accrochage, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

Grands Formats, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

Zeichnungen 1950-2010, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2009

The Sweeney Decade: Acquisitions at the 1959, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York City, United States

2008

DESENHOS ESPANHÓIS DO SÉCULO XX - COLEÇÃO FUNDAÇÃO MAPFRE, Museu de Arte de São Paulo Assis Chateaubriand, São Paulo, Brazil

González Bravo, Antoni Tapies, Luis Feito, Spanische KunstGalerie Art 204, Düsseldorf, Germany

MACBA im Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany

Order. Desire. Light. An exhibition of contemporary drawings, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland

Tàpies, Hartung, Uecker, Förg, Kunstmuseum, St.Gallen, Switzerland

Summer Breeze - Seletions from the Contemporary Collection, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, United States

2007

Espanhóis, Museu de Arte Contemporanea da Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

BARCELONA 1947-2007, Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul, France

2006

Ciccillo - acervo mac usp, Museu de Arte Contemporanea da Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Galerie Lelong

Where are we going - Selections from the Francois Pinault Collection, Palazzo Grassi - Francois Pinault Foundation, Venice, Italy

Maestro del Collage-de Picasso a Rauschenberg, Fundación Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain

2004

Main, Musée d'art contemporain, Montreal, Canada

Dibujos de Maestros Españoles del Siglo XX, Museo Nacional de Artes Visuales, Montevideo, Uruguay

2002

From Picasso to Tàpies - Masterpieces from the Reina Sofía, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands

Chillida/Tàpies - Materia y pensamiento visual, Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Bilbao, Spain

2000

Œuvres phares et acquisitions récentes, Musée d'art contemporain, Montreal, Canada

Dibujos germinales, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

1999

Texture, Musée d'art contemporain, Montreal, Canada

Le Avanguardie Spagnole - Il secolo di Picasso nelle collezioni del Reina Sofía, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

1998

L'abécédaire du Musée, Musée d'art contemporain, Montreal, Canada

Der unendliche Raum dehnt sich aus, Staatliche Kunsthalle, Baden-Baden, Germany

1997

Around Europe, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1996

Arte en el cielo, Museo Nacional de Artes Visuales, Montevideo, Uruguay

1995

Dons 1989-1994, Musée d'art contemporain, Montreal, Canada

Galerie Lelong

1994

Couplet 2, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1991

Broken Music, Musée d'art contemporain, Montreal, Canada

1989

Abstractions, Museum of Modern Art, New York City, United States

Master Prints from the Collection, Museum of Modern Art, New York City, United States

1985

Elementarzeichen. Urformen visueller Information, Staatliche Kunsthalle, Berlin, Germany

1978

Impressions, Museum of Modern Art, New York City, United States

1973

Hommage à Picasso, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany

1972

Metamorphose de Dinges, Palazzo Reale, Milan, Italy

1971

Metamorphose de Dinges, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium

1961

One hundred paintings from the G. David Thompson Collection, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

1960

Before Picasso; After Miro, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

1959

Twenty contemporary painters from the Philippe Dotremont collection, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

Biennials (selection)

Galerie Lelong

2016

5ª Bienal Internacional de Grabado ICPNA 2016, Bienal Internacional de Grabado, Lima, Peru

2005

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

1985

XIII BIENNALE DE PARIS, Biennale de Paris, Paris, France

1982

La Biennale di Venezia : Settore Arti Visive : 1982, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1979

3rd Biennale of Sydney: European Dialogue, Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

1978

La Biennale di Venezia 1978. From Nature to Art, from Art to Nature, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1977

Documenta 6, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1976

La Biennale di Venezia 1976, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1968

Documenta 4, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1964

Documenta 3, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1959

Documenta 2, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1957

IV Bienal Do Museu De Arte Moderna De São Paulo, Bienal de Sao Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Galerie Lelong

1954

II Bienal Do Museu De Arte Moderna De São Paulo, Bienal de Sao Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

II Bienal Hispanoamericana de Arte, Bienal Hispanoamericana de Arte, Havana, Cuba

Public collections (selection)

Museo Fernando García Ponce , Mérida

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Essl Museum - Kunst der Gegenwart, Klosterneuburg, Austria

Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Museo de la Solidaridad Salvador Allende, Santiago, Chile

Museo de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia

les Abattoirs - FRAC Midi-Pyrénées, Toulouse, France

Musée d'art moderne de Céret, Céret, France

Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg, Germany

Museum der Stadt Ratingen, Ratingen, Germany

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany

Museum für Gegenwartskunst Siegen, Siegen, Germany

Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany

Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany

Museo D'Arte Contemporanea Donna Regina, Naples, Italy

Museo d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto , Rovereto, Italy

Seoul Museum of Art , Seoul, Republic of Korea

Museo de Arte Abstracto Español, Cuenca, Spain

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Alicante, Alicante , Spain

Galerie Lelong

Museo de Bellas Artes de Asturias, Oviedo, Spain

Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain

Museo de Bellas Artes Gravina, Alicante , Spain

Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Bilbao, Spain

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

Museo Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain

Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

Museu d'Art Espanyol Contemporani, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Museu Empordà, Figueras, Spain

Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain

Fondation Beyeler, Riehen, Switzerland

Musée Jenisch, Vevey , Switzerland

Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Museum of Modern Art , New York, United States

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States