

ALEXANDER CALDER

1898 Born in Lawnton, PA
1976 Died in New York, NY

Education & Personal Background

- 1909 Parents provide Calder with a workshop where he begins to make brass animal sculptures
- 1919 Graduates from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ; works as an engineer at logging camp in Washington—Pacific Northwest mountain landscapes inspire his paintings
- 1923 Move to New York and attends Art Students League; studies under George Luks, Thomas Hart Benton, John Sloan, and Guy Pene du Bois; works as an illustrator for newspapers and advertisers
- 1925 Makes illustrations of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus for the National Police Gazette; employed at Central Park Zoo and Bronx Zoo; makes series of brush drawings of animals; constructs his first wire sculpture
- 1926 Meets Stanley William Hayter, exhibits at the Salon des Indépendents
- 1930 Visit to Mondrian's studio results in Calder adopting complete abstraction; returns to United States to marry Louisa James
- 1931 Calder's settle in Paris; Duchamp visits Calder's studio and calls his moving sculptures "mobiles"; Calder meets Picasso
- 1933 Spends summer in Paris, meets Salvador Dali; returns to the states and buys house in Roxbury, CT; undertakes large renovation of house and adds adjoining studio
- 1934 Constructs first outdoor sculpture; the first of several solo exhibitions at Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, NY
- 1937 Makes first sculpture enlarged from a Marquette; commissioned to create an installation for the Spanish Pavilion of the World's Fair in Paris; summers in Varengeville, France; house guests include Joan Miró, Georges Braque, Ben Nicolson, and Barbara Hepworth
- 1939 Commissioned to make mobile installed in main stairwell of MoMA, New York, NY

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- 1949 Constructs largest mobile to date, hung over main stairwell of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 1957-1958 Receives several commissions for large-scale public sculpture, including a mobile for JFK Airport commissioned by Port Authority of New York and a stabile for UNESCO Paris headquarters
- 1967-1968 Sculpture commissions for Expo '67 in Montreal, Canada and 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, Mexico

Selected Exhibitions

- 2015 *Alexander Calder: Multum In Parvo*, Dominique Lévy Gallery, New York
Alexander Calder: Performing Sculpture, Tate Modern, London
Alexander Calder: Retrospective, Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow
Calder '67, Fondazione Vedova, Venice
Calder Lightness, Pulitzer Arts Foundation, Saint Louis
Calder: Discipline of the Dance, Museo Jumex, Mexico City
- 2014 *Calder: Space in Play*, James Goodman Gallery, New York
Alexander Calder, Seagram Building, New York
Alexander Calder at the Seagram Building, New York
Alexander Calder: Performing Sculpture, Tate Modern, London
Calder: Space in Play, James Goodman Gallery, New York
Calder Gallery III – Calder Frühe Abstrakte Malerei und Skulptur, Fondation Beyeler, Riehen, Switzerland
Calder: Jewelry, Kukje Gallery, Seoul
Alexander Calder in the Rijksmuseum Summer Sculpture Garden, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam
Alexander Calder: Gouaches, Gagosian Gallery, New York and London
- 2014 *Alexander Calder: The Art of Invention*, Pace, Menlo Park, CA
Ugo Mulas "Circus Calder", Kunst Meran / Merano Arte, Italy
- 2013-2014 *Calder and Abstraction: From Avant-Garde to Iconic*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Alexander Calder: Avant-Garde in Motion, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein – Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany
Calder Shadows, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY
- 2013 *Calder*, Cahiers d'Art, Paris, France
Alexander Calder - Graphic Works, Adam Gallery, Bath, UK
Alexander Calder: Sculpture, Works on Paper and Jewellery, Ben Brown Fine Arts, Hong Kong
Calder after the War, Pace Gallery, London, UK

- Calder Gallery II: Trees – Naming Abstraction*, Foundation Beyeler, Riehen, Switzerland
Calder at the Castle, Pace Gallery at Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, UK
Calder, Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Alexander Calder: Works on Paper from 1930-1976, Sotheby's, New York, NY
Calder in Brazil, The Pace Gallery at ArtRio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2012 *Alexander Calder and Contemporary Art: Form, Balance, Joy*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC
Alexander Calder, L&M Arts, Los Angeles, CA
Calder Gallery, Foundation Beyeler, Riehen, Switzerland
Alexander Calder, Crane Kalman Gallery, London, UK
Calder in India, Ordovas, London, UK
Calder Noir, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2011 *Calder's Portraits: A New Language*, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
Calder 1941, The Pace Gallery, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: The Painter, Helly Nahmad Gallery, New York, NY
Calder, Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, WV
Alexander Calder The Great Discovery, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag
Alexander Calder, Gagosian Gallery, London, UK
Lithografie Originali da "Demiere le Miroir", Gallery Sant'Angelo, Biella, Italy
Malevich and The American Legacy, Gagosian Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *Calder Jewelry*, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
Alexander Calder and Contemporary Art: Form, Balance Joy, Contemporary Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Gagosian Gallery, New York, NY
Gagosian Gallery, Rome, Italy
Art Basel Miami Beach, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Alexander Calder: The Paris Years 1926-1933, Musee des beaux-arts de l'Ontario, Ontario, Canada; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2009 *Alexander Calder: Printmaker*, Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT
Calder Retrospective, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, Italy
Alexander Calder: A Balancing Act, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, OR
Alexander Calder: les annees parisiennes, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Calder Jewelry, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland; San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
Alexander Calder 1969: Fortieth Anniversary of La Grand Vitesse, Frederick Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, MI

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Alexander Calder: the Paris Years, Art Gallery of Ontario, Ontario, Canada
A Walk in the Park: Outdoor Sculpture at PaceWildenstein, The Pace Gallery,
New York, NY

2008 *Alexander Calder: Gouaches*, Ricco Maresca Gallery, New York, NY
Alexander Calder Jewelry, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
Le Cirque Calder Commence, Galerie Gmurzynska, St. Moritz, Switzerland
Calder Jewelry, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
Alexandre Calder en Touraine, Chateau de Tours, Tours, France
Calder Jewelry, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
Alexander Calder: the Paris Years, 1926-1933, Whitney Museum of American
Art, New York, NY
Calder Jewelry, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Calder/Nakashima, Tina Kim Gallery, New York, NY
For What You Are About to Receive, Gagosian Gallery, Moscow, Russia

2007 *Focus: Alexander Calder*, MoMA, New York City, NY
Simplicity of Means: Calder and the Devised Object, Jonathan O'Hara Gallery,
New York, NY
Calder and Melotti: Lyrical Constructions, Barbara Mathes Gallery, New York,
NY
Surrealism and Its Affinities, Gallery Of Surrealism, New York, NY

2006 *The Surreal Calder*, SFMoMA, San Francisco, CA; Minneapolis Institute of Arts,
Minneapolis, MN
Calder in Brazil, Paco Imperial, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
I Think Best in Wire: Alexander Calder, Whitney Museum of American Art, New
York, NY
Calder Gouaches: 1942-1976; Calder & From Model to Monument, Pace
Wildenstein, New York, NY
The Surreal Calder, SFMoMA, San Francisco, CA; University of Michigan, Ann
Arbor, MI
Alexander Calder: Sculpture and Works on Paper, John Berggruen Gallery, San
Francisco, CA
Alexander Calder in New York, City Hall Park, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: Mobiles, Jonathan O'Hara Gallery, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: The Kite that Never Flew, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV

2005 *Alexander Calder: Two Monumental Sculptures*, Gagosian Gallery, New York,
NY
Alexander Calder, Samuel Vanhoegaerden Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
Calder: the Forties, Thomas Dane, London, UK
Alexander Calder 60's-70's, Galleria Gio Marconi, Milan, Italy
Calder ou l'equilibre poetique, Hotel Dassault, Paris, France
The Surreal Calder, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX

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Alexander Calder: The Modernist, Galerie Gmurzynska, Zurich, Switzerland
Alexander Calder: Mobiles, Gouaches and an Airplane, Eaton Fine Art, West Palm Beach, FL

David Smith, Alexander Calder: Large Scale Works, Gagosian Gallery, New York, NY

- 2004 *Alexander Calder: Sculpture and Works on Paper*, Elins Eagles-Smith Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Alexander Calder, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Large Scale Calder's at 590, 590 Madison, New York, NY
Alexander Calder Sculpture, Locks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Wild Work: Animal Drawings by Alexander Calder, National Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson, WY
Calder's on the Parkway, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA
- 2003 *Calder in Miniature*, PaceWildenstein at the Art Dealers' Association of America Art Fair, New York, NY
Calder: A Modern Definition of Space: Calder Sculpture, Van de Weghe Fine Art, New York, NY
Calder: Gravedad y la Gracia, Fundacion del Museo Guggenheim Bilbao, Spain
Alexander Calder, Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA
The Whimsical World of Alexander Calder, Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, TX
Calder, gouaches, sculptures, dessins, tapisseries, Musee de Lodeve, Lodeve, France
Calder: Gravedad y la Gracia, Museo Nacional - Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain
Calder: Poetry in Motion, Kukje Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Calder: Gravedad y la Gracia, Fundacion del Museo Guggenheim Bilbao, Spain
Alexander Calder, Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA
- 2002 *Calder '76: The Cutout*, PaceWildenstein, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: Motion and Color, Nagoya City Art Museum, Nagoya, Japan
Calder: Four Maquettes, Two Stables and a Little Bird Too, Ameringer Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2001 *Alexander Calder in Focus*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Alexander Calder: Motion and Color, Hokkaido Obihiro Museum of Art, Obihiro; Museum of Modern Art, Toyama; Museum of Art, Kochi; Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum, Hiroshima-City; Kawamura Memorial Museum of Art, Chiba; Kumamoto Prefectural Museum of Art, Kumamoto, Japan
- 2000 *Earthly Forms: The Biomorph Sculpture of Arp, Calder and Noguchi*, PaceWildenstein, New York, NY
Calder in Connecticut, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

Calder, Darga & Lansberg Galerie, Paris; Galerie Maeght, Paris, France; Sala Pelaires Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Alexander Calder: Motion and Color, Iwaki City Art Museum, Japan

- 1999 *An Adventurous Spirit: Calder at the Phillips Collection*, Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
Alexander Calder, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Focus on Calder: Selected Works from the 30's & 40's, SFMoMA, San Francisco, CA
Calder: Works on Paper, Susan Sheehan Gallery, New York, NY
Alexander Calder Sculpture, Lever House, New York, NY
Motion-Emotion: the Art of Alexander Calder, O'Hara Gallery, New York, NY
- 1998 *Calder*, Fundacao Arpad Szenes-Vieira da Silva, Lisbon, Portugal
Alexander Calder, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: 1898-1976, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; SFMoMA, San Francisco, CA
Alexander Calder: Le Grand Cirque, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1997 *Alexander Calder*, Capstick-Dale Fine Art Ltd., London, UK
Flying Colors: The Innovation and Artistry of Alexander Calder, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA
Calder, Fundacio Joan Miro, Barcelona, Spain
- 1996 *Alexander Calder: 1898-1976*, Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, France
Celebrating Calder, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Alexander Calder: The 50's, PaceWildenstein, New York, NY
Calder 1898-1976, Mobiles Bilder Lithographien Galerie Proarta, Zurich, Switzerland
Alexander Calder, 590 Madison, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: 1898-1976, Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France
Calder: Obra Grafica, Galeria Estiarte, Madrid, Spain
- 1995 *Sculptures de Calder vues par Marc Vaux, Hugo Herdeg and Herbert Matter*, Galerie des Cahiers d'Art, Paris, France
Alexander Calder, 'Bestiaire', Ouvrage en Lithographie, Galerie Maeght, Paris, France
Calder Jewelry, A/D Gallery, New York, NY
The Mobile, the Stabile, the Animal; Wit in the Art of Alexander Calder, Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT
Celebrating Calder, The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Alexander Calder: The 50's, PaceWildenstein, Beverly Hills, CA

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- 1994 *Alexander Calder: Mobiles / Stables*, Bibliotheque Municipale and Abbaye Saint-Germain, Auxerre, France; William Beadleston, Inc., New York, NY (in association with Susanna Allen Fine Art, London, UK)
Calder, Ho Gallery, Hong Kong
Alexander Calder: L'imaginaire et l'equilibre, Musee du Quebec, Canada
Alexander Calder: Selected Works 1932-1972, O'Hara Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 *Alexander Calder: Sculpture, Paintings, Works on Paper*, O'Hara Gallery, New York, NY
Celebrating Calder, Sonje Museum of Contemporary Art, Kyongju, Korea
Calder: Mobiles, stables, gouaches, bijoux..., Musee Picasso, Chateau Grimaldi, Antibes, France
- 1992 *Celebrating Calder*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Alexander Calder, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- 1991 *Celebrating Calder*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 1990-1989 *The Intimate World of Alexander Calder*, Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution, New York, NY; Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN; Seibu Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1987-1988 *Alexander Calder: Sculptures of the Nineteen Thirties*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 1984-1985 *Calder's Calders*, Pace Gallery, New York, NY
Calder, Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela
From Degas to Calder: Sculpture and Works on Paper from the Guggenheim Museum Collection, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, NY; Whitney Museum of American Art, Fairfield County, Stamford, CT
Calder: Selections from the Permanent Collection of the Whitney Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art at Philip Morris, New York, NY
- 1983-1984 *Des Stables et des Mobiles de Calder*, Musee National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Alexander Calder: Stables, M. Knoedler & Co., Inc., New York, NY
- 1982-1981 *Tapices de Alexander Calder*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico
Alexander Calder: A Concentration of Works from the Permanent Collection at the Whitney Museum of American Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 1978-1979 *Images de Calder*, Musee National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

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Calder's Universe, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA; Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR; Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
Calder's Universe, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

- 1977-1976 *Calder's Universe*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; High Art Museum, Atlanta, GA
Alexander Calder Memorial, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
Calder's Universe, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 1975-1974 *Alexander Calder: A Retrospective Exhibition, Work from 1925-1974*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Calder: Mobile et Lithographies, Centre National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France
Aubusson Tapestries by Calder, Leonard Hutton Galleries, New York, NY
- 1973-1972 *Alexander Calder*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Calder Airplanes, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
Calder's Circus, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 1971-1970 *Alexander Calder*, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Alexander Calder: Tapestries, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 1969-1960 *A Salute to Alexander Calder*, MoMA, New York, NY
Calder: 19 Gifts from the Artist, MoMA, New York, NY
Recent Stabiles by Alexander Calder, The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.
Calder- The Painter, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK
Calder, Musee National d'Art Moderne, Paris, France
Alexander Calder: A Retrospective Exhibition, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: Sculpture-Mobiles, Arts Council of Great Britain, Tate Gallery, London, UK
- 1959-1950 *Mobiles by Alexander Calder*, San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA
XXVI Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy
- 1949-1940 *XXIV Biennale di Venezia*, Venice, Italy
Alexander Calder, San Francisco Museum of Art, CA
Calder Gouaches, Samuel M. Kootz Gallery, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: Watercolors, San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA
Alexander Calder, MoMA, New York, NY
Mobiles by Alexander Calder, Stabiles and Jewelry, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA; San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, CA

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- 1939-1930 *Calder Mobiles-Stabiles*, Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, NY
Mobiles and Objects by Alexander Calder, Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, NY
Mobiles by Alexander Calder, Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York, NY
Calder: Mobiles / Abstract Sculptures, Julien Levy Gallery, New York, NY
Mobiles by Alexander Calder, Renaissance Society of the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Calder: Mobiles and Stabiles, Mayor Gallery, London, UK
Alexander Calder, Julien Levy Gallery, New York, NY
- 1929-1920 *Wood Carvings by Alexander Calder*, Weyhe Gallery, New York, NY
Alexander Calder: Paintings, Wood Sculpture, Toys, Wire Sculpture, Jewelry, Textiles, Fifty-Sixth Street Galleries, New York, NY
Wire Sculpture by Alexander Calder, Weyhe Gallery, New York, NY
Calder, Galleries of Jacques Seligmann, Paris, France
Calder's first solo show in Paris
First painting exhibition January 1926 at the Artist's Gallery, New York, NY