

ERNEST MANCOBA (b. 1904, Johannesburg, South Africa; d. 2002, Clamart, France)

EDUCATION

1941 École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs de Paris, Paris, France

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *I Shall Dance in a Different Society*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2017 *Ernest Mancoba*, Aicon, New York, USA
- 2014 *EWS*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 Solo presentation by Galerie Mikael Andersen at 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2011 *EWS*, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1977 *Ernest Mancoba: A Retrospective Exhibition* touring to Kunstforeningen, Copenhagen; Fyns Kunstmuseum, Odense; Silkeborg Kunstmuseum, Silkeborg, Denmark
- 1969 *Ernest Mancoba*, Kunstmuseums in Holstebro and Århus, Denmark

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba | Ernest Mancoba*, Aicon, New York
Ernest Mancoba - An Artist and His Legacy, Södertälje Konsthall, Södertälje, Sweden
- 2019 *GMA XXX AAR*, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018 *Crossing Night / Hacer Noche*, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017 *Documenta 14*, Documenta Halle, Kassel, Germany and EMST - National Museum of Contemporary Arts, Athens, Greece
- 2015 *The Avant-Garde Won't Give Up: CoBrA and Its Legacy*, Blum & Poe, New York & California, USA
- 2014 *Liberated Subjects*, Foundation De 11 Lijnen, Oudenburg, Belgium
- 2012 *African and Abstraction: Mancoba, Odita, Blom*, with Stevenson Gallery, Art 43 Basel Basel, Switzerland
- 2007 *Black Paris*, Iwalewa Haus, Bayreuth, Germany
- 2001 *El Tiempo de África*, La Sala de Plaza de España, Madrid ; C.I.T., Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
- 1995 *Hand in Hand: A Retrospective Exhibition of Ernest Mancoba and Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, South African National Gallery, Cape TownSouth Africa
- 1994 *Hand in Hand: A Retrospective Exhibition of Ernest Mancoba and Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1993 *Afrika-Danemark- Kunst im Dialog*, Vejle Kunstmuseum, Vejle, Denmark
Choix d'Estampes, CoBrA, Paris, France
Retour sur CoBrA, Galerie Artcurial, Paris, France
Images of Africa, Vejle Kunstmuseum, Vejle,Denmark
- 1989 *Images of Wood*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1988 *CoBrA - 40 Years Later*, De Nieuwe Kerk, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- The Neglected Tradition: Towards a New History of South African Art*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- CoBrA is My Mirror*, Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
- 1986 *Den Globale Dialog*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
- 1984 *CoBrA Movement*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1982-83 *CoBrA Rétrospective*, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville, Paris, France
- 1972 *Den Frie Udstilling*, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1951 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba, Grethe Inge Pedersen and Ernest Mancoba*, Galerie Birch, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1950 Became a member of CoBrA
- 1949 *CoBrA* (was invited, but differences of opinion within the Høst-movement prevented participation), Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1948, 49 *The Høst Exhibition*, Copenhagen, Denmark

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Jason Farago, "3 Art Gallery Shows to See Right Now," *The New York Times*, 2020.
- Barry Schwabsky, "Ernest Mancoba," *Artforum*, 2017.
- Holland Cotter, "African Art in a Game of Catch-Up," *The New York Times*, 2017.
- Winnie Sze, "Ernest Mancoba: Visible Man, Invisible Work?" *Vam Abbe Museum*, 2018, 90.
- Thompson Bridget and Gold of Africa Museum, *In the Name of All Humanity: The African Spiritual Expression of Ernest Mancoba*, (Cape Town: Art and Ubuntu Trust), 2006, 10.
- Troels Andersen, *Ernest Mancoba*, Eksskolens Trykkeri, 1997.
- Elza Miles, "Lifeline out of Africa: The Art of Ernest Mancoba," *Human & Rousseau*, 1994, 71.
- Pierre Gaudibert, *L'Art Africain Contemporain*, (Editions Cercle d'art), 1991.
- W. Rubin, "Primitivism" in *Twentieth Century Art: Affinity of the Tribal and the Modern*, Museum of Modern Art, 1984.
- R.D Oslen, "*Danish Abstract Art*," (Leif Thomsen Ed.), 1964.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 1997 Honorary Doctorate, The University of Fort Hare, Alice, South Africa
- 1994 Honorary Doctorate, The University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa
- 1989 Egill Jacobsen Award
- 1938 Art Bursary from Bantu Welfare Trust
- 1935 First Prize at May Esther Bedford Bantu Art Exhibition

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Art Institute Chicago, Illinois, USA
- Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- Cobra Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Amstelveen, The Netherlands

Estate Ferlov Mancoba, Copenhagen, Denmark
Iziko Museums of South Africa, Cape Town, South Africa