

ALEX KATZ

American artist born in 1927 in Brooklyn, New York

From 1946 to 1950, Alex Katz studied painting first at Cooper Union in New York and then at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine.

Living in New York in the 1950s, Katz was surrounded by the art and artists of Abstract Expressionism, rubbing elbows almost daily with them in the East Village. Though that movement took the world by storm, Katz rejected the emotionally charged abstractions of artists such as Pollock and De Kooning in favour of his own cool, representational work.

Alex Katz was always a crossover artist between abstraction and realism. His paintings were figurative at a time when the collective American art scene had turned away from representational art.

Katz had his first exhibition in New York in 1954. At that time he would create landscapes with collages.

From 1957 Katz will paint mainly three subjects landscapes, individual portraits or group portraits. His main model would be his wife, Ada, of whom he painted over a hundred portraits in forty years.

Whether Katz chooses to paint landscapes or people, he makes no assumptions or judgements, no comments concerning his subjects. These are not sentimental images but simply scenes that caught his eye. His major communication to us is to see without interpreting things that are not visually presented, and to evaluate the images as what they are - images.

SOLO EXHIBITION (Selection)

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| 1954 | First solo show (Roko Gallery, New York) |
| 1974 | Alex Katz Prints, a traveling exhibition at The Whitney Museum of American Art |
| 1986 | Alex Katz, a traveling retrospective exhibition at The Whitney Museum of American Art |
| 1988 | Alex Katz: A Print Retrospective at the Brooklyn Museum of Art |
| 1995 | Alex Katz: American Landscape at Staatliche Kunsthalle, Baden-Baden, Germany |
| 1996 | Alex Katz at I.V.A.M. Centre Julio Gonzalez, Valencia, Spain
Alex Katz: A Drawing Retrospective, a traveling exhibition at Munson-Williams Proctor Institute, Utica, New York |
| 1996-98 | Alex Katz Under the Stars: American Landscapes 1951-1995, organized by the Institute for Contemporary Art/P.S. 1 Museum, opens at the Baltimore Museum of art; traveling to the Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach Florida; the Portland Museum of Art, Portland, Maine; and P.S. 1 Museum, New York |

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- 1998 Alex Katz: Twenty Five Years of Painting at The Saatchi Collection, London, England
- 1999 Alex Katz at Galleria Civica Di Arte Contemporanea, Trento, Italy.
- 2000 Regarding Alex Katz at Carnegie Museum of Art , Pittsburgh.
- 2001 Alex Katz Small Paintings at Addison Gallery of American Art Phillips Academy, Andover.
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at Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
at Whitney Museum of American Art at Philip Morris, New York
at Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO,
at Oklahoma City Art Museum, Oklahoma City, OK
at The Austin Museum of Art, Austin.
Alex Katz- In Your Face
Kunst-Und Ausstellungshalle Der Bundesrepublik, Deutschland, Bonn, Germany,
- 2003 Alex Katz - Cutouts
Deichtorhallen Hamburg Hamburg, Germany
- 2004 Alex Katz: Cartoons and Paintings
Albertina Museum Vienna, Austria.
- 2005 Alex Katz
Centro de Arte Contemporaneo Malaga, Spain,
Faces in the Crowd: Picturing Modern Life from Manet to Today
Whitechapel Art Gallery, London,
Alex Katz' Collages - Colby College Art Museum, Waterville, Maine,
Alex Katz in Maine - Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, Maine
- 2006 Alex Katz: The Sixties –PaceWildenstein Gallery, New York, NY
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Alex Katz in European Collections -Langen Foundation, Neuss, Germany
- 2007 Alex Katz Paints Ada 1957-2005 - The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
Alex Katz: Woodcuts and Linocuts - Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, Maine
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
- 2008 Alex Katz : Galerie Jablonka , Berlin
Alex Katz : Galleria Monica de Cardenas, Milan

