

Jonas Mekas
b. Born 1922
Lives and works in New York

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Jonas Mekas – Personale*, Palazzo della Ragione, Bergamo, IT
- 2017 *Again, Again It All Comes Back to Me in Brief Glimpses*, Seoul
Blue, Yellow, Red, Purple, Missoni Boutique, New York
Fears and Tremblings of an Angry Dog, Microscope Gallery, New York (performance)
Jonas Mekas: Film in the Line of Fire, Fundação Serralves, Porto, Portugal
Screening of Diaries, Notes & Sketches a.k.a. Walden, Tate Gallery, London
Boo-Hooray Summer Rental, Montauk, New York
“I Sing I Celebrate,” La Neomudéjar, Madrid
- 2016 Let Me Introduce Myself,” Nina Johnson Gallery, Miami
- 2015 All These Images, These Sounds, A Palazzo Gallery, Brescia, Italy
The Internet Saga, Palazzo Foscari Contarini, collateral event in conjunction with the 56th Venice Biennale
TIME – Jonas Mekas, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin (screening)
Frozen Film Frames: Portraits of Filmmakers, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, Oregon
- 2014 Jonas Mekas: 365 Days, ZKM, Germany
Jonas Mekas: One Man Show, Cesis Art Festival, Latvia
- 2013 MUAC, Mexico City
The Sixties Quartet, Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
DOX Center for Contemporary Art, Prague, Austria
Retrospective @ CCBB in Sao Paulo, Brazil
I Lift My Glass of Wine to You, My Vienna Friends!, Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna, Austria
Outlaw: New Works, Microscope Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
Let Me Introduce Myself, My Russian Friends!, State Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia
Jonas Mekas: In Praise of the Ordinary, The Phi Centre, Montreal, Canada

- Jonas Mekas / The Fluxus Wall, Bozar Centre for Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium
Life Goes On... I Keep Singing, Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2012 Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
Film retrospective, Centre Pompidou, Paris France
Reminiszenzen aus Deutschland, Stadtmuseum, Wiesbaden, Germany
Prisiminimai is Vokietijos, Jonas Mekas Visual Arts Center, Vilnius, Lithuania
Images Out of Darkness Reminiscences of a Displaced Person Postwar Germany 1945-1949, James Fuentes, New York
- 2010 TO NEW YORK WITH LOVE, James Fuentes, New York
- 2009 Destruction Quartet, James Fuentes, New York
- 2008 Jonas Mekas, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
- 2007 Jonas Mekas: The Beauty of Friends Being Together Quartet, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, New York
- 2006 Brief Glimpses of Beauty, Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Center, Warwick, UK
He Stands in the Desert Counting the Seconds of His Life, Tamayo Contemporary Art Museum, Mexico City, Mexico
Jonas Mekas, Baltic Art Center, Visby, Sweden
The Diary Film, Goteborg Kunsthalle, Sweden
- 2005 Always a Littler Further, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, 51st International Exhibition
Jonas Mekas—Celebration of the Small and the Personal in the Time of Bigness, Contemporary Art Center, Vilnius, Lithuania
Farewell to Soho, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2003 Jonas Mekas: A Camera for Jonas, Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France
Soho So Long, Gavin Brown's enterprise at Passerby, curated by James Fuentes, New York
- 2002 Laboratorium, Antwerpen Open, Antwerp, Belgium

Two Person Exhibitions

James Fuentes Gallery

- 2017 Cinema Lituanien, La Cinematheque Francaise, Paris
- 2012 Jonas Mekas / Jose Luis Guerin – Cineastes en Correspondance, Musee Pompidou, Paris, France
- Portraits: Jonas Mekas and Robert Polidori,” Edwynn Houk Gallery, New York

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 Documenta 14, Athens and Kassel
- 2016 *The Velvet Underground* - New York *Extraganza*, Philharmonie de Paris, Paris
- Take Me (I'm Yours)*, The Jewish Museum, New York
- 2012 The 365 Day Project, 2B Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
- 2011 Ostalgia, The New Museum, New York
- Musique Plastique, Agnes b. Galerie, Paris and New York
- This Side of Paradise, Agnes b. rue du jour boutique, Paris, France
- 2010 Bienal de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- legal Living, 80 Wooster, New York
- Inaugural Show, Microscope, New York
- Eve of Fluxus, The Emily Harvey Foundation, New York
- 1989, Kunsthalle, Wien, Austria
- See this Sound, Lentos Kunstmuseum, Linz, Austria
- 2009 1968, Kunsthalle, Bielefeld, Germany
- A few things I want to share with you, My Paris Friends, galerie du jour agnès b., Paris, France
- 2008 That Was Then... This Is Now, P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, New York
- Self Portraits 1966-2008, James Fuentes, New York
- 2006 The Expanded Eye, Kunsthau, Zurich, Switzerland
- Onestar Stop, Galerie Erna Hoc, Brussels, Belgium
- 2005 Balance and Power-Performance and Surveillance in Video Art, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign
- Thank You for the Music, Spruth Magers Projekte, Munich, Germany
- 2004 The Agnes B. Collection, Les Abattoirs – Frac Midi-Pyrenees, Toulouse, France
- 2003 Fables de l'Identito, Centre National de la Photographie, Paris, France
- La Biennale di Venezia, Installation at the Utopia Station Pavillion, Venice, Italy

- 2002 Documenta 11, Kassel, Germany

Commissions

- 2010 Work commissioned by the New York City Guggenheim Young Collectors Council

Catalogues and Books

- 2017 “Again, Again It All Comes Back to Me in Brief Glimpses,” MMCA Editions, Seoul, 2017.
- 2009 “A Few Things I Want to Share with You, My Paris Friends,” Galerie du Jour, Paris
- 2008 “Jonas Mekas,” Koenig Books, for the exhibition at the Museum Ludwig, Cologne
- “Jonas Mekas,” Fondazione Ragghianti, Lucca, Italy [Italian]
- 2007 “The Avante-Garde from Futurism to Fluxus,” Jonas Mekas Visual Arts Center, Vilnius
- 2005 “The Diary Film/Dagboksfilmen,” edited by Liutauras Psibilskis, Moderna Museet, Stockholm
- “Jonas Mekas: Conversations, Letters, Notes, Misc. Pieces,” edited by Liutauras Psibilskis, published by the Lithuanian Art Museum on the occasion of the Venice Biennale
- 2000 Chodorov, Pip, and Patrice Rollet, “Lost Lost Lost Book,” Editions Paris Experimental
- 1999 “Jonas Mekas: This Side of Paradise,” Exhibition catalog, Galerie du Jour, Paris 1997
- “Sustabdytos Akimirkos,” Exhibition catalog, Contemporary Art Museum, Vilnius
- “Jonas Mekas: Frozen Film Frames,” Photo-Planete, Tokyo Chodorov, Pip, and Christina Lebrat, “Le Livre de Walden,” Editions Paris Experimental, Paris
- 1996 “Jonas Mekas: Frozen Film Frames,” Exhibition catalog, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography [Japanese]
- “Jonas Mekas,” Catalog and texts, Galerie du Jour, Paris
- 1992 “Jonas Mekas,” Catalog, Galerie Nationale Jeu de Paume, Paris James, David,
- “To Free the Cinema: Jonas Mekas and the New York Underground,” Princeton University Press
- 1983 “Jonas Mekas,” Exhibition catalog, Tokyo 1980 Briggs, Judy, “Jonas Mekas,” Films in the Cities, St. Paul 1970
- Arbasino, Alberto, “Entre el ‘underground’ y el ‘off-off,’” Editorial Anagrama, Barcelona

Extended Essays and Interviews

- 2010** Northover, Benn, "Jonas Mekas," *AnOther Man*, Autumn/Winter
- Lack, Hannah, "New York Stories," *Dazed and Confused*, August
- Rose, Aaron, "Jonas Mekas," *ANP Quarterly*, January
- 2009** Haden-Guest, Anthony, "Dispatches from the Inside," *Art Newspaper*, November
- Kley, Elisabeth, "Jonas Mekas at James Fuentes," *Artinfo*, November
- 2006** Verwoert, Jan, "Who Loves the Sun?" *Frieze*, April 2005
- Taubin, Amy, "Footage fetish: Amy Taubin on Jonas Mekas," *Artforum*
- Dargis, Manohla, "The World Through Blood-tinted Lenses," *New York Times*, June
- 2000** Sans, Jerome, "An Interview with Jonas Mekas," *Steidl*
- 1984** MacDonald, Scott, "Interview with Jonas Mekas," October, Summer
- 1973** Tomkins, Calvin, "All Pockets Open," *New Yorker* profile, January
- 1965** Levy, Alan, "Voices of the Underground Cinema," *The New York Times Magazine*, September

Honors and Awards

- 2017** BEN Award (category "Lifetime achievement award, influential artist moving image art")
- 2015** Yoko Ono Courage Award
- Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, Lithuania
- Francis J. Greenburger Award
- Elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2011** George Eastman Honorart Scholar Award
- 2010** Life Achievement Award at the second annual Rob Pruitt's Art Awards
- 2008** Baltic Cultural Achievement Award Austrian Decoration of Honor for Science and Art Austrian Decoration of Honor for Science and Art (Osterreichische Ehrenzeichen fur Wissenschaft an Kunst)
- 2006** Selection of the Library of Congress National Film Registry
- Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award
- Directors Guild of America Award

- 2000** Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, France
- 1997** Pier Paolo Pasolini Award, Paris International Documentary Film Association Award, Los Angeles
- Governors Award, Skohegan School of Painting and Sculpture Doctor of Fine Arts, Honoris Causa, Universitatis Vytauti Magni, Lithuania
- 1996** Doctor of Fine Arts, Honoris Causa, Kansas City Art Institute
- 1995** Lithuanian National Award
- 1992** Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministry of Culture, France Mel Novikoff Award, San Francisco Film Festival
- 1989** Creative Arts Award, Brandeis University
- 1977** Guggenheim Fellowship
- 1966** Gold Medal, Philadelphia College of Art, "For the devotion, passion, and selfless dedication to the rediscovery of the newest art"