

## Kiki Smith

The American artist Kiki Smith was born Chiara Smith in 1954 in Nuremberg, Germany. Today she lives and works in New York. Her mother, Jane Lawrence, was an opera singer and actor and her father was the minimalist sculptor, Tony Smith. In 1976, she moved to New York, frequenting the rock music and artistic worlds. Since the 1980s, she has been known for her multidisciplinary art work incorporating sculptures, etchings, photography, drawings, books, tapestries and a variety of objects.

One of the characteristics of her work is the representation of the human body, and particularly the anatomy and outline of the female body. Sometimes, this outline is shown at a disturbing angle, or is altered or fragmented. In reference to this, in the catalogue of the exhibition at the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montreal (Kiki Smith, 1996) Christine Ross wrote, "Observing the work of Kiki Smith is to be confronted with a body that is bold but no longer manages to operate as a whole." Since the mid-1990s, her research has expanded into the cosmos and mythology; in her works and installations she now combines animality and fairy tales, simultaneously suggesting wonderment and horror.

Kiki Smith has been the subject of a number of exhibitions around the world. In 2003, the *Prints, Books and Things* exhibitions at the MoMA in New York played an important role in her career. Then between 2005 and 2007, the travelling exhibition, *Kiki Smith: A Gathering*, was presented successively at the MOMA in San Francisco, the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, the Contemporary Arts Museum in Houston and the Whitney Museum in New York. In 2019, she was the focus of a number of one-man shows: at the Monnaie in Paris, at the Sara Hilden Art Museum in Tampere, at the Belvedere Museum in Vienna, the Palazzo Pitti in Florence, the Modern Art Oxford and the Centre de la gravure in La Louvière. Her work has been presented at five Venice Biennales.

### Solo shows (selection)

2024

*Kiki Smith. Woven Worlds*, Arp Museum Rolandseck, Remagen, Germany

2023

*Empathy*, Diözesanmuseum Freising, Freising, Germany

*From my Heart*, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany

2022

*Free Fall*, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

*Inner Bodies*, Fondation Thalie, Brussels, Belgium

*Kiki Smith: From the Creek*, Albuquerque Museum, New Mexico, Mexico

*Kiki Smith*, Pace Gallery - NY, New York, United States

2021

*From Inside*, Galerie Lelong & Co., Matignon, Paris, France

2020

*Hearing You with My Eyes*, Musée cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Lausanne, Switzerland

*River Light*, Storm King Art Center, New Windsor, United States

2019

*Procession*, Belvedere, Vienna, Austria

*Entre chien et loup*, Centre de la gravure et de l'image imprimée, La Louvière, Belgium

*Procession*, Sarah Hilden Art Museum, Tampere, Finland

*Homecoming*, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

*Kiki Smith*, Monnaie de Paris, Paris, France

*Touch. Prints by Kiki Smith*, Staatliche Graphische Sammlung, Munich, Germany

*Kiki Smith: Memory*, Deste Foundation for Contemporary Art, Athens, Greece

*What I saw on the road*, Palazzo Pitti, Florence, Italy

*Kiki Smith: I am a Wanderer*, Modern Art Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom

*Murmur*, Pace Gallery - NY, New York, United States

2018

*Procession*, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

*Reflection*, Barbara Gross Galerie, Munich, Germany

*Below the Horizon: Kiki Smith at Eldridge*, Museum at Eldridge Street, New York, United States

*Frequency*, Krakow Witkin Gallery, Boston, United States

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2017

*Shelter*, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

*Quest*, Galleria Raffaella Cortese, Milan, Italy

*Breath*, Palau de la Música Catalana, Barcelona, Spain

*From the Creek*, Thomas Cole National Historic Site, Catskill, New York, United States

*Mortal*, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, United States

*Selections from the Jacquard Tapestry Series*, Robischon Gallery, Denver, United States

2016

*Woven Tales*, Peters Projects, Santa Fe, United States

2015

*Arena*, Mike Karstens, Münster, Germany

*Kiki Smith*, St Petri in Dortmund, Dortmund, Germany

2013

*Meravigliosa Creatura*, Fondazione Merz, Turin, Italy

*Mortal*, Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester, Rochester, United States

2012

*Catching Shadows*, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

*I Myself Have Seen It: Photography and Kiki Smith*, SMOCA, Scottsdale, United States

*Visionary Sugar: Works By Kiki Smith*, Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, United States

2011

*I Myself Have Seen It: Photography and Kiki Smith*, Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art, Evanston, United States

2010

*Mortal*, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

*Color Still*, Colle di Val d'Elsa, Italy

*Sojourn*, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, United States

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2009

*Her memory*, Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain

*Kiki Smith*, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

2008

*Her Home*, Museen Haus Lange / Haus Esters, Krefeld, Germany

*Neue Arbeiten*, Kunsthalle Nürnberg, Nuremberg, Germany

*Touch of the Eye/Look of the Hand*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, United States

2007

*Wellspring*, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

*Constellation*, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, United States

2006

*A Gathering 1980 - 2005*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, United States

*A Gathering 1980 - 2005*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States

*Kiki Smith*, Contemporary Art Museum Houston (CAMH), Houston, United States

2005

*Prints & Things*, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

*Homespun Tales. Stories of home occupation*, Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice, Italy

*A Cautionary Tale*, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, United States

*A Gathering, 1980-2005*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), San Francisco, United States

2003

*Near*, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, Switzerland

*Prints, Books, and Things*, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, United States

2002

*Homework*, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, United States

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2001

*Kiki Smith*, Galerie M + R Fricke, Düsseldorf, Germany

*Photographs - A Looking at Native American Beadwork and Baskets*, Fisher Landau Center For Art, New York, United States

*Telling Tales*, International Center of Photography (ICP), New York, United States

2000

*Kiki Smith*, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Republic of Korea

*REALM*, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, United States

1999

*Zetwenden—Rubblick und Ausblick*, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria

*Zetwenden—Rubblick und Ausblick*, Kunstmuseum, Bonn, Germany

*Kiki Smith*, Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA), Indianapolis, United States

*Recent Photographic Work*, List Visual Arts Center (LVAC), Cambridge, United States

*Works with Paper by Kiki Smith*, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis, United States

1998

*all creatures great and small*, Kestnergesellschaft, Hannover, Germany

*Photographs 1997-98*, Galerie M + R Fricke, Berlin, Germany

*Convergence*, Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), Dublin, Ireland

*Directions—Kiki Smith - Night*, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, United States

1997

*Kiki Smith*, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, United States

1996

*Kiki Smith*, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada

1995

*Untitled*, Galerie M + R Fricke, Düsseldorf, Germany

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

1994

*Über-Leben*, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany

1993

*Kiki Smith*, Galerie M + R Fricke, Düsseldorf, Germany

1992

*Kiki Smith*, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany

*Kiki Smith*, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

*The Body Electric: Zizi Raymond and Kiki Smith*, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, United States

*Unfolding the Body*, The Rose Art Museum, Waltham, United States

1991

*Kiki Smith / MATRIX 142*, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAM/PFA), Berkeley, United States

*Projects 24: Kiki Smith*, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, United States

1986

*Kiki Smith*, MoMA PS1, New York, United States

## Group shows (selection)

2024

*Faire corps*, Villa Datriis, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France

*Habiter le monde*, Château d'Aubenas

Site patrimonial – Centre d'Art Contemporain, Aubenas, France

2023

*L'île intérieure*, Fondation Carmignac, Île de Porquerolles, France

2022

*The Ability To Dream*, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, San Gimignano, Italy

*Feminine Power: the Divine to the Demonic*, The British Museum, London, United Kingdom

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

*Recent Acquisitions*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, United States

2021

*Trees for memories*, Fondation Boghossian, Brussels, Belgium

*Convergent Evolutions: The Conscious of Body Work*, Pace Gallery - NY, New York, United States

2020

*On Everyone's Lips. From Pieter Bruegel to Cindy Sherman*, Kunstmuseum, Wolfsburg, Germany

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

2019

*Jaume Plensa - Kiki Smith - Barthélémy Toguo*, Galerie Lelong & Co., Paris, France

2018

*Die Kraft der Alters*, Belvedere, Vienna, Austria

*J' Avignon The artists and the Collection Lambert*, Collection Lambert, Avignon, France

*250th Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy of Art, London, United Kingdom

2017

*LOOK! New Acquisitions/Neuerwerbungen.*, Albertina, Vienna, Austria

2016

*Everybody is crazy, but me*, Maison Particulière, Brussels, Belgium

*Flying over the Abyss*, Thessaloniki Centre of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece

*Quand fondra la neige, où ira le blanc*, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy

*The Natural Order of Things*, Museo Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico

*Medicine in Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art in Kraków (MOCAK), Krakow, Poland

*Art Aids America*, Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw, United States

*Embracing the Contemporary: The Keith L. and Katherine Sachs Collection*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, United States

*The Other: Nurturing A New Ecology In Printmaking*, Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville (MOCA), Jacksonville, United States

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2015

*Vienna for art's Sake*, Belvedere, Vienna, Austria

*A Secret Affair*, FLAG Art Foundation, New York, United States

*Destination Unknown*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, United States

*River Crossings: Contemporary Art Comes Home*, The Olana Partnership, Hudson, United States

2014

*Trio*, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

*450° Michelangelo Mindcraft*, Chiesa e Convento di Sant'Agostino, Pietrasanta, Italy

*Lens-Based Sculpture*, Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, Vaduz, Liechtenstein

2013

*Les Papesses*, Collection Lambert, Avignon, France

*Kiki Smith. Seton Smith. Tony Smith*, Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, Vaduz, Liechtenstein

*Witches & Wicked Bodies*, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

2012

*La commande contemporaine à la chalcographie du Louvre*, Musée du Louvre, Paris, France

2011

*Femininity 0.1*, Maison Particulière Art Center, Brussels, Belgium

*elles@centrepompidou, artistes femmes dans les collections du Centre Pompidou*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

*As Long As It Lasts...*, Arratia Beer, Berlin, Germany

*El intervalo luminoso: The D.Daskalopoulos Collection*, Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Bilbao, Spain

*Pictures by Women: A History of Modern Photography*, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, United States

2010

*Keeping it Real: An Exhibition in Four Acts: Act 1: The Corporeal*, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, United Kingdom



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Paris – New York

*The Artist as Image*, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, United States

2009

*Un plan simple 3/3 (Écran)*, Maison populaire de Montreuil, Montreuil, France

*Pulling from History: The Old Masters*, The Print Center, Philadelphia, United States

2008

*Addicted to Paper*, Galerie Lelong, Zürich, France

*Zerbrechliche Schönheit, Glas im Blick der Kunst*, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany

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

*Medieval to Modern*, The National Gallery of Art, Washington, United States

2007

*Die Kunst zu Sammeln*, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany

*Fairy Tale*, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, United Kingdom

*Making a Mark: Four Contemporary Artists in Print*, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, United States

2006

*DEFINING THE CONTEMPORARY*, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, United Kingdom

*The OJAC Celebrates Rembrandt's 400th Birthday*, The Old Jail Art Center, Albany, United States

2004

*Nancy Spero and Kiki Smith*, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, United Kingdom

2003

*Warum! Bilder diesseits und jenseits des Menschen*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, Germany

*The Smiths - Tony, Kiki, Seton*, The Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art (PBICA), Lake Worth, United States

2002

*Cross References: -Celebrating the Stuart Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego - MCASD, La Jolla, United States

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2001

*Import*, Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), Dublin, Ireland

2000

*Zeitwenden*, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig (MUMOK), Vienna, Austria

*Zeitwenden - Rückblick und Ausblick*, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany

1999

*Reality and Desire*, Fundación Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain

1998

*THE PATCHETT COLLECTION*, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego - MCASD, La Jolla, United States

1997

*AUGENZEUGEN. DIE SAMMLUNG HANCK, Papierarbeiten der 80er und 90er Jahre*, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany

1996

*Féminin-masculin: Le sexe de l'art*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

1995

*Some went mad, some ran away ...*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago (MCA), Chicago, United States

1994

*Some Went Mad, Some Ran Away*, Serpentine Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1993

*Dissent, Difference and the Body Politic*, Ben Maltz Gallery, Los Angeles, United States

1992

*Désordres*, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

*Post Human*, Castello di Rivoli Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Turin, Italy

*More than One Photography: Works since 1980 from the Collection*, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, United States

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

1991

*The Body*, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, United States

1988

*Contemporary Print Acquisitions, 1986–1988*, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, United States

## Biennials (selection)

2022

*23rd Biennale of Sydney: rīvus*, Biennale de Sydney, Sydney, Australia

2017

*57th Venice Biennale - Viva Arte Viva*, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2008

*XIII Biennale Internazionale di Scultura di Carrara*, Comune di Carrara, Carrara, Italy

2005

*Homespun Tales. Storie di occupazione domestica*, Fondazione Querini Stampalia, 51st Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2003

*Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial 2003*, Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial, Niigata-Ken, Japan

2002

*La Biennale de Montréal 2002*, Biennale de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

*Whitney Biennial 2002*, Whitney Biennial, New York, United States

1995

*46th International Art Exhibition Venice Biennale / Biennale di Venezia*, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1993

*Whitney Biennial*, Whitney Biennial, New York, United States

Public collections (selection)

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

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

Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

FRAC des Pays de la Loire, Carquefou, France

Musée Départemental d'Art Contemporain de Rochechouart, Rochechouart, France

ALTANA Kulturstiftung im Sinclair-Haus, Bad Homburg, Germany

Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst (GfZK), Leipzig, Germany

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany

Städtisches Museum Abteiberg, Mönchengladbach, Germany

The Walther Collection, Neu-Ulm, Germany

Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), Dublin, Ireland

The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel

MAXXI - Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome, Italy

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

Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Tochigi, Japan

Osten Museum of Drawing, Skopje, Macedonia

Museo Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico

ARTIUM - Basque Museum Center of Contemporary Art, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León (MUSAC), León, Spain

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

UBS Art Collection, Zürich, Switzerland

Cass Sculpture Foundation, Chichester, United Kingdom

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Paris – New York

Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

Akron Art Museum, Akron, United States

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, United States

Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, United States

Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, United States

Broad Contemporary Art Museum, Santa Monica, United States

Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, United States

Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, United States

Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, United States

Exit Art, New York, United States

Fisher Landau Center For Art, New York, United States

Fort Wayne Museum of Art (FWMoA), Fort Wayne, United States

Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, Norman, United States

Hessel Museum of Art & Center for Curatorial Studies Galleries at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, United States

Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, United States

Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art, Evanston, United States

Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM), Milwaukee, United States

MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, United States

Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, United States

Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, South Hadley, United States

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

Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, United States

North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, United States

Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland, United States

# Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Portland Art Museum, Portland, United States

Saint Louis University Museum of Art (SLUMA), Saint Louis, United States

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, United States

The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, United States

The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, United States

The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, United States

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, United States

The Newark Museum, Newark, United States

The Rose Art Museum, Waltham, United States

The Warehouse, Dallas, United States

The William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, 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

Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, United States