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Leonora Carrington

Biography

Born in 1917 in Clayton-le-Woods, Lancashire, UK
Died in 2011 in Mexico City, Mexico

Selected solo exhibitions

2026
'Leonora Carrington', Musée du Luxembourg, Paris, France
'Leonora Carrington: The Symptomatic Surreal', Freud Museum, London, UK
'Leonora Carrington: The Symptomatic Surreal', Faro Santander, Spain

2025–26
'Leonora Carrington', Palazzo Reale di Milano, Milan, Italy
'Leonora Carrington', Musée du Luxembourg, Paris, France

2025
'Leonora Carrington: Dream Weaver', Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA, US
'Leonora Carrington: Dream Weaver', Katonah Museum of Art, NY, US

2024
'Leonora Carrington: Avatars and Alliances', Firstsite, Colchester, UK
'Leonora Carrington: Rebel Visionary', Newlands House Gallery, Petworth, UK

2022–23
'Leonora Carrington', ARKEN Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj, Denmark
'Leonora Carrington', Fundación Mapfre, Madrid, Spain

2018
'Leonora Carrington: Magical Tales', Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
'Leonora Carrington: Magical Tales', Palacio de Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico
'Leonora Carrington: Magical Tales', Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey, Mexico

2017
'Leonora Carrington: 100 años de una artista', Biblioteca de México Ciudadela, Mexico City, Mexico

2015
'Leonora Carrington', Tate Liverpool, UK

2013
'Leonora Carrington: The Celtic Surrealist', Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland

2008
'Leonora Carrington: La mariée du vent', Maison de L'Amérique Latine, Paris, France

2007
'Leonora Carrington: What She Might Be', Dallas Museum of Art, TX, US

1997
'Leonora Carrington', Tokyo Station Gallery, Japan
'Leonora Carrington', Daimaru Museum, Umeda-Osaka, Japan
'Leonora Carrington', Hida Takayama Museum of Art, Takayama, Japan
'Leonora Carrington', Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu, Japan

1995
'Leonora Carrington: Una retrospectiva', Museo de Arte Moderno de México, Mexico City, Mexico
'Leonora Carrington: Una retrospectiva', Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico

1994
'Leonora Carrington: Una retrospectiva', Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Monterrey, Mexico
'Leonora Carrington: Una retrospectiva', Museo de Arte Moderno de México – Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico

1991
'Aspectos del surrealismo en México', Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City, Mexico
'Leonora Carrington', Galería del Arte del Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de México, Mexico City, Mexico
'Leonora Carrington: Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture 1940–1990', Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
'Leonora Carrington: Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture 1940–1990', Harris Museum, Preston, UK
'Leonora Carrington', Sainsbury, Norwich, UK
'Leonora Carrington', Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
'Leonora Carrington: The Mexican Years 1943–1985', The Mexican Museum, San Francisco, CA, US

1990
'Leonora Carrington', Art Company, Leeds, UK
'Leonora Carrington', Brewster Gallery, New York, NY, US

1989
'Leonora Carrington', Museo Nacional de la Estampa, Mexico City, Mexico

1987
'Leonora Carrington', Alexander Iolas Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Leonora Carrington', Center for Inter-American Relations, New York University Art Museum, NY, US
'Leonora Carrington', University of Texas at Austin, TX, US
'Leonora Carrington', Brewster Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Leonora Carrington', Art Space Mirage, Tokyo, Japan

1975
'Leonora Carrington: A Retrospective Exhibition', The Center for Inter-American Relations, New York, NY, US

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, NY, US

1942
'Leonora Carrington', Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, NY, US

Selected group exhibitions

2027
'Natural Magic - Women, Art, Spirit Worlds', Turner Contemporary, Rendezvous, Margate, UK (forthcoming)

2026
'In the Very Bowels of Change: Surrealism and Antifascism', Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, Poland
'Malba-Costantini Collection: Latin America in Expansion', Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires, Argentina
'Constellations and Drifts: Latin American Art from the FEMSA Collection', Monterrey Museum of Contemporary Art (MARCO), Mexico

2025–26
'Dreamworld: Surrealism at 100', Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA, US
'Dreamworld: Surrealism at 100', The Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels, Belgium
'Dreamworld: Surrealism at 100', Musée National d'Art Contemporain, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
'Dreamworld: Surrealism at 100', Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany
'Dreamworld: Surrealism at 100', Fundación MAPFRE, Madrid, Spain
'Shared Dreams', NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, FL, US
'International Surrealism', Dallas Museum of Art, TX, US
'International Surrealism', Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN, US

2025
'1924. Otros surrealismos', Fundación MAPFRE, Madrid, Spain

2024–26
'The Subterranean Sky: Surrealism in the Moderna Museet Collection', Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden

2024–25
'But Live Here? No Thanks: Surrealism and Anti-fascism', Lenbachhaus, Munich, Germany
'Surréalisme', Musée National d'Art Contemporain, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
'31 Women: An Exhibition by Peggy Guggenheim', Fundación MAPFRE, Madrid, Spain

2022–23
'Surrealism and Magic: Enchanted Modernity', Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy
'Surrealism and Magic: Enchanted Modernity', Museum Barberini, Potsdam, Germany

2022
'The Milk of Dreams', 59th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

2021–22
'Surrealism Beyond Borders', Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, US
'Surrealism Beyond Borders', Tate Modern, London, UK

2021
'Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser', Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
'Surrealist Art: Masterpieces from Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen', Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, New Zealand

2019–21
'I Paint My Reality: Surrealism in Latin America', NSU Art Museum, Fort Lauderdale, FL, US

2020
'Fantastic Women', Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany
'Fantastic Women', Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
'This is Surrealism! The Boijmans Masterpieces', Cobra Museum of Modern Art, Amstelveen, Netherlands

2019
'Surrealism in Mexico', Di Donna Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Encounters: Honoring the Animal in Ourselves', Palo Alto Art Center, CA, US

2018
'Modern Couples', Centre Pompidou-Metz, France
'Modern Couples', Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK

2016
'Leonora Carrington/Lucy Skaer', Leeds College of Art, UK
'Artists and Lovers', Ordovas, New York, NY, US
'Artists and Lovers', Ordovas, London, UK
'The Language of Birds', 80WSE Gallery, New York University, NY, US
'Frida Kahlo — Connections among surrealist women in Mexico', Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil

2014
'Arte Mexicano: Legacy of the Masters', Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA, US

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, CA, US
'In Wonderland', Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec, Ville de Québec, Canada
'In Wonderland', Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico

2011
'The Colour of My Dreams: The Surrealist Revolution in Art', Vancouver Art Gallery, Canada
'Cosmopolitan Routes: Houston Collects Latin American Art', Museum of Fine Arts Houston, TX, US

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, UK

2009
'North Looks South: Building the Latin American Art Collection', Museum of Fine Arts Houston, TX, US

2007
'Surrealism: Dreams on Canvas', Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY, US

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, CA, US
'Surrealism: Desire Unbound', Tate Modern, London, UK
'Surrealism: Desire Unbound', The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, US

2000
'Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Twentieth-Century Mexican Art', Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA, US
'Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Twentieth-Century Mexican Art', National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL, US

1999
'Surrealism: Two Private Eyes', Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, US
'Lés surréalistes en exil et les débuts de l'école de New York', Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Strasbourg, France
'Lés surréalistes en exil et les débuts de l'école de New York', Museo Nacional de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
'Women in Mexico', National Academy of Design, New York, NY, US
'Mirror Images: Women, Surrealism and Self-Representation', The Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, US

1998
'Beyond Belief: Modern Art and the Religious Imagination', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

1997
'Art of this Century: The Women', Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center, East Hampton, NY, US
'Art of this Century: The Women', The Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy

1995
'Latin American Women Artists 1915–1995', Milwaukee Art Museum, WI, US
'Latin American Women Artists 1915–1995', Phoenix Art Museum, AZ, US

1993
'Regards des femmes', Musée d'Art Moderne, Liège, Belgium
'Sujeto-Objeto', Museo Regional de Guanajuato, Mexico
'Sujeto-Objeto', Museo de Monterrey, Mexico

1991
'La mujer en México', Centro Cultural/Arte Contemporáneo, 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, CA, US
'Latin American Masters: Works on Paper and Sculpture', Brewster Gallery, New York, NY, US

1989
'Art in Latin America', Hayward Gallery, London, UK
'Women in Mexico', National Academy of Design, New York, NY, US
'Mexican Painting 1950–1980', IBM Gallery, New York, NY, US
'I Surrealisti', Palazzo Reale, Milan, Italy

1988
'Selections from the Ellen and Jerome Westheimer Collection', Oklahoma Art Center, Oklahoma City, OK, US

1987
'Selections from the Permanent Collection', National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C., US
'La femme et le surréalisme', Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, Lausanne, Switzerland

1986
'Art and Science', Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
'La planète affolée: surréalisme, dispersion et influences 1938–1947', Musée de 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, NY, US

1981
'Künstlerinnen aus Mexiko', Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
'Latin American Masters', Brewster Gallery, New York, NY, US
'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, 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, NY, US

1974
'Contemporary Mexican Art', National Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
'Contemporary Mexican Art', National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan

1970
'Impressionism to Surrealism', Worthing Art Museum and Gallery, Sussex, UK

1969
'The Surrealists', Byron Gallery, New York, NY, US

1968
'Artistas británicos en México 1800–1968', Instituto Anglo-Mexicano de Cultura, Mexico City, Mexico

1967
'IX Bienal de Pintura', São Paulo, Brazil

1966
'Surrealismo y arte fantástico en México', Galería Universitaria Aristos, Mexico City, Mexico
'Surrealism: A State of Mind', University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, US

1964
'The Peggy Guggenheim Collection', The Tate Gallery, London, UK

1963
'Paintings from the Collection of Edward James', Worthing Art Gallery, UK

1961
'El retrato mexicano contemporáneo', Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico

1960
'Exposición retrospectiva de pinturas y tapices de Leonora Carrington', Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico

1959
'L'exposition international du surréalism (EROS)', Galerie Daniel Cordier, Paris, France

1958
'The Disquieting Muse: Surrealism', Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, TX, US

1950
'Leonora Carrington', Galería Clardecor, Mexico City, Mexico

1948
'Painting in the United States', Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, US

1947
'International Exhibition of Surrealism', Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, NY, US
'International Exhibition of Surrealism', San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA, US

1946
'Bel Ami International Competition and Exhibition', Knoedler Gallery, Washington, D.C., US

1943
'20th Century Portraits', Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US
'First Papers of Surrealism', Madison Avenue Gallery, New York, NY, US
'Exhibition of 31 Women Artists', Art of This Century, New York, NY, US

1938
'Exposition internationale du surréalisme', Galerie Beaux-Arts, Paris, France
'Exposition du surréalisme', Galerie Robert, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Selected films

2018
Female Human Animal, directed by Josh Appignanesi, Minotaur Film, 2018

2017
The Lost Surrealist, directed by Teresa Griffiths, New Docs with the BBC, 2017

Public Collections

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX, US
Femmes Artistes Musée Mougins, Mougins, France
Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, US
Fogg Museum, Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA, US
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
Museo Nacional de Antropología, Mexico City, Mexico
Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN, US
National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC, US
Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, US
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ, US
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA, US
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, US
The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, US
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, US
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US
The National Galleries of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
The Tate, London, England, UK
University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL, US