

LEON KOSSOFF

Biography:

1926

Born City Road, Islington, London

1938 - 43

Attended Hackney Downs (Grocers) School, London

1943

Attended life drawing evening class at Toynbee Hall and St. Martin's School of Art, London

1945 - 48

Military service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany

1949 - 53

Studied at St. Martin's School of Art, and at Borough Polytechnic, London, with David Bomberg (1950-52)

1954

Studied at Royal College of Art, London

1959 - 69

Taught at Regent Street Polytechnic, Chelsea School of Art and St. Martin's School of Art, London

1956 - present

Lives and works in London

Solo Exhibitions:

2008

Leon Kossoff: Unique Prints of Paintings from the National Gallery, Art Space Gallery, London, England, 16 May – 21 June 2008

2007

Leon Kossoff: Drawing from Painting, National Gallery of Art, London, England, March 14 - July 1, 2007

2004-2005

Leon Kossoff: Selected Paintings 1956 - 2000, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, November 19, 2004 - March 28, 2005; traveled to Museum of Art Lucerne, Lucerne, April 23 -July 17, 2005

2002

Leon Kossoff, Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia, March 20 - April 22, 2002

Leon Kossoff: Drawn to Painting, Poussin, Rubens and Other Subjects, Pillsbury & Peters Fine Art, Dallas, Texas, June 28 - August 24, 2002

2001

Drawn to Painting: Leon Kossoff Prints and Drawings after Nicolas Poussin, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, March 17 - May 27, 2001

2000

Drawn to Painting: Leon Kossoff Prints and Drawings After Nicolas Poussin, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, January 20 - April 2, 2000

Poussin Landscapes by Kossoff, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, January 20 - April 2, 2000

After Nicolas Poussin: New Etchings by Leon Kossoff, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, March 28 - August 13, 2000

Leon Kossoff, Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, New York, April 11 - May 24, 2000; traveled to Annely Juda Fine Art, London, June 1 - July 22, 2000

1997

Corner Exhibition, Copenhagen

1996

Leon Kossoff, Tate Gallery, London, June 6 – September 1, 1996

1995-1996

Leon Kossoff, XLVI Venice Biennale, Venice, June 12 - October 15, 1995; traveled to Dusseldorf Kunstverein, Dusseldorf, December 12, 1995 - January 21, 1996; Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, February 8 - March 31, 1996

1993

Leon Kossoff: Drawings 1985 - 1992, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London, February 5 - March 6, 1993; traveled to L.A. Louver, Venice, California, May 8 - June 5, 1993

1988

Leon Kossoff, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London, England, September 8 - October 8, 1988; traveled to Robert Miller Gallery, New York, New York, November 1-26, 1988

1984

Leon Kossoff, Recent Work, Fischer Fine Art Ltd. London, England, March - April, 1984; traveled to L.A. Louver Venice, California, November 15 - December 15, 1984

1983

Leon Kossoff, Hirschl & Adler Modern, New York, New York, March 5 - 26, 1983

1982

Leon Kossoff Paintings, L.A. Louver, Venice, California, May 7 - June 5, 1982

1981

Leon Kossoff: Paintings from a Decade 1970-80, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, May - July, 1981

Leon Kossoff, Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, 1981

1980

Recent Drawings, Riverside Studio, London

1979

Leon Kossoff: Paintings and Drawings, Fischer Fine Art Ltd., London

1975

Leon Kossoff at Fischer Fine Art, Fischer Fine Art Ltd., London

1973

Leon Kossoff: Recent Paintings and Drawings, Fischer Fine Art Ltd., London

1972

Leon Kossoff: Recent Paintings, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London

1968

Leon Kossoff, Marlborough Fine Art Ltd., London

1957 - 64

Five exhibitions at Beaux Arts Gallery, London

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2008

A Guest of Honour: From Francis Bacon to Peter Doig, Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria, 15 March - 6 July 2008 (catalogue)

2007 - 08

British Vision: Observation and Imagination in British Art 1750-1950, Museum of Fine Arts Ghent, Belgium, October 6, 2007 - January 13, 2008 (catalogue)

2007

The Mirror and the Mask: Portraiture in the Age of Picasso, Museo Thyssen Bornemisza and Fundacion Caja Madrid, Madrid, Spain, February 6 - May 20, 2007; traveling to Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX, June 17 - September 16, 2007 (catalogue)

2006

Passion for Paint, Bristol's City Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol, January 21 - April 2, 2006; traveled to Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, April 13 - July 9, 2006; and National Gallery, London, July 20 - September 17, 2006

British Art: A Post-War Selection, Thomas Gibson Fine Art Ltd., London, April 24 - May 22, 2006

The New Landscape/The New Still Life: Soutine and His Legacy 1950 - 2006, Cheim and Read, New York, New York, June 20 - September 9, 2006

2005 - 06

Self-Portraits: 1500-2000, National Portrait Gallery, London, October 20, 2005 - January 29, 2006; traveled to Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, February 17 - May 14, 2006

2005

Impressionist and Modern Masters, Richard Green at Three London Galleries, London, September 28 - October 8, 2005

2004

Visions of London: Contemporary Artists Draw Their City, Art Space Gallery, Michael Richardson Contemporary Art, London, May 28 - June 26, 2004

2003

From Life: Radical Figurative Art from Sickert to Bevan, James Hyman Fine Art, London, September 10 - October 18, 2003

2001 - 02

Corner Exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark, December 29, 2001 - January 20, 2002

2000 - 01

The School of London and Their Friends: The Collection of Elaine and Melvin Merians, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut, October 11, 2000 - January 14, 2001; traveled to Neuberg Museum of Art, Purchase College, New York, January 28 - May 27, 2001

2000

La Mirada Fuerte: Pintura Figurativa de Londres, British Council in association with the Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, Museum of Modern Art, Mexico City, April 4 - June 11, 2000; and Museum of Contemporary Art, Monterrey, Mexico, June 22 - September 10, 2000

Close Encounters: New Art from the Old, National Gallery London, June 14- September 17, 2000

1998 - 99

L'École de Londres de Bacon à Bevan, Fondation Dina L'École de Londres de Bacon à Bevan, Fondation Dina Vierny / Musee Maillol, Paris, October 10, 1998 - January 20, 1999; traveled to Auditorio De Galicia, Santiago de Compostella, February 6 - April 4, 1999; Kunsthhaus, Vienna, May 11 - August 29, 1999

1995 - 96

From London: Bacon, Freud, Kossoff, Andrews, Auerbach, Kitaj, British Council in association with the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, July 1 - September 5, 1995; traveled to Musee de l'Etat- Staatsmuseum, Luxembourg, September 22 - November 5, 1995; Musee Cantonal de Beaux-Arts, Lausanne, November 16, 1995 - January 31, 1996; Fundacio Caixa de Catalunya, Barcelona, February 16 - April 16, 1996

1995

Identity and Alterity: Figures of the Body 1895-1995, XLVI Venice International Biennale, Museo Correr and Palazzo Grassi, Venice, June 12 - October 15, 1995

1994 - 95

Dobbel Virkelighet/Double Reality, Astrup Fearnley Museet for Moderne Kunst, Oslo, April - October, 1994

Visual Excitement, Amsterdam, October - November, 1994

Helen Lessore: Artist and Art Dealer, Theo Waddington Fine Art, London, November - December, 1994

An American Passion: The Susan Kasen Summer and Robert D. Summer Collection of Contemporary British Painting McClellan Galleries, Glasgow, December, 1994 - March 1995, (touring exhibition)

1993 - 94

Drawing on These Shores: A View of British Drawing and Its Affinities, Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Preston, November, 1993 - January, 1994

1993

Seven British Painters: Selected Masters of Post War British Art, Marlborough Fine Art, London, June - September, 1993

1992 - 93

British Figurative Painting of the 20th Century, British Council, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, November, 1992 - February, 1993

1991 - 92

Da Bacon a Oggi: L'Outsider nella Figurazione Britannica/From Bacon to Now: the Outsider in British Configuration, Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, December, 1991 - February, 1992

The Contemporary Art Society: Eighty Years of Collecting, Hayward Gallery, London, December, 1991 - January, 1992

Transformation of Appearance: Andrews, Auerbach, Bacon, Freud, Kossoff, Tate Gallery Collections Exhibition (touring exhibition)

1991

Affinities in Paint, Crane Gallery, London, June - July, 1991

1990 - 91

Glasgow's Great British Art Exhibition, Glasgow Museum and Art Galleries, McLellan Galleries, Glasgow, March - May, 1990

Tribute to Peter Fuller, Beaux Arts, Bath, October - November, 1990

The Pursuit of the Real: British Figurative Painting from Sickert to Bacon, Manchester City Art Gallery; traveled to the Barbican Art Gallery, London; Glasgow City Art Gallery, Glasgow

The British Imagination: Twentieth Century Painting, Sculpture and Drawing, Hirschl & Adler, New York, NY, November, 1990 - January, 1991

1989 - 90

School of London: Works on Paper, Odette Gilbert Gallery, London, September - November, 1989

Leon Kossoff/Bill Woodrow, Saatchi Collection, London, November 1989 - February, 1990

Picturing People: British Figurative Art since 1945, British Council, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, December, 1989

1988

The British Picture, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California, February 5 - March 5, 1988

Exhibition Road: Painters at the Royal College of Art, Royal College of Art, London, March - April, 1988

Past and Present, Arts Council of Great Britain, Manchester City Art Gallery (touring exhibition)

1987 - 88

British Figurative Painting, Pamela Auchincloss Gallery, Santa Barbara, California (touring exhibition)

1987

British Art in the 20th Century: The Modern Movement, Royal Academy of Arts, London, January - April, 1987

Works on Paper, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London, May, 1987

Current Affairs, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, The British Art Council; traveled to Mucsarnok, Budapest; National Gallery, Prague; Zacheta, Warsaw (touring exhibition)

A School of London (Six Figurative Painters), The British Council; traveled to Kunstneres Hus, Oslo; Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebeck; Museo d'Arte Moderna, Ca'Pesaro, Venice; and Kunstmuseum, Dusseldorf

Art of Our Time: The Saatchi Collection, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, August - September, 1987

Past and Present: Contemporary Artists Drawing from the Masters, South Bank Centre (touring exhibition)

1986

Forty Years of Modern Art, Tate Gallery, London

1985

A Singular Vision: Paintings of the Figure by Contemporary Artists, Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, January - February, 1985 (touring exhibition)

The British Show, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth; traveled to Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney; and Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane

Rocks and Flesh: and Argument for British Drawing, Norwich School of Art Gallery, Norwich, September - October, 1985

Human Interest: Fifty Years of British Art about People, Cornerhouse, Manchester, October - November, 1985

1984

The Hard Won Image: Traditional Method and Subject in Recent British Art, Tate Gallery, London, July - September, 1984

The Forgotten Fifties, Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, Norwich, Coventry and London

The Proper Study: Contemporary Figurative Paintings from Britain, The British Council, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi and Bombay Centre for the Performing Arts

The British Art Show: Old Allegiances and New Directions 1979-1984, Arts Council of Great Britain, City of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (touring exhibition)

1982

British Watercolors and Drawings: 1950 to the Present Day, The British Council; traveled to China Art Gallery, Peking; Art Gallery and Shenyang Hans Kous Museum of Art, Hong Kong; Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh

1981 - 82

13 Britische Kunstler: Eine Ausstellung uber Malerei/13 British Artists: A Painting Exhibition, Neue Galerie Sammlung Ludwig, Aachen, Kunstverein, Mannheim

Eight Figurative Painters: Michael Andrews, Frank Auerbach, Francis Bacon, William Coldstream, Lucian Freud, Patrick George, Leon Kossoff, Euan Uglow, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, CT; traveled to Santa Barbara Museum of Art, California

1980

Art Anglais d'aujourd'hui: Collection de la Tate Gallery, Londres, Musee Rath, Geneva, July - September, 1980

From Object to Object, Arts Council of Great Britain (touring exhibition)

1979 - 80

The British Arts Show, Arts Council of Great Britain, traveled to Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield (touring exhibition)

1979

The Hayward Annual: Current British Art selected by Helen Chadwick, Paul Gopal Choudhury, James Faure Walker, John Hilliard and Nicholas Pope, Arts Council of Great Britain Hayward Gallery, London, July 1979 (touring exhibition)

This Knot of Life, Paintings and Drawings by British Artists, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California, November 27 - December 22, 1979

1976

The Human Clay: An Exhibition Selected by R.B. Kitaj, Arts Council of Great Britain, Hayward Gallery, London, August, 1976

1977

British Painting 1952-1977, Royal Academy of Arts, London, September - November, 1977

1974 - 75

Body and Soul, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool

Drawings of People: and Exhibition of Drawings selected for the Arts Council by Patrick George, Arts Council of Great Britain (touring exhibition)

1974

British Painting '74, Arts Council of Great Britain, Hayward Gallery, London, September - November, 1974

1972

English Explorations: An Exhibition of Recent Works by Seven Artists Living and Working in London, Fischer Fine Art, London, August - September, 1972

1968

Helen Lessore and the Beaux Arts Gallery, Marlborough Fine Art, London

1967

Recent British Paintings from the Peter Stuyvesant Foundation Collection, Tate Gallery, London

1966

Survey of Figurative Painting, Hempstead Art Center, London

1964

54-64: Painting and Sculpture of a Decade, Tate Gallery, London

1963

British Painting in the Sixties: An Exhibition Organized by The Contemporary Art Society, Tate Gallery/Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, June 1963

Public Collections:

Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo, Norway
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Arts Council of Great Britain, London
Arts Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Australian National Gallery, Canberra, Australia
Berado Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
British Council, London
Calouste Gubenkian Foundation, Portugal
Chicago Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois
Chrysler Museum, Provincetown, Massachusetts
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
Contemporary Art Society, London
City Museum and Art Gallery, Leicester
Ferens Art Gallery, Kingston-Upon-Hull
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, California
Government Art Collection, London
Cecil Higgins Museum, Bedford
The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington D.C.
Israel Museum Jerusalem, Israel
The Lannan Foundation, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
Museum of London, London
Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
Rochdale Art Gallery, Lancashire
Rooseum Center for Contemporary Art, Malmo, Sweden
Rugby Museum, Warwickshire
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh
Peter Stuyvesant Foundation, London
Swindon Museum and Art Gallery, Wiltshire
Tate Gallery, London
Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, Lugano, Switzerland
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Manchester