

JOSEF HERMAN

b. 1911, Wasaw, Poland

Died in 2000, London

EDUCATION

1930 Warsaw School of Art and Decoration

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2011 *Josef Herman, Warsaw, Brussels, Glasgow, London, 1938-44* at Ben Uri, The London Jewish Museum of Art

2009 *Josef Herman: The Art & Life, Flowers Central, London*

2004 *Josef Herman, Flowers East*

Josef Herman 1911 – 2000, Boundary Gallery, London

2003 *Josef Herman, Flowers East*

Josef Herman 1911 – 2000: Paintings and Drawings of West Highland Fisherman, Welsh Miners and Mexican Peasants, Cyril Gerber Fine Art, Glasgow

2002 *Josef Herman, Flowers East*

2001 *Paintings and Drawings, Flowers Central*

Josef Herman OBE RAM (1911 – 2000): Memorial Exhibition, New Grafton Gallery, London

2000 *Watercolours, Flowers East*

A Tribute Exhibition, London Fields

The Work is the Life, Flowers East, London

Forty Years in Print: The Curwen Studio and Royal Academicians, Royal Academy of Arts, London

1999 Publication of limited-edition artist's book, *Song of the Migrant Bird*, Book Launch and Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, London

1998 *A Retrospective Exhibition, Boundary Gallery, London*

1997 *Watercolours and Prints, Curwen Gallery, London*

1996 *Retrospective exhibition, New Grafton Gallery, Barnes*

1994 *Related Twilights, Fifty years of Drawing and Painting (1944 – 94), Boundary Gallery, London*

- 1993** *Recent Drawings*, Angela Flowers Gallery, London
- 1992** *Josef Herman: An Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings, 1940 – 1972*, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff
- 1991** Exhibition at Wakefield Art Gallery and Museum
Josef Herman RA: A Birthday Tribute, Royal Academy of Arts, London
Watercolours, Flowers East, London
- 1990** Exhibition of drawings related to the book Josef Herman's Drawings and Studies at the Boundary Gallery, London
- 1989** *Retrospective Exhibition*, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff
Recent works 1984-89 and Homage to the Women of Greenham Common, Angela Flowers Gallery, London
Josef Herman: Early Welsh Drawings from 1944 – 55, Beaux Arts, Bath
- 1988** *Notes from a Welsh Diary 1944 – 55*, Boundary Gallery, London
- 1987** *Josef Herman: Travels to Israel and other places*, Boundary Gallery, London
- 1985** *Josef Herman "Memory of Memories" The Glasgow Drawings 1940 – 43*, Third Eye Centre, Glasgow
- 1984** *Memory of Memories*, Ben Uri Gallery, London
Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London
Cyril Gerber Fine Art Gallery, Glasgow
- 1983** *Recent Drawings 1980 – 83*, Netherbow Arts Centre, Edinburgh
- 1982** Philip Solomon Gallery, Dublin
- 1981** Terry Dintenfass Gallery, New York
- 1980** 4th retrospective exhibition, Camden Arts Centre, London
Drawings and watercolours, Waddington Gallery, London
Paintings, Browse and Darby, London
- 1976** *Watercolours and Drawings*, Roland Browse & Deblanco, London
Josef Herman: Drawings Paintings and Negro Primitive Sculpture from his own Collection, West Surrey, College of Art and Design, Farnham
Watercolours and Drawings by Josef Herman, Radlett Gallery, Hertfordshire
- 1975** 3rd retrospective exhibition, Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow; Scottish Arts Council Gallery, Edinburgh; National Museum of Wales, Cardiff
Oil Paintings, Watercolours and Drawings, Roland Browse & Deblanco, London
- 1973** *Paintings and Drawings*, Roland Browse & Deblanco, London

- 1972** Museum der Bildenden Kunste, Leipzig
- 1971** *Josef Herman Drawings*, Compass Gallery, Glasgow
- 1970** *Paintings and Drawings*, Howard Roberts Gallery, Cardiff
Josef Herman, David Jones Gallery, Australia
- 1968** *Paintings and Drawings from Mexico*, Roland Browse & Deblanco, London
New Painting in Glasgow 1940 – 1946, Scottish Arts Council touring exhibition
- 1967** *Drawings from the Peter Stuyvesant collection*, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (touring to Plymouth and Reading City Art Galleries)
- 1964** Dresdner Art Galleries, Toronto and Montreal
- 1963** Helen Seiferheld Gallery, New York
Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea
Benjamin Gallery, Chicago
- 1962** New Metropole Arts Centre, Folkestone
- 1961** Dawson Gallery, Dublin
Arnolfini, Bristol
Tib Lane Gallery, Manchester
- 1960** Roland, Browse and Delbanco, London
- 1959** Bradford City Art Gallery, Bradford
- 1958** Frankfurt Kunstkabinett, Frankfurt, Germany
Graves Art Gallery in Sheffield
Paintings and Drawings, New Shakespeare Theatre Art Gallery, Liverpool
- 1957** *Recent works*, Roland, Browse and Delbanco.
Drawings by Josef Herman, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Drawings, Galerie B. Thommen, Basel
- 1956** 2nd retrospective exhibition, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London
Drawings, Gallery Mott, Geneva, Switzerland
Auckland City Art Gallery, New Zealand
- 1955** 1st retrospective exhibition, Wakefield City Art Gallery
- 1954** Heffer Art Gallery, Cambridge
Eton College, Windsor
- 1953** Leicester Museum and Art Gallery, Leicester
- 1952** City Art Gallery, Southampton
Burgandy Drawings, Roland, Browse and Delbanco

