

Jonas Mekas

Born 1922

Lives and works in New York

Solo Exhibitions

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

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

Internet Saga Pavilion, Venice

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

Reminiszenzen 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

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, Kunsthaus, Zurich,
Switzerland Onestar Stop, Galerie Erna
Hocy, Brussels, 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

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 l'Identito, Centre National de la
Photographie, Paris, France

La Biennale di Venezia, Installation at the
Utopia Station Pavillion, Venice, Italy

Group Exhibitions

2017 Documenta 14, Athens and Kassel

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 Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Illegal Living, 80 Wooster, New York

Inaugural Show, Microscope, New York

Eve of Fluxus, The Emily Harvey

2002 Documenta 11, Kassel, Germany

Commissions

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

Catalogues and Books

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

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
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- 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"