

Leon Kossoff

°1926, London, UK – † 2019 London, UK

Biography

Selected One-Person Exhibitions

2026

- Luhring Augustine, New York, NY, USA

2024

- *Close Encounters: Paintings and Drawings*, Xavier Hufkens, Brussels, Belgium

2023

- *Springing to Life: Drawings by Leon Kossoff*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, 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

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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

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

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2023

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

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

- *L.A. Louver Celebrates 50 Years*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, USA
- *British Art - Convergence*, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal
- *Beyond the Canvas*, Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, Rugby, UK
- *Auras: Portraits of Women by British Artists*, Lévy Gorvy Dayan, London, UK
- *Seeing Each Other: Portraits of Artists*, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester West Sussex, UK
- *Once Upon a Time in London*, Saatchi Yates, London, UK
- *Studio Prints*, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, UK

2024

- *Drawing the Unspeakable*, Towner Eastbourne, Eastbourne, UK

2023

- *On foot*, Offer Waterman, London, UK

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)*, Kunstnernes 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

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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

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- 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
- Colecção 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 Wólczanska, Lodz, Poland
- Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- Museum of London, London, UK
- 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
- The New Art Gallery Walsall, Walsall, 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