

Biography

- 1923** Born in Barcelona, 13th December
- 1936** Spanish Civil War begins: bombardment of Barcelona Chooses to remain there - begins to teach himself drawing and painting
- 1948** Exhibits two works at the Salon de Octubre in Barcelona, which cause much controversy
Becomes interested in Surrealism
Meets Joan Miro
- 1940** Forced to interrupt his studies due to poor health, first while attending the Instituto Menendez y Pelayo and later when at the Escuelas Pias
- 1942/43** Illness confines him to a sanatorium. Becomes interested in the history of philosophy and the ideology of German Romanticism and Post-Romanticism
- 1944** Begins to study law at the University of Barcelona but does not complete the course Studies drawing at the Academia Valls, Barcelona
- 1946** Produces Primitivist and Expressionist works and a large number of abstract paintings
- 1947** Friendship develops with Joan Brossa, poet and playwright; also meets Joan Prats and other members of the ADLAN group (Amics de l'Art Nou)
- 1950/51** First one-man show at the Galeries Laietanes in Barcelona
Awarded a grant by the French Government which enables him to live for a time in Paris.
Awarded Academia Brever Prize, Madrid
Meets Picasso and Braque
- 1952** Selected to exhibit at the XXVI Venice Biennial and at the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh
- 1953** Makes his first trip to New York to attend his one-man show at the Martha Jackson Gallery
Wins a prize at the São Paulo Biennial
- 1954** Exhibits at the XXVII Venice Biennial
Marries Teresa Barba Fabregas

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- 1955** Awarded the 'Premio de la Republica de Colombia' at the III Hispanoamericana Biennial
- 1956** Michel Tapie publishes *Antoni Tapies et l'oeuvre complete*.
First solo exhibition in Paris
Birth of his son, Antoni
- 1957/8** Awarded the *Premio Lissone* for young artists in Milan
Receives the UNESCO Award and the David Bright Foundation at the Venice Biennial, also First Prize at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Institute
Birth of his daughter Clara
- 1959** Second trip to New York where he meets the painters Kline, de Kooning, Motherwell and Hoffman
- 1960** Awarded Ministry of Foreign Affairs Prize at International Biennial of Graphics in Tokyo.
His son Miquel is born
- 1964** Receives Guggenheim Foundation Award
- 1965** One-man show of his work shown at the ICA, London
- 1967** First one-man show at Galerie Maeght, Paris
- 1969** Publishes a series of polemical articles defending the freedom to create and denouncing the directing of culture. Fondation Maeght commission Clovis Prevost to make a film of his work
- 1973** Retrospective at the Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris tours Switzerland and Brussels
- 1976** Retrospective exhibition in Tokyo
- 1977** Travelling retrospective in North America and Canada
- 1981** Receives the Gold Medal for Fine Arts from King Juan Carlos.
Awarded honorary doctorate by Royal College of Art, London.
Makes his first ceramics with German ceramicist Hans Spinner
- 1983** Inauguration of the monument of Picasso that Tapies was asked to design
- 1984** Awarded Peace Prize from the United Nations Association in Spain
- 1988** Retrospective exhibition of his graphic work travels throughout USA
Awarded the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters from the French Government

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- 1992** Named Honorary Member of the Royal Academy of Arts, London and the American Academy of Art and Sciences in Cambridge, Massachusetts
Produces murals for both the Catalan pavilion and the International Olympics Committee's pavilion at the Seville World Fair
- 1993** Attends the opening of the XLV Venice Biennial where he presents his installation *Rinzen* (Sudden Awakening) which is awarded the *Leon de Orco*. UNESCO presents him with the Picasso medal
- 1994** Awarded an honorary doctorate by Rovira i Virgili University in Tarragona and the Herberg Boeckl Prize in Salzburg. Major Retrospective exhibition at the Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume in Paris
- 1995** Major Retrospective Exhibition at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
Awarded the National Plastic Arts Prize by the Catalan Autonomous Government
- 1996** Retrospective Exhibition tours Japan
- 1998** Made honorary member of the Royal Academy of Arts, London

