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BETTY PARSONS

Born 1900, New York, NY Died 1982, Southold, NY

EDUCATION

1924, Académie de La Grand Chaumière, Paris, France

SELECTED ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2025	Betty Parsons: Sheer Energy, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, United Kingdom
	Reverberation, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
2024	Betty Parsons, Alison Jacques, London, UK
2022	Betty Parsons, Marion Art Center, MA
2021	Betty Parsons: 1950s Works on Paper, Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, NY
2020	Betty Parsons: Heated Sky, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
2019	Betty Parsons: The Queen of the Circus, Alison Jacques Gallery, London, United Kingdom
2018	Betty Parsons: Blue sky very high, Art Omi, Ghent, NY
2017	Betty Parsons: Invisible Presence, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
2015	Betty Parsons: A Life in Art, David Findlay Gallery, New York, NY
2010	Journeys: The Art of Betty Parsons, Spanierman Modern, New York, NY
2008	Totem Materia: Sculpture and Paintings by Betty Parsons, Spanierman Modern, New York, NY
2007	Painted Wood Sculpture by Betty Parsons, Spanierman Gallery, LLC, East Hampton, NY
2006	The Painted Sculpture of Betty Parsons, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NY
	Betty Parsons: A Painting Retrospective, Spanierman Gallery, LLC, East Hampton, NY
2005	The Painted Sculpture of Betty Parsons, Naples Museum of Art, FL
1999	Shaping a Generation: The Art and Artists of Betty Parsons, Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY
1992	Betty Parsons: Paintings on Paper, the Pollock-Krasner House with The Fine Arts Gallery of the Southhampton Campus of Long Island University and the Elaine Benton Gallery, Southhampton, East Hampton, NY
1985	Armstrong Gallery, New York, NY

1982	Homage to Betty Parsons, Fairweather Hardin Gallery, Chicago, IL
	In Memoriam: Betty Parsons: Her Last Works in Wood, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
	Truman Gallery, New York, NY
1981	Betty Parsons: Recent Constructions & Paintings, Virginia Miller Galleries, Miami, FL
1980	Betty Parsons in Detroit, Galleries, Birmingham, MI
	Betty Parsons: Paintings and Sculpture, Newspace, Los Angeles, CA
	Betty Parsons: Wood Constructions and Paintings, Barbara Fiedler Gallery, Washington, D.C.
	Betty Parsons, American Center, Paris, France
	Betty Parsons: New Work, Kornblee Gallery, New York, NY
	Betty Parsons, Nigel Greenwood Inc Ltd, London, United Kingdom
1979	Works by Betty Parsons: Painting - Sculpture, Summit Art Center, NJ
	Betty Parsons: Sculpture, Fairweather Hardin Gallery, Chicago, IL
	Betty Parsons, Hoshour Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
1978	Betty Parsons, United States Information Service, Instituto Hondureño de Cultura Interamericana, Tegucilgalpa, Honduras
	Betty Parsons, Kornblee Gallery and Truman Gallery, New York, NY
1977	Maud Morgan and Betty Parsons, Barnard College, New York, NY
	Drawings-Paintings-Sculptures by Betty Parsons, Frank Roth, Louise Himelfarb Gallery, Water Mill, NY
1975	Paintings and Wood Constructions by Betty Parsons, Elaine Benson Gallery, East Hampton, NY
	Betty Parsons: Paintings, Sculpture, Gouache, Studio Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1974	Betty Parsons Retrospective: An Exhibition of Paintings and Sculpture, Montclair Art Museum, NJ
1973	Betty Parsons, Studio Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1972	Betty Parsons: Paintings and Sculpture, A.M. Sachs Gallery, New York, NY
	Betty Parsons, College Art Gallery, Drew University, Madison, NJ
1971	Betty Parsons: Paintings, Sculpture, Gouaches, Studio Gallery, Washington, D.C.
1968	Betty Parsons Painting, Gouaches, and Sculpture 1955 - 68, Whitechapel Gallery, London, United Kingdom
1967	Betty Parsons: Paintings, Grand Central Moderns, New York, NY
	Betty Parsons: Paintings, Gallery Seven, Boston, MA
1966	The Southold Gallery, NY
	Betty Parsons, Bennington College, North Bennington, VT
1963	Betty B Parsons: Paintings and Gouaches, New Arts Gallery, Atlanta, GA
	Betty Parsons: Abstract Paintings and Gouaches, Miami Museum of Modern Art, FL
1962	Betty Parsons Paintings, Sidney Wolfson Studio, Salt Point, NY
1960	Betty Parsons Paintings 1957-60, Latow Gallery, New York, NY
1958	Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia, Athens
	Pensacola Art Center, FL

	Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1957	Betty Parsons: Paintings, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1955	Betty Parsons: Recent Paintings, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1948	Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1945	Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1941	Betty P. Parsons: Exhibition of Watercolors, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1938	Betty P. Parsons: Exhibition of Watercolors, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Betty P. Parsons, Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts, NY
1937	Gallery of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
	Betty P. Parsons: Exhibition of Watercolors, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1936	Betty Pierson-Parsons: Watercolors, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1935	Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1934	Betty Pierson-Parsons, Stendahl Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
1933	Galerie des Quatre Chemins, Paris, France
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2027	Abstract Expressionists: The Women, Mobile Museum of Art, AL
2026	Abstract Expressionists: The Women, Muscarelle Museum of Art at William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA; Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY; Grinnell College Museum of Art, IA
2025	Flesh Flowers, Aïshti Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon
	Abstract Expressionists: The Women, Wichita Art Museum, KS
	Drift, Slip House, New York, NY
	All of Me with All of You: LGBTQ+ Art Out of the Collection, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY
	Herself: American Artists of the 20th Century, Lincoln Glenn Gallery, New York, NY
	Take Notice: Women's History Month, Hollis Taggart, New York, NY
	Women in Abstraction: Shaping Expressionism, GAVLAK West Palm Beach, FL
2024	Looking Back / The 14th White Columns Annual, New York, NY
	Drum and Flag, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
2023	Artists Choose Parrish: Part III, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
	Taking Space: Contemporary Women Artists and the Politics of Scale, Montclair Art Museum, NJ
	I Spy, Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, NY
	Action, Gesture, Paint: Women Artists and Global Abstraction 1940-70, Whitechapel Gallery, London, United Kingdom
	Three Paintings by Richard Mayhew, Betty Parsons, and Jane Wilson, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY
2022	Kinship: Dusti Bongé and Betty Parsons, Hollis Taggart, New York, NY

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	"A sheet of paper casts a shadow," Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, NY
	Friends in a Field: Conversations with Raoul De Keyser, Mu.ZEE, Oostende, Belgium
	What You See Is What You Get, Massimo De Carlo, Paris, France; Madrid, Italy
2020	Nasty Women, GAVLAK, Los Angeles, CA
2019	Abstract Expressionism Revisited, Guild Hall, East Hampton, NY
	GARDEN, Sargent's Daughters, NY
	Painters of the East End, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY
	Count of Three, Alexander Gray Associates, New York, NY
	She Persists: A Century of Women Artists in New York, 1918-2018, Gracie Mansion, New York, NY
2018	Surface Work, Victoria Miro, London, UK
2017	Andrew Brischler: Lonely Planet, Gavlak Palm Beach Gallery, FL
	Innovative Approaches, Honored Traditions: The Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art at Five Years, Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
2015	You Go Girl! Celebrating Women Artists, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY
2014	Material World (Permanent Collection Exhibition), Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
2006	Betty Parsons and the Women, Anita Shapolsky Gallery, New York, NY
2005	People, Places and Things, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
2000	The Nature of Seeing: Works from the Collection, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
1992	Watercolors: Selections from the Collection, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
1988	Drawing on the East End, 1940-1988, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
1982	Group Exhibition, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, NY
1979	James Brooks, Betty Parsons, Jane Wilson, Louise Himelfarb Gallery, Water Mill, NY
1975	Painting, Drawing and Sculpture of The '60s and '70s From The Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
1972	Betty Parsons Private Collection: Paintings and Drawings 1940-1972, Parrish Art Museum, Wate Mill, NY
1970	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hirschhorn Select, Hurlbutt Gallery, Greenwich, CT
	Artists of Suffolk County, Part II: The Abstract Tradition, Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY
1966	Southold Gallery, NY
	Riverside Museum, New York, NY
	Penthouse Exhibition, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
1964	The Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY
	Penthouse Exhibition, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
	26th Annual Exhibition of Contemporary American Paintings, Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach, FL
1959	National Council of Women of the United States, New York, NY
	Miami Beach Art Center, FL

	Midtown's Season's Retrospective, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Midtown's Anniversary Show, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Midtown's Opening Group Show, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1958	Summit Art Association, NJ
	Midtown's Season's Retrospective, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Midtown's Anniversary Show, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, OH
	Midtown's Watercolor Group, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1957	Jury Meeting, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia
	Midtown's Season's Retrospective, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	25th Anniversary Loan Exhibition, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Midtown's Opening Group Show, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, OH
	Midtown's Watercolor Group, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1956	Memphis Museum, TN
	Art Barn, Southampton, NY
	Midtown's Watercolor Group, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	The Society of the Four Arts Contemporary Exhibition, Palm Beach, F
1954	Midtown's Season's Retrospective, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis, IN
1953	Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH
1952	The Nude Traveling Show, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
	Dayton Art Institute, OH
1945	Midtown's Christmas Exhibition, Midtown Galleries, New York, NY
1937	The Price Gallery, Hollywood, CA
	Barbarie Gallery, Hollywood, CA
1927	The No. 12 Group, The New Chenil Galleries, London, UK

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
Birmingham Museum of Art, AL
Buffalo AKG Art Museum, NY
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, MA

Montclair Art Museum, NJ
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.
Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY
Portland