

Larry Rivers

(American, 1923 - 2002)

Attaching a singularly defining label to Larry Rivers has remained an elusive task for many who have tried to contextualize his over 50 year contribution to the arts. Rivers was an accomplished Jazz musician, a painter, sculptor, poet, actor, television personality, filmmaker, an MC at nightclubs, a popular personality on the lecture circuit, author and teacher. He's been aptly referred to as "a renaissance man," but perhaps he's most often recognized and ironically at times equally underappreciated as one of if not the key founding fathers of Pop Art.

Andy Warhol never made it a secret that he was influenced by Rivers art, but in perhaps a more revealing quote from the book "Popism," Warhol recognizes Rivers unique persona as an influential ingredient in the development of Pop Art. Warhol said, "Larry's painting style was unique – it wasn't Abstract Expressionism and it wasn't Pop, it fell into the period in between. But his personality was very Pop."

Rivers passed away in August 2002. Obituaries appeared in various newspapers and periodicals worldwide, with national coverage that included among others, Time Magazine and the front page of the New York Times, where they honored a formerly predicted front-page coverage of his passing.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2002 *Retrospective*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- 2001 *Marlborough works*, Lord & Taylor Department Store, New York, NY
Marlborough Gallery, Monte Carlo, Monaco
- 1999 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
Retrospective from 1980 - 1997, Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Naples, Italy
Early works on paper, Ulysses Gallery, Vienna, Austria
- 1994 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
Galeria Marlborough, Madrid, Spain
- 1992 Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY
Galleria D'Arte Il Gabbiano, Rome, Italy
- 1991-92 Traveling Print Exhibition: Elaine Horwich Gallery, Scottsdale and Santa Fe, AZ; Gallery 454 North, Los Angeles, CA; The Remba Gallery, Santa Monica, CA; Magidson Gallery, Aspen, CO; Marilyn Wilson Gallery, Birmingham, AL; The Hokin Gallery, Miami, FL; Robert Stein Fine Art, St. Louis, MO; Hokin/Kaufman Gallery, Chicago, IL; Nassau County, Museum, Long Island, NY
- 1991 Galeria Antonio Machon, Madrid, Spain
- 1990-92 Traveling Exhibition: The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH; Norton Gallery of Art, West Palm Beach, FL; Fort Wayne Museum of Art, IN; Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ; J.B. Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY
- 1990 Marlborough Fine Art, London, England
Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
Galerie Beaubourg, Paris, France
Fandos Galeria de Arte Moderno, Valencia, Spain
- 1988-89 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
- 1988 *Spoleto Festival USA*, Gibbes Art Gallery, Charleston, SC
- 1987 Simms Fine Art, New Orleans, LA
- 1986 Adelphi University Center, Garden City, NY
Jan Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
- 1985-86 Marlborough Fine Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1985 Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 1984-85 The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
- 1984 Kouros Gallery, New York, NY
- 1983 Elaine Horwich Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, NY
Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables, FL
- 1982 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
Studio Marconi, Milan, Italy
- 1981-82 Traveling Retrospective Exhibition: F.I.C.A, Paris, France; Marlborough Fine Art (London) Ltd.; Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
- 1980-82 Traveling Retrospective Exhibition: Kestner-Gesellschaft; Kunstverein, Munich; Kunsthalle, Tübingen; Staatliche Kunsthalle, Berlin, Germany
- 1979 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
- 1978 ACA Galleries, New York, NY
- 1977 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY
Gimpels Fils, London, England
- 1976 Gimpels Fils, London, England

Solo Exhibitions Cont'd

- 1974-75 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
1973-74 Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium
1973 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
1970-71 Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY
1970 *Drawings*, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
1965-66 Traveling Retrospective Exhibition: Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA; Pasadena Art Museum, Pasadena, CA; The Jewish Museum, New York, NY; The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI; The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota
1964 Gimpels Fils, London, England
1963 Dwan Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1962 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
Gimpels Fils, London, England
Galerie Rive Droite, Paris, France
1961 Martha Jackson Gallery, New York, NY
Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
Dwan Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1955-60 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
1954 Stable Gallery, New York, NY
Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
1953 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
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1951 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, NY
1949 Jane Street Gallery, New York, NY

Collections

The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
New England Merchants National Bank, Boston, MA
Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Container Corporation of America, Chicago, IL
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN
Weatherspoon Gallery of Art, Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC
Menil Collection, Houston, TX
Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
The Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
The Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA
Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
The Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, NY
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute of Modern Art, Utica, NY
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
The Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
Museo de Arte Contemporaneo, Caracas, Venezuela
Museo de Abstracta, Cuenca, Spain
Tate Gallery, London, England
Museo de Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico
Svenske-Franska Konstgalliert, Stockholm, Sweden