

Francis Bacon

Francis Bacon was born in Dublin (Ireland) in 1909.

Dismissed by his father to the family, he moved to London in 1926. Away from any art school, Bacon painted by himself. His first personal exhibition was organized in 1934 (Transition Gallery) before achieving any success. Bacon will refused for the Surrealist exhibition in 1936. In 1940, Bacon destroyed almost all of his first canvas. The artist will claim his work just from 1944. At that time, Bacon treats violently sacred and human cry. His work began to be considered from a group exhibition in 1945 (London). It is fixed in the south of France (1945-1950). Exhibited regularly since 1949, the success of the artist will now only grow. He died in Madrid (Spain) in 1992.

Solo shows (selection)

2024

Francis Bacon Portraits, National Portrait Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2019

Bacon en toutes lettres, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

2017

Francis Bacon Granice Uma, The Museum of Modern Art, Dubrovnik, Croatia

2016

Francis Bacon: Invisible Rooms, Tate, Liverpool, United Kingdom

2015

Francis Bacon And The Masters, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich, United Kingdom

2014

Francis Bacon - Italian Drawings, Paço das Artes, São Paulo, Brazil

2013

Francis Bacon - Selected Prints, Olsen, Sydney, Australia

Bacon, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Toyota, Japan

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Francis Bacon, National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

2010

Francis Bacon - La punta del Iceberg, Centro Cultural Borges, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2009

Francis Bacon, Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid, Spain

Francis Bacon: A Centenary Retrospective, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States

2008

Francis Bacon, Palazzo Reale, Milan, Italy

Francis Bacon, Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

2007

Francis Bacon in St Ives, Tate St. Ives, St. Ives, United Kingdom

Francis Bacon, Shafrazi Gallery, New York, United States

2006

Francis Bacon, Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Siegen, Germany

Francis Bacon: Paintings from the 1950s, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich, United Kingdom

2005

Francis Bacon: Portraits and Heads, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

2004

Francis Bacon - Le Sacré et le Profane, Musée Maillol - Fondation Dina Vierny, Paris, France

2003

Francis Bacon- X Album, Raab Galerie, Berlin, Germany

FRANCIS BACON: CAGED - UNCAGED, Museu Serralves - Museu de Arte Contemporânea, Porto, Portugal

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2002

Francis Bacon - Paintings, Shafrazi Gallery, New York, United States

2000

Francis Bacon, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Francis Bacon, Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus & Kunstbau, Munich, Germany

1999

FRANCIS BACON - THE PAPAL PORTRAITS OF 1953, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, United Kingdom

Francis Bacon - A Retrospective Exhibition, The Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth, United States

Francis Bacon: Important Paintings from The Estate, Shafrazi Gallery, New York, United States

1998

Francis Bacon, Casal Solleric, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1996

Francis Bacon, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

1995

Francis Bacon, Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

1991

Francis Bacon: Paintings Since 1944, Tate, Liverpool, United Kingdom

1990

Francis Bacon, Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States

1987

Francis Bacon, Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

1986

Francis Bacon, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany

Francis Bacon, Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart, Germany

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

1975

Francis Bacon - recent paintings 1968 - 1974, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States

1965

Francis Bacon. Målningar 1945–1964, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

1964

Francis Bacon, The Art Institute, Chicago, United States

Group shows (selection)

2017

Sammlung Klewan Porträt(s) der Moderne, Belvedere, Vienna, Austria

Menagerie: Animals on View, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, United States

2015

Rubens and His Legacy, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom

2013

in progress, Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria

Arte de comportamiento e imágenes sociales del cuerpo, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo, Sevilla, Spain

2010

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

2008

A Guest of Honour. Francis Bacon und sein Umkreis, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria

Wunderkammer. Figur und Raum – von Archipenko bis Niki de Saint Phalle, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

2002

Das Tier in Mir - Die Animalischen Ebenbilder des Menschen, Staatliche Kunsthalle, Baden-Baden, Germany

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2001

Classics, Galerie Beyeler, Basel, Switzerland

The Global Guggenheim - Selections from the Extended Collection, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

1999

Face to Face to Cyberspace, Fondation Beyeler, Riehen, Switzerland

1998

Peggy Guggenheim: A Centennial Celebration, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

1988

Fotovision, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

1987

British Art in the Twentieth Century: The Modern Movement, Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart, Germany

British Art in the Twentieth Century: The Modern Movement, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom

1984

nackt in der Kunst, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

1981

A new Spirit of Painting, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom

1973

4 mestres contemporâneos, Museu de Arte de São Paulo Assis Chateaubriand, São Paulo, Brazil

Biennials (selection)

2005

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

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

2003

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

1998

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

1995

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

1992

documenta 9, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1988

7th Biennale of Sydney: From the Southern Cross: A View of World Art c1940 - 1988, 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

1964

documenta 3, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

1959

5ª Bienal Do Museu De Arte Moderna De São Paulo, Bienal de Sao Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

documenta 2, Documenta, Kassel, Germany

Public collections (selection)

Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

Albertina, Vienna, Austria

Essl Museum - Kunst der Gegenwart, Klosterneuburg, Austria

Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna, Austria

Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels, Belgium

Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

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

Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Museo Botero, Bogota, Colombia

Musée Cantini, Marseille, France

Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Siegen, Germany

Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany

Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany

Städel Museum, Frankfurt, Germany

Von der Heydt Museum, Wuppertal, Germany

Ulster Museum, Belfast, Ireland

The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel

Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy

Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy

National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Osten Museum of Drawing, Skopje, Macedonia

Museo Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo, Alicante, Spain

Galerie Lelong & Co.

Paris – New York

Museo de Bellas Artes, Bilbao, Spain

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

Fondation Beyeler, Riehen, Switzerland

National Museum Cardiff, Cardiff, United Kingdom

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich, United Kingdom

Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, United States

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, United States

Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States

Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Poughkeepsie, United States