

Jonas Mekas

Born 1922

Lives and works in New York

Solo Exhibitions

2018 *Jonas Mekas – Personale*, Palazzo della Ragione, Bergamo, IT

2017 *Again, Again It All Comes Back to Me in Brief Glimpses*, Seoul

Blue, Yellow, Red, Purple, Missoni Boutique, New York

Fears and Tremblings of an Angry Dog, Microscope Gallery, New York (performance)

Jonas Mekas: Film in the Line of Fire, Fundação Serralves, Porto, Portugal

Screening of Diaries, Notes & Sketches a.k.a. Walden, Tate Gallery, London

Boo-Hooray Summer Rental, Montauk, New York

“I Sing I Celebrate,” La Neomudéjar, Madrid

2016 *Let Me Introduce Myself*,” Nina Johnson Gallery, Miami

2015 *All These Images, These Sounds, A* Palazzo Gallery, Brescia, Italy

The Internet Saga, Palazzo Foscari Contarini, collateral event in conjunction with the 56th Venice Biennale

TIME – Jonas Mekas, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin (screening)

Frozen Film Frames: Portraits of Filmmakers, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, Oregon

2014 *Jonas Mekas: 365 Days*, ZKM, Germany

Jonas Mekas: One Man Show, Cesis Art Festival, Latvia

2013 *MUAC*, Mexico City

The Sixties Quartet, Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland

DOX Center for Contemporary Art, Prague, Austria

Retrospective @ CCBB in Sao Paulo, Brazil

I Lift My Glass of Wine to You, My Vienna Friends, Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna, Austria

Outlaw: New Works, Microscope Gallery, Brooklyn, New York

Let Me Introduce Myself, My Russian Friends, State Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Jonas Mekas: In Praise of the Ordinary, The Phi Centre, Montreal, Canada

Jonas Mekas / The Fluxus Wall, Bozar Centre for Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium

Life Goes On... I Keep Singing, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas

2012 *Serpentine Gallery*, London, UK

Film retrospective, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Reminiscenzen aus Deutschland, Stadtmuseum, Wiesbaden, Germany

Prisiminimai is Vokietijos, Jonas Mekas Visual Arts Center, Vilnius, Lithuania

Images Out of Darkness Reminiscences of a Displaced Person Postwar Germany 1945-1949, James Fuentes, New York

2010 *TO NEW YORK WITH LOVE*, James Fuentes, New York

2009 *Destruction Quartet*, James Fuentes, New York

2008 *Jonas Mekas*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany

2007 *Jonas Mekas: The Beauty of Friends Being Together Quartet*, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, New York

- 2006 **Brief Glimpses of Beauty**, Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Center, Warwick, UK
- He Stands in the Desert Counting the Seconds of His Life**, Tamayo Contemporary Art Museum, Mexico City, Mexico
- Jonas Mekas**, Baltic Art Center, Visby, Sweden, **The Diary Film**, Goteborg Kunsthalle, Sweden
- 2005 **Always a Littler Further**, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, 51st International Exhibition
- Jonas Mekas—Celebration of the Small and the Personal in the Time of Bigness**, Contemporary Art Center, Vilnius, Lithuania
- Farewell to Soho**, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2003 **Jonas Mekas: A Camera for Jonas**, Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France
- Soho So Long**, Gavin Brown's enterprise at Passerby, curated by James Fuentes, New York
- 2002 **Laboratorium**, Antwerpen Open, Antwerp, Belgium
- Two Person Exhibitions**
- 2017 **Cinema Lituanien**, La Cinematheque Francaise, Paris
- 2012 **Jonas Mekas / Jose Luis Guerin – Cineastes en Correspondance**, Musee Pompidou, Paris, France
- Portraits: Jonas Mekas and Robert Polidori**, Edwynn Houk Gallery, New York
- Group Exhibitions**
- 2017 **Documenta 14**, Athens and Kassel
- 2016 **The Velvet Underground - New York Extravaganza**, Philharmonie de Paris, Paris
- Take Me (Im Yours)**, The Jewish Museum, New York
- 2012 **The 365 Day Project**, 2B Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
- 2011 **Ostalgia**, The New Museum, New York
- Musique Plastique**, Agnes b. Galerie, Paris and New York
- This Side of Paradise**, Agnes b. rue du jour boutique, Paris, France
- 2010 **Bienal de Sao Paolo**, Sao Paolo, Brazil
- Illegal Living**, 80 Wooster, New York
- Inaugural Show**, Microscope, New York
- Eve of Fluxus**, The Emily Harvey Foundation, New York
- 1989, **Kunsthalle**, Wien, Austria
- See this Sound**, Lentos Kunstmuseum, Linz, Austria
- 2009 **1968**, **Kunsthalle**, Bielefeld, Germany
- A few things I want to share with you**, My Paris Friends, galerie du jour agnès b., Paris, France
- 2008 **That Was Then... This Is Now**, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, New York
- Self Portraits 1966-2008**, James Fuentes, New York
- 2006 **The Expanded Eye**, Kunsthau, Zurich, Switzerland
- Onestar Stop**, Galerie Erna Hocy, Brussels, Belgium
- 2005 **Balance and Power-Performance and Surveillance in Video Art**, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign
- Thank You for the Music**, Spruth Magers Projekte, Munich, Germany
- 2004 **The Agnes B. Collection**, Les Abattoirs – Frac Midi-Pyrenees, Toulouse, France
- 2003 **Fables de Lidentito**, Centre National de la Photographie, Paris, France
- La Biennale di Venezia**, Installation at the Utopia Station Pavillion, Venice, Italy

2002 Documenta 11, Kassel, Germany

Commissions

2010 Work commissioned by the New York City
Guggenheim Young Collectors Council

Catalogues and Books

2017 "Again, Again It All Comes Back to Me in
Brief Glimpses," MMCA Editions, Seoul,
2017.

2009 "A Few Things I Want to Share with You,
My Paris Friends," Galerie du Jour, Paris

2008 "Jonas Mekas," Koenig Books, for the
exhibition at the Museum Ludwig,
Cologne

"Jonas Mekas," Fondazione Ragghianti,
Lucca, Italy [Italian]

2007 "The Avante-Garde from Futurism to
Fluxus," Jonas Mekas Visual Arts Center,
Vilnius

2005 "The Diary Film/Dagboksfilmen," edited by
Liutauras Psibilskis, Moderna Museet,
Stockholm

"Jonas Mekas: Conversations, Letters,
Notes, Misc. Pieces," edited by Liutauras
Psibilskis, published by the Lithuanian Art
Museum on the occasion of the Venice
Biennale

2000 Chodorov, Pip, and Patrice Rollet, "Lost
Lost Book," Editions Paris
Experimental

1999 "Jonas Mekas: This Side of Paradise,"
Exhibition catalog, Galerie du Jour, Paris
1997

"Sustabdytos Akimirkos," Exhibition
catalog, Contemporary Art Museum,
Vilnius

"Jonas Mekas: Frozen Film Frames,"
Photo-Planete, Tokyo Chodorov, Pip, and
Christina Lebrat, "Le Livre de Walden,"
Editions Paris Experimental, Paris

1996 "Jonas Mekas: Frozen Film Frames,"
Exhibition catalog, Tokyo Metropolitan
Museum of Photography
[Japanese]

"Jonas Mekas," Catalog and texts, Galerie
du Jour, Paris

1992 "Jonas Mekas," Catalog, Galerie Nationale
Jeu de Paume, Paris James, David,

"To Free the Cinema: Jonas Mekas and
the New York Underground," Princeton
University Press

1983 "Jonas Mekas," Exhibition catalog, Tokyo
1980

Briggs, Judy, "Jonas Mekas," Films in the
Cities, St. Paul 1970

Arbasino, Alberto, "Entre el 'underground'
y el 'off-off,'" Editorial Anagrama,
Barcelona

Extended Essays and Interviews

2010 Northover, Benn, "Jonas Mekas," AnOther
Man , Autumn/Winter

Lack, Hannah, "New York Stories," Dazed
and Confused , August

Rose, Aaron, "Jonas Mekas," ANP
Quarterly , January

2009 Haden-Guest, Anthony, "Dispatches from
the Inside," Art Newspaper , November

Kley, Elisabeth, "Jonas Mekas at James
Fuentes," Artinfo , November

2006 Verwoert, Jan, "Who Loves the Sun?"
Frieze , April 2005

Taubin, Amy, "Footage fetish: Amy Taubin
on Jonas Mekas," Artforum

Dargis, Manohla, "The World Through
Blood-tinted Lenses," New York Times,
June

2000 Sans, Jerome, "An Interview with Jonas
Mekas," Steidl

- 1984 MacDonald, Scott, "Interview with Jonas Mekas," October, Summer
- 1973 Tomkins, Calvin, "All Pockets Open," New Yorker profile, January
- 1965 Levy, Alan, "Voices of the Underground Cinema," The New York Times Magazine, September
- Honors and Awards**
- 2017 BEN Award (category "Lifetime achievement award, influential artist moving image art")
- 2015 Yoko Ono Courage Award
- 2013 Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, Lithuania
- Francis J. Greenburger Award
- Elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2011 George Eastman Honorart Scholar Award
- 2010 Life Achievement Award at the second annual Rob Pruitt's Art Awards
- 2008 Baltic Cultural Achievement Award
Austrian Decoration of Honor for Science and Art
- Austrian Decoration of Honor for Science and Art (Osterreichische Ehrenzeichen fur Wissenschaft an Kunst)
- 2006 Selection of the Library of Congress National Film Registry
- Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award
- Directors Guild of America Award
- 2000 Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, France
- 1997 Pier Paolo Pasolini Award, Paris International Documentary Film Association Award, Los Angeles
- Governors Award, Skohegan School of Painting and Sculpture Doctor of Fine Arts, Honoris Causa, Universitatis Vytauti Magni, Lithuania
- 1996 Doctor of Fine Arts, Honoris Causa, Kansas City Art Institute
- 1995 Lithuanian National Award
- 1992 Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, France Mel Novikoff Award, San Francisco Film Festival
- 1989 Creative Arts Award, Brandeis University
- 1977 Guggenheim Fellowship
- 1966 Gold Medal, Philadelphia College of Art, "For the devotion, passion, and selfless dedication to the rediscovery of the newest art"