## **AL HELD**

1928	Born in New York, NY
2005	Died in Camreta, Italy

### Education

1948	Arts Students League, New York, NY
1950- 1953	Academie de la Grande Chaumiere. Paris, France
1962-1980	Teacher at Yale University, New Haven, CT

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions:**

2020	Al Held: Modern Maverick, White Cube, Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2019	Infinite Choices: Abstract Drawings by Al Held: Joel and Lila Harnett Print Study Center, University of Richmond Museums, Richmond, Virginia
2018	Al Held: Paris to New York, Cheim & Read, New York, NY Al Held in Paris: 1952-53, Nathalie Karg Gallery, New York, NY Al Held Luminous Constructs: Paintings and Watercolors from the 1990s, David Klein Gallery, Detroit, Michigan
2016	Al Held: Brushstrokes, India Ink Drawings from 1960, Van Doren Waxter, New York, NY Al Held: Black and White Paintings 1967 – 1969, Cheim & Reid, New York, NY
2015	Al Held: Particular Paradox, Van Doren Wacter, New York, NY
2014	Al Held: Scale, Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, Florida  Installation of the Al Held Room, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
2013	Al Held: Alphabet Paintings, Cheim & Read, New York, NY
2012	Al Held: Space, Scale and Time, Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL Al Held: Black and White 1967, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York, NY Pace Prints, New York, NY
2011	Al Held: Paintings 1959, Craig F. Starr Gallery, New York, NY
2010	Al Held: Selected Works, Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL Al Held: Concrete Abstraction, Ameringer McEnery Yohe, New York, NY
2009	Al Held: Prints, Pace Prints Gallery, New York, NY Al Held: 1979-1984, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
2008	Watercolors: 1990- 2005, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA Al Held: The Watercolor Paintings, Marianne Friedland Gallery, Naples, FL Al Held: The Evolution of Style, University of Art Museum, Long Beach, CA Al Held: 1989- 1993, Waddington Galleries, London, UK

2007	Al Held: Gravity's String, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL
2006	In memory of Al Held, Galerie Renée Ziegler, Zurich, Switzerland Al Held: An American Abstract Expressionist Painter, 1928-2005, J. Johnson Gallery, Jacksonville Beach, FL
2005	Al Held: Public Projects, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY Art in Architecture: Al Held, Orlando Art Museum, Orlando, FL
2002- 2004	Expanding Universe: The Recent Paintings of Al Held, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA; Dennos Museum Center, Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, MI; Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery, Reed College, Portland, OR; The Butler Institute of American Art Youngstown, OH; Boston University Art Gallery, Boston University, Boston, MA; University of Maine Museum of Art, Bangor, ME
2001	Al Held: Large Scale Watercolors Paintings, Pillsbury and Peter Fine Arts, Ltd. Dallas, TX Al Held in Black and White: Paintings and Works on Paper, Ameringer, Howard Fine Art, Inc, Yohe, New York, NY
2000	Al Held: The Italian Watercolors, Amerigner/ Howard Fine Art, Inc., Boca Raton, FL Al Held Unfolding, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
1998	Al Held Unfolding: The Last Series 1964-64, Robert Miller Gallery, NY
1997	Al Held Recent Paintings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1996	Al Held: Graphite/ Charcoal Drawings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1995	Al Held: Time Past- Time Future, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1994	Al Held: Painting in Paris 1952, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
1993	Al Held Etching, Crown Point Press, New York, NY Al Held: Watercolors and Acrylics, Landau Fine Art, Montreal, Canada
1992	Al Held: New Paintings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1991	Al Held 'The Italian Watercolors', Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1990	Etchings and Color Woodblock Prints, Crown Point Press, New York, NY and San Francisco, CA New Paintings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, NY Al Held: After Paris, 1953-1955, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
1989	Al Held New Paintings, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA Al Held Watercolors, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1988	Al Held Watercolors, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY Al Held New Paintings, Donald Morris Gallery, Birmingham, MI

1987	Al Held: Drawings, Juda Rowan Gallery, London, UK Al Held New Paintings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY Donal Morris Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1986	John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1985	Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1984	Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY Gimpel-Hanover und Andre Emmerich Galerien, Zurich, Switzerland Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, IL Marianne Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Canada
1983	Al Held: New Paintings, Donald Morris Gallery, Birmingham, MI
1982	Juda Rowan Gallery, London, UK Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY The American Academy in Rome, Rome, Italy
1981	FIAC exhibition with the Andre Emmerich Gallery, Grand Palais, Paris, France Gimpel-Hannover und Andre Emmerich Galerien, Zurich, Switzerland
1980	Al Held: Nene Bilder/Recent Paintings, Gimpel-Hannover und Andre Emmerich Galerien, Zurich, Switzerland Al Held: Recent Paintings, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK Quadrat Bottrop Moderne Galerie, Bottrop, Germany Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY Al Held: New Paintings 1980, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1979	Andre Emerich Gallery, New York, NY
1978	Andre Emerich Gallery, New York, NY  Al Held: Paintings and Drawings 1973-1978, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  Drawings by Al Held, Marianne Friedland Gallery, Toronto, Canada  Al Held: Drawings 1959-1976, Janus Gallery, Venice, CA
1977	Al Held: Recent Paintings and Drawings, Galerie Andre Emmerich, Zurich, Switzerland Al Held: Early Works, Galerie Renee Ziegler, Zurich, Switzerland Galerie Roger d'Amecourt, Paris, France Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK Donald Morris Gallery, Birmingham, MI
1976	Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1975	Al Held: Drawings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY Jared Sable Gallery, Toronto, Canada Adler Castillo Gallery, Caracas, Venezuela

1974	Galerie Andre Emmerich, Zurich, West Germany Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI Galerie Muller, Koln, West Germany Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
1973	Al Held: New Paintings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1972	Al Held: New Paintings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY
1971	Al Held: Recent Paintings, Donald Morris Gallery, Detroit, MI
1970	Al Held: New Paintings, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY Galerie Renee Ziegler, Zurich, Switzerland
1968	Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY Institute of Contemporary Art of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
1967	Andre Emmerich Gallery,New York, NY Al Held's Studio, New York, NY Galerie Renee Ziegler, Zurich, West Germany
1966	Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Holland Galerie Muller, Stuttgart, Germany
1964	Galerie Renee Ziegler, Zurich, Switzerland Galerie Gunar, Dusseldorf, Germany
1962	Pointdexter Gallery, New York, NY
1961	Pointdexter Gallery, New York, NY Bonino Gallery, Buenos Aires, Argentina
1960	Pointdexter Gallery, New York, NY
1959	Pointdexter Gallery, New York, NY
1952	Galerie Huit, Paris, France

# **Selected Group Exhibitions:**

2015	Patterns of Abstraction, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA America Is Hard to See, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
2014	Al Held + Robert Mangold: B/W to Color, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC Summer Group Exhibition: Part II, Van Doren Waxter, New York, NY Summer Group Exhibition:Part I, Van Doren Waxter, New York, NY

2013	Shifting Planes: Held, Kelly, McLaughlin, Van Doren Waxter, New York
2012	Abstract Drawings, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C. The Artist's Hand: American Works on Paper 1945–1975, Museum of Art,
2011	New Colors: Selections from the Kemp Collection, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany Painterly Abstraction, 1949–1969: Selections from the Guggenheim Collections, Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain Forms of the Fifties: Tendencies in Mid-Century Fine and Decorative Arts, ames Reinish & Assoc., Inc., New York
2010	Pearlstein/Held: Five Decades, Betty Cuningham Gallery, New York, NY
2009	Personal Geometry Group Exhibition, Lori Bookstein Fine Art, New York, NY Pop to Present, Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA A Matter of Form, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2008	Mostly Black & White, Manny Silverman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2007	Americans in Paris: Abstract Paintings in the Fifties, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY What is Painting?, MoMA, New York, NY Summer Show, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2006	Berlin-Tokyo/Tokyo-Berlin. Die Kunst zweier Städte, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany
2005	Outside Europe: Aus der Sammlung Daimler Chrysler, Daimler Chrysler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
2004	Ground - Field – Surface, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY Kleinformate und Originalgraphik, Galerie Renée Ziegler, Zurich, Switzerland Minimalism and After III: Neuerwerbungen / New Aquisitions, DaimlerChrysler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany Under \$2,000 Albers Zaugg, Brooke Alexander Editions, New York, NY
2003	Painting Explosion: 1958-1963, Part I, Jack Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX
2002	Al Held & George Sugarman: The Early Sixties, Joan T. Washburn Gallery, New York, NY
2001	Au rendez-vous des amis (La ligne seule) 2, musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland A defining generation, Then and Now: 1961 and 2001, The Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA Early Modern Art, The Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA
1999	Alchemies of the Sixties. From the Rose Art Museum Permanent Collection, The Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA Abstractions Americaines 1940-1960, Musee Fabre Montpellier, France
1997	Abstract Expressionism in the United States, Centro Cultural Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, Mexico

