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Artist Biography

Mel Bochner (b. 1940)

Mel Bochner is an American conceptual artist, draughtsman, painter and writer. He received his BFA in 1962 and honorary Doctor of Fine Arts in 2005 from the School of Art at Carnegie Mellon University. He is best known for his paintings in which words appear repetitively or thematically, degenerating from polite to vulgar. Bochner explores systems of meaning in his work; looking at language, typography and colour, inviting us to think about the way each of these communicate meaning and how we, in turn, process it.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Simon Lee Gallery, Hong Kong
Peter Freeman, Inc., New York, USA
- 2016 *Mel Bochner and Alighiero Boetti; Verba Volant Scripta*
Manent, TOTAH, New York, USA
- 2015 Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, South Hadley,
USA
- 2014 Jewish Museum, New York, USA
- 2013 Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
*Proposition and Process: A Theory of Sculpture (1968-
1973)*, Peter Freeman, Inc., New York, USA
- 2012 *Mel Bochner: If The Colour Changes*, Whitechapel
Gallery, London; Ridinghouse, London; Haus der Kunst,
Munich; Museu de Arte Contemporânea de Serralves,
Porto, Portugal
- 2011 National Gallery of Art, Washington DC, USA
Peter Freeman, Inc., New York, USA
- 2010 Galerie Nelson Freeman, Paris, France
Marc Selwyn Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2009 Metroquadro, Rivoli, Italy
Lawrence Markey, San Antonio, USA
- 2008 Peter Freeman, New York, USA
Marc Selwyn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2007 Galerie Nelson, Paris, France
Galleria d'Arte il Gabbiano, Rome, Italy
Quint Contemporary Art, La Jolla, USA
Domaine de Kerguehennec, Bignan, France
- 2006 Spertus Museum, Chicago, USA
Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, USA
Peter Freeman Gallery, New York, USA
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA
- 2004 Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, Carnegie Mellon
University, Pittsburgh, USA
- 2003 Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, USA
Musée d'art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva,
Switzerland
- 2002 Harvard University Art Museum, Cambridge, USA
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA
- 2001 Akira Ikeda Gallery, Nagoya, Japan
Galleria Primo Piano, Rome, Italy
- 2000 Grant Selwyn Fine Art, Beverly Hills, USA

- F.R.A.C. Bourgogne, Dijon, France
- 1999 Centro de Arte Helio Oiticica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1998 Lawrence Markey Gallery, New York, USA
- 1997 Cabinet des estampes du Musée d'art et d'histoire,
Geneva, Switzerland
Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva,
Switzerland
- 1996 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Stadtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany
- 1995 Betsy Senior Gallery, New York, USA
- 1994 Galerie Arnaud Lefèbre, Paris, France
- 1993 Betsy Senior Gallery, New York, USA
Gallery 360, Tokyo, Japan
Museo Storico della Liberazione di Roma, Rome, Italy
- 1992 Galerie Vega, Plainevaux/Liege, Belgium
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, USA
- 1991 Stein Gladstone, New York, USA
- 1990 Galleria Primo Piano, Rome, Italy
Barbara Kornblatt Gallery, Washington, DC, USA
- 1989 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, USA
- 1988 Martina Hamilton Gallery, New York, USA
Paul Cava Gallery, Philadelphia, USA
- 1987 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Galerie Montenay, Paris, France
- 1986 Kunstmuseum, Luzern, Switzerland
Galleria Primo Piano, Rome, Italy
- 1985 Sonnabend Gallery, New York, USA
Janet Steinberg Gallery, San Francisco, USA
Carnegie-Mellon University Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, USA

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- UK Tate, London
- USA Fogg Art Museum, Cambridge
Mit LIST Visual Arts Center, Cambridge
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
MoMa - Museum of Modern Art, New York
National Gallery of Art, Washington
Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh
MOCA Grand Avenue, Los Angeles
Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University, Atlanta
Ball State University Art Gallery, Muncie
The Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi
- CA Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montreal, Montreal
- CH Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur
- DE Städel Museum, Frankfurt/main
- DK Museet for Samtidskunst/ Museum of Contemporary
Art, Roskilde
- FR Centre Georges Pompidou
Musée National d' Art Moderne, Paris
Fonds National d' Art Contemporain, Paris