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Artist Biography

Joe Tilson (1928 - 2023)

Joe Tilson originally worked as a carpenter and joiner before attending Saint Martin's School of Art and later the Royal College of Art in London. One of the founding figures of British Pop art in the early 1960s, Tilson has been a lifelong dedicated printmaker and has gained a reputation as one of Britain's foremost artists producing prints, multiples, constructions, paintings and reliefs. He has drawn a lifetime of inspiration from Italy, first visiting in 1955. Exhibiting globally since the 1960s, Tilson was elected a Royal Academician in 2001. In 2019 he unveiled a new site-specific installation at the Venice Biennale, in collaboration with Swatch. In the same year Tilson won the Charles Wollaston award for the most distinguished work in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. A brand-new comprehensive monograph on the artist was published by Lund Humphries in 2023. Joe Tilson passed away aged 95 on 9 November 2023 in London, England.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Joe Tilson: Milestones*, Die Galerie, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Joe Tilson: Breaking the Rules, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK

Joe Tilson: Modest Materials and A-Z Box of Friends and Family, Marlborough Gallery, London, UK

2022 *60 Years of British Printmaking*, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK

2019 *Joe Tilson: The Flags*, Swatch Pavilion, Giardini, Venice Biennial, Italy

Joe Tilson: New Paintings, Marlborough Gallery, London, UK

2018 *Opere 1980-2000*, Menhir Arte Contemporanea, Milan, Italy

Joe Tilson at 90, Alan Cristea Gallery, London UK

Joe Tilson RA, The Academician's Room, Royal Academy, London, UK

RA250 Flags, Regents Street, London UK

Joe Tilson, Marlborough Fine Art, London, UK *Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy, London, UK

2016 *Words & Image: The Notebooks*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK

The Stones of Venice, Marlborough Fine Art, London, UK

2015 *World Goes Pop*, Tate Modern, London, UK
La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

2014 *Editions*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
Silkscreens and constructions, Bohun Gallery, Henley-on-Thames, UK

2013 *Pop Art Design*, Barbican Centre, London, UK
Joe Tilson: Return to Aosta, Centro Saint Benin, Italy
Joe Tilson; A Survey, Marlborough Fine Art, London, UK

2012 *Aspects of Modern British Art 2012*, Austin/Desmond Fine Art, London, UK
Leben Mit Pop!, Museum der bildenden Künste Leipzig, Germany

- 2011 *Biblioteca Marciana*, for the Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
Constructions, Palazzo Magnani, Bologna, Italy
Print Retrospective, Correggio Museum, Bologna, Italy
- 2010 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- 2009 Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
Laboratorio di Arte Grafica, Modena, Italy
- 2007 Waddington Gallery, London, UK
- 2006 *Eye on Europe*, MOMA, New York, USA
Menhir Arte Contemporanea, La Spezia, Italy
- 2002 Retrospective at the Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
New Prints, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2000 Galleria Comunale d'Arte in Cesena, Italy
Civica Pinacoteca "Amedeo Modigliani", Follonica, Italy
- 1999 *Conjunctions*, Palazzo Pubblico, Siena, Italy
- 1995 Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 1990 *Centro Culturale Fontanella Borghese*, Roma, Italy
- 1987 *Print Retrospective*, Ljubljana Print Biennale, Slovenia
- 1984 Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol, UK
- 1981 University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, USA
- 1979 Graphics Retrospective, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
Waddington Galleries, London, UK
- 1978 Tate Gallery, London, UK
- 1973-74 Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 1965 Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 1964 XXXII Biennale di Venezia, British Pavilion, Venice, Italy
- 1963 Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- 1962 Marlborough New London Gallery, London, UK

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AU Australian National Gallery, Canberra
Queensland Art Gallery
- CA Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
- CH Kunsthalle, Basel
- IT Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, Rome
- UK Arts Council of Great Britain, London
British Council, London
Contemporary Art Society, London
Christchurch College, Oxford
Gulbenkian Foundation, London
Laing Art Gallery and Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne
New College, Oxford
Royal Academy, London
Tate Gallery, London
Ulster Museum, Belfast
Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool
- USA Museum of Modern Art, New York
Museum of Art, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
Yale Centre for British Art, New Haven