

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.

Solo shows (selection)

2024

I do, I undo, I redo, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

Cellule XVIII, Musée des Innocents, Florence, Italy

Louise Bourgeois in Florence, Museo Novecento, Florence, Italy

Louise Bourgeois. Unconscious memories, Villa Médicis, Galerie Borghese, Rome, Italy

2023

Persistent Antagonism, Belvedere, Vienna, Austria

Louise Bourgeois. Imaginary Conversations, Nasjonalmuseet, Oslo, Norway

2019

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

2018

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

The Empty House, Schinkel Pavillon, Berlin, Germany

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

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

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

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

2017

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

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

2016

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

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

2015

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

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

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

Louise Bourgeois, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

2014

Alone and together, Faurschou Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark

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

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

2013

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

Alone and Together, Faurschou Foundation, Beijing, China

2012

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

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

Personages, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Louise Bourgeois, Fondation Beyeler, Riehen, Switzerland

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

2011

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

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

Mother and Child, Kunstforeningen GL Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark

Estampes et dessins, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

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

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

2010

Hommage Louise Bourgeois, Mu.ZEE, Ostend, Belgium

Personages, Museum of Cycladic Art, Athens, Greece

Les Fleurs, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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

2009

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

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

2008

Louise Bourgeois, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

La sage femme, Espacio AV, Murcia, Spain

Louise Bourgeois, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Nature Study, Inverleith House, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

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

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Paris – New York

2007

Abstraction, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Fugue, Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, Switzerland

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

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

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

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

2006

Louise Bourgeois, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny

Louise Bourgeois, Kunsthalle Wien Museumsquartier, Vienna, Austria

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Femme, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, United States

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

2005

Louise Bourgeois, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Etchings, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, United States

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

2004

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

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

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

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

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

2003

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

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Spider, SCAI the Bathhouse, Tokyo, Japan

Louise Bourgeois, White Cube, London, United Kingdom

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

2002

Zeichnungen und Skulpturen, Kunsthaus Bregenz, Bregenz, Austria

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

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

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

2001

livres illustrés, Musée des Impressionnistes Giverny, Giverny, France

Louise Bourgeois, Goterborgs Konstmuseum, Gothenburg, Sweden

2000

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

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

Louise Bourgeois, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

1998

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

HOMESICKNESS, Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama, Japan

Louise Bourgeois, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

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

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

1997

Louise Bourgeois, Fondazione Prada, Milan, Italy

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

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

1996

Grafiek 1938-1993, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht

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

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

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

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

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

1995

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

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

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

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

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

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

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

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

1991

Louise Bourgeois, Fundacion Antoni Tapies, Barcelona, Spain

L'oeuvre Gravée, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

1990

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

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Louise Bourgeois, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany

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

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

1983

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

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

1981

Femme Maison, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, United States

Group shows (selection)

2022

Louise Bourgeois x Jenny Holzer, Kunstmuseum, Basel, Switzerland

2020

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

Biennials (selection)

2017

15th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

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

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

1997

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

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

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

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

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

1983

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

1973

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

Public collections (selection)

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), Melbourne, Australia

Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, 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

Kiasma - Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland

Collection Lambert, Avignon, France

Kolumba, Cologne, Germany

Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany

Museum Frieder Burda, Baden-Baden, Germany

Castello di Ama, Gaiole in Chianti, Italy

Palazzo Forti - Galleria d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Verona, Italy

Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, Vaduz, Liechtenstein

Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, Netherlands

The Museum of Contemporary Art Oslo, Oslo, Norway

Berardo Museum, Lisbon, Portugal

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Leeum - Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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

Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Bilbao, Spain

Magasin 3 Stockholm Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden

Daros Exhibitions, Zürich, Switzerland

Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, Switzerland

Musée Jenisch, Vevey, Switzerland

Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, United States

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

Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, United States

Chazen Museum of Art, Madison, United States

Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, United States

Dia: Beacon, Beacon, United States

Dia:Chelsea, New York, United States

Exit Art, New York, United States

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, United States

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, United States

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, United States

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

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, United States

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

Maier Museum of Art, Lynchburg, United States

Marciano Art Foundation, Los Angeles, United States

Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, Utica, United States

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

Museum of Fine Arts Houston (MFAH), Houston, United States

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

Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, United States

Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, United States

New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA), New Orleans, United States

Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis, United States

Samek Art Museum, Lewisburg, United States

Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, Gainesville, United States

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

Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, United States

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, United States

Sweet Briar College Art Gallery, Sweet Briar, United States

The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, United States

The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, United States

The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, United States

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States

The Warehouse, Dallas, United States

Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery, Nashville, United States

Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, United States

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States