



Ed Moses (1926 – 2018)

Born in 1926, Long Beach, US and known as a central figure of Post-War West Coast art, Ed Moses created an eclectic body of work that has engaged with the varying possibilities of painterly abstraction. From monochromes and diagonal grids to gestural works and vibrant expanses of saturated pigment, Moses has unveiled a continual process of discovery within painterly abstraction.

Moses' work explores his fascination with the mutability of concepts, transitional spaces and processes. Referring to himself as a 'mutator', Moses took inspiration from various sources, such as Buddhism, the open spaces of his Venice, California studio as well as what he called, his daily 'habit' of painting. Moses challenged representational form and experimented with graphite, acrylic and oils by working with unconventional tools, such as mops, hoses, and rubber scrapers. Innovative and experimental, Moses' work is instrumental in contemplating and pushing the possibilities of painterly abstraction.

Moses was among the first generation of artists to be shown at L.A.'s legendary Ferus Gallery in 1957, where he formed the "Cool School" of artists — who included Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin, Larry Bell, Edward Kienholz, John Altoon, Ken Price and Billy Al Bengston. Since then, his work has been exhibited worldwide with major retrospectives in MOCA Los Angeles in 1996 and The University of California Irvine in 2014. Other prominent collections include, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Hammer Museum, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Whitney Museum of American art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

"Painting is like discovery, trying this, trying that, bending this, twirling that, and then every once in a while it goes bing!" – Ed Moses

Selected Artworks



Ed Moses
Alping, 2007
Acrylic on canvas
152 x 182.9cm



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Offed Reason, 1999
Acrylic on canvas
142.2 x 111.8 cm

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1926-2018 - Long Beach, California, USA.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2023 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *California Cool*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Ferus: A Visual Conversation*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *Whiplines, Waterfalls and Worms*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Last Grids*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2018 *Ed Moses: Diamond Jim*, Albertz Benda, New York, NY
- 2016 *First, look at the paintings. Then we'll shoot the shit.* Blain | Southern London, UK
- 2016 *Moses@90*, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2016 *La-San Francisco*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2016 *Ed Moses: painting as process*, Albertz Benda, New York, NY
- 2015 *Ed Moses: Drawings from the 1960s and 1970s*, Los Angeles County
Museum of Art, US
- 2014 *Ed Moses: Cross-Section*, University Art Gallery, UC Irvine, California
- 2014 *The Language of Paint: Selected Works*, William Turner Gallery Santa Monica,
California
- 2014 *Ed Moses*, Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
- 2013 *Yesterday's Tomorrow*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2013 *Green/Bronze*, Charlotte Jackson Fine Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2013 *A Stone Mirror Reversed*, Leslie Sacks Contemporary Santa Monica, California
- 2013 *Ed Moses*, galleri s.e, Bergen, NO
- 2012 *New Works: The Crackle Paintings*, Patrick Painter Inc. Santa Monica, California

- 2012 *Ed Moses: Notions*, Mark Borghi Fine Art, Bridgehampton, New York
- 2012 *Garden of Forking Tongues (BifurUSted)*, Ace Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 2011 *Shatterheads and Gwynn*, Ernie Wolfe Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 2011 *ASAP & Friends*, Charlotte Jackson Fine Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico lite, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, California
- 2011 *Through the Looking Glass with Ed Moses*, Art link, Seoul, KR
- 2010 Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2010 Greenfield Sacks Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2009 *Mutator*, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2009 *Mutator*, Greenfield Sacks Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2008 *Ed Moses: No Works*, Seiler + Mosseri Marlio Galerie AG, Zurich
- 2008 *Ed Moses: Paintings*, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2007 *Mapiko: Musings from A-Far*, Ernie Wolfe Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 2007 *Ed Moses: Past Here and Now*, Robert Green Fine Art, Mill Valley, California
- 2007 *Ed Moses: Primal and Primary Paintings 1975*, Charlotte Jackson Fine Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2007 Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2007 Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2006 *Ed Moses: New Paintings*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2006 *Ed Moses: Tapestries and Paintings*, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2006 *Ed Moses: New Works*, Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London
- 2006 *Ed Moses: the Dune Series*, Jacobson Howard Gallery, New York
- 2006 *Monochrome Paintings 1975-1976*, Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, California

- 2005 *Paintings*, Robert Green Fine Arts, Mill Valley, California
- 2004 *Pinned-Up 1974/2004*, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2004 *Ed Moses and Jimi Gleason*, Huntington Beach Art Center, California
- 2004 *Otherwise: New Paintings*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2004 Robert Green Fine Arts, Mill Valley, California
- 2004 *Cross-Cut*, Christopher Grimes Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2003 *Criss-Cross*, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, California
- 2003 L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California
- 2003 *DoubleVision*, DoubleVision Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 2002 *Cobra*, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, California
- 2002 *Broken Roja*, Klein Artworks, Chicago, Illinois
- 2002 *Recent Paintings*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2002 L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California
- 2002 Crocker Plaza Installation, San Francisco, California
- 2001 *Abstraction: Ed Moses and Rana Rochat*, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon
- 2001 *Ed Moses 2000-2001 works on paper*, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2001 *Ed Moses and John Chamberlain*, L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California
- 2001 *Apparition & Abstraction*, Klein Art Works, Chicago, Illinois
- 2000 *Oh Ed and Bjork*, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, California
- 2000 Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 2000 Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
- 2000 Nicole Klagsbrun, New York
- 1999 L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California

- 1999 *Vision Usher*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 1998 Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
- 1998 Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
- 1998 Hemphill Fine Arts, Washington, D.C.
- 1998 *Ec-topia: Drawings, 1998*, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 1997 *New Paintings and Works on Paper*, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1997 *Up Against the Wall*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1996 *A Retrospective of the Paintings and Drawings, 1951-1996*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California
- 1996 *Elpoep Ebolg*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1996 *At 70 from the 70's*, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 1995 *Paint*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1994 *Recent Paintings*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1993 *Structural Reoccurrence & Cloud Cover Paintings 80's & 90's*, Sharon Truax Fine Art, Venice, California
- 1993 Denis Ochi Gallery, Sun Valley, Idaho
- 1993 *Apparition and What*, Louver Gallery New York
- 1993 *Recent Paintings and Drawings*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1993 *Ed Moses; Paintings and Drawings*, Davis/McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1992 *Apparitions and What: Works on Paper*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1992 Zolla/Lieberman Gallery Inc, Chicago, Illinois
- 1991 L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1991 Louver Gallery, New York
- 1990 L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1990 *Ed Moses: Prints*, Santa Monica Heritage Museum, Santa Monica, California

- 1989 Louver Gallery, New York
- 1989 Gallery Kukje, Seoul, Korea
- 1989 Galerie Georges Lavrov, Paris, France
- 1989 *Ed Moses: Recent Paintings*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1989 *Ed Moses: Works on Paper*, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1987 L. A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1987 Pence Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 1986 Gilbert Brownstone and Cie, Paris, France
- 1986 The Works Gallery, Long Beach, California
- 1986 School of Fine Arts, Gallery B, California State University, Long Beach,
California
- 1985 L. A. Louver, Venice, California
- 1984 Larry Gagosian Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1983 Bernard Jacobson Gallery, Ltd., Los Angeles, California
- 1983 Dorothy Rosenthal Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1982 Smith Anderson Gallery, Palo Alto, California
- 1982 Janus Gallery, Los Angeles, California
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- 1981 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California
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- 1980 Riko Mizuno Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1980 High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA (commissioned wall painting: 22' x 52',
entrance to Museum)
- 1979 Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas

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- 1978 Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1978 Smith-Anderson Gallery, Palo Alto, California
- 1978 Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1978 Municipal Art Gallery, Davenport, Indiana
- 1978 Dory Gates Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
- 1977 Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1977 Daniel Weinberg Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 1977 Casat Gallery, La Jolla, California
- 1977 Dorothy Rosenthal Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1976 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
- 1976 Nicholas Wilder Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1976 *20 Years of Drawing*, Frederick S. Wight Gallery, University of California, Los Angeles, California
- 1975 Andre' Emmerich Gallery, New York
- 1975 Dory Gates Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
- 1974 Andre' Emmerich Gallery, New York
- 1974 Felicity Samuel Gallery, London, England
- 1974 Art in Progress Gallery, Munich, Germany
- 1974 Hansen-Fuller Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 1973 Art in Progress Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
- 1973 Dayton's Gallery 12, Minneapolis, Minnesota
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- 1973 Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, Inc., New York

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- 1972 Pomona College Art Gallery, Pomona, California
- 1971 Riko Mizuno Gallery, Los Angeles, California
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- 1965 Everett Ellen Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1964 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, California
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- 1962 Alan Gallery, New York
- 1961 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1961 Dilexi Gallery, San Francisco, California
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- 1959 Area Gallery (10th Street Co-op), New York
- 1959 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1959 Dilexi Gallery, San Francisco, California
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- 1958 Dilexi Gallery, San Francisco, California

Public Collections

Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Berkeley Art Museum, University of California, Berkeley, C

Butler Art Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH

Cincinnati Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH

Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

Dartmouth College Gallery, Hanover, NH

Denver Art Museum, Denver, C

CU Art Museum, University of Colorado Boulder, CO

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC

Irvine Collection, Irvine, CA

Janss Foundation, Thousand Oaks, CA

Lannan Foundation, Santa Fe, NM

Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, Miami, FL

Menil Foundation, Rice University Art Gallery Houston, TX

Minneapolis Institute of Art

Musee national d'art moderne – Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY

New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM

Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, CA

Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA

Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

Prudential Insurance Company, Newark, NJ

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

Seattle Museum of Art, Seattle, WA

Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

The Broad Art Foundation, Santa Monica, CA

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT