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**RAPHAEL SOYER**

(1899-1987)

**EDUCATION**

1914-17 Cooper Union, New York, NY  
1918-22 National Academy of Design, New York, NY  
1920, 1921, Art Students League, New York, NY  
1923, 1926

**ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

1929 Daniel Gallery, New York, NY  
1932 L'Elan Gallery, New York, NY  
1933 Valentine Gallery  
1935 L'Elan Gallery, New York, NY  
Macbeth Gallery, New York, NY  
1938 L'Elan Gallery, New York, NY  
1939 Rehn Gallery, New York, NY  
1941 Associated American Artists Galleries, New York, NY  
1944 Wehye Gallery, New York, NY  
1948 Associated American Artists Galleries, New York, NY  
1953 Associated American Artists Galleries, New York, NY  
1956 Babcock Galleries, New York, NY  
1957 Krasner Gallery, New York, NY  
1960 ACA Gallery, New York, NY  
1961 Alfredo Valente Gallery, New York, NY  
1964 Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
1966 Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
1967 Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
1968 Georgia Museum of Fine Art, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
1972 Forum Gallery, New York, NY

- 1977 National Collection of Fine Arts, Washington, DC  
Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1980 Galerie Albert Loeb, Paris, France
- 1981 Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1982 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC  
Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1983 University Art Museum, University California at Santa Barbara  
Pembroke Gallery, Houston, TX  
Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Staten Island, NY
- 1984 Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, NY  
Boston University Art Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1985 Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1987 Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1990 Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1995 *Twenty Great Paintings*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 *American Master*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *Finding America*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *Prints by Raphael Soyer* from the Collection of the Memorial Art  
Gallery of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

### **TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

- 1979 Bibliotheque National et Universitaire de Strasbourg, Paris  
(traveled to American Cultural Center, Tel Aviv, Israel)
- 1990 Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, New York, NY (with Moses Soyer)

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 1961 *Opening Group Exhibition*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 1990 *Chagall to Kitaj: Jewish Experience in 20<sup>th</sup> Century*,  
Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
- 1991 *Painting a Place in America: Jewish Artists in New York, 1900 – 1945*, The  
Jewish Museum, New York
- 1993 *Collecting for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Recent Acquisitions and  
Promised Gifts*, The Jewish Museum, New York
- 1994 *American Realism Between the Wars*, Nassau County Museum  
of Art, Roslyn Harbor, New York
- 1996 *Politics, American Style: Issues and Images*, Beacon Hill Fine  
Art, New York, NY
- 1998 *Self-Portraits*, Kragdsdale Corporation at Lehman College Art  
Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 *Dance, Dance, Dance*, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn

- Harbor, New York
- 2000-01 *Aaron Copland's America*, The Heckschler Museum of Art  
Huntington, NY  
*Raphael Soyer & Jules Pascin: Important Works*, Forum Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2003 *Modern and Contemporary Portraits curated by Townsend Wolfe*,  
Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *Recent Acquisitions*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *Important New Works by Forum Gallery Artists*,  
Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 *An American Abroad: Sandra Fisher and her School of London Friends*,  
New York Studio School, New York, NY  
*My America: Art from the Jewish Museum Collection*, Columbia  
Museum of Art, Columbia, South Carolina; Judah Magnes Museum,  
Berkeley, California; Memorial Art Gallery,  
Rochester, New York
- 2007 *Fall 2006 Group Show*, eDavid Gallery, Bethlehem, PA  
*The Fine Art of Drawing: Modern & Contemporary Works on Paper*,  
Forum Gallery. New York
- 2008 *New Acquisitions*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *Summer Selections*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *That Seventies Show*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*Peace on Earth: Art Against War*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *Perception of Self*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*Five Decades: Art and Artists of Forum Gallery 1962-2012*, Forum  
Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013 *Wives, Daughters and Lovers*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 *American Views*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*Culture and Continuity: The Jewish Journey*, The Jewish Museum,  
New York, NY  
*The Art of American Dance*, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit,  
Michigan; Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado; Crystal Bridges  
Museum, Bentonville, Arkansas
- 2017 *Forum Gallery Celebrates 55 Years of Modern and Contemporary  
Art*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017-18 *The American Dream*, Kunsthalle Emden, Emden GERMANY;  
presented jointly with the Drents Museum Assen  
*Favorite Things: A Holiday Exhibition*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 *Peers & Influences*, The Bo Bartlett Center, Columbus, GA  
*Artists by Artists: The Artist as Subject*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019 *Person to Person*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*For America: Paintings from the National Academy of Design*, The  
American Federation of Arts, New York, NY

- 2018-19 *Eye to I: Self-Portraits from 1900 to Today*, National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC  
*Landmarks of 20th Century American Art*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2021 *Then and Now: American Social Realism*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*That Eighties Show*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Important Works of American Art*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*COUPLINGS*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 *The Figure in Black and White*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*At First Blush*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2024 *Twentieth Century Stories*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*Spring Forward*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2026 *Spring Jewels*, Forum Gallery, New York, NY  
*Witness to Change: Paintings and Photographs from the Shogren-Meyer Collection, Flint Institute, Flint, MI*

In the past, Soyer showed regularly in the large annual and biennial American exhibitions of the Whitney Museum, The Carnegie Institute, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the National Academy of Design and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. His work has been widely exhibited in gallery group exhibitions throughout the United States and abroad.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Baur, J.I.H., Revolution and Tradition in American Art  
 Baur, J.I.H. & Lloyd Goodrich, American Art of Our Century  
 Boswell, P., American Art  
 Brown, M., American Painting from the Armory Show to the Depression  
 Cheney, S., Modern American Art  
 Gettings, R., Raphael Soyer, Sixty-Five Years of Printmaking  
 Goodrich, Lloyd, Raphael Soyer  
 Gruskin, A., American Art  
 Larkin, O., Art and Life in America  
 Lerner, Abram, Soyer Since 1960  
 Moscovitz, I., Great Drawings of Our Time, (Vol. IV)  
 Pagano, G., Contemporary American Painters  
 Slatkin, C.E. & R. Shoolman, Treasury of American Drawing  
 Soyer, Raphael, Diary of an Artist  
 Soyer, Raphael, Memoirs  
 Watson, F., American Painting Today  
 Wheeler, M., Painters and Sculptors in Modern America  
 Zigrosser, C., Artist in America  
 Zigrosser, C., Six Centuries of Fine Prints

## SELECTED ARTICLES/REVIEWS

- Paris, Jeanne. "Soyer Genius on Exhibition," *Long Island Press*, October 29, 1967
- Canaday, John. "Raphael Soyer, Dean of Realists Sees New York as 'My Country'," *The New York Times*, October 25, 1972
- Mellow, James R. "Soyer's Art on Display at Forum," *The New York Times*, October 21, 1972
- Gordon, David. "Raphael Soyer's art show is glowing with youth and hope," *Daily World*, October 27, 1972
- Tallmer, Jerry. "Raphael Soyer: Portrait of the realist at 77," *The New York Post*, October 1, 1977
- Kramer, Hilton. "Art: Summing Up Raphael Soyer," *The New York Times*, October 21, 1977
- Brown, Gordon. "Raphael Soyer," *Arts Magazine*, October 1977
- Shaw-Eagle, Joanna. "Raphael Soyer: A realist without a slogan," *ArtNews*, November 1977
- Munro, Eleanor. "I Wish I Had More Eyes," *The New York Times*, Book Review, "Diary of an Artist", November 6, 1977
- Sievert, Robert. "Raphael Soyer," *Arts magazine*, December 1977
- Smith, Patricia Beach. "Raphael Soyer visualizes paintings as barometers," *The Eccentric Newspapers*, March 15, 1978
- Berman, Avis. "Celebrating Raphael Soyer, an unreconstructed realist," *The Sun*, December 23, 1979
- Gibson, Michael. "Galleries in Paris: Raphael Soyer," *International Herald Tribune*, Published with *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, May 3-4, 1980
- "Paris Scene," *The Art Gallery*, May 1980
- Forgey, Benjamin. "A Generous Gesture by Soyer," *The Washington Star*, June 10, 1981
- "Soyer Donating Graphics to the Hirshhorn Museum," *The New York Times*, June 12, 1981
- Wolff, Theodore F. "The many masks of modern art," *The Christian Science Monitor*, The Home Forum, July 21, 1981
- Soyer, Raphael. *Art Journal*, Summer 1981
- Reff, Theodore. "An Evening with Raphael Soyer" and "Raphael Soyer Lithograph," *The Smithsonian Associate*, July-August 1981
- Hooton, Bruce Duff. "Raphael Soyer: Paintings of Friends Intimate Subjects," *Art World*, October 22 – November 18, 1981
- Wolff, Theodore F. "Raphael Soyer: A gentle, penetrating view of humanity," *The Christian Science Monitor*, October 27, 1981
- Kloss, William. "The Humane Art of Raphael Soyer," *The Washington Times*, Art, August 5, 1982

Richard, Paul. "The Souls of Raphael Soyer," *The Washington Post*, August 5, 1982

Ostrow, Joanne. "The Vision of Raphael Soyer," *The Washington Post*, August 6, 1982

Blake, Patricia. "Raphael Soyer's Steadfast Gaze," *Time Magazine*, Art, September 6, 1982

"Raphael Soyer," *Arts Magazine*, November 1982

Giuliano, Charles. "Raphael Soyer's New York," *Art New England*, Regional Reviews, January 1985

Nusbaum, Eliot. "Soyer prints at Grinnell reflect a melancholy world," *Des Moines Sunday Register*, The Arts, February 24, 1985

Wolff, Theodore F. "The Geometric Context: Raphael Soyer," *The Christian Science Monitor*, Arts & Leisure, October 29, 1985

Bass, Ruth. "Raphael Soyer," *ArtNews*, December 1985

"Raphael Soyer Exhibition Opens Oct. 7," *The Courier-Gazette*, September 25, 1986

McGill, Douglas C. "Raphael Soyer, Social Realist Artist, Is Dead at 87," *The New York Times*, November 5, 1987

Soyer, Raphael. "Résumé of an Aged Artist," *Art & Antiques*, January 1988

Steiner, Raymond J. "In Memoriam: Raphael Soyer (1899-1987)," *Art Times*, January/February 1988

Brown, Milton W. "He Wore His Heart on His Sleeve," *ArtNews*, February 1988

Shapiro, Harriet. "The Artist's Model," *The Threepenny Review*, Spring 1989

Glueck, Grace. "Weekend Arts, Fine Arts Leisure: Raphael Soyer," *The New York Times*, March 4, 2005

Haggerty, Gerard. "Raphael Soyer at Forum Gallery," *ArtNews*, Summer 2005

"Then and Now: American Social Realism," *Fine Art Connoisseur*, May 24, 2021

Marcum, Anna. "The Social Realist Artist Studios of 240 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street," *Village Preservation*, January 26, 2022

"Raphael Soyer, Gitel, featured in The American Art Fair Preview," *Art & Antiques in Perspective*, May 2022

"At First Blush at Forum Gallery," *International Art Exhibitions*, June 2023

### **SELECTED AWARDS**

1932	Art Institute of Chicago, <i>M.V Kohnstamm Prize</i>
1934	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, <i>Carol H. Beck Gold Medal</i>
1939	Carnegie International Exhibition, <i>Second Honorable Mention</i>
1940	Art Institute of Chicago, <i>Harris Bronze Medal</i>
1943	Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, <i>Temple Prize</i> Corcoran Gallery of Art, <i>Third W.A. Clark Prize</i> , <i>Corcoran Bronze Medal</i> Artists for Victory, "America in the War", <i>Honorable Mention</i>

- 1944 Carnegie Institute, Painting in The United States,  
*Second Honorable Mention*
- 1946 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, *Lippincott Prize*
- 1951 Corcoran Gallery of Art, *First W.A. Clark Prize*,  
*Corcoran Gold Medal*
- 1957 National Academy of Design, *Saltus Gold Medal for Merit*  
American Academy of Arts and Letters,  
*Award of Merit Medal for Painting*
- 1959 Art USA: 59, *First Prize for Painting*

## **FILMS**

*Raphael Soyer: New York Artist*, Erwin Leiser Film Productions, 1981

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:**

Ackland Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
 Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA  
 Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
 The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
 Bezalel National Museum, Jerusalem, Israel  
 The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY  
 Butler Art Institute, Youngstown, OH  
 California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA  
 Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA  
 Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH  
 Columbus Museum, Columbus, OH  
 Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC  
 Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
 Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH  
 Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA  
 The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI  
 Encyclopedia Britannica, Chicago, IL  
 Fogg Art Museum, Cambridge, MA  
 Fort Worth Art Museum, Fort Worth, TX  
 Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
 Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC  
 The Jewish Museum, New York, NY  
 Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE  
 La Jolla Museum of Art, La Jolla, CA

Marion Koogler McNay Art Institute, San Antonio, TX  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ  
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY  
Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
National Academy of Design, New York, NY  
National Collection of Fine Arts, Washington, DC  
Nebraska Art Association  
Newark Museum, Newark, NJ  
Norton Gallery of Art, West Palm Beach, FL  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC  
Rochester Memorial Art Gallery, The University of Rochester, Rochester, NY  
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA  
Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy  
Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, CT  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
William Rockhill Nelson Gallery, Kansas City, MO