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Jaume Plensa

Born in Barcelona in 1955

Short biography:

From 1980 with his first exhibition in Barcelona until today, he has lived and worked in Berlin, Brussels, England, France, USA, and he currently shares his residence between Paris and Barcelona. He has been a teacher at the École Nationale des Beaux-Arts in Paris and has also been a lecturer at many universities and art institutions. He collaborates as professor invited at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Since 1992 he has obtained various distinctions and awards, both national and international, notably his investiture as a Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by the French Ministry of Culture (Paris, 1993), the National Culture Award for Plastic Arts of the Government of Catalonia (Barcelona, 1997), Honorary Doctorate from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, 2005), the Mash Award for Public Sculpture (London, 2009), the National Award for Plastic Arts (Madrid, 2012), and most recently, the National Award for Graphic Arts 2013 (Madrid, 2013)

His sculptural work has gone through several stages developed largely with recuperation materials, iron, bronze, copper, ... In 1986, he started a series of cast iron sculptures, then he incorporated light and relief written text. Recently his melting materials have been synthetic resin, glass, alabaster, plastic, light, video and sound. He also has a large production of works on paper and etchings. Beside his sculptural oeuvre he is collaborating often working on stage design and costumes for opera and theatre productions.

A significant part of Plensa's production is set in the context of public sculpture, a sphere in which he has works installed in Spain, France, Japan, the United Kingdom, Korea, Germany, Canada, the USA, etc. *The Crown Fountain*, 2004, in Chicago's Millennium Park, is one of his biggest project, and undoubtedly one of his most brilliant. In 2005 he finished *Breathing*, which is installed in the new BBC building in London, in 2007 *Conversation à Nice* for the place Masséna in Nice, (France), *El Alma del Ebro* for the Expo Zaragoza, 2008, in Zaragoza, (Spain) and in 2009 *Dream* for St Helens, Liverpool, (UK) and *World Voices* in Dubai in 2009 (UAE), *Ogijima's Soul* in Ogijima, 2010, Japan, *Awilda in Salzburg*, 2010, Austria, *Tolerance*, for the city of Houston, in 2011 (USA), and *Echo* for Madison Square Park, 2011, in New

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York, *Mirror*, 2012, for the University of Houston, and *Olhar nos meus Sonhos* in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2012 and most recently, *Wonderland* in the city of Calgary, Canada. Currently he is exhibiting in the city of Bordeaux.

His work has been exhibited in numerous galleries and museums in Europe, the United States and Japan: Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona (Spain); Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris (France); Henry Moore Sculpture Trust, Halifax (United Kingdom); Malmö Konsthall, Malmö (Sweden); Städtische Kunsthalle, Mannheim (Germany); Musée d'Art Contemporain, Lyon (France); Museo Luigi Pecci, Prato (Italy); Kestner Gesellschaft, Hannover (Germany); Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Vienna (Austria); Palacio de Velázquez - Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid; BALTIC The Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead (United Kingdom); the Arts Club Center for Contemporary Art, Chicago (USA); Musée des Beaux-Arts, Caen (France); Wilhelm-Lehmbruck-Museum, Duisburg (Germany), Kunsthalle Mannheim Museum (Germany), Centro de Arte Comtemporáneo, (Málaga); Musée d'Art Contemporain, Nice (France); IVAM Institut Valencià d'Art Modern, Valencia, (Spain); The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (USA), The Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, (USA); Picasso Museum, Antibes (France), The Yorkshire Sculpture Park, (United Kingdom), *Espoo Museum of Modern Art*, Helsinki etc.

He regularly shows his art works at Galerie Lelong in Paris, Galerie Lelong, New York and Richard Gray Gallery in Chicago and New York.

Exposiciones Individuales

2013

Jaume Plensa à Bordeaux. City of Bordeaux, France

Jaume Plensa. Éditions 2012-2013. Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

2012

In the Midst of Dreams. EMMA-Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Helsinki, Finland

Eight Poets in Bamberg. City of Bamberg, Germany

Umedalen Skulptur 2012. Umeå, Sweden

Silhouettes. Galerie Lelong Paris, France

2011

The Hermit. Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, USA

Echo, Mad. Sq. Art. 2011. Madison Square Park, New York, USA

AnoNYmous. Galerie Lelong, New York, USA

Jaume Plensa. Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield, UK

2010

The Heart of Trees. Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, USA

Cantique des Cantiques. Galerie Alice Pauli, Lausanne, Switzerland

Around Shadows. Galerie Scheffel, Bad Homburg, Germany

Alphabets de l'âme. Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

L'Âme des Mots. Musée Picasso, Antibes, France

Jaume Plensa, Obra sobre papel. Galería Estiarte, Madrid, Spain

Genus and Species. Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, USA

2009

Jerusalem. Espacio Cultural El Tanque, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain

Triptych. Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Vienna, Austria

In the Midst of Dreams. Galerie Lelong, New York, USA

Jaume Plensa. Galeria Toni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Slumberland. Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Silent Music. Diehl + Gallery One, Moscow, Russia

2008

Jaume Plensa. Mimmo Scognamiglio Artecontemporanea, Milan, Italy

Jaume Plensa. Centro de Arte Caja de Burgos, Burgos, Spain

Jaume Plensa. Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA

Jaume Plensa. La Riva de Acheronte. Im Dialog IX. Stadtkirche, Darmstadt, Germany

Jaume Plensa, Save our Souls. Albion Gallery, London, UK

2007

Jaume Plensa. IVAM-Institut Valencià d'Art Modern, Valencia, Spain

Jaume Plensa. MAMAC, Musée d'Art moderne et d'Art contemporain. Nice, France

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Nomade, Bastion Saint-Jaume. Quaid Rambaud Organized by Musée Picasso, Antibes, France

Silent Voices. Museum at Tamada Projects, Tokyo, Japan

Jaume Plensa / Shakespeare. Fundación Círculo de Lectores, Barcelona, Spain

Sinónimos. Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain

2006

I in his eyes as one that found peace. Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago / New York, USA

Une âme, deux corps...trois ombres. Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Jerusalem. Museu d'Art Modern i Contemporani Es Baluard, L'Aljub, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Canetti's Dream. Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Vienna , Austria

Songs and Shadows. Galerie Lelong, New York, USA

Jaume Plensa, Livres, estampes et multiples sur papier 1978-2006. Centre de la Gravure La Louvière. La Louvière / Fundació Pilar i Joan Miró. Palma de Mallorca, Spain

2005

Jaume Plensa. CAC Málaga, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Málaga, Spain

Is art something in between? Kunsthalle Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany

13 doubts. English Church - Galerie Scheffel, Bad Homburg, Germany

Song of Songs. Albion Gallery, London, UK

Glückauf? Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg, Germany

Jaume Plensa. Ópera, teatro y amigos, Museo Colecciones ICO, Madrid, Spain

2004

Anònim. Galeria Toni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

Jaume Plensa. Galleria Gentili-Villa il Tasso, Montecatini, Italy

Jaume Plensa, Livres, estampes et multiples sur papier 1978-2003. Musée des Beaux Arts, Caen, F / Fundación César Manrique, Lanzarote, Spain

Il suono del sangue parla la stessa lingua. VOLUME!, Roma, Italy

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Fiumi e cenere. Palazzo delle Papéese, Siena, Italy

Silent Noise. The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago / Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans / University Gallery - Fine Arts Center UMASS, Amherst, USA

2003

Crystal Rain. Galerie Lelong, Paris, France

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Academia, Salzburg, Austria

Who? Why? Galerie Lelong, New York, USA

Hot? Sex? Universidad de Sevilla, Sevilla, Spain

2002

Rumor. Centro Cultural de España. México D.F., Mexico

Wispern. Església de Sant Domingo, Pollença, Mallorca, Spain

B.OPEN, Jaume Plensa. The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK

Jaume Plensa. Fondation Européenne pour la Sculpture, Parc Tournay-Solvay, Bruxelles, Belgium

Primary thoughts. Galería Helga de Alvear, Madrid, Spain

2001

Close up. Mestna Galerija, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Logbook. Galerie Diehl-Vorderwuelbecke, Berlin, Germany

Europa. Galeria Toni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain

2000

Twin shadows. Richard Gray Gallery, New York, USA

Twin shadows. Galerie Lelong, New York, USA

Jaume Plensa, Proverbs of hell. Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Salzburg, Austria

Jaume Plensa, 360 °. Museo Municipal de Málaga, Málaga, Spain

Chaos-Saliva. Palacio de Velázquez – Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

1999

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Etwas von mir. Kunsthalle zu Kiel, Kiel, Germany

Jaume Plensa. Tamada Projects Corporation, Tokyo, Japan

Bruit. Galerie Daniel Templon, Paris, France

Komm mit, komm mit! Rupertinum Museum, Salzburg, Austria

Whisper. Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, USA

Jaume Plensa. Galería Toni Tàpies - Edicions T, Barcelona, Spain

Wanderers Nachtlied. Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig, Palais Liechtenstein, Vienna, Austria

Love Sounds. Kestner Gesellschaft, Hannover, Germany

1998

Jaume Plensa. Galleria d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea - Palazzo Forti, Verona, Italy

Dallas?...Caracas? Fundación Museo Jacobo Borges, Caracas, Venezuela

Dallas?...Caracas? The MAC-The McKinney Avenue Contemporary Art, Dallas, USA

Golden sigh. Galerie Alice Pauli, Lausanne, Switzerland

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Pièce Unique, Paris, France

Water. Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain de Picardie, Amiens, France

1997

Wie ein Hauch. Galerie Volker Diehl, Berlin, Germany

Jaume Plensa. Städtische Kunsthalle Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany

Jaume Plensa. Malmö Konsthall, Malmö, Sweden

Rumore. Fattoria di Celle, Santomato di Pistoia, Italy

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

1996

Jaume Plensa. Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain

Blake in Gateshead. Baltic Flour Mills, Gateshead, UK

Close up. Office in Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv, Israel

Islands. Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, USA

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Jaume Plensa. Centre de Cultura Sa Nostra, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1995

Wonderland. Galerie Daniel Templon, Paris, France

One thought fills immensity. Städtische Galerie, Göppingen, Germany

1994

Cal.ligrafies. Edicions T Galeria d'Art, Barcelona, Spain

Jaume Plensa. Un Sculpteur, une Ville, Valence, France

Jaume Plensa. Galleria Civica Modena, Modena, Italy

The Personal Miraculous Fountain. The Henry Moore Studio at Dean Clough, Halifax, Canada

1993

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Volker Diehl, Berlin, Germany

Mémoires Jumelles. Galerie Alice Pauli, Lausanne, Switzerland

Mémoires Jumelles. Galerie de France, Paris, France

1992

Jaume Plensa. The Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, Scotland

Jaume Plensa. Galería Carles Taché, Barcelona, Spain

Jaume Plensa. Galleria Gentili, Firenze, Italy

1991

Jaume Plensa. P.S. Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Monocroms. Galería B.A.T., Madrid, Spain

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Eric Franck, Geneve, Switzerland

1990

Dibuixos. Galeria Carles Taché, Barcelona, Spain

Jaume Plensa. Eglise de Courmerlois-Silo Art Contemporain, Reims-Val-de-Vesle, France

Jaume Plensa. Galerie de France, Paris, France

1989

Jaume Plensa. The Sharpe Gallery, New York, USA

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Philippe Guimiot, Bruxelles, Belgium

Jaume Plensa. Galería Carles Taché, Barcelona, Spain

1988

Jaume Plensa. The Sharpe Gallery, New York, USA

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Folker Skulima, Berlin, Germany

Jaume Plensa. Musée d'Art Contemporain, Lyon, France

Jaume Plensa. Galería Rita García, Valencia, Spain

1987

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Philippe Guimiot, Bruxelles, Belgium

Jaume Plensa. Halle Sud, Geneve, Switzerland

1986

Jaume Plensa. Galería Maeght, Barcelona, Spain

1985

Jaume Plensa. Galería Juana de Aizpuru, Madrid, Spain

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Lola Gassin, Nice, France

1984

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Axe Actuel, Toulouse, France

Jaume Plensa. Galerie Folker Skulima, Berlin, Germany

1983

Jaume Plensa. Galería Ignacio de Lassaletta, Barcelona, Spain

1982

Llibre de vidre. Galería Eude, Barcelona, Spain

1981

Tres noms nous. Galería 13, Barcelona, Spain

1980

Jaume Plensa. Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain