

Louise Bourgeois

Born 1911, in Paris, France
Moved to New York in 1938
Became American citizen in 1955
Died 2010

Education

1921-1932
Academie Fenelon

1932-35
Sorbonne, Paris

1936-37
Ecole du Louvre

1936-38
Ecole des Beaux-Arts

1936-37
Atelier Bissiere

1937-38
Academie de la Grande Chaumiere

1938
Fernand Leger

1939-40
Vaclav Vytlacil

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2011-2012
Louise Bourgeois: À L'Infini, Foundation Beyeler, Riehen / Basel, Switzerland

2010-2011
Louise Bourgeois: Eugénie Grandet, Maison de Balzac, Paris, France
Louise Bourgeois: The Return of the Repressed, Fundación Proa, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
travelled to the Instituto Tomie Ohtake, Sao Paulo, Brazil; the Museu do Arte Moderno, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2009
Louise Bourgeois: A Stretch of Time, Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany

2008-2009
Louise Bourgeois for Capodimonte, Museo Nazionale di Capodimonte, Naples, Italy

2008
Nature Study, Inverleith House, Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh, Scotland
Louise Bourgeois: La Rivière Gentille, Galerie Hauser & Wirth, Zurich, Switzerland
Louise Bourgeois: Echo, Cheim & Read, New York, NY

2007-2008

Bourgeois in Boston, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
Louise Bourgeois: Retrospective, Tate Modern, London, England; traveled to the Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden, Washington D.C.
Louise Bourgeois: New Work, Hauser & Wirth Colnaghi, London, UK
Louise Bourgeois: Recent Prints, Marlborough Graphics, London, UK
Louise Bourgeois: Crouching Spider, San Francisco Arts Commission, San Francisco, CA (installed on Pier 14 at Embarcadero & Mission Street)

2007

Louise Bourgeois, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Louise Bourgeois, Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, NY

2006

Louise Bourgeois: Femme, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD
Louise Bourgeois: La Famille, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany
Louise Bourgeois: Early Drawings, Peter Blum, New York, NY
Louise Bourgeois: Selected Prints on Fabric, Butler Gallery, The Castle, Kilkenny, Ireland
Louise Bourgeois: The Woven Child, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA

2005-2006

Louise Bourgeois: Back and Forth, Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna, Austria

2005

Louise Bourgeois: Sublimation, Galerie Hauser & Wirth, London, England
Louise Bourgeois: One and Others, Wilfredo Lam Center, Havana, Cuba

2004

Louise Bourgeois, Daros Collection, Zurich, Switzerland
Louise Bourgeois, Akira Ikeda Gallery Muranchi, Yokosuka, Japan
Drawings by Louise Bourgeois, St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
Louise Bourgeois: The Reticent Child, Cheim & Read, New York, NY
Louise Bourgeois: Prints, Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France

2003-2004

A View From the Outside, *Louise Bourgeois: The Reticent Child*, Sigmund Freud Museum, Vienna, Austria
Louise Bourgeois, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland

2003

Louise Bourgeois: Geometry of Desire, Zacheta Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland
Louise Bourgeois, White Cube, London, UK
Louise Bourgeois: The Woven Drawings and Recent Sculptures, Xavier Hufkens Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Karsten Greve, Koln, Germany
Spiders: Louise Bourgeois, Shiraishi Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
Louise Bourgeois: Intimate Abstractions, Akademie der Künste, Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany
Louise Bourgeois: The Insomnia Drawings, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

2002-2003

Louise Bourgeois: Le Jour La Nuit Le Jour, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
Louise Bourgeois: Recent Sculptures and Drawings, Beaumontpublic, Luxembourg

2002

Louise Bourgeois, Galeria Soledad Lorenzo, Madrid, Spain

Louise Bourgeois, Galerie Karsten Greve, Milan
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
Louise Bourgeois: The Early Work; traveled to Madison Art Center, Madison, WI (9/15/02-11/17/02); Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO
Louise Bourgeois, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Louise Bourgeois: Works in Marble, Galerie Hauser & Wirth, Zurich, Switzerland
Louise Bourgeois: Drawings and Sculpture, Kunsthaus Bregenz, Bregenz, Austria
Louise Bourgeois: Recent Work, Galerie Karsten Greve, Paris, France

2001-2002

The State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia
Louise Bourgeois at the Hermitage; travelled to Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland; Kulturhuset, Stockholm; Museet for Samtidskunst, Oslo, Norway
Louise Bourgeois, Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain
Louise Bourgeois: New Work, Cheim & Read, New York, NY

2001

Louise Bourgeois: The Insomnia Drawings, Tate Modern, London, UK
Louise Bourgeois: Spiders, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY (organized in association with the Public Art Fund)

2000

Louise Bourgeois: Inaugural Installation of the Tate Modern Art at Turbine Hall, Tate Modern, London, UK
Louise Bourgeois: The Space of Memory, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Kyungki-do, Korea
Installation of *The Welcoming Hands by Louise Bourgeois*, Jardin des Tuileries, Paris, France

1999-2000

Louise Bourgeois: Architecture and Memory, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte - Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain

1998

Sacred and Fatal: The Art of Louise Bourgeois, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh
Louise Bourgeois, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux; travelled to Foundation Belem, Lisbon, Portugal; Kunsthalle Malmö, Malmö, Sweden; Serpentine Gallery, London
Topiary, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA

1997-98

Louise Bourgeois, Yokohama Museum, Tokyo
Louise Bourgeois, The Arts Club of Chicago, IL

1995

Drawings Retrospective, Musée National d'art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris;
Travelled to Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland

1994-95

Print Retrospective, Museum of Modern Art, New York; travelled to the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris; Musée du Dessin et de l'Estampe Originale, Gravelines, France; The Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, England; Bonnefanten Museum, Maastricht

1993-96

The Locus of Memory, American Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Italy; travelled to The Brooklyn Museum, New York; The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Galerie Rudolfinum, Prague, Czech Republic; Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris; Deichtorhallen, Hamburg; Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montréal

1989-91

Louise Bourgeois: A Retrospective Exhibition, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, West Germany; travelled to Stadtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich, West Germany; Musée d'art Contemporain, Lyon; Fondation Tapies, Barcelona, Spain; Kunstmuseum, Berne, Switzerland; Kröller-Muller-Museum, Otterlo, The Netherlands

1987-89

Louise Bourgeois, The Taft Museum, Cincinnati, OH; Travelled to The Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami, FL; Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, TX; Gallery of Art, Washington University, St. Louis, MO; Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY

1982-83

Louise Bourgeois: Retrospective, Museum of Modern Art, New York; Travelled to Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX; Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL; Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH

Awards

1973

Artist Grant, National Endowment for the Arts

1977

Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Degree from Yale University, New Haven, CT

1978

G.S.A. Commission, Manchester, NH

1980

Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Visual Arts from Women's Caucus for Art

1981

Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Degree, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Elected Fellow of American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston, MA

1983

Elected Member of American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York
Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Degree, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
Named Officier de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, by Jack Lang, French Minister of Culture

1984

President's Fellows Award, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Degree, Maryland Institute, College of Art, Baltimore, MD
President's Fellows Award, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

1985

Skowhegan Medal for Sculpture, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME

1987

Honorary Doctorate, The New School, New York
Gold Medal of Honor for Excellence in Art, National Arts Club, New York
Named Fellow for Life at Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

1989

Creative Arts Award Medal for Sculpture, Brandeis University
"Distinguished Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement", College Art Association
"Neptune Award for the Arts", Snug Harbor, Staten Island, NY

1990

MacDowell Medalist, MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH
The Sculpture Center, New York, "The Sculpture Center Award for Distinction in Sculpture 1990"

1991

Lifetime Achievement Award, International Sculpture Center, Washington D.C. (first recipient)
Awarded the Grand Prix National de Sculpture by the French Ministry of Culture

1993

Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts (DFA) by Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York
Mayor's Awards for Art & Culture, New York City
Maison Francaise, New York University

1994

NORD/LB art prize 1992

1995

The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo and The Hakone Open-Air Museum, Kanagawa-ken, Japan,
1995 Biennial Award and Purchase prize for ARCH OF HYSTERIA
Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, Art Institute of Chicago, IL

1996

First Annual Urban Glass Award for Innovative Use of Glass by a Non-Glass Artist

1997

National Medal of Arts presented by President Clinton at the White House

1998

Academician of the National Academy, New York, Sculpture Class Citation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design

1998

Recipient of the Wexner Prize, Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio State University
Awarded the Golden Lion, for a living master of contemporary art, by La Biennale di Venezia.

1999

Praemium Imperiale Award in the sculpture category from the Japan Art Association.

2000

Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, The Art Institute of Boston
Honorary Member, Akademie Der Bildenden Kunste Wien

2001

Honoree, ArtWalk, Coalition for the Homeless, New York

2003

2002/3 Wolf Prize in the Arts (Painting and Sculpture), Wolf Foundation, Israel
Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

2005

Medal of Honor, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, The Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, New York

2006

National Organization For Women, Washington D.C. "The 2006 Intrepid Award"

2007

The United Nations and Women Together, New York, The "Woman Award"

2008

French Legion of Honor medal presented by President Sarkozy to Louise Bourgeois at artist's Chelsea home on 9/21/08.

Aragon-Goya Award, Goya Foundation, Aragon Government, Zaragoza, Spain

2009

Inducted into National Women's Hall of Fame, Seneca Falls, New York