- 2009 Alex Katz: Seeing, Drawing, Making The Gallery at Windsor, Vero Beach, Florida
Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, New York
Alex Katz: Reflections - Museo delle Arti di Catanzaro (MARCA), Calabria,
Alex Katz : Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris, France
Alex Katz: An American Way of Seeing -Sara Hildén Art Museum, Tampere, Finland
Musée Grenoble, Grenoble, France
Museum Kurhaus Kleve, Kleve, Germany
Alex Katz . Fifteen Minutes- PaceWildenstein, NY, New York
- 2010 Alex Katz Portraits - National Portrait Gallery, London
Alex Katz Prints - Albertina, Vienna, Austria
Alex Katz: Prints, Paintings, Cutouts - Kunsthalle Würth, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany
Alex Katz: Once in a Lifetime - Galería Javier López-Mário Sequeira, Madrid
Alex Katz: Philadelphia Museum of Art
- 2011 Alex Katz : Museum Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany
Alex Katz : James Cohan Gallery, Shanghai China
Alex Katz: Face the Music - Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris
Alex Katz: Naked Beauty - Kestnergesellschaft Hanover
- 2012 Alex Katz: Casa Nadi -Museo de Arte Contemporaneo (MAC) de la Foundation Gas
Natural Fenosa, Avda. Arteixo, SPAIN
Alex Katz Prints - Museum of Fine Arts Boston
Alex Katz: Seductive Elegance (New Portraits) - Meyerovich Gallery, San Francisco
Alex Katz : Maine/New York - Colby College Museum of Art, Maine
Alex Katz :Timothy Taylor Gallery, London
Alex Katz :Essl Museum, Vienna
- 2013 Katz x Katz -Yale School of Art, New Haven
Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid
Alex Katz : Landscapes - Museum Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich
Alex Katz/ Félix Vallotton - Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Lausanne
Alex Katz : Selections from the Whitney Museum of American Art
Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor
Alex Katz: Beneath the Surface - Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art
Alex Katz : Small Paintings 1987-2013 - Peter Blum Gallery, New York
Alex Katz : Virtual Reality - Richard Gray, Chicago
- 2014 Alex Katz : Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York
45 Years of Portraits : 1969-2014 - Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris
Alex Katz : 70s / 80s / 90s - Timothy Taylor Gallery, London
Alex Katz : Luciana Brito Galeria, São Paulo
Alex Katz : Red Hat - Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid
Alex Katz : Drawings, Cartoons, Paintings - Albertina, Vienna

- 2015 Alex Katz : Black Paintings - Timothy Taylor Gallery, London
 Alex Katz : This is Now - High Museum of Art, Atlanta
 Brand-New & Terrific : Alex Katz in the 1950s - Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, Maine
 Alex Katz at the Met - Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
 Alex Katz : This is Now - Guggenheim Bilbao
- 2016 Alex Katz : Present Tense : Sixty Years of Master Drawings -Richard Gray Gallery, New York
 Alex Katz : Quick Light - Serpentine Gallery, London
 Alex Katz : New Landscapes - Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Paris
 Alex Katz : Small Paintings and Drawings, 1990 – 2016 -Galleria Monica de Cardenas, Milan
 Alex Katz: Black and White - American University Museum, Washington D.C.
- 2017 Alex Katz : Black and White - Tampa Museum of Art
 Alex Katz: Cartoons - Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid
 Brand-New & Terrific : Alex Katz in the 1950s - The Cleveland Museum of Art
 Alex Katz Cut Outs: 1950s - 1980s - Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, NY
 Alex Katz : Small Paintings - Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL
 Alex Katz : Three Paintings - Peter Blum Gallery, New York
 Alex Katz : Dancers and Models - Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg, Austria
- 2018 Alex Katz: Grass and Trees - Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
 Alex Katz : Models and Dancers - Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 Brand-New & Terrific: Alex Katz in the 1950s - Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, New York.
 Alex Katz : Coca-Cola Girls - Timothy Taylor Gallery, London, England
 Alex Katz: Splits- Galeria Javier Lopez & Frances Fer, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 – 2019 ARTIST ROOMS : Alex Katz - Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, England, U.K.
 Alex Katz :Museum Brandhorst, Munich, Germany