

Ed Moses

Ed Moses (1926–2018) was a pivotal figure in the Post-War West Coast movement, known for his painterly abstraction, rejection of representational form and restless experimentation with materials and processes. From monochromes and diagonal grids to saturated fields, his evolving practice embodied a continuous investigation into the language of painting.



Calling himself a "mutator," Moses was drawn to transitional states—whether in nature, thought, or materials. He would often involve repetition and explore layering to create works that shift as the viewer moves. His work was informed by Buddhist philosophy, the open expanse of his Venice studio, and his daily, almost ritualistic engagement with painting.

Often using tools such as mops, rubber scrapers, and hoses, he challenged conventional techniques. His frequent gestural application of paint embraces impermanence, intuition, and chance.

Moses was part of the first generation of artists to exhibit at L.A.'s Ferus Gallery in the late 1950s, becoming a core member of the "Cool School," alongside figures like Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin, and Larry Bell. His work has been exhibited worldwide with major retrospectives in MOCA Los Angeles in 1996 and The University of California Irvine in 2014.



Other prominent collections include the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Hammer Museum, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Whitney Museum of American art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

"Painting is like discovery, trying this, trying that, bending this, twirling that, and then every once in a while it goes bing!"



Ed Moses CV

1926-2018 - Long Beach, California, USA.

Selected Exhibitions

2025	Summer Exhibition, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
2025	Ed Moses Walter Darby Bannard: Dos exponentes de la abstracción post-pictórica,
	Antonio Pérez, Foundation Museum, Cuenca, Spain
2024	Simeti to Yamato: The Rhythms of Abstraction, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
2023	Summer Exhibition, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
2022	California Cool, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
2022	Ferus: A Visual Conversation, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
2021	Whiplines, Waterfalls and Worms, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
2018	Last Grids, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
2018	Ed Moses: Diamond Jim, Albertz Benda, New York, NY
2018	Painting After Postmodernism, Reggia di Caserta, Caserta, Italy
2017	Painting After Postmodernism, Palacio Episcopal, Malaga, Spain
2016	Painting After Postmodernism Vanderborght, Brussels, Belgium
2016	First, look at the paintings. Then we'll shoot the shit. Blain Southern London, UK
2016	Moses@90, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica, California
2016	La-San Francisco, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
2016	Ed Moses: painting as process, Albertz Benda, New York, NY
2015	Ed Moses: Drawings from the 1960s and 1970s, Los Angeles County
	Museum of Art, US
2014	Ed Moses: Cross-Section, University Art Gallery, UC Irvine, California



2014	The Language of Paint: Selected Works, William Turner Gallery Santa Monica,
	California
2014	Ed Moses, Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
2013	Yesterday's Tomorrow, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
2013	Green/Bronze, Charlotte Jackson Fine Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2013	A Stone Mirror Reversed, Leslie Sacks Contemporary Santa Monica, California
2013	Ed Moses, Galleri s.e, Bergen, NO
2012	New Works: The Crackle Paintings, Patrick Painter Inc. Santa Monica, California
2012	Ed Moses: Notions, Mark Borghi Fine Art, Bridgehampton, New York
2012	Garden of Forking Tongues (BifurUSted), Ace Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2011	Shatterheads and Gwynn, Ernie Wolfe Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2011	ASAP & Friends, Charlotte Jackson Fine Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico lite, Imago
	Galleries, Palm Desert, California
2011	Through the Looking Glass with Ed Moses, Art link, Seoul, KR
2010	Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California
2010	Greenfield Sacks Gallery, Santa Monica, California
2009	Mutator, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California
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2008	Ed Moses: No Works, Seiler + Mosseri Marlio Galerie AG, Zurich
2008	Ed Moses: Paintings, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California
2007	Mapiko: Musings from A-Far, Ernie Wolfe Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2007	Ed Moses: Past Here and Now, Robert Green Fine Art, Mill Valley, California
2007	Ed Moses: Primal and Primary Paintings 1975, Charlotte Jackson Fine Art,
	Santa Fe, New Mexico
2007	Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California



2007	Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
2006	Ed Moses: New Paintings, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
2006	Ed Moses: Tapestries and Paintings, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica,
	California
2006	Ed Moses: New Works, Bernard Jacobson Gallery, London
2006	Ed Moses: the Dune Series, Jacobson Howard Gallery, New York
2006	Monochrome Paintings 1975-1976, Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2005	Paintings, Robert Green Fine Arts, Mill Valley, California
2004	Pinned-Up 1974/2004, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
2004	Ed Moses and Jimi Gleason, Huntington Beach Art Center, California
2004	Otherwise: New Paintings, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
2004	Robert Green Fine Arts, Mill Valley, California
2004	Cross-Cut, Christopher Grimes Gallery, Santa Monica, California
2003	Criss-Cross, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, California
2003	L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California
2003	Double Vision, Double Vision Gallery, Los Angeles, California
2002	Cobra, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, California
2002	Broken Roja, Klein Artworks, Chicago, Illinois
2002	Recent Paintings, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
2002	L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California
2002	Crocker Plaza Installation, San Francisco, California
2001	Abstraction: Ed Moses and Rana Rochat, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Lewis &
	Clark College, Portland, Oregon
2001	Ed Moses 2000-2001 works on paper, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica,
	California



2001	Ed Moses and John Chamberlain, L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California
2001	Apparition & Abstraction, Klein Art Works, Chicago, Illinois
2000	Oh Ed and Bjork, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, California
2000	Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
2000	Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
2000	Nicole Klagsbrun, New York
1999	L A Louver Gallery, Venice, California
1999	Vision Usher, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
1998	Peter Blake Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
1998	Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, California
1998	Hemphill Fine Arts, Washington, D.C.
1998	Ec-topic: Drawings, 1998, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
1997	New Paintings and Works on Paper, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, Texas
1997	Up Against the Wall, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1996	A Retrospective of the Paintings and Drawings, 1951-1996, The Museum of
	Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California
1996	Elpoep Ebolg, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1996	At 70 from the 70's, Bobbie Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, California
1995	Paint, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1994	Recent Paintings, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1993	Structural Reoccurrence & Cloud Cover Paintings 80's & 90's, Sharon Truax Fine Art,
	Venice, California
1993	Denis Ochi Gallery, Sun Valley, Idaho
1993	Apparition and What, Louver Gallery New York
1993	Recent Paintings and Drawings, L.A. Louver, Venice, California



1993	Ed Moses; Paintings and Drawings, Davis/McClain Gallery, Houston, Texas
1992	Apparitions and What: Works on Paper, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1992	Zolla/Lieberman Gallery Inc, Chicago, Illinois
1991	L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1991	Louver Gallery, New York
1990	L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1990	Ed Moses: Prints, Santa Monica Heritage Museum, Santa Monica, California
1989	Louver Gallery, New York
1989	Gallery Kukje, Seoul, Korea
1989	Galerie Georges Lavrov, Paris, France
1989	Ed Moses: Recent Paintings, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1989	Ed Moses: Works on Paper, L.A. Louver, Venice, California
1987	L. A. Louver, Venice, California
1987	Pence Gallery, Santa Monica, California
1986	Gilbert Brownstone and Cie, Paris, France
1986	The Works Gallery, Long Beach, California
1986	School of Fine Arts, Gallery B, California State University, Long Beach, California
1985	L. A. Louver, Venice, California
1984	Larry Gagosian Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1983	Bernard Jacobson Gallery, Ltd., Los Angeles, California
1983	Dorothy Rosenthal Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
1982	Smith Anderson Gallery, Palo Alto, California
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1981	James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California



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1980	Riko Mizuno Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1980	High Museum of Art, (commissioned wall painting 22' x 52' for Museum entrance)
	Atlanta, GA
1979	Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas
1979	Sidney Janis Gallery, New York
1979	James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1978	Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas
1978	Smith-Anderson Gallery, Palo Alto, California
1978	Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1978	Municipal Art Gallery, Davenport, Indiana
1978	Dory Gates Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
1977	Margo Leavin Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1977	Daniel Weinberg Gallery, San Francisco, California
1977	Casat Gallery, La Jolla, California
1977	Dorothy Rosenthal Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
1976	Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
1976	Nicholas Wilder Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1976	20 Years of Drawing, Frederick S. Wight Gallery, University of California, Los
	Angeles, California
1975	Andre' Emmerich Gallery, New York
1975	Dory Gates Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri
1974	Andre' Emmerich Gallery, New York



1974	Felicity Samuel Gallery, London, England
1974	Art in Progress Gallery, Munich, Germany
1974	Hansen-Fuller Gallery, San Francisco, California
1973	Art in Progress Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
1973	Dayton's Gallery 12, Minneapolis, Minnesota
1973	Nicholas Wilder Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1973	Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, Inc., New York
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1972	Pomona College Art Gallery, Pomona, California
1971	Riko Mizuno Gallery, Los Angeles, California
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1965	Everett Ellen Gallery, Los Angeles, California
1964	Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, California
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1962	Alan Gallery, New York
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1961	Dilexi Gallery, San Francisco, California
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1959	Area Gallery (10th Street Co-op), New York
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Public Collections

Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Berkeley Art Museum, University of California, Berkeley, C

Butler Art Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH

Cincinnati Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH

Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

Dartmouth College Gallery, Hanover, NH

Denver Art Museum, Denver, C

CU Art Museum, University of Colorado Boulder, CO

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC

Irvine Collection, Irvine, CA

Janss Foundation, Thousand Oaks, CA

Lannan Foundation, Santa Fe, NM

Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA



Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, Miami, FL

Menil Foundation, Rice University Art Gallery Houston, TX

Minneapolis Institute of Art

Musee national d'art moderne – Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY

New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM

Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, CA

Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA

Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

Prudential Insurance Company, Newark, NJ

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

Seattle Museum of Art, Seattle, WA

Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

The Broad Art Foundation, Santa Monica, CA

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

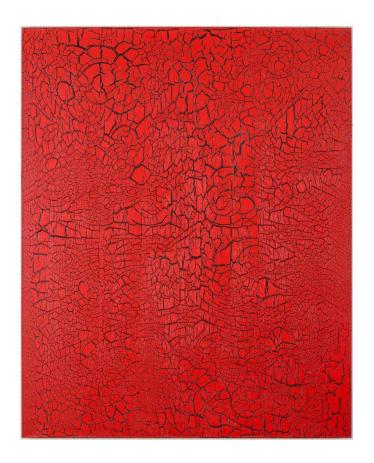
Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT



Selected Works



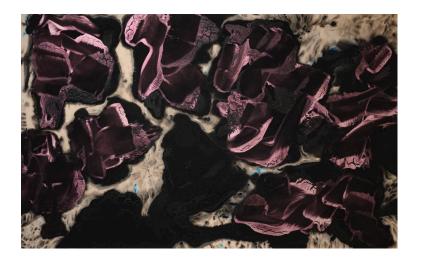
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Red over Black, 2012

Mixed media on canvas

152.4 x 121.9cm

60 x 48in



Ed Moses Gold Bach, 2002 Acrylic on canvas 152. 4 x 243.8cm 60 x 96in