

WALT KUHN (1877-1949)

EDUCATION

- 1893 Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, NY
1901-03 Académie Colarossi, Paris, France; Royal Academy, Munich, Germany,
with Heinrich von Zügel.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1899-1900 Cartoonist for magazine *Wasp*, San Francisco, CA.
1905-14 Cartoonist for *Life*, *Puck*, *Judge*, *New York Sunday Sun*, and *World*;
drawings for *Harper's*.
1908-09 Taught at the New York School of Art.
1910 Organized the *Independent Show* with Robert Henri, John Sloan, and
Arthur B. Davies.
1912 Organized the *International Exhibition of Modern Art (The Armory Show)*
with Arthur B. Davies, Walter Pach and others.
1917 Founded the Penguin Club for New York artists.
1918 Headed the Red Cross art department; coordinated creation of oversized
paintings by numerous artists for display along Fifth Avenue.
1926-28 Taught Life Drawing, Painting and Composition at The Art Students
League.
1936-39 Designed passenger car interiors for the Union Pacific Railroad.
1941-48 Held a press pass to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus,
which allowed him to go backstage during performances.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 1904 National Academy of Design, New York, NY, *79th Annual Exhibition*
1905 Society of American Artists, New York, NY, *27th Annual Exhibition*
1906 Society of American Artists, New York, NY, *28th Annual Exhibition*
1910 New York, NY, *The Independent Show*
1911 Madison Gallery, New York, NY, First one-person exhibition
1913 New York, NY, *The Armory Show*
1915 San Francisco, CA, *Panama-Pacific International Exhibition*
1920 M. De Zayas Gallery, New York, NY, One-person exhibition
1922 Montross Gallery, New York, NY, One-person exhibition

- 1924-25 Montross Gallery, New York, NY, One-person exhibition
- 1926 London, Paris, and New York, *Tri-National Art Exhibit*
- 1928-29 Downtown Gallery, New York, NY, One-person exhibition
- 1929 Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, *21st Biennial Exhibition*
- 1932 Marie Harriman Gallery, New York, NY, *Landscape Drawings by Walt Kuhn*
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, *Biennial Exhibit of Contemporary Art*
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, *Second Exhibition of American Painting and Sculpture*
- 1933 City Art Museum of St. Louis, MO, One-person exhibition
- 1934 Marie Harriman Gallery, New York, NY, One-person exhibition
- 1935 Columbus and Dayton, OH, One-person exhibition
- 1937 Marie Harriman Gallery, New York, NY, One-person exhibition
Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, MN, *36th Annual Fine Arts Exhibition*
- 1948 Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, PA, One-person exhibition
Durand-Ruel Gallery, NY, *Fifty Years a Painter: Retrospective*
- 1960 Cincinnati Art Museum, OH, *Retrospective Memorial Exhibition*
- 1964 *Walt Kuhn: An Imaginary History of the West*, Traveled to: Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth, TX; Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, CO.
- 1966 University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, *Walt Kuhn, Painter of Vision: Retrospective Exhibition*
- 1967 Kennedy Galleries, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn*
Museum of Ogunquit, ME, *Watercolors and Drawings from the Museum Collection*
- 1968 Kennedy Galleries, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn*
- 1978-79 *Walt Kuhn: A Classic Revival*, Traveled to: Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth, TX; Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE; Wichita Art Museum, KS; Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, CO.
- 1980 Walt Kuhn Gallery, Cape Neddick, ME, *Opening Exhibition*
Kennedy Galleries, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn Still Life Paintings*
- 1984 Flint Institute of Arts, MI, *Walt Kuhn: Selected Works*
- 1987 Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, *Walt Kuhn: Selected Works*
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn: The Entertainers*, Traveled to Eliot Museum, Stuart, FL; Asheville Art Museum, NC.
- 1988 Salander O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn: The Landscapes*
- 1988-91 *Walt Kuhn: An Imaginary History of the West*, Traveled to: Nevada State Museum & Historical Society, Las Vegas, NV; Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah, WI; Museum of the Southwest, Midland, TX; Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY; Hickory Museum of Art, NC; Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA.
- 1989 *Walt Kuhn: Paintings, Drawings, Prints, A Study of Related Works*, Traveled to: University of Maine Museum of Art, Orono, ME;

- Portland Museum of Art, ME; Barn Gallery, Ogunquit, ME; Walt Kuhn Gallery of Art, Cape Neddick, ME.
- Midtown Galleries, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn (1877-1949)*
- 1990 The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC, *Men of the Rebellion: The Eight and Their Associates at The Phillips Collection*
- 1991 Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY, *Under the Big Top, Circus in Art*
Kennedy Galleries, New York, NY, *Specially Selected American Masters 1759-1991*
- Midtown Payson Galleries, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn Drawings*
- 1992 Museum of Ogunquit, Ogunquit, MA, *Walt Kuhn*
- 1992 Midtown Payson Galleries, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn: People and Performers*
- Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, NJ, *The Art of Maine: A Bounty of Woods and Water*
- Barbara Scott Gallery, Bay Harbor Islands, FL, *An American Experience*
Swan Coach House Gallery, Washington DC, *Selection of Works Featuring Flowers*
- 1993 Whitney Museum of American Art at Champion, Stamford, CT, *Nature's Bounty: American Floral Paintings 1835-1935*
- 1994 Midtown Payson Galleries, New York, NY, *Trees*
Midtown Payson Galleries, New York, NY, *Who Needs A Bathing Suit, Anyway? Naked Men and Women in American Art*
- Stuart Levy Fine Art, New York, NY, *Eros & Identity*
- 1997 DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY, *Independent Visions: Landscapes by Avery, Bluemner, Burchfield, Kuhn, and Marin*
- 2004 Francis M. Naumann Fine Art, New York, NY, *Art in America: 1909-1959*
- 2005 Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York, NY, *Eye Contact: Painting and Drawing in American Art*
- 2013 DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY, *Walt Kuhn: American Modern*
- 2014 Lori Bookstein Fine Art, New York, NY, *Still Life*
- 2023 DC Moore Gallery, New York, NY, *Summer Heat*
- 2025 Oklahoma City Museum of Art, *From the Vault: The 80th Anniversary Exhibition*

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Ackland Art Museum, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA
Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, TX
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ
Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, AR
The Art Institute of Chicago, IL

The Baltimore Museum of Art, MD
Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Birmingham Museum of Art, AL
Brooklyn Museum, NY
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
Canton Museum of Art, OH
The Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
Cincinnati Art Museum, OH
Cleveland Museum of Art, OH
Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME
Colorado Springs Fine Art Center, CO
Columbus Museum of Art, OH
The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC
Crystal Bridges Museum, Bentonville, AR
Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH
Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, MA
Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
The Denver Art Museum, CO
Des Moines Art Center, IA
Detroit Institute of Arts, MI
Robert Hull Fleming Museum, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
Flint Institute of Arts, MI
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC
Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA
The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, NY
Indianapolis Museum of Art, IN
The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA
Maier Museum of Art, Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA
McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
Memorial Art Gallery, University of Rochester, NY
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Milwaukee Art Museum, WI
Minneapolis Institute of Arts, MN
Montclair Art Museum, NJ
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, AL
Municipal Art Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
The National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
Newark Museum, NJ
New Britain Museum of American Art, CT
New Orleans Museum of Art, LA
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State University of New York, NY
Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
The Ogunquit Museum of American Art, ME
Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA
The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC
Print Club of Albany, NY
Portland Museum of Art, ME
Portland Museum of Art, OR
John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL
Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Laurel, MS
The St. Louis Museum of Art, MO
San Diego Museum of Art, CA
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA
Sheldon Museum of Art, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Shelburne Museum, VT
University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ
Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago, IL
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, PA
The Springfield Museum of Art, OH
Terra Foundation for American Art, Chicago, IL
The Tuscaloosa Museum of Art, AL
The University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC
Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
The Wellesley College Museum, MA
Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Wichita Art Museum, KS
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,
New Brunswick, NJ

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