

LEONORA CARRINGTON

(Lancashire, United Kingdom, 1917 - Mexico City, Mexico, 2011)



Leonora Carrington was one of the most prominent artists of the surrealist movement producing paintings, sculptures, textiles, and jewelry as well as plays, novels, and short stories.

Carrington rebelled against her conservative upbringing, showing a keen interest in art and literature. She attended the Chelsea School of Art in London, where she became acquainted with the Surrealist movement and its key figures, including Max Ernst.

Her art often featured dreamlike and fantastical elements, drawing inspiration from mythology, folklore, and her subconscious. One of her most famous paintings, "The Lovers" (1949), depicts a mystical union between a woman and a hyena, symbolizing the union of opposites.

Carrington passed away in 2011 in Mexico City, leaving behind a rich and influential body of work.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2020** Leonora Carrington: Tu País, Fundación Mapfre, Madrid Spain; Museo Picasso Malaga, Malaga, Spain
- 2018** Leonora Carrington: Magical Tales, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico; Palacio de Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico; Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
- 2015** Leonora Carrington: Transgressing Discipline, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
- 2013** Leonora Carrington: The Celtic Surrealist, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
- 2008** The Talismanic Lens, Frey Norris Contemporary and Modern, San Francisco, USA
Leonora Carrington: La mariée du vent, Maison de L'Amérique Latine, Paris, France
- 2007** Leonora Carrington: What She Might Be, The Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, USA
- 1997** Leonora Carrington, Tokyo Station Gallery, Tokyo, Japan; Daimaru Museum, Umeda-Osaka, Japan; Hida Takayama Museum of Art, Takayama, Japan; Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu, Japan
- 1995** Leonora Carrington: Una Retrospectiva, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico; Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1994** Leonora Carrington: Una Retrospectiva, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
- 1991** Aspectos del Surrealismo en México, Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City, Mexico
Leonora Carrington, Galería de Arte del Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico
Leonora Carrington: Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture 1940–1990, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK; Harris Museum, Preston, UK
Leonora Carrington, Sainsbury, Norwich, UK; Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
Leonora Carrington: The Mexican Years 1943-1985, The Mexican Museum, San Francisco, USA
- 1990** Leonora Carrington, Art Company, Leeds, UK
Leonora Carrington, Brewster Gallery, New York, USA
- 1989** Leonora Carrington, Museo Nacional de la Estampa, Mexico City, Mexico

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- 1989** Leonora Carrington, Museo Nacional de la Estampa, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1987** Leonora Carrington, Alexander Iolas Gallery, New York, USA
Leonora Carrington, Center for Inter-American Relations, New York University Art Museum, New York, USA; The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, USA
Leonora Carrington, Brewster Gallery, New York, USA
Leonora Carrington, Art Space Mirage, Tokyo, Japan
- 1975** Leonora Carrington: A Retrospective Exhibition, The Center for Inter-American Relations, New York, USA
- 1969** Leonora Carrington, Galerie Pierre, Paris, France
Leonora Carrington, Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, Sala Nacional, Mexico City, Mexico
Leonora Carrington, Palacio de Bellas Artes, Mexico City Mexico
Leonora Carrington, Galería de Arte Mexicano/Florencia, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1965** Leonora Carrington, Galería de Arte Mexicano, Mexico City, Mexico
Leonora Carrington, Instituto Cultural Anglo-Mexicano, Mexico City, Mexico
Leonora Carrington, Galería Clardecor, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1960** Leonora Carrington, Museo Nacional de Arte Moderno, INBA, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1957** Leonora Carrington, Galería Antonio Souza, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1956** Leonora Carrington, Galería de Arte Mexicano, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1952** Leonora Carrington, Galerie Pierre Loeb, Paris, France
- 1948** Leonora Carrington, Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, USA
- 1942** Leonora Carrington, Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, USA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2024** Playing with closed eyes, 100 years of surrealism, Galería RGR, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2021** Surrealism and Magic: From Max Ernst to Leonora Carrington, Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy; Museum Barberini, Potsdam, Germany
- 2020** Fantastic Women, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Germany; Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2019** Surrealism in Mexico, Di Donna Gallery, New York, USA
- 2018** Modern Couples, Centre Pompidou-Metz, Lorraine, France; Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2016** Chance Meeting on a Dissecting Table, Weinstein Gallery, San Francisco, USA
Leonora Carrington/Lucy Skaer, Leeds College of Art, Leeds, UK
Artists and Lovers, Ordovas, New York, USA; Ordovas, London, UK
The Language of Birds, 80WSE Gallery, New York University, New York, USA
- 2014** Arte Mexicano: Legacy of the Masters, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, USA
- 2013** Surrealism and the Dream, Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain
- 2012** In Wonderland: The Surrealist Adventures of Women Artists in Mexico and the United States, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA; Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec, Quebec, Canada; Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2011** Pangea: Art at the Forefront of Cultural Convergence, Gallery Wendi Norris, San Francisco, USA
Exultation: Sex, Death & Madness in Eight Surrealist Masterworks, Frey Norris Contemporary and Modern, San Francisco, USA
The Colour of My Dreams: The Surrealist Revolution in Art, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Cosmopolitan Routes: Houston Collects Latin American Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, USA
- 2010** Surreal Friends: Leonora Carrington, Remedios Varo and Kati Horna, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK
Angels of Anarchy: Women Artists and Surrealism, Manchester City Art Gallery, Manchester, UK
- 2009** North Looks South: Building the Latin American Art Collection, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, USA

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- 2007** Surrealism: Dreams on Canvas, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, USA
- 2002** Max Ernst e i suoi amici surrealisti, Museo del Corso, Rome, Italy
- 2001** Leonor Fini and Her Contemporaries: Surrealism Through the Eyes of Women Artists, Weinstein Gallery, San Francisco, USA
Surrealism: Desire Unbound, the Tate, London, UK; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
- 2000** Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Twentieth-Century Mexican Art: The Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, USA; National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, USA
- 1999** Surrealism: Two Private Eyes/The Nesuhi Ertegun and Daniel Filipacchi Collections, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
Lés Surréalistes en exil et les débuts de l'école de New York, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Strasbourg, France; Museo Nacional de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
Women in Mexico, National Academy of Design, New York, USA
Mirror Images: Women, Surrealism and Self-Representation, The Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, USA
- 1998** Beyond Belief: Modern Art and other religious imagination, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
- 1997** Art of this Century: The Women, Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center, East Hampton, USA; The Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy
- 1995** Latin American Women Artists 1915-1995, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, USA; Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, USA
- 1993** Regards des Femmes, Musée d'Art Moderne, Lieja, France
- 1991** Sujeto-Objeto, Museo Regional de Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico; Museo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
La Mujer en México, Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, Mexico
El Surrealismo entre Viejo y Nuevo Mundo, Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
Surreal Friends: Leonora Carrington, Remedios Varo and Kati Horna, Sainsbury, Norwich, UK
The Earth Itself, Parallel Project Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
Latin American Masters: Works on Paper and Sculpture, Brewster Gallery, New York, USA

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- 1989** Art in Latin America, the Hayward Gallery, London, UK
Women in Mexico, National Academy of Design, New York, USA
Mexican Painting 1950-1980, IBM Gallery, New York, USA
I Surrealisti, Palazzo Reale, Milan, Italy
- 1988** Selections from the Ellen and Jerome Westheimer Collection, Oklahoma Art Center, Oklahoma City, USA
- 1987** Selections from the Permanent Collection, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington DC, USA
La Femme et le Surréalisme, Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Laussane, Switzerland
- 1986** Art and Science, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
La Planete Affolee: Surréalisme, dispersion et influences 1938-1947, Musée de Marseille, Marseille, France
Los Surrealistas en México, Museo Nacional de Arte, Mexico City, Mexico
L'Aventure Surréaliste Autour d'André Breton, Galerie Artcurial, Paris, France
Women Artists of the Surrealist Movement, Baruch College Gallery, New York, USA
- 1981** Künstlerinnen Aus Mexiko, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
Latin American Masters, Brewster Gallery, New York, USA
Paris-Paris, 1937-1957, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1980** Mexique, Peintres Contemporains, Musée Picasso, Antibes, France
- 1977** Paris-New York, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
René Magritte and Leonora Carrington, Surrealist Painting from the Edward James Collection, Chichester Centre of Arts, Chichester, UK
- 1975** La Mujer Como Creadora y Tema del Arte, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
Britain in Mexico, Aniversario del Instituto Anglo-Mexicano de Cultura, Mexico City, Mexico
Surrealism in Art, Knoedler Gallery, New York, USA
- 1974** Contemporary Mexican Art, the National Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan; The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan
- 1970** Impressionism to Surrealism, Worthing Art Museum and Gallery, Sussex, UK
- 1968** Artistas Británicos en México 1800-1968, Instituto Anglo-Mexicano de Cultura, Mexico City, Mexico

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- 1967** IX Bienal de Pintura, São Paulo, Brazil
- 1966** Surrealismo y Arte Fantástico en México, Galeria Universitaria, Aristos, Mexico
Surrealism: A State of Mind, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
- 1964** The Peggy Guggenheim Collection, The Tate Gallery, London, UK
- 1963** Paintings from the Collection of Edward James, Worthing Art Gallery, Worthing, UK
- 1961** El Retrato Mexicano Contemporáneo, Museo de Art Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1960** Exposición Retrospectiva de Pinturas y Tapices de Leonora Carrington, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1958** The Disquieting Muse: Surrealism, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, USA
- 1948** Painting in the United States, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, USA
- 1943** 20th Century Portraits, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
First Papers of Surrealism, Madison Avenue Gallery, New York, USA
Exhibition of 31 Women Artists, Art of This Century, New York, USA
- 1938** Exposition Internationale du Surréalisme, Galerie Beaux-Arts, Paris, France
Exposition du Surréalisme, Galerie Robert, Amsterdam, Netherlands



COLLECTIONS

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, USA

Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, USA

Fogg Museum, Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, USA

Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, USA

Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico

Museo Nacional de Antropología, Mexico City, Mexico

Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington DC, USA

Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA

Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, USA

San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, USA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, USA

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

The National Galleries of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland

The Tate, London, UK

University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, USA

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