

## John Altoon

Born 1925, Los Angeles, California

Died 1969, Los Angeles, California

### EDUCATION

1947–1949 Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles, CA

1949–1950 the Art Center, Los Angeles, CA

1950 Chouinard Art Institute, Los Angeles, CA

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024: *The Avant-Garde West Coast*, Tate Modern, London, UK

2023: *John Altoon: The Complete Works*, Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

2022: *California Dreamin'*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

2021: *The Beat Generation and Beyond*, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY

2020: *John Altoon: The Impact*, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA

2016 *John Altoon: Works from the Estate*, Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2014 *John Altoon*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA, curated by Carol Eliel

2014 *John Altoon Drawings and Prints*, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA

2014 *Life Drawings*, Samuel Freeman, Los Angeles, CA

2011 *John Altoon: 40 Drawings*, The Box, Los Angeles, CA

2010 *The Astonishing Works of John Altoon*, Nyehaus, NYC, NY.

2009 Mary Boone Gallery, New York, NY

2008 The Box Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

# JD MALAT GALLERY

- 2005 *John Altoon: Painting and Drawings 1961-1967*, Luise Ross Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 *A Critical Survey*, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1997 *John Altoon*, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA
- 1994 *Abstract Works: 1960-66*, Braunstein/Quay, San Francisco, CA
- 1992 *Female Nudes: 1962-66*, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1991 *Poured Paintings*, Dorothy Goldeen Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1988 Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1987 *Prints*, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1986 Marianne Deson Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1986 *12 Paintings*, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY. Traveled to Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1986 Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1984 *John Altoon: 25 Paintings, 1957-1969*, Baxter Art Gallery, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA
- 1984 *John Altoon, Works on Paper*, The Arts Club of Chicago, IL.
- (Traveled to Nelson Fine Arts Center at Matthews Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ; Huntsville Museum of Art, AL; Museum of Fine Arts, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; Krannert Art)
- 1984 Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
- 1983 Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY
- 1983 *Drawings 1964-66*, Fine Arts Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV
- 1982 *John Altoon, The Faith & Charity in Hope* Gallery, Hope, ID
- 1982 *John Altoon: Paintings and Drawings, 1962-1968*, Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1982 *Drawings*, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY

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- 1982 Riverside Art Center & Museum, Riverside, CA
- 1982 Fine Arts Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 1981 Santa Barbara University Art Museum, Santa Barbara, CA
- 1981 *John Altoon: Advertising Satire Series*, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Altoon, California State University at Fullerton, CA
- 1980 *Drawings*, Morgan Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 1980 De Saisset Museum, University of Santa Clara, CA
- 1979 *John Altoon: Drawings*, Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1979 *Drawings*, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY
- 1979 *John Altoon: Drawings*, Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1979 *John Altoon: Drawings and Temperas*, La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, CA
- 1978 Dorothy Rosenthal Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1976-78 Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1975 Nicholas Wilder Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1975 Seder/Creigh Gallery, Coronado, CA
- 1974 *John Altoon: An Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings and Prints*, E.B. Crocker Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 1973 *John Altoon (1925-1969)*, Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport Beach, CA
- 1973 Felicity Samuels Gallery, London, England
- 1973 San Jose State College Gallery, San Jose, CA
- 1972 *John Altoon: Drawings*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
- 1972 Galerie Hans R. Neuendorf, Cologne, West Germany
- 1972 Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia, Athens
- 1972 *John Altoon-Drawings and Prints*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY. Traveled to Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC

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- 1972 *Cowboys and Indians*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
- 1972 *John Altoon-Drawings and Prints*, Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1969 *John Altoon-Memorial Exhibition*, La Jolla Museum of Art, CA
- 1968 *Drawings*, David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1968 *The Princess and the Frog Series and Cowboys and Indians Series*, Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1967 *John Altoon: Recent Watercolors*, Stanford Art Gallery, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 1967 David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1967 *John Altoon*, San Francisco Museum of Art, CA (Traveled to Pasadena Art Museum, CA and Art Gallery, University of California, San Diego in 1968)
- 1966 Fischbach Gallery, New York, NY Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1966 *John Altoon: Drawings*, David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1965 Hack-Light Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 1965 David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1965 Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA
- 1964 David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 1963 M.H. de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
- 1962 *John Altoon: Ocean Park Series*, Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1961 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1960 The Art Center in La Jolla, CA
- 1958 *John Altoon: Paintings 1958*, Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1954 Ganso Gallery, New York, NY 1953 Artists' Gallery, New York, NY
- 1954 Santa Barbara Museum of Art, CA

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Ferus: A Visual Conversation*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2016 *Holy Barbarians: Beat Culture on the West Coast*, The Menil Collection, Houston Texas  
*Beat Generation*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

2015 *The West Coast Avant-Garde: 1950 – Present*, Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2012 *Painting*, The Box, Los Angeles, CA

OC Collects, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, California.

2011 *The Historical Box*, Hauser & Wirth, Zurich, Switzerland. Curated by Mara McCarthy  
2008 *Paul McCarthy's Low Life Slow Life: Part 1*, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts,

California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA

2007 *Coming Attractions: Gallery Group Show*, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2006 *California Art from the Permanent Collection - Part II, 1930s to 1950s*,

Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA

California Modern, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA

*La Dolce Vita - Selections from the Ruth and Murray Gribin Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego - MCASD La Jolla, La Jolla, CA

2005 *Semina Culture-Wallace Berman and his Circle*, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA

2004 *Mark Making*, Schneider Museum of Art, Ashland, OR  
2002 *Revisited*, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA

*Ferus*, Gagosian Gallery, Chelsea, New York, NY

1997-99 *Sunshine and Noir: Art in L.A. 1960-1997*, Traveled to Castello di Rivoli, Museo d'Arte

*Contemporanea*, Italy; UCLA at the Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center, Los Angeles Ca, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark;

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Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany, Castello di Rivoli, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Italy; UCLA at the Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center,

Los Angeles, Ca

Sexy: Sensual Abstraction in California Art, 1950s-1990s, Contemporary Artists Collective/Temporary Contemporary, Las Vegas, NV and

Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, CA

Braunstein/Quay Gallery Artists, Shasta College Gallery, Redding, CA

1993 Cypress College Airbrush Invitational, CA

1990 Abstract Painting on the West Coast, Nagoya City Art Museum, Japan. Traveled to the

Museum of Modern Art, Shiga, Japan and The Hara Museum, Tokyo, Japan 1985  
New Acquisitions, De Saisset Museum, Santa Clara, CA

1983-84 The First Show, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

1981 20th Anniversary Exhibition, Braunstein Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY

The Artist and the Airbrush, Art Department, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

1979 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY

1978 Dorothy Rosenthal Gallery, Chicago, IL

1977 California Painting & Sculpture: The Modern Era,

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA. Traveled to National Collection of Fine Arts, Washington, D.C

A Collection Without Walls, California State University, Northridge, CA

The Last Time I Saw Ferus 1957-1966, Newport Harbor Art Museum,

Newport Beach, CA

1975 A Drawing Show, Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport Beach, CA

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Images of Women, Linda Farris Gallery, Seattle, WA

Four Santa Monica Artists: John Altoon, Richard Diebenkorn, Sam Francis, Stanton MacDonald-Wright, Art Gallery, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA

1974 Drawings, Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Eight from California, National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC

1973 Quay Gallery Group, Claremont College, Claremont, CA

American Drawings 1963-1973, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

1971 Eleven Los Angeles Artists, Hayward Gallery, London, England

Spray, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA

John Altoon, Mel Ramos: Lithographs, David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA  
Contemporary American Painting and Sculpture, Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, IL

1968 Tamarind Lithographs, David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA Late Fifties at Ferus, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

1967-68 Fourth International Young Artists' Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan

Drawings by Americans, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
NY-LA Drawings of the Sixties, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Traveled to Art Museum, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

1966 Drawings &, University of Texas, Austin, TX David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA

1965 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA 1964 San Francisco Museum of Art, CA

Fourth Annual of California Painting and Sculpture, The Art Center, La Jolla, CA  
American Drawing, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

Quay Gallery, Tiburon, CA

David Stuart Galleries, Los Angeles, CA

Fifty California Artists, Whitney Museum of Art, New York, NY. Traveled to the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; Des Moines

Art Center, IA. Organized by the San Francisco Museum of Art with the Assistance of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

Pacific Coast Invitational, Santa Barbara Museum, CA. Traveled to the Fine Arts Gallery of San Diego, CA; Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

San Francisco Museum of Art, CA; Seattle Art Museum, WA; Portland Art Museum, OR Annual Exhibition of Artists of Los Angeles County and Vicinity,

Los Angeles County Museum, CA

Drawings and Gouaches by John Altoon and Richards Reuben, Ferus Gallery,

Los Angeles, CA

1960 Annual Exhibition of Artists of Los Angeles County and Vicinity,

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA 1959 Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

Annual Exhibition of Artists of Los Angeles County and Vicinity, Los Angeles County Museum, CA

John Altoon, Gouaches, Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1958 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Annual Exhibition of Artists of Los Angeles County and Vicinity, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

1957 *Objects on the New Landscape Demanding of the Eye*, Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

## COLLECTIONS

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

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Fine Arts Museum, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA

Levi-Strauss Collection, San Francisco, CA

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

Museum of Contemporary Art-Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

Museum of Contemporary Art-The Geffen Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA  
Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, CA

Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA

Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA

San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

Stanford University Art Galleries, Palo Alto, CA

Tate Britain, London, England

University of California, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

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