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ALEX KATZ (b. 1927)

Alex Katz was born in Brooklyn in 1927 and attended Woodrow Wilson High School for its unique program that allowed him to devote his mornings to academics and his afternoons to the arts. Later, in 1946, Katz entered The Cooper Union Art School in Manhattan and was trained in Modern art theories and techniques. Upon graduating in 1949, Katz was awarded a scholarship for summer study at the Skowhegan School for Painting and Sculpture in Maine, a grant that he would renew the following summer. Katz explains that Skowhegan's *plein air* painting gave him "a reason to devote my life to painting."

Katz began working in collage in the early 1950s but moved towards greater realism in his paintings at the end of the decade. Katz became increasingly interested in portraiture and embraced monochrome backgrounds, which would become a defining characteristic of his style, anticipating Pop Art. In 1959, Katz made his first cutout, which would grow into a series of flat "sculptures;" freestanding or relief portraits that exist in actual space. In the early 1960s, influenced by films, television, and billboard advertising, Katz began painting large-scale paintings, often with dramatically cropped faces. In 1965, he also embarked on a prolific career in printmaking. In the late 1980s and 1990s, Katz focused much of his attention on large landscape paintings, which he characterizes as "environmental." In 1986, Katz began painting a series of night pictures—a sharp departure from the sunlit landscapes he had previously painted, forcing him to explore a new type of light. Variations on the theme of light falling through branches appear in Katz's work throughout the 1990s and into the 21st century. At the beginning of the new millennium, Katz also began painting flowers in profusion, covering canvases in blossoms similar to those he had first explored in the late 1960s. Katz's work continues to grow and evolve today.

Alex Katz's work has been the subject of more than 200 solo exhibitions and nearly 500 group exhibitions internationally since 1951 and works by Alex Katz can be found in over 100 public collections worldwide. In 1968, Katz moved to an artists' cooperative building in SoHo, where he has lived and worked ever since.

EDUCATION

1950-49 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME

1949-46 Studied at The Cooper Union School of Art, New York, NY

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

SOLO

2025-26 *Alex Katz: Theater and Dance*, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA

2025 *Alex Katz: The Venice Paintings*, Thaddaeus Ropac Pantin, Paris, France

Alex Katz: Four Seasons, SCAI Piramide, Tokyo, Japan

2024 *Alex Katz: Cartoons and Drawings*, Galeria Monica de Cardenas, Milano, Italy

Alex Katz: Claire, Grass and Water, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy

Alex Katz: Seasons, MoMA, New York, NY

2023 *Alex Katz: Wedding Dress*, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

Alex Katz, Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, Netherlands

Alex Katz, Sant'Andrea de Scaphis, Rome, Italy

2022-23 *Alex Katz: Gathering*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

2022 *Alex Katz*, Thyssen-Bornemisza Museo Nacional Nacional, Madrid, Spain

Alex Katz: Theater and Dance, Colby Museum of Art, Waterville, Maine

Alex Katz: Gathering, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

2021 *Alex Katz*, Gladstone Gallery, Beijing, China

2020 *Alex Katz: Trees*, Sant'Andrea de Scaphis, Rome, Italy

Alex Katz, Fossum Foundation, Shanghai, China

2019 *Focus On: Alex Katz*, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX

Alex Katz, Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, South Korea

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- Alex Katz: Prints*, Ludwig Museum, Koblenz, Germany
Contemporary Counterpoint/ Alex Katz: Water Lilies – Homage to Monet series, 2009-2010, Musée de l'Orangerie, Paris, France
- 2018 *Alex Katz: Splits*, Galería Javier López & Frances Fer, Madrid, Spain
ARTIST ROOMS: Alex Katz, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, England, UK
Alex Katz, Museum Brandhorst, Munich, Germany
Alex Katz: Models and Dancers, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2017 *Alex Katz: Black and White*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL
Alex Katz: Subway Drawings, Timothy Taylor 16x34, New York, NY
- 2016 *Present Tense: Sixty Years of Master Drawings*, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, IL
Present Tense: Sixty Years of Master Drawings, Richard Gray Gallery, New York, NY
Alex Katz: Small Paintings and Drawings, 1990 – 2016, Galería Monica de Cárdenas, Milan, Italy
- 2015 *Brand-New & Terrific: Alex Katz in the 1950s*, Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME
Alex Katz at the Met, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Alex Katz: This is Now, Guggenheim Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain
- 2014 *Alex Katz*, Luciana Brito Galeria, São Paulo, Brazil
ARTIST ROOMS Alex Katz, Tate Modern, London, UK
Alex Katz: Drawings, Cartoons, Paintings, Albertina, Vienna, Austria
- 2013 *Katz x Katz*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
Alex Katz: Landscapes, Museum Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich, Switzerland
Alex Katz: New York/Maine, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria
- 2012 *Alex Katz Prints*, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA
Alex Katz, Essl Museum, Vienna, Austria
- 2011 *Alex Katz*, Museum Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany
Alex Katz: Face the Music, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
- 2010 *Alex Katz Portraits*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
Alex Katz, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 *Alex Katz: Reflections*, Museo delle Arti di Catanzaro (MARCA), Calabria, Italy
Alex Katz: An American Way of Seeing, Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
- 2008 *Alex Katz*, Galerie Jablonka, Berlin, Germany
Alex Katz, Galleria Monica de Cardenas, Milan, Italy
- 2007 *Alex Katz: New York*, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Paintings Studies Cartoons, Galeria Toni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain
- 2006 *Alex Katz in Maine*, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Alex Katz in European Collections, Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany
- 2005 *Alex Katz' Collages*, Colby College Art Museum, Waterville, ME
Alex Katz: Recent Paintings, CAC Malaga, Malaga, Spain
- 2004 *Alex Katz*, Stella Gallery, Moscow, Russia
Alex Katz: Cartoons and Paintings, Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria
- 2003 *Alex Katz: Portraits*, Fondazione Bevilacqua La Masa, Venice, Italy
Alex Katz: Cutouts, Museum Moderner Kunst Kärnten, Klagenfurt, Austria
- 2002 *Alex Katz: In Your Face*, Kunst-Und Ausstellungshalle Der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn, Germany
Alex Katz, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA
- 2001 *Alex Katz*, Galleria Emilio Mazzoli, Modena, Italy
Alex Katz, Galería Monica de Cárdenas, Venice, Italy
- 2000 *Paintings of the 60's*, Jablonka Galerie, Cologne, Germany
Regarding Alex Katz, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1999 *Change of Scene*, Museum für Moderne Kunst Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- 1998 *Alex Katz: Twenty-Five Years of Painting*, The Saatchi Collection, London, UK
- 1997 *Alex Katz: Landscapes and Figures*, Fred Hoffman Fine Art, Santa Monica, CA

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- 1996 *Alex Katz: Under the Stars: Landscapes 1951-1995*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
1995 *Alex Katz: Small Drawings-Small Paintings*, Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
1994 *Alex Katz: Landscapes 1954 – 1956*, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
1993 *Alex Katz*, Allene Lapires Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
1992 *Alex Katz*, Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
1991 *Alex Katz: Small Paintings*, Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, HI
Alex Katz: A Drawing Retrospective, Museum of Art, Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
1990 *Making Faces: Self-Portraits by Alex Katz*, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
1989 *Alex Katz*, Galerie Bernd Klüser, Munich, West Germany
1988 *Alex Katz*, The Seibu Museum of Art, The Seed Hall, Tokyo, Japan
Alex Katz: A Print Retrospective, The Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY
Alex Katz: Nocturnal Paintings, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
1987 *Alex Katz*, Galerie Inge Baecker, Cologne, West Germany
1986 *Retrospective exhibition*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
1985 *Paintings by Alex Katz*, Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
1984 *Alex Katz: Paintings*, Asher/Faure Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1983 *Alex Katz*, Harcus Gallery, Boston, MA
1982 *Alex Katz: Drawings*, Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, Canada
1981 *Alex Katz: Paintings and Drawings 1959-79*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
1980 *Alex Katz: Prints*, Centro Colombo-Americano, Bogota, Colombia
1979 *Alex Katz: Face of the Poet*, Brooke Alexander Gallery, New York, NY
1978 *Alex Katz and His Beautiful People*, Benjamin Mangel Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
1977-78 *Alex Katz: Recent Paintings*, Fresno Arts Center and Museum, Fresno, CA
1976 *Alex Katz: Recent Works*, Marlborough Godard Gallery, Toronto, Canada
1975 *Alex Katz*, Galerie Arnesen, Copenhagen, Denmark
1974-75 *Alex Katz: Prints*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
1973 *The American Neo-Realist: Alex Katz*, Assa Galleria, Helsinki, Finland
1972 *Alex Katz*, Reed College Art Gallery, Portland, OR
1971 *Alex Katz*, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
1970 *Alex Katz: New Paintings*, Fischbach Gallery, New York, NY
1969 *Alex Katz*, Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL
1968 *Alex Katz*, Fischbach Gallery, New York, NY
1967 *Alex Katz: Cut-outs*, Fischbach Gallery, New York, NY
1966 *Alex Katz*, David Stuart Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1965 *Alex Katz: Paintings*, Fischbach Gallery, New York, NY
1964 *Alex Katz*, Fischbach Gallery, New York, NY
1963 *Alex Katz*, Thibaut Gallery, New York, NY
1962 *Alex Katz: Flat Statues*, Tanager Gallery, New York, NY
1961 *Alex Katz: Recent Paintings*, Mili-Jay Gallery, Woodstock, NY
1960 *Alex Katz*, Stable Gallery, New York, NY
1959 *Alex Katz*, Tanager Gallery, New York, NY
1958 *Alex Katz*, The Sun Gallery, Provincetown, MA
1957 *Alex Katz: Paintings*, Roko Gallery, New York, NY
1954 *Alex Katz: Paintings*, Roko Gallery, New York, NY

GROUP

- 2025 *Apparitions*, Gray Chicago, IL
2024 *The Bitch, Matthew Barney and Alex Katz*, O'Flaherty's, New York, NY
2020-21 *30 Years in Paris*, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac Pantin, Paris, France
2020 *Drawing 2020*, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY

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- 2019 *The Collection of the Fondation: A Vision For Painting*, Louis Vuitton Foundation, Paris, France
2018 *Franz Gertsch, Alex Katz, Billy Childish*, Galleria Monica Cardenas, Zuoz, Switzerland
WOW! The Heidi Horton Collection, Leopold Museum, Vienna, Austria
2014 *Face Value*, The National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.
The Sea, Mu.ZEE, Ostende, Belgium
In Cloud Country: Abstracting from Nature, Harewood House, Leeds, UK
2012 *Regarding Warhol: Sixty Artists, Fifty Years*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
We The People, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, New York, NY
2011 *Luc Tuymans: A Vision of Central Europe*, Bruges, Belgium
2010-11 *Luc Tuymans: A Vision of Central Europe*, Bruges, Belgium
2001 *Alex Katz, Ed Ruscha*, American Academy in Rome, Italy
2000 *Couples*, Cheim and Read, New York, NY
1964 *Recent Landscapes by Eight Americans*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

The Addison Gallery, Andover, MA
Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Brunswick, ME, Bowdoin College Museum of Art
Albright-Knox Museum, Buffalo, NY
Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
The Albert & Vera List of Arts Center, M.I.T., Cambridge, MA
The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA
The Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX
Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
The Picker Art Gallery, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, CT
Honolulu Academy of Art, Honolulu, HI
Rice Museum, Rice University, Houston, TX
University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Olin Art Center, Bates College, Lewiston, ME
The Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Madison Art Center, Madison, WI
Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA
Rahr West Museum, Manitowoc, WI
Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, FL
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
The Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY