

# LOUISE NEVELSON

## Biography

1899-1988

Born in Pereyaslav, Russia

## Education

1929 Studied at the Art Students League, New York

1934 Studied at the Educational Alliance Art School, New York

1947,1953 Studied at Atelier 17

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 *Louise Nevelson: Symphony of Ambient Forms*, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Louise Nevelson*, Pace London, 6 Burlington Gardens, May 19–June 25, 2016.  
*Louise Nevelson*, Fondazione Marconi moderna e contemporanea, Milan, Italy
- 2015 *Louise Nevelson: My World*, Baker Museum, Artis—Naples, FL  
*Louise Nevelson: Collage and Assemblage*, Pace Gallery, 534 West 25th Street, New York, (Catalogue)  
*Louise Nevelson In L.A.: Tamarind Workshop Lithographs From the 1960s*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 *Louise Nevelson 55–70*, Cardi Gallery, Milan, Italy  
*Louise Nevelson: Sculptures, Drawings, Collages*, Die Galerie, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2013 *Louise Nevelson*, Fondazione Roma Museo, Rome, April 16–July 21, 2013. Traveled to: Civita Sicilia, Naples, Italy (Catalogue)  
*Louise Nevelson: The 70s*, L & M Arts, Venice, CA  
*Louise Nevelson: Black*, Davis Museum, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
- 2012 *Louise Nevelson: Sculpture and Collage*, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Louise Nevelson*, Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, Naples, FL
- 2011 *Louise Nevelson: Collages*, Pace Prints, New York, NY  
*Louise Nevelson: Selections from the Estate, 1954–1978*, Timothy Yarger Fine Art, Beverly Hills, CA  
*Louise Nevelson: The Architect of Shadow*, Artiscope, Brussels, Belgium
- 2010 *Louise Nevelson: Dawn's Forest*, Naples Museum of Art, Naples, FL  
*Louis Nevelson: Prints and Multiples 1953–1983*, Pace Prints and Pace Primitive, New York, NY  
*Louise Nevelson: Domination of Form*, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, FL  
*Louise Nevelson*, Galerie Thomas, Munich, Germany  
*Louise Nevelson*, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, ME  
*Louise Nevelson*, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, ME  
*Louise Nevelson: Collages*, Mara Coccia Arte Contemporanea, Rome, Italy and Galleria il Ponte, Florence, Italy (Catalogue; text by Mauro Panzera and Maddalena Tibertelli de Pisis).

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- Louise Nevelson: Dawns and Dusks*, Pace Wildenstein, New York, NY (Brochure)
- 2008 *Louise Nevelson*, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, ME  
*Nevelson by Night*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL
- 2007 *Louise Nevelson*, Galerie Gmurzynska, Cologne, Germany  
*Louise Nevelson*, Museo Arte Contemporanea di Roma, Rome, Italy  
*The Sculpture of Louise Nevelson: Constructing a Legend*, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY. Traveled to: de Young Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, CA (Catalogue, texts by Arthur C. Danto, Brooke Kamin Rapaport, Harriet F. Senie, Michael Stanislawski)  
*Louise Nevelson: Sculpture and Collage*, McClain Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Louise Nevelson: Assemblages 1973–1986*, Buschlen Mowatt Gallery, Palm Desert, CA. Traveled to: Buschlen Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver, Canada. (Catalogue)  
*Louise Nevelson: The Architecture of the Light*, Nohra Haime Gallery, New York, NY. (Catalogue; text by Mark Daniel Cohen)
- 2006 *Celebrating Louise Nevelson: An American Master*, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, ME (ongoing)  
*Louise Nevelson: Small Works*, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 *Louise Nevelson*, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, FL  
*Louise Nevelson: Zeichnungen, Collagen, Assemblagen*, Galerie Dreiseitel, Cologne, Germany  
*Louise Nevelson: Ceramics and Sculpture*, Bobby Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*Louise Nevelson*, Galerie Thomas, Munich, Germany (Brochure; text by Gabriel Schmid)  
*Louise Nevelson: Wall Reliefs and Collages*, Hackett-Freedman Gallery, San Francisco, CA (Catalogue; text by Jeffrey Hoffeld)  
*Louise Nevelson: Her Art, Her World*, Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, Evansville, IA
- 2003 *Louise Nevelson*, Galerie Jean-Gabriel Mitterand, Paris, France  
*Louise Nevelson: Luminous Voyage*, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Louise Nevelson: Selections from the Farnsworth Art Museum*, Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY. Traveled to: Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY; Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, CT; Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences, Evansville, IA; Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland, FL; Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA; Mitchell Gallery, St. John's College, Annapolis, MD; Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul, MN
- 2002 *Louise Nevelson: Sculpture of the '50s and '60s*, PaceWildenstein, New York, NY (Catalogue; text by Robert C. Morgan)
- 2000 *Louise Nevelson: Wood and Paper Collage*, Bobby Greenfield Gallery, Santa Monica,  
*Louise Nevelson*, Fundação Arpad Szenes-Vieira da Silva, Lisbon, April 30–June 25, 2000. (Catalogue; text by Cecília de Torres and José Sommer Ribeiro)
- 1999 *Louise Nevelson: Sculpture and Collages*, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, Colorado, December 27, 1999–February 7, 2000.  
*Louise Nevelson's Façade: An Homage to Edith Sitwell*, Everson Art Museum, Syracuse, December 12, 1999–February 13, 2000.

*Nevelson Jewelry, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, Maine, October 30, 1999–April 16, 2000.*

*Louise Nevelson: Sculpture and Collages, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, October 1–30, 1999. (Catalogue; text by Michael Klein)*

*Louise Nevelson at 100, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, Maine.*

### **Awards**

- 1987- New York State Governor's Arts Awards, New York, NY
- 1986- Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- 1986- Gold Medal of Merit, National Society of Arts and Letter, Empire State Chapter, New York, NY
- 1986- Great Artist Series Award, Guggenheim Museum and New York University Gallatin Division, New York
- 1986- Liberty Award 1986, City of New York/ Edward I. Koch, New York, NY
- 1985- Honorary Degree, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 1985- Honorary Doctorate of Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1985- Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- 1985- Gold Medal, L'ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Ministere de la Culture, Republique Francaise, France
- 1985- Athena Award, New York City Commission on the Status of Women, New York, NY
- 1985- National Medal of Art, US Congress
- 1984- Designed Sets and Costumes for Orfeo and Euridice, Opera Theatre, St. Louis, MO
- 1983- Gold Medal for Sculpture, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters
- 1982- Benjamin West Clinedinst Memorial Medal for Achievement of Exceptional Artistic Merit, New York, NY
- 1979- President's Medal of the Municipal Art Society of New York, New York, NY
- 1978- Honorary degree, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 1977- Communications Award, Brandeis University National Women's Committee, New York, NY
- 1977- Medal for Artistic Contributions to the Art of Architecture, American Institute of Architects
- 1977- Honorary Degree, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 1977- Honorary Degree, Jewish Institute of Religion, Hebrew Union College, New York, NY
- 1976- Honorary Doctorate, New York University, New York, NY
- 1973- George Friedrich Handel Award: The City of New York to Louise Nevelson Whose Art and Heart Have Enriched Grateful City, New York, NY
- 1973- Honorary Degree, Smith College, Northampton, MA
- 1973- Gold Medal Visual Arts Award, The National Arts Club, New York, NY
- 1971- Creative Arts Award in Sculpture, Brandeis University, Boston, MA
- 1971- Skowhegan Medal for Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 1969- Edward MacDowell Medal, MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, New Hampshire
- 1966- Honorary degree, Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio
- 1966- New York City Citizenship Achievement Award
- 1963- Fellowship, Tamarind Workshop, Los Angeles, CA
- 1960- Logan Award, 63rd American Exhibition, The Art Institute of Chicago
- 1959- First Prize, Art U.S.A, New York Coliseum, New York, NY

### **Selected Public Collections**

Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan



- Albany Mall Project, Albany, New York
- Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York
- The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, Connecticut
- Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Ohio
- Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Anderson Collection Museum at Stanford University, California
- Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, University of Texas, Austin
- The Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois
- The Art Museum, Princeton University, New Jersey
- The Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami
- Arts Club of Chicago, Illinois
- City of Binghamton, New York
- Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama
- Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts
- Brooklyn Academy of Music, New York
- The Brooklyn Museum, New York
- The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio
- Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh
- The Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, Virginia
- City Art Museum, Saint Louis, Missouri
- The Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio
- Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, Maine
- The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, Arkansas
- Dallas Museum of Art, Texas
- Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington
- The Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan
- Fairmont Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- William A. Farnsworth Library and Art Museum, Rockland, Maine
- Fine Art Museums of San Francisco, California
- Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, Washington, D.C.
- Fukutake Collection, Okayama, Japan
- Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Torino, Turin, Italy
- The Grey Art Gallery and Study Center, New York University Art Collection, New York
- Hakone Open-Air Museum, Hakone-machi, Japan
- Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
- High Museum of Art, Atlanta
- Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Japan
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- Hospital Corporation of America, Chicago
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- The Israel Museum, Jerusalem
- The Jewish Museum, New York



Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska  
Julliard School of Music, Lincoln Center, New York,  
Kawamura Memorial Museum, Japan  
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Champaign  
Lindquist Center, The University of Iowa  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California  
Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark  
Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida  
Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
Minnesota Museum of Art, Saint Paul, Minnesota  
The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada  
Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, France  
Musée de Grenoble, France  
Musée de Peinture et de Sculpture, Grenoble, France  
Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris  
Museu Colecção Berardo, Lisbon  
Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany  
Museum of Art, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago  
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York  
The Museum of Modern Art, Toyama, Japan  
Naples Museum of Art, Florida  
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri  
New Orleans Museum of Art, Louisiana  
City of New York, New York  
The Newark Museum, New Jersey  
Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Ålborg, Denmark  
North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh,  
Norton Simon Museum of Art, Pasadena, California  
Ohara Museum of Art, Okayama, Japan  
Openluchtmuseum voor Beeldhouwkunst Middelheim, Antwerp, Belgium  
Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, New York  
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia  
Pérez Museum of Art Miami, Florida  
Phoenix Art Museum, Arizona  
Queens College, New York  
Rijksmuseum Kröller-Müller, Otterlo, The Netherlands  
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts  
Saint Louis Art Museum, Missouri



San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, California  
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, Scotland  
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
City of Scottsdale, Arizona  
Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo  
The Sogetsu Art Museum, Tokyo  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
Sonje Museum of Contemporary Art, Kyungje, Korea  
Storm King Art Center, Sculpture Park, Mountainville, New York  
Tate Gallery, London  
Temple Israel, Boston  
The Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio  
University of Nebraska Art Galleries - Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, Lincoln  
Wakayama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Japan  
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut



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