

Manolo Valdés

Manolo Valdés was born 1942, in Valencia, Spain. He is a painter, sculptor and printmaker - mastering unique and provocative techniques across all mediums.

Valdés began his training path as an artist in 1957 after being enrolled at the Institute of Fine Arts of San Carlo in



Valencia, where he studied for two years and met Rafael Solbes.

In 1964, Valéz, Solbes and Antonio Toledo founded *Equipo Crónica*, a Spanish manifestation of the *Pop Art* movement of the 1960s. With participation in this group, Valdés was featured in more than 60 solo exhibitions. His works from this period often expressed political commentary and were characterized by the use of unconventional materials and crudely applied paint.

After Solbes died in 1981, Valdés embarked upon his solo career, continuing with the dialogue of the art history of the *Equipo Crónica*, but with a style that had become distinctly his own. By quoting figures from well-known works of art, he revitalizes these familiar images by taking them out of their original context. Valdés draws a lot of inspiration from Spanish art heritage, specifically from Velázquez and Picasso.

Since 1992, he focused his interests on sculpture and decided to open a larger studio in New York, in an old photo lab inside an industrial building. In both paintings and sculptures, he inflates the figure's size, abstracting form and minimizing detail, while incorporating a lot of roughly applied paint and unusual materials. In his works, image



and matter are fused in a body of work that wanders between Pop Art and material art, between social and political commitment and a continuous search for reinvention.

Valdés has received various awards, including the *Lisone* and *Biella* in Milan in 1965, the silver medal in the second International Prints Biennial in Tokyo, an award from the Bridgestone Art Museum in Lisbon, the *Alfons Roig Award* in Valencia, the *National Award for the Fine Arts* in Spain, a medal from the biennial International Festival of the Plastic Arts in Baghdad, and in 1993 the *Medal of the Order of Andrés Bello* in Venezuela.

His work is included in public collections around the world, such as the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris and the Musée Picasso in Antibes, France, the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo in Seville, Spain, the Kunstmuseum in Berlin, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, among many others.

Manolo Valdés currently lives and works in New York and in Madrid.

Exhibitions:

Selected exhibitions

2018 *Manolo Valdès. Poetica della traduzione*, Piazza del Duomo, Chiesa e Chiostro di Sant'Agostino Pietrasanta, Lucca, Italia

Manolo Valdès in Dubai, Dubai, Emirati Arabi

Manolo Valdès in Singapore, Singapore

2017 *Manolo Valdés – I Dettagli Luminosi*, Galleria d'Arte Contini, Venezia, Italia



2016 *Manolo Valdés: Vendôme*, Place Vendôme, Parigi, Francia *Monumental Sculptures at Place*

Manolo Valdés: Recent Work – Paintings and Sculptures,

Marlborough Fine Art, Londra, Regno Unito

2015 *Sculpture, Paintings and works on paper*, Marlborough Fine Art, Londra, Regno Unito

Manolo Valdés. Visitando a los Maestros: Obras Grafica, La Sala Luis María Ansón de la Plaza de Toros de Roqueta, Almería, Spagna

Timeless Beauty: Manolo Valdés and Simon Procter, Rosenbaum Contemporary, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

Tempo, Opera Gallery, Monaco, Germania

2014 *Manolo Valdés: Obra gráfica*, Galeria Marlborough, Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés: Pintura, Escultura, Obra Sobre Papel, Galeria Marlborough, Barcellona, Spagna

2013 *Manolo Valdés: Sculpture and Works on Paper*, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York, USA

Manolo Valdes, Paintings and Sculptures, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turchia

2012 – 2013 *Remixing History: Manolo Valdés*, Georgia Museum of Art, Georgia, USA

The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA

2011 – 2012 *Manolo Valdés*, Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, Naples, Florida, USA

Manolo Valdés. Picasso como pretexto, organized by Fundación Picasso, Sala de Exposiciones temporales, Museo Casa Nata, Malaga, Spagna

2011 *Manolo Valdés. Oeuvre graphiques*, Marlborough Monaco, Monte Carlo, Monaco



2010 *Manolo Valdés*,
Barcelona, Spagna

Marlborough Barcelona,

Manolo Valdés Obra Gráfica, Museo de Arte Español Enrique Larreta,
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Manolo Valdés, Eskultura Monumentalak, Obra Social, Fundación la Caixa,
Barcellona, Spagna

Manolo Valdés: New Works, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finlandia

Manolo Valdés, À Chambord, Château du Chambord, Loir-et-Cher, Francia

Manolo Valdés: Monumental Sculpture on Broadway, Broadway Mall, New
York, New York, USA

2009 *Manolo Valdés, Escultura y pintura*, Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spagna

Arte en la calle, La Caixa and the City Council of Santander, Santander,
Spagna

2008 – 2009 *Manolo Valdés in Beijing*, National Art Museum of China, Pechino,
Cina

2008 *Don Juan (Obra Gráfica)*, Sala Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spagna

Manolo Valdés: Recent Sculpture and Painting, Marlborough Chelsea, New
York, USA

Manolo Valdés in San Francisco, City of San Francisco, San Francisco, California,
USA

Manolo Valdés, Las Meninas, The State Russian Museum, San Pietroburgo,
Russia

2007 – 2008 *Manolo Valdés*, Galerie Maeght, Parigi, Francia

2007 *Manolo Valdés, New Works*, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finlandia

Manolo Valdés at Bryant Park, Bryant Park, New York, New York, USA

Manolo Valdés. Oeuvre sur papier, Galerie Maeght, Parigi, Francia



Manolo Valdés at Miami
Beach, City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida, USA

Manolo Valdés, Perfiles, obra gráfica, Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés, Las Meninas, Park Esplanade, Helsinki, Finlandia

2006 – 2007 *Manolo Valdés. Escultura Monumental*, organized by Arte en La Calle, Fundación “la Caixa,” Obra Social: Valladolid, Cordoba, Valencia, Spagna
A Coruña, Palma de Mallorca, Sevilla, Bilbao, Burgos, Barcelona, Saragosa,
Almeria, Logroño, Salamanca, Murcia, and Málaga, Spagna

2006 *Manolo Valdés, Bilder-Bronze-Arbeiten Auf Papier*, Beck & Eggeling,
Düsseldorf, Germania

Manolo Valdés, Las Meninas in Düsseldorf, Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf,
Germania

Manolo Valdés, Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul de Vence, Francia

Manolo Valdés, 1981 – 2006, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia,
Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés: Sculpture in the Garden, Desert Botanical Gardens, Phoenix,
Arizona, USA

2005 *Manolo Valdés*, Galeria d’Art Arcadi Calzada, Olot, Spagna

Manolo Valdés, Marlborough Fine Art, Londra, Inghilterra

Manolo Valdés, Obra Gráfica, Galería Estiarte, Madrid, Spagna

Les Menines de Valdés, Jardins du Palais Royal, Parigi, Francia. Esposta a
Zurich, Svizzera e Oviedo, Spagna

Valdés, Palazzo Magnani, Reggio Emilia, Italia. Esposta a Siena; Fundación
Caixa Girona, Spagna

Valdés, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, Paesi Bassi

Manolo Valdés, Château de Chenonceau, Chenonceaux, Francia



2004 *Manolo Valdés, Escultura*
Marlborough, Madrid, Spagna

Monumental, Galería

Nuevos grabados, Galería Tiempos Modernos, Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés - Peintures et sculptures, Marlborough Monaco, Monte Carlo, Monaco

2003 *Galerie Sonia Zannettacci, Ginevra, Svizzera*

Manolo Valdés, Obra Gráfica, Galería Estiarte, Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finlandia

Manolo Valdés, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio, USA

Manolo Valdés, Galerie Sonia Zannettacci, Geneva, Svizzera

Manolo Valdés, Galerie Patrice Trigano, Parigi, Francia

Manolo Valdés: Sculptures, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York, USA

2002 *La Dama en Park Avenue con la 57th, Marlborough Gallery, New York, USA*

Manolo Valdés. Obra Gráfica, 1981-2002. Centre Culturel Casa de Vacas (Parque del Buen Retiro), Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés. Dibujos. Fundación BBK, Bilbao, Spagna

Stiftung Schleswig – Holstenische Landesmuseen Schloss, Gottorf, Schleswig, Germania

Manolo Valdés. Obra Gráfica, esposizione itinerante organizzata dall'Istituto Cervantes: The Jordan National Gallery, Ammán, Giordania; Beirut, Libano; Museo Nazionale, Damasco, Siria; Galleria d'Arte Contemporanea–Bilgi Università, Istanbul, Turchia; Istituto Cervantes, Tangeri, Marocco; Dar Sanaa–Escuela de Artes y Oficios, Tétouan, Marocco

Galleria Il Gabbiano, Roma, Italia

Manolo Valdés. Obra Gráfica, Centro Português de Serigrafia, Lisbona, Portogallo

*Sculptures*, Marlborough

Gallery, New York, USA

Obra reciente, Marlborough Madrid, Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés, Kurt Art Gallery, San Sebastian, Spagna

Manolo Valdés: Pintura y Escultura, Museo Guggenheim, Bilbao, Spagna

2001 *Los géneros: retratos, bodegones y paisajes*, Palacio de Congresos y Exposiciones de Castilla y León, Salamanca, Spagna

Manolo Valdés: Obra reciente, Galeria Marlborough Madrid, Spagna

Galería Montcada, Barcellona, Spagna

Galería Zaragoza Gráfica, Saragozza, Spagna

Galería Durero, Gijón, Spagna

Galería Eude, Barcellona, Spagna

Bob Stein Gallery, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

Galerie Art of this Century, Parigi, Francia

Galerie Patrice Trigano, Parigi, Francia

Manolo Valdés Como Pretexto. Bilder - Skulpturen - Arbeiten auf Papier, Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf, Germania

Serie de la Reina Mariana. Tiempos Modernos, Madrid, Spagna

Obra gráfica, Galería Juan Manuel Lumbreras, Bilbao, Spagna

2000 *Manolo Valdés: 1990-1999*, Sale Quattro Cantons, Villafames, Castellón, Spagna

Manolo Valdés. New Etchings. Marlborough Graphics, New York, USA

Manolo Valdés. Pintura, escultura y grabado, Bilbao Arte, Bilbao, Spagna



Peggy Guggenheim
Leoni, Venezia, Italia

Collection, Palazzo Venier dei

Galería Espacio, San Salvador, Salvador

Las Meninas, Galería Estiarte, Madrid, Spagna

Manolo Valdés. Sala de Exposiciones Sa Llonja, Palma di Maiorca, Spagna
Galería Heller, Madrid, Spagna

1999 XLVIIIe Biennale de Venezia, Padiglione Spagnolo, Venezia, Italia

Campbell -Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco, California, USA

Galerie Georges-Pompidou, Patio de la Mairie d'Anglet, Anglet, Francia

Galería AMS Marlborough, Santiago, Cile

Museo de Arte Moderno Aloisio Magalhaes, Recife, Brasile

Sala de Exposiciones San Esteban, Murcia, Spagna

Galería La Aurora, Murcia, Spagna

1998 Recent Work, Marlborough New York, USA e Marlborough Madrid, Spagna

Galerie Marwan Hoss, Parigi, Francia

Manolo Valdés in Cardiff: Works from the Guillermo Caballero de Luján
Collection, Cardiff Central Library, Cardiff, Inghilterra

Museo Nacional de Artes Visuales, Montevideo, Uruguay

Galería Durero, Gijón, Spagna

Galería La Aurora, Murcia, Spagna

Galería Rosalía Sender, Valencia, Spagna

Sala Nacional de Exposiciones, San Salvador, El Salvador

Del Equipo Crónica a Manolo Valdés, VIIe Fiera Internazionale d'Arte

Contemporanea, Guadalajara, Messico

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Spagna

Sala García Castañón de Caja Pamplona, Pampelune, Spagna

1997 Centre Cultural Contemporani Pelaires, Palma di Maiorca, Spagna

Museo Rufino Tamayo, Città del Messico, Messico

Museo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Messico

Museo Nacional de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Galería Freites, Caracas, Venezuela

Galería Maeght, Barcellona, Spagna

Galería Tiempos Modernos, Madrid, Spagna

Galeria Bennassar, Pollenca, Palma di Maiorca, Spagna

Centre d'Art Contemporain, Istres, Francia

1996 Campbell-Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco, California, USA

Galería Palatina, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Cynthia Bourne Gallery, Londra, Inghilterra

Galerie Sonia Zannettacci, Ginevra, Svizzera

IVAM Centre Julio González, Valencia, Spagna

Galeria Mario Sequeira, Braga, Portogallo

Manolo Valdés, Graphic Works. Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spagna

1995 Galleria Il Gabbiano, Roma, Italia

Meadows Museum, Dallas, Texas, USA

Galería Colón XVI, Bilbao, Spagna



Galería 11, Alicante, Spagna

Galería La Aurora, Murcia, Spagna

Galería Varrón, Salamanca, Spagna

Galería Torres, Bilbao, Spagna

Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spagna

1994 Galerie Marwan Hoss, Parigi, Francia Marlborough Gallery, New York, USA
Fondation Veranneman, Kruishoutem, Belgio

1993 Centro de Arte Palacio Almudí, Murcia, Spagna Galería Freites, Caracas,
Venezuela

Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spagna

Sala Amós Salvador, Logroño, Spagna

1992 Galería Fandos, Valence, Spagna

Galerie Sonia Zannettacci, Ginevra, Svizzera

Galería Trama, Barcellona, Spagna

1991 Marlborough Gallery, New York, USA
Galería Guereta, Madrid, Spagna

Galería Fandos i Leonarte, Valencia, Spagna

1990 Galería Fandos i Leonarte, Valencia, Spagna

Palacio Almudí, Murcia, Spagna

Colegio de Arquitectos, Tenerife, Spagna Palacio Condes de Gaira, Granata,

Spagna Caja de Ahorros, Burgos, Spagna

Cultural Rioja, Logroño, Spagna

Galería Freites, Caracas, Venezuela

**1989**

Galería Fandos y

Leonarte, Valencia, Spagna

Equipo Crónica 1965-1981, I.V.A.M., Instituto Valenciano de Arte Moderno,
Centro Julio González, Valencia, Spagna

Centro de Cultura Contemporánea de la Casa de la Caridad, Barcellona,
Spagna

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spagna

Galería Soledad Lorenzo, Madrid, Spagna

Galería Maeght, Barcelone, Spagna

Galería Sen, Madrid, Spagna

Museo de Bellas Artes de Oviedo, Oviedo, Spagna Galerie Sonia
Zannettacci, Ginevra, Svizzera

1988 Galería Maeght, Barcellona, Spagna

Galería Freites, Caracas, Venezuela

Galerie Adrien Maeght, Parigi, Francia

Museo de Bellas Artes, Bilbao, Spagna

Galería El Coleccionista, Madrid, Spagna

Galería Luis Adelantado, Valence, Spagna Château de Tarascon, Tarascon,
Francia

1987 Galería Yerba, Murcia, Spagna

Galería 4, Valencia, Spagna

Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spagna

1986 Galería Parpalló, Valencia, Spagna

Galeria Adrien Maeght, Parigi, Francia



1985 Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven,
Sen, Madrid, Spagna

Wilhelmshaven, Germania Galería

Galería Roma y Pavia, Porto, Portogallo

Galería del Palau, Valencia, Spagna

Galería Maeght, Barcellona, Spagna

1984 Galerie Poll, Berlino, Germania

Galería Sa Pleta Freda, Maiorca, Spagna

Gesellschaft für aktuelle Kunst Bremen, Bremen, Germania

1983 Galería del Palau, Valencia, Spagna

1982 Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spagna

Galería Punto, Valencia, Spagna

Galería 4, Valencia, Spagna

Galería Maeght, Barcellona, Spagna

1981 Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen, Germania

Galerie Klang, Bonn, Germania

Galería Maeght, Barcellona, Spagna

Sala de la Biblioteca Nacional, Madrid, Spagna

Awards

2007 Officier de L'Ordre National du Mérite, President of the French Republic,
Parigi, Francia



2006 Doctor Honoris Causa from the University Miguel Hernández,
University Miguel Hernández, Elche, Spagna

Premio Archival España 2005, Archival, Madrid, Spagna

2005 Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Culturel, Ordonnance Souveraine, Monte
Carlo, Monaco

2004 Premio Valenciano del siglo XXI, LAS PROVINCIAS Multimedia, Valencia,
Spagna

2002 Premio Asociación Española de Criticos de Arte de Estampa, Asociación
Española de Criticos de Arte, Madrid, Spagna

Premio migliore artista per la Stampa 2002, Associazione dei Critici d'Arte di
Madrid, Spagna

Premio migliore artista per la Stampa, Associazione dei Critici d'Arte di
Madrid, Madrid, Spagna

2000 Premio Asociación Española de Criticos de Arte ARCO, Asociación Española de
Criticos de Arte, Madrid, Spagna

Premio Asociación Española de Criticos de Arte para Estampa, Asociación
Española de Criticos de Arte, Madrid, Spagna

1999 Representative for Spain at La Esposizione Internazionale d'Art, La Biennale di
Venezia, Venezia, Italia

1998 La Medalla de Oro de Mérito en Las Bellas Artes, Ministerio de Cultura de
España, Madrid, Spagna

1997 XXXIIème Prix du Conseil National, La Fondation Prince Pierre de Monaco,
Monte Carlo, Monaco

1993 Condecoración de la Orden de Andrés Bello en la Clase de Banda Honor,
Congreso de la República de Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela