

Robert Motherwell Biography

1915

Born on the 24th of January to Robert Burns Motherwell II and Margaret Motherwell in Aberdeen, Washington.

1937

Receives a BA in Philosophy from Stanford University.

1937–38

Completes one year of a Philosophy PhD at Harvard University.

1940

Moves to New York and studies History of Art with Meyer Schapiro, at Columbia University.

1942

Meets William Baziotos and quickly gains entry to group of New York Artists, including Pollock, Rothko and Kline, who would come to be known as Abstract Expressionists.

1948

Founds the art school Subjects of the Artists with Baziotos, Hare, and Rothko, to be joined later by Newman. Series 'Elegy for the Spanish Republic' begins to be developed from small preparatory studies to large-scale paintings

1991

Dies on July 16th in Cape Cod, Massachusetts at the age of 76

Selected Solo Exhibition

2019

Robert Motherwell - Elegy, Barakat Contemporary, Seoul

2017

Matisse and American Art (Group Show), The Montclair Art Museum,

2016

Bonheur de Vivre (Group show), Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London A Process of Emphasis: Prints of Robert Motherwell, Works on Paper, 1971–1988, Manwaring Gallery and Gallery 66, Cummings Art Center, Connecticut

2015

'Robert Motherwell: Black', Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

'Robert Motherwell: A Centenary Survey of Major Works', Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

'Robert Motherwell: Opens', Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York 'Robert Motherwell: Collages', Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York

'Robert Motherwell: Elegy to the Spanish Republic', Dominique Lévy Gallery, New York

'Motherwell: Lyric Suite', The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

'Between Life and Death: Robert Motherwell's Elegies in Bay Area Collections', The de Young Museum, San Francisco, California

'Robert Motherwell and the New York School at Hunter', The Bertha & Karl Leubsdorf Art Gallery at Hunter College, New York

'Robert Motherwell: Works on Paper 1951-1991', Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York

'Motherwell as Printmaker: The Artist at Work', The Gallery at Industry City, Brooklyn, New York

'Robert Motherwell: A Centennial Celebration', Fine Arts Work Center & Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Provincetown, Maryland

'Robert Motherwell: A Centennial Celebration', Lawrence A. Fleischman Gallery, Washington D.C.

2014

Guild Hall of East Hampton, East Hampton, New York

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia

2013

'Robert Motherwell: Collage', Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

Guggenheim Museum, Venice, Italy

Guggenheim Museum, New York

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2012

'Robert Motherwell: Prints from the Artist's Studio', Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

2011

'Robert Motherwell: Works on Paper', Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada

Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado

Marlborough Gallery, New York

2009

'Robert Motherwell: Open', Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California

Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida

2008

'Robert Motherwell, Five Great Opens', Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

Museo Dolores Olmedo Patino, Mexico City, Mexico

2007

Virginia Steele Scott Gallery, Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino,

California Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2006

Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland

Galleria d'Arte il Gabbiano, Rome, Italy

William Shearburn Gallery, Saint Louis, Missouri

2005

Galerie Bernd Kluser, Munich, Germany

Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia

Manny Silverman Gallery, Los Angeles, California

Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Thomas McCormick Gallery, Chicago, Illinois. Travels to Salt Lake Art Center, Utah in 2006

2004

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas

Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany

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2003

Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany
Getty Museum, Los Angeles, California
Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London

2002

Galerie Bernd Kluser, Munich, Germany
Marlborough Gallery, New York
Manny Silverman Gallery, Los Angeles, California

2001

'Robert Motherwell: A Dialogue with Literature', Galerie Bernd Kluser, Munich, Germany

2000

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania
Manny Silverman Gallery, Los Angeles, California

1999

Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, Delaware

1998

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain
The Modern at Sundance Square, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas

1997

Miriam & Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, Columbia University, New York
Marsh Art Gallery, University of Richmond, Virginia
Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
Manny Silverman Gallery, Los Angeles

1996

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, Massachusetts
'Robert Motherwell', Fundacio Antoni Tapies, Barcelona, Spain. Travels to Museo
Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain

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1994

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas

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Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

1991

Long Point Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts

'Robert Motherwell: The Open Door', Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico.

Tours to Museo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico; Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Texas

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

1990

Artcurial Centre d'Art Plastique Contemporain, Paris

Herland Wetterling Gallery, Stockholm

Wetterling Gallery, Goteborg, Sweden

Marisa del Re Gallery, New York

1989

M. Knoedler & Co., New York Padiglione d'Arte Contemporanea, Milan

Waddington Galleries, London

Sert Gallery, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Montclair Art Museum, New Jersey

1988

M. Knoedler & Co., New York

Arthur A. Houghton Jr. Gallery, Cooper Union, New York

1987

M. Knoedler & Co., New York

Museum of Modern Art, New York

1986

M. Knoedler & Co., New York

Galeria Joan Prats, Barcelona, Spain

Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao, Spain

Stanford University Museum of Art, Palo Alto, California

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1985

Fort Worth Art Museum, Texas
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Sioux City Art Center, Iowa
Hood Museum of Art, Indiana
Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Indiana
Boston Athenaeum, Massachusetts
Hurlbutt Gallery, Greenwich Library, Connecticut

1984

M. Knoedler & Co., New York
Knoedler Zurich, Switzerland
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
University Art Gallery, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, New York
L.A. Louver Gallery, Los Angeles, California
Harcourts Contemporary, San Francisco, California

1983

Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, New York. Retrospective toured to Los Angeles County
Museum of Art, California; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California; Seattle
Art Museum, Washington; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; Solomon R.
Guggenheim Museum, New York; M. Knoedler & Co., New York
Bavarian State Museum of Modern Art, Munich, Germany
Visual Arts Museum, School of Visual Arts, New York
Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Massachusetts

1982

M. Knoedler & Co., New York

1981

M. Knoedler & Co., New York
Galerie Veith Turske, Cologne, Germany

1980

Centro Cultural de la Caixa de Pensions, Barcelona, Spain
Fundación Juan March, Madrid, Spain
Museum of Modern Art, New York

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1979

The William Benton Museum of Art, University of Connecticut, Connecticut
William Ehrlich Gallery, New York
Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University, Kansas
Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
Galerie Veith Turske, Cologne, Germany
Long Point Gallery, Provincetown, Massachusetts

1978

Royal Academy of Arts, London
National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
M. Knoedler & Co., London
M. Knoedler & Co., New York
Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas

1977

Galerie Andre Emmerich, Zurich, Switzerland
Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France
Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh

1976

Knoedler Contemporary Art, New York
Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
Städtische Kunsthalle, Düsseldorf, Germany
Galleriet Kulturhuset, Stockholm
Museum des 20 Jahrhunderts, Vienna, Austria
Dart Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Brooke Alexander, inc., New York

1975

Knoedler Contemporary Art, New York
Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
Glenn/Smith Gallery, Newport Beach, California
Waddington Galleries, London
David Mirvish Gallery, Toronto
John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, California
ACE, Los Angeles, California
Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, Texas

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1974

Tibor de Nagy Gallery, Houston, Texas
Albright-Knox Gallery, New York
Knoedler Contemporary Art, New York
Galerie André Emmerich, Zurich, Switzerland
Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles, California

1973

'Robert Motherwell: Recent Work', The Art Museum, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, California
David Mirvish Gallery, Toronto, Ontario

1972

'Robert Motherwell: Recent Paintings', Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
'The Collages of Robert Motherwell: A Retrospective Exhibition', Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
Lawrence Rubin Gallery, New York
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

1971

Galerie im Erker, St. Gallen, Switzerland

1970

'Paintings and Collages by Robert Motherwell', Art Center in Hargate, St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire
'Robert Motherwell: Works on Paper', University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa; Detroit Institute of Fine Arts, Detroit, Michigan; Reed College, Portland, Oregon
'Robert Motherwell', David Mirvish Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

1969

'Robert Motherwell: Paintings from the 'Open' Series', Marlborough-Gerson Gallery, New York
'Robert Motherwell: Lyric Suite', Museum of Modern Art, New York
'Paintings and Collages by Robert Motherwell', The Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio

1968

San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, California
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1967

San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, California

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1965

Museum of Modern Art, New York, major retrospective exhibition. Travels in 1966 to Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; Whitechapel Art Gallery, London; Palais des Beaux Arts, Brussels; Museum Folkwang, Essen

1963

Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, Massachusetts
Hayden Gallery, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Museum of Modern Art, New York

1962

Pasadena Art Museum, Pasadena, California
Sidney Janis Gallery, New York

1961

Sidney Janis Gallery, New York

1959

New Gallery, Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont

1957

Sidney Janis Gallery, New York

1954

Samuel Kootz Gallery, New York

1953

Samuel Kootz Gallery, New York

1952

Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Ohio
Samuel Kootz Gallery, New York

1951

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1949

Samuel Kootz Gallery, New York

1948

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1947

Samuel Kootz Gallery, New York

1946

Smauel Kootz Gallery, New York

Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

San Francisco Museum of Art, California

1944

Peggy Guggenheim's Art of This Century Gallery, New York

1938

Raymond Duncan Gallery, Paris