1996 Aquarelle, Hans Strelow Dusseldorf, Dusseldorf, Germany Thinking Print: Books to Billboards, 1980-1995, MoMA, New York, NY Krannert Art Museum, Kinkead Pavilion, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 1993 1992 Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS Contemporary American Painting & Sculpture, American Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel Al Held & Milton Resnick 1955-1965, Manny Silverman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA Selected American Drawings, G.W. Einstein Company Inc., New York, NY 1991 Geometries of Color: American Post-Painterly, Stux Modern, New York, NY The Humanist Icon, The New York Academy of Art, New York, NY 1990 1989 Sightings, Instituto de Estddios Norteamericanos Barcelona, Spain; Casa Revilla, Valladolid, Spain; Museo Barjola, Gijon, Spain; Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lison, Portugal; Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York, NY; Rupelle & Norman Schaffer Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY Crown Point Press Gallery, San Francisco, CA Works on Paper, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA 1988 The Non-Objective World Revisited, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK 50th National Midyear Exhibition, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH 1987-1988 After Matisse, travelling exhibition organized and circulated by Independent Curators Incorporated, New York, New York; The Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA; Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME; Bass Museum of Art, Miami, FL; The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.; Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH; Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MΑ Selected Works, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY 1987 Monsters: the Phenomena of Dispassion, Barbara Toll Fine Arts, New York, NY Boston Collects, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA Strong Statements in Black And White, James Goodman Gallery, New York, NY After Pollock: Three Decades of Diversity, Ianetti Lanzone Gallery, San Francisco, CA Prints, Hirshl & Adler Modern, New York, NY Prints, Hirshl & Adler Modern, New York, NY 1986 John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA Selected 20th Century Paintings, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA Definitive Statements-American Art: 1964-1966, David Winton Bell Gallery, List Art Center, Providence, RI The Parish Art Museum, Southampton, NY Ten on Paper, John C. Stoller & Co, Minneapolis, MN Group Exhibition, Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA An American Renaissance - Painting and Sculpture since 1940, Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, Contrasts of Form: Geometric Abstract Art 1910-1980, MoMA, New York, NY

1986-1984 Action/Precision: The New Direction in New York 1955-60, Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport Beach, CA; traveled to Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH; Albright- Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 1985 Geometric Abstraction: Selections from a Decade, 1975-1985, The Bronx Museum of Modern Art, Bronx, NY Conception Construction: 1910-1980, traveling exhibition by Independent Curator's 1985-1983 Incorporated, New York and curated by Irving Sandler; Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, TX; Norton Gallery and School of Art, West Palm Beach, FL; Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL; Cincinnati Museum of Art Cincinnati, OH; Alberta College of Art Gallery, Calgary, Canada; Norman McKenzie Art Gallery, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum, Anchorage, Canada; Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA; Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA; Neuberger Museum, State University of New York College at Purchase, Purchase, NY 1984 Art on Paper, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC Work by Newly Elected Members and Recipients of Honors and Awards, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, NY 1984-1983 The American Artist as Printmaker: 23rd National Print Exhibition, The Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY 1983 Group Exhibition, Woltjen/Udell Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta Group Exhibition, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY Early Works by Contemporary Masters: Caro, Francis, Frankenthaler, Gottlieb, Held, Louis, Noland, Olitski, Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY 1982 American Artists Abroad 1900-1950, Washburn Gallery, New York, NY Surveying the Seventies, Whitney Museum of American Art, Fairfield, CT A Private Vision: Contemporary Art from the Graham Gund Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA 1982-1980 Art in Our Time, traveling exhibition to Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH; Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA; Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL; High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA; University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA; Brooks Memorial Art Gallery, Memphis, TN; University Art Museum, University of Texas, Austin, TX 1981 Color, Surface and Geometry: American Painting of the 1940's and 1950's, Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York, NY American Drawing in Black and White: 1970-80, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, 1981-1980 All in Line: An Exhibition of Linear Drawing, Joe and Emily Lowe Art Gallery, Syracuse

University, Syracuse, NY; Terry Dintenfass, New York, NY

Art of the 70's, The Katonah Gallery, Katonah, NY

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1980

	Hidden Desires, Neuberger Museum, Purchase, NY
1979	Art Inc., American Paintings from Corporate Collections, Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN; San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
	Paper Clay and Tapestry: Exploration into New Media, Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, MA
1979-1978	Late Twentieth Century Art, Sydney and Frances Lewis Foundation, Anderson Gallery, Richmond, VA
	New England Connections: An Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings, Federal Reserve Bank, Boston, MA
1979-1977	American Drawings:1927-1977, National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland; Paris, France; Spanish National Museum of Contemporary Art, Madrid, Spain; Museum of Contemporary Art, Caracas, Venezuela; New Cultural Center, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Museum of Modern Art, Mexico City, Mexico
1978	American Painting, Galerie Andre Emmerich, Zurich, Switzerland ART 9/78, Basel, Switzerland
	Drawing and Painting on Paper, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO A Benefit Exhibition for the Yale School of Art, Works by Members of the Yale Faculty 1950-1978, Harold Neud Gallery, New York, NY
1977	American Drawing, 1927-1977, Minnesota Museum of Art, Saint-Paul, MN New in the Seventies, The University of Texas at Austin Art Museum, Austin, TX A View of a Decade, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL Documenta, Kassel, Germany
	Surface, Edge and Color, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
1977-1976	Drawing Today in New York, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA; Rice University, Houston, TX; Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH
1976	Perspective 1976, Albright College, Reading, PA
1975	El Lenguaje del Color, Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela 34th Biennal of Contemporary American Painting, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
1974	A Festival of Paintings, Sculpture, and Renaissance Music, Imgber Gallery Ltd., New York, NY The Basel Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
1973	Whitney Biennal Exhibition, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
1972	Whitney Annual, New York, NY
1971	Rosc '71, Ireland
1970	Exhibition Contemporary Art-1970, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

American Painting 1970, The Virginia Museum, Richmond, VA

Contemporary Art from Dayton Collection, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Contemporary American Painting and Sculpture from New York Galleries, The Wilmington Society of the Fine Arts, Delaware Art Center, Wilmington, DE Whitney Annual Contemporary American Drawing Show, Fort Worth Art Center, Fort Worth, 1969 From Synchronism Forward: A View of Abstract Art in America, The American Federation of Arts, New York, NY Art for Collectors IV, The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH 1967 The 180 Beacon Institute Collection of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA The Visual Assault, Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA Large Scale American Painting, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY Two Decades of American Paintings, MoMA, New York, NY; traveled to Tokyo, Kyoto, New 1966-1967 Delhi, Melbourne, Sydney 1966 Art of the United States; 1670-1966, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY American Schilderijen Collages, Museum voor Stad en Lande, Groningen Systemic Paintings, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY 1965 Collectors' Exhibition, South Bend Art Association, South Bend, IN One Hundred Contemporary American Drawings, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Harbor, MI Trends in Contemporary Paintings, Wilmington Society of the Fine Arts, Wilmington, DE Art on Paper, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, NC Signale, Kunsthalle, Basel, Switzerland Concrete Expressionism, New York University, New York, NY Sammlung La Peau De L'Ours, Kunsthalle, Basel, Switzerland 1964 Post Painterly Abstraction, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; The Art Gallery of Toronto, Canada Abstract Watercolors by 14 Americans, MoMA, New York, NY; Organized by the International Council of the Museum of Modern Art, traveled in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand through 1966 67th Annual American Exhibition, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL 1963 Toward a New Abstraction, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY 1962 28th Biennial, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. 1962-1961 1961, Dallas Museum of Contemporary Art, Dallas, TX 1961 Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA New York Painting, Malborough Gallery, London, UK The 1961 Pittsburgh International Exhibition of Contemporary Painting and Sculpture, The Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA Imagists and Symbolists, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY 1959 Neue Amerikanische Malerei, Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland

1958 Festival of Two Worlds, Spoleto, Italy

1956 Brata Gallery, New York, NY

1955 Tanager Gallery, New York, NY

#### **Public Collections:**

First International Bank, Seattle, WA

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY

Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

Kunstmuseum, Basel, Switzerland

Kunsthaus, Zurich, Switzerland

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Staatgalerie, Stuttgart, Germany

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, ME

Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.

Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE

William Hayes Ackland Memorial Art Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH

Akron Art Institute, Akron, OH

Milwaukee Art Center, Milwaukee, WI

Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensborough, NC

Australian National Gallery, Canberra, Australia

Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas, TX

National Gallery, Berlin, Germany

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA

#### Awards:

Logan Medal, Art Institute of Chicago
 Guggenheim Fellowship, Creative Painting

1983 Jack I. and Lillian L. Poses Brandeis University Creative Arts Awards, Painting Medal