Lives and works in Barcelona

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2008/09** Galerie Lelong, Paris, France
- 2008** *Recent Work*, Waddington Galleries, London, UK
Galería Toni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain
- 2006** Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 2004** Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- 2000** Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- 1996** Museum of Contemporary Art, Kagawa, Japan
Waddington Galleries, London, UK

Selected Solo Exhibitions continued

- 1995** Pace Wildenstein, New York, USA
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 1994** Galerie Lelong, Paris, France
Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 1993** The Pace Gallery, New York, USA
Fundacio Antoni Tapies, Barcelona, Spain
- 1992/93** The Museum of Modern Art, New York touring to The Art Museum at Florida
International University, Miami; Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, USA and Museo
de Arte Contemporaneo, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1991** Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany
Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, USA
Galerie Lelong, New York, USA
Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 1989** Galerie Lelong, New York, USA
The Elkon Gallery, New York, USA
Centre of Fine Arts, Peking, China
- 1988/89** Baxter Gallery, Portland School of Art, Portland touring to Anderson Gallery,
Virginia; The Art Gallery, University of Maryland Lamont Gallery, The Phillips
Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire; David Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, USA
and Musée Cantini, Marseilles, France
- 1986/87** Metropolitan Museum and Art Centre, Coral Gables, Florida, USA
- 1984** Galerie Brusberg, Berlin, Germany
Fundacio Joan Miro, Barcelona, Spain
- 1965** Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK

Public Collections

- AU** National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- AR** Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires
- AT** Neue Galerie Graz am Landesmuseum Joanneum, Graz, Austria
Sammlung Essl - Kunsthaus, Klosterneuburg, Austria
- BE** MAMAC Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Belgium
- BR** mam - Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo, Brazil
Museu de Arte Contemporânea da Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- CH** Kunstmuseum Basel, Basel
Foundation Beyeler, Riehen
Landesmuseum Mainz, Mainz
Schaulager, Münchenstein / Basel
Musée Jenisch, Vevey
- CO** Museo Botero, Santafé de Bogota, Colombia
- DE** Kolumba, Cologne
Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen
Kunsthalle zu Kiel der Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Kiel
Museum Ludwig, Cologne
Museum der Stadt Ratingen, Ratingen
Sprengel Museum Hannover
Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe
Städel Museum, Frankfurt/Main
- ES** ARTIUM Centro-Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo, Vitoria-Gasteiz
Fundación Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona
Galleria d'Arte Moderna di Bologna - GAM, Bologna
Museo Guggenheim de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo, Bilbao
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía MNCARS, Madrid
Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona - MACBA, Barcelona
Museu d'Art Espanyol Contemporani (Fundación Juan March), Palma de Mallorca
Museo de Bellas Artes de Asturias, Oviedo
Patio Herreriano - Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Español, Valladolid
- FI** Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki
Kiasma - Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki

Public Collections continued

- FR** BnF Site Richelieu, Paris
FRAC - Basse-Normandie, Caen, France
les Abattoirs de Toulouse, Toulouse
- IN** National Gallery of Modern Art - New Delhi, New Delhi
- IT** MART- Museo d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto, Rovereto
Museo D'Arte Contemporanea Donna Regina - MADRE, Naples
- JP** Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu City
- KR** Seoul Museum of Art (SeMA), Seoul
- MX** Museo Tamayo, Mexico City
- PL** Muzeum Sztuki w Lodz, Lodz
- PT** Berardo Museum - Collection of Modern and Contemporary Art, Lisbon
- SW** Göteborgs konstmuseum, Göteborg
- UK** Tate Britain, London
Tate Modern, London
Irish Museum of Modern Art - IMMA, Dublin
- US** MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles
MoMA - Museum of Modern Art, New York
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York