- 1951** Heffer Art Gallery, Cambridge
- 1948** *Miners at Ystradgynlais: Paintings, Pastels and Drawings by Josef Herman*,
Arts Council of Great Britain (touring exhibition)
- 1941-42** James Connell's Gallery, Glasgow
Aitken and Dott, Edinburgh
- 1939** Exhibitions at Les Grillets, Brussels; Die Gallerie, Namur
- 1934-7** Exhibits as member of Phrygian Bonnet group, Warsaw
- 1932** 1st exhibition at Gallery of dealer, Koterba, Warsaw

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014-15** *Refiguring the 50s: Joan Eardley, Sheila Fell, Eva Frankfurter, Josef Herman and L.S. Lowry*, Ben Uri Gallery, London
- 2012** *100 Prints*, Flowers Kingsland Road, London
Nudes, Flowers New York
- 2010** *40 Years On*, Flowers Kingsland Road, London
Spring Selection, Flowers East, London
- 2008** *Art in Exile: Polish Painters in Post War Britain*, Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh;
Boundary Gallery, London
- 2005** *Paintings from the 90's*, Flowers Central
- 2002** *Drawings and Works on Paper*, Flowers East
Flowers Central Eight, Flowers Central
Transition: The London Art Scene in the Fifties, Barbican Art Gallery, London
- 2001** *The Ben Uri Story: from Art Society to Museum and the Influence of Anglo-Jewish Artists on the Modern British Movements*, Philips, London
- 2000** *30th Anniversary Exhibition*, Flowers East, London
Pastel Society, Mall Galleries
Modern Landscape, Gallery M
- 1999** *Song of the Migrant Bird*, Flowers Graphics
Contemporary British Landscape, Flowers East
Figurative works on paper, Flowers East
- 1998** New Grafton Gallery, Barnes
Boundary Gallery, London
Angela Flowers Gallery at Riverside Studios, London
The Print Show 1998, Flowers East, London

- 1997** *British Figurative Art, Part I – Painting*, Flowers East, London
- 1996** *Naked*, Flowers East at London Fields, London
Small is Beautiful, Part XVI, Sex, Flowers East, London
- 1995** *Drawings and watercolours*, Flowers East at London Fields, London
The End of the War, Annely Juda Fine Art, London
- 1990** *Chagall to Kitaj: Jewish Experience in Twentieth Century Art*, Barbican Art Gallery, London
- 1987** Exhibition of works in connection with the 'Wakefield 100' celebrations
- 1985** *Drawings and paintings from the Allison collection*, Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, Orkney
Reflections on Drawing, Arts Council touring exhibition
- 1984** *The Hard-Won Image: Traditional Method and Subject in Recent British Art*, Tate Gallery, London
- 1983** *The Immigrant Generation: Jewish Artists in Britain 1900 – 1945*, The Jewish Museum, New York
- 1978** *Jewish Artists of Great Britain 1845 – 1945*, Belgrave Gallery, London; Cartwright Hall, Bradford
- 1975** *Peter Stuyvesant Foundation*, Art Centre, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 1966** *Painters in East Anglia*, Arts Council of Great Britain touring exhibition
Survey '66: Figurative Painters, Hampstead Arts Centre, London
 Open Paintings Exhibition, Ulster Museum, Belfast
- 1964** Geffrye Museum, London, exhibition with Philip Sutton and Henry Moore
London Group 1914 – 1964: Jubilee Exhibition, Fifty Years of British Art, Tate Gallery, London
 Dresdnere Art Galleries, Toronto and Montreal, Canada
 Contemporary British Artists, Katonah Gallery, New York, USA
- 1963** *Jelenkori Brit Festeszeti*, Ernst Museum, Budapest, Hungary
- 1961** *Contemporary British Painting*, Peking, China
International Festival of Drawing, Lugano, Switzerland
Herman, Rosoman, Smith and Sutton, Sorsbie Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
- 1960** *Das Junge England*, Neue Gallerie der Stat Linz, Austria
British Art 1750 – 1850, touring exhibition of Moscow and St Petersburg, Russia
- 1958** *Twelve Contemporary Artists*, Ben Uri Gallery, London

- Young Contemporary Painting*, Bruges Biennale, Belgium
- 1957** *Drawings*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
La Peinture Britannique Contemporaine, Galerie R. Creuze, Salle Balzac, Paris, France
Third International Contemporary Art Exhibition, New Delhi, India
British Paintings 1900 – 1950 touring exhibition, Hungary and Czechoslovakia
- 1956** *British Art 1900 – 1955*, Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway
- 1954** *Geffrye Museum*, London, exhibition with Henry Moore
- 1953** Exhibited at Leicester Museum and Art Gallery
 Exhibited at York City Art Gallery
Figures in their Settings, Tate Gallery London
International Watercolours Exhibition, Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
Mensch and Technik, Kunstmuseum, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 1952** *The Seasons*, Tate Gallery, London
Looking Forward, Whitechapel Gallery, London
Pittsburgh Biennale, USA
Five Contemporary British Painters, British Council Tour of Canadian Museums
- 1951** *60 Paintings for 51*, Arts Council of Great Britain
 Roland, Browse and Delblanco, London, exhibition with William Nicholson
- 1949** Ben Uri Gallery, London, exhibition with Martin Bloch
- 1946** Holds his first one-man show of pastels and drawings done in Wales.
- 1943** 1st solo exhibition in London, Reid Gallery, London
 Lefevre, London, exhibition with L.S. Lowry

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Abbot Hall Gallery, Kendal
 Aberdeen Art Gallery, Scotland
 Arts Council of Great Britain, London and Wales
 Atkinson Art Gallery, Southport
 Birmingham City Museums and Art Gallery
 The British Council
 The British Museum, London

Cecil Higgins Museum, Bedford
City Art Gallery, Bristol
The City Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
The Contemporary Arts Society, London and Wales
Durban Art Gallery, South Africa
Geffrye Museum, London
Glasgow Museums and City Art Gallery
Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea
Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield
Hamilton Art Gallery, Ontario, Canada
Huddersfield Art Gallery
Israel Art Museum, Ein Harod
Johannesburg Art Gallery, South Africa
Kettering Art Gallery
King George VI Art Gallery, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Leeds City Art Gallery
Leicestershire Museums, Art Galleries and Record Service
Leipzig Museum der Bildenden Kunste, Germany
Manchester City Art Galleries
Melbourne National Gallery, Australia
Middlesborough Art Gallery
Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
National Gallery of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
National Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
National Museum of Wales, Cardiff
Nottingham Art Gallery
Peter Stuyvesant Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery
Rugby Art Gallery
Salford Art Gallery
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh
Sheffield City Art Gallery
Southampton Art Gallery

South London Art Gallery
Tate Gallery, London
Tel Aviv Gallery, Israel
Toronto Art Gallery, Ontario, Canada
Ulster Museum, Belfast
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Wakefield City Art Gallery
Wellington National Gallery, New Zealand
York City Art Gallery

AWARDS

- 1992** Award of Silver Medal by Contemporary Art Society for Wales in Cardiff
- 1990** Elected Honorary Senior Royal Academician
- 1981** Awarded O.B.E. for his services to British art
- 1962** Awarded a Gold Medal for his service to Welsh art by the Royal National Eisteddfod in Llanelli
- 1956** Awarded a prize by John Moores Exhibition, Liverpool
- 1953** Awarded Prize by Contemporary Art Society

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- 2009** Monica Bohn-Duchen, *The Art and Life of Josef Herman*, Lund Humphries, Surrey
- 2006** Jutta Vinzent, *Identity and Image: Refugee Artists from Nazi German in Britain (1933 – 1945)*, VDG, Germany
- 2004** David Herman, *Josef Herman 1911-2000*, Boundary Gallery, London
- 2003** Josef Herman, *The Journals: Josef Herman*, Edited by Nini Herman, Peter Halban, London
- 2002** Josef Herman, *Related Twilights, Notes from an Artist's Diary*, Edited by Tony Curtis, Seren, Wales (First Edition: 1975)
- 1998** Robert Heller, *Josef Herman: The work is the Life*, Momentum, London
Josef Herman, Down to Earth, Edited by Brian Lewis and Michael Simpson, Yorkshire Art Circus in Association with Wakefield 100, Yorkshire
- 1996** Nini Herman, *Josef Hermann: A Working Life*, Quartet Books
- 1995** *Drawings and Watercolours* (exhibition catalogue), Flowers East, London

- 1988** Josef Herman, *Note From A Welsh Diary*, Free Association Books, London
Josef Herman, *The Early Years in Scotland and Wales*, Christopher Davies, Wales
- 1985** Agi Katz, Josef Herman, Oliver Cordelia and Tom MacDonald, *Josef Herman: "Memory of Memories", Glasgow Drawings 1940-43*, Third Eye Centre, Glasgow
- 1975** *Related Twilights* (1st publication of JH's autobiography)
Lindsay Jack, *Josef Herman, Paintings and Drawings: Retrospective Exhibition*, Glasgow Art Museum, Glasgow
- 1969** *Jews in Transition*, Wentworth Book Co., London
- 1956** *Josef Herman: Paintings and Drawings 1940-1956*, Whitechapel Gallery, London
Basil Taylor, *Josef Herman Drawings*, Jonathan Cape, London