

# Leon Kossoff

°1926, London, UK – † 2019 London, UK

## Biography

## Selected One-Person Exhibitions

2023

- *Soutine / Kossoff*, Hastings Contemporary, Hastings, UK

2021

- *A Life in Painting*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK, travelled to Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY, USA and L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2019

- *Leon Kossoff: A London Life*, Piano Nobile, London, UK
- *Leon Kossoff: Everyday London*, Timothy Taylor, New York, NY, USA

2013–2014

- *Leon Kossoff: London Landscapes*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK, travelled to Galerie Lelong, Paris, France, Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY, USA and L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2010–2011

- *Leon Kossoff: Drawing from Painting*, Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia
- *Recent Paintings*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, travelled to Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY, USA and L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2009

- *Leon Kossoff: From the Early Years 1957-67*, Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY, USA

2008

- *Michael Richardson Contemporary Art*, London, UK

2007

- *Leon Kossoff: Drawing from Painting*, National Gallery, London, UK

2004–2005

- *Leon Kossoff: Selected Paintings 1956-2000*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark

2000–2001

- *Poussin Landscapes by Kossoff*, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- *Drawn to Painting Leon Kossoff, Prints & Drawings after Nicholas Poussin*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA, travelled to National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
- *After Nicholas Poussin, New Etchings by Leon Kossoff*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, USA
- *Leon Kossoff*, Mitchell-Innes & Nash, New York, NY, USA, travelled to Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK
- *Leon Kossoff*, Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia

1997

- Corner Exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark

1995–1996

- XLVI Venice Biennale, British Pavilion, Venice, Italy, travelled to Düsseldorf Kunstverein, Germany, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- *Leon Kossoff*, Tate Gallery, London, UK

1993

- *Leon Kossoff: Drawings 1985-1992*, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London, UK, L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- *Leon Kossoff: Paintings*, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY, USA

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1988

- *Leon Kossoff*, Anthony d’Offay Gallery, London, UK

1984

- *Leon Kossoff: Recent Drawings & Etchings*, Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London, UK
- *Leon Kossoff: Recent Work*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK,  
travelled to L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA

1983

- Hirschl & Adler Modern, New York, NY, USA

1982

- *Leon Kossoff Paintings*, L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA

1981

- *Leon Kossoff: Paintings from a Decade 1970-80*, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, UK
- *Leon Kossoff*, Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, UK

1980–1981

- *Recent Drawings*, Riverside Studios, London, UK

1979

- *Leon Kossoff, Paintings and Drawings*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK

1975

- *Leon Kossoff*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK

1974

- *Recent Paintings & Drawings*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK

1973

- *Recent Paintings & Drawings*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK

1972

- *Leon Kossoff, Recent Paintings*, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, UK

1968

- Marlborough Fine Art, London, UK

1964

- *Leon Kossoff, A Selection of Paintings 1949-64*, Beaux Arts Gallery, London, UK

1963

- *Leon Kossoff, Paintings & Drawings*, Beaux Arts Gallery, London, UK

1961

- *Leon Kossoff, Paintings*, Beaux Arts Gallery, London, UK

1959

- *Leon Kossoff, Paintings and Drawings*, Beaux Arts Gallery, London, UK

1957

- *Leon Kossoff, Paintings, drawings, lithographs & etchings*, Beaux Arts Gallery, London, UK

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2020–2021

- *45 at 45 L.A. Louver Celebrates 45 Years with 45 Artists*, L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA

## 2020

- Marlborough Graphics, London, UK
- *Summer Exhibition*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

## 2019

- *Friends and Influences*, Ben Uri Gallery and Museum, London, UK
- *Summer Exhibition*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

## 2018–2019

- *50 Years, 50 Artists*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

## 2018

- *All Too Human: Bacon, Freud and A Century of Painting Life*, Tate Britain, London, UK
- *Bacon, Freud, and the London Painters*, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum, Aarhus, Denmark
- *London Painters*, Ordovas, London, UK

## 2017

- *The Figure in Contemporary Art*, Rosenfeld Porcini, London, UK

## 2016

- *London Calling: Bacon, Freud, Kossoff, Andrews, Auerbach, and Kitaj*, The Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA

## 2014–2015

- *Bare Life: Bacon, Freud, Hockney and others - London Artists Working from Life 1950-80*, Museum für Kunst und Kultur, Münster, Germany
- *Kunstkabinet: School of London*, Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

## 2014

- *I Cheer a Dead Man's Sweetheart*, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, UK

## 2013–2014

- *A Dialogue with Nature: Romantic Landscapes from Britain and Germany*, The Courtauld Gallery, London, UK

## 2013

- *Radical Figures: Post War British Figurative Painting*, Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester, UK

## 2011–2012

- *The Mystery of Appearance: Conversations Between Ten British Post-War Painters*, Haunch of Venison, London, UK
- *Loose Canon*, L.A. Louver, Los Angeles, CA, USA

## 2009–2010

- *Paint made flesh*, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, Tennessee, travelled to Phillips Collection, Washington, DC, USA and Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY, USA

## 2008–2009

- *A guest of honour: from Francis Bacon to Peter Doig*, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria
- *Goya y el mundo moderno*, Museo de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain
- *Thresholds: selected by Paula Rego*, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, UK
- *Let Us Face the Future: Art Britànic 1945-1968*, Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain
- *Other Men's Flowers*, Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

## 2007–2008

- *The Naked Portrait: 1900-2007*, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK, travelled to Compton Verney, Warwickshire, UK
- *British Vision: Observation and Imagination in British art, 1750-1950*, SMAK, Ghent, Belgium

- *The Mirror and the Mask: Portraiture in the Age of Picasso*, Museo Thyssen Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain travelled to Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX, USA

2007

- *A Celebration*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

2006

- *Passion for Paint*, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol, UK, travelled to Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK and National Gallery, London, UK

2005–2006

- *Self Portraits: Renaissance to Contemporary*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK, travelled to Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- *How to Improve the World: 60 years of British Art*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK

2002–2004

- *Transition: the London Art Scene in the Fifties*, Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
- *New: Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary British Art*, National Galleries of Scotland, Edinburgh, UK
- *Blast to Freeze: British art in the 20th century*, Kunstmuseum, Wolfsburg, Germany
- *Das Recht des Bildes: Jüdische Perspektiven in der modernen Kunst*, Museum Bochum, Germany

2000–2001

- *The School of London and Their Friends: The Collection of Elaine and Melvin Merians*, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, CT, USA, travelled to Neuberger Museum of Art, New York, NY, USA
- *La Mirada Fuerte: Pintura Figurativa de Londres*, organised by the British Council, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico and MCA Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico

1998–2001

- *Head First: Portraits from the Arts Council Collection*, City Gallery, Leicester, travelled to Southampton, Kendal, Newcastle, Bath, Sheffield and Kingston upon Hull, UK
- *Sublime: The Darkness and the Light, Works from the Arts Council Collection*, John Hansard Gallery, Southampton, travelled to Lancaster, Nottingham, Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Ipswich, UK

1999

- *Close Encounters: New Art from Old*, The National Gallery, London, UK
- *L'école de Londres: de Bacon à Bevan*, Fondation Dina Vierny-Musée Maillol, Paris, France

1995–1996

- *Identity and Alterity: Figures of the Body 1985-1995*, XLVI Venice Biennale, Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy
- *From London: Bacon, Freud, Kossoff, Andrews, Auerbach, Kitaj*, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK, travelled to Luxembourg, Lausanne, Switzerland and Barcelona, Spain

1994–1995

- *An American Passion: The Susan Kasen Summer and Robert D. Summer Collection of Contemporary British Painting*, Glasgow Museums, Glasgow, UK travelled to Royal College of Art, London, UK

1992–1993

- *British Figurative Painting of the 20th Century*, British Council, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel

1991–1992

- *From Bacon to Now, the Outsider in British Figuration*, Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, Italy
- *Transformation of Appearance: Andrews, Auerbach, Bacon, Freud, Kossoff*, Tate Gallery, London, UK

## 1989–1990

- *Leon Kossoff / Bill Woodrow*, Saatchi Collection, London, UK
- *The Pursuit of the Real: British Figurative painting from Sickert to Bacon*, City Art Gallery, Manchester, UK, travelled to Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK and Glasgow City Art Gallery, Glasgow, UK
- *Glasgow's Great British Art Exhibition*, Glasgow Museums and Art Galleries, Glasgow, UK
- *Picturing People, British Figurative Art Since 1945*, British Council, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## 1988

- *Exhibition Road: Painters at the Royal College of Art*, London, UK
- *Past and Present*, Arts Council of Great Britain, Manchester City Art Gallery, Manchester, UK

## 1987–1988

- *British Art in the 20th Century: The Modern Movement*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- *Current affairs: British Painting and Sculpture in the 1980's*, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, UK travelled to Budapest, Prague and Warsaw, Poland
- *A School of London: (Six Figurative Painters)*, Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, Norway travelled to Humlebaek, Denmark, Venice, Italy and Düsseldorf, Germany
- *Art of Our Time*, Saatchi Collection, The Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK
- *British Figurative Painting: A Matter of Paint: David Bomberg, Leon Kossoff, Frank Auerbach, John Lessore, Kevin Sinnott, Simon Edmondson*, California State University Art Gallery, San Bernardino, CA, USA travelled to Santa Cruz, CA, USA and Rohnert Park, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
- *Works on Paper*, Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London, UK

## 1986

- *Forty Years of Modern Art*, Tate Gallery, London, UK

## 1985

- *The British Show*, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, travelled to Sydney and Brisbane, Australia
- *Human Interest: Fifty Years of British Art About People, Selected by Norbert Lynton*, Cornerhouse, Manchester, UK

## 1981–1984

- *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, USA, travelled to Santa Barbara, CA, USA
- *13 Britische Künstler eine Ausstellung über Malerei (13 British Artists: a Painting Exhibition)*, Neue Galerie, Aachen- Sammlung Ludwig, travelled to Mannheim and Braunschweig, Germany
- *Hard-won Image: Traditional Method and Subject in Recent British Art*, Tate Gallery, London, UK
- *The British Art Show: Old Allegiances and New Directions 1979-1984*, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK, travelled to Edinburgh, UK, Sheffield and Southampton, UK
- *The Proper Study: Contemporary Figurative Paintings from Britain*, Lalit Kala Akademi, Delhi, travelled to Jehangir Nicholson Museum of Modern Art National Centre for Performing Arts, Bombay, India

## 1979

- *Hayward Annual 1979: Current British Art selected by Helen Chadwick, Paul Gopal Chowdhury, James Faure Walker, John Hilliard and Nicholas Pope*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK

## 1977

- *British Painting 1952-1977*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK

1976

- *Human Clay: An exhibition selected by R.B. Kitaj*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK

1974

- *British painting '74*, Arts Council of Great Britain, Hayward Gallery, London, UK

1972

- *English Explorations, An Exhibition of Recent Works by Seven Artists Living and Working in London*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK

1967

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

1964

- *Painting and Sculpture of a Decade 1954-1964*, Tate Gallery, London, UK

1963

- *British painting in the 60's: An Exhibition Organized by The Contemporary Art Society*, Tate Gallery, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, UK

1961-1962

- *The John Moores Liverpool Exhibition 1961: 3*, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK

## Selected Public Collections

- Alfred East Art Gallery, Kettering, Northampton, UK
- Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia
- Art Institute of Chicago, IL, USA
- Arts Council England, UK
- Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, UK
- British Council, UK
- British Museum, London, UK
- Cecil Higgins Art Gallery and Museum, Bedford, UK
- Cleveland Museum of Art, OH, USA
- Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, UK
- Fundação de Arte Moderna e Contemporânea
- Coleção Berardo, Lisbon, Portugal
- Government Art Collection, London, UK
- Guildhall Art Gallery, London, UK
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC, USA
- Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
- J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- Jewish Museum, New York, NY, USA
- Leeds Art Gallery, Leeds Museums and Galleries, Yorkshire, UK
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA, USA
- Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
- Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden
- McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton, Canada
- Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, USA
- Miejska Galeria Sztuki ul Wólczańska, Lodz, Poland
- Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- Museum of London, London, UK

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- Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA
- Museum Würth, Künzelsau, Germany
- National Museum Wales, Cardiff, UK
- National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
- National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
- New Walk Museum and Art Gallery, Leicester, UK
- Royal College of Art, London, UK
- Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, Warwickshire, UK
- Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
- Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK
- Southampton City Art Gallery, Hampshire, UK
- Swindon Museum and Art Gallery, Wilshire, UK
- Tate Gallery, London, UK
- Touchstones Rochdale, Lancashire, UK
- University of Reading Art Collection, Reading, UK
- Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK
- Yale Centre for British Art, New Haven, CT, USA