

JONAS MEKAS

1922-2019

Born 1922, Lithuania

Died 2019, New York, NY

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 Neomodéjar, 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

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		Two Person Exhibitions
	1945-1949, James Fuentes, New York	2017	Cinema Lituanien, La Cinematheque Francaise, Paris
2010	TO NEW YORK WITH LOVE, James Fuentes, New York	2012	Jonas Mekas / Jose Luis Guerin –Cineastes en Correspondance, Musee Pompidou, Paris, France
2009	Destruction Quartet, James Fuentes, New York		Portraits: Jonas Mekas and Robert Polidori,” Edwynn Houk Gallery, 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		Group Exhibitions
2006	Brief Glimpses of Beauty, Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Center, Warwick, UK	2017	Documenta 14, Athens and Kassel
	He Stands in the Desert Counting the Seconds of His Life, Tamayo Contemporary Art Museum, Mexico City, Mexico	2016	The Velvet Underground - New York Extravaganza, Philharmonie de Paris, Paris
	Jonas Mekas, Baltic Art Center, Visby, Sweden, The Diary Film, Goteborg Kunsthalle, Sweden		Take Me (I'm Yours), The Jewish Museum, New York
2005	Always a Littler Further, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, 51st International Exhibition	2012	The 365 Day Project, 2B Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
	Jonas Mekas—Celebration of the Small and the Personal in the Time of Bigness, Contemporary Art Center, Vilnius, Lithuania	2011	Ostalgia, The New Museum, New York Musique Plastique, Agnes b. Galerie, Paris and New York
	Farewell to Soho, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden		This Side of Paradise, Agnes b. rue du jour boutique, Paris, France
2003	Jonas Mekas: A Camera for Jonas, Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France	2010	Bienal de Sao Paolo, Sao Paolo, Brazil
	Soho So Long, Gavin Brown's enterprise at Passerby, curated by James Fuentes, New York		Illegal Living, 80 Wooster, New York
2002	Laboratorium, Antwerpen Open, Antwerp, Belgium		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

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| <p>2008 That Was Then... This Is Now, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, New York</p> <p>Self Portraits 1966-2008, James Fuentes, New York</p> <p>2006 The Expanded Eye, Kunsthaus, Zurich, Switzerland<br/>Onestar Stop, Galerie Erna Hocy, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>2005 Balance and Power-Performance and Surveillance in Video Art, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign</p> <p>Thank You for the Music, Spruth Magers Projekte, Munich, Germany</p> <p>2004 The Agnes B. Collection, Les Abattoirs – Frac Midi-Pyrenees, Toulouse, France</p> <p>2003 Fables de L'Identito, Centre National de la Photographie, Paris, France</p> <p>La Biennale di Venezia, Installation at the Utopia Station Pavillion, Venice, Italy</p> <p>2002 Documenta 11, Kassel, Germany</p> | <p>2007 "The Avante-Garde from Futurism to Fluxus," Jonas Mekas Visual Arts Center, Vilnius</p> <p>2005 "The Diary Film/Dagboksfilmen," edited by Liutauras Psibilskis, Moderna Museet, Stockholm</p> <p>"Jonas Mekas: Conversations, Letters, Notes, Misc. Pieces," edited by Liutauras Psibilskis, published by the Lithuanian Art Museum on the occasion of the Venice Biennale</p> <p>2000 Chodorov, Pip, and Patrice Rollet, "Lost Lost Lost Book," Editions Paris Experimental</p> <p>1999 "Jonas Mekas: This Side of Paradise," Exhibition catalog, Galerie du Jour, Paris 1997</p> <p>"Sustabdytos Akimirkos," Exhibition catalog, Contemporary Art Museum, Vilnius</p> <p>"Jonas Mekas: Frozen Film Frames," Photo-Planete, Tokyo Chodorov, Pip, and Christina Lebrat, "Le Livre de Walden," Editions Paris Experimental, Paris</p> <p>1996 "Jonas Mekas: Frozen Film Frames," Exhibition catalog, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography [Japanese]</p> |
| <p>Commissions</p>   |   |
| <p>2010 Work commissioned by the New York City Guggenheim Young Collectors Council</p>   | <p>"Jonas Mekas," Catalog and texts, Galerie du Jour, Paris</p>   |
| <p>Catalogues and Books</p>  |   |
| <p>2017 "Again, Again It All Comes Back to Me in Brief Glimpses," MMCA Editions, Seoul, 2017.</p> <p>2009 "A Few Things I Want to Share with You, My Paris Friends," Galerie du Jour, Paris</p> <p>2008 "Jonas Mekas," Koenig Books, for the exhibition at the Museum Ludwig, Cologne</p> <p>"Jonas Mekas," Fondazione Ragghianti, Lucca, Italy [Italian]</p>  | <p>1992 "Jonas Mekas," Catalog, Galerie Nationale Jeu de Paume, Paris James, David</p> <p>"To Free the Cinema: Jonas Mekas and the New York Underground," Princeton University Press</p> <p>1983 "Jonas Mekas," Exhibition catalog, Tokyo 1980</p> <p>Briggs, Judy, "Jonas Mekas," Films in the Cities, St. Paul 1970</p> <p>Arbasino, Alberto, "Entre el 'underground' y el 'off-off,'" Editorial Anagrama, Barcelona</p>  |

Extended Essays and Interviews

		2013	Commandeur de l' Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, Lithuania
2010	Northover, Benn, "Jonas Mekas," AnOther Man , Autum/Winter		Francis J. Greenburger Award
	Lack, Hannah, "New York Stories," Dazed and Con- fused , August		Elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
	Rose, Aaron, "Jonas Mekas," ANP Quarterly , Janu- ary	2011	George Eastman Honorart Scholar Award
2009	Haden-Guest, Anthony, "Dispatches from the In- side," Art Newspaper , November	2010	Life Achievement Award at the second annual Rob Pruitt' s Art Awards
	Kley, Elisabeth, "Jonas Mekas at James Fuentes," Artinfo , November	2008	Baltic Cultural Achievement Award
2006	Verwoert, Jan, "Who Loves the Sun?" Frieze , April 2005		Austrian Decoration of Honor for Science and Art (Osterreichische Ehrenzeichen fur Wissenschaft an Kunst)
	Taubin, Amy, "Footage fetish: Amy Taubin on Jonas Mekas," Artforum	2006	Selection of the Library of Congress National Film Registry
	Dargis, Manohla, "The World Through Blood-tinted Lenses," New York Times, June		Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award
2000	Sans, Jerome, "An Interview with Jonas Mekas," Steidl		Directors Guild of America Award
1984	MacDonald, Scott, "Interview with Jonas Mekas," October, Summer	2000	Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Minis- try of Culture, France
1973	Tomkins, Calvin, "All Pockets Open," New Yorker profile, January	1997	Pier Paolo Pasolini Award, Paris International Docu- mentary Film Association Award, Los Angeles
1965	Levy, Alan, "Voices of the Underground Cinema," The New York Times Magazine, September		Governors Award, Skohegan School of Painting and Sculpture Doctor of Fine Arts, Honoris Causa, Uni- versitatis Vytauti Magni, Lithuania
		1996	Doctor of Fine Arts, Honoris Causa, Kansas City Art Institute

Honors and Awards

2017	BEN Award (category "Lifetime achievement award, influential artist moving image art")	1995	Lithuanian National Award
2015	Yoko Ono Courage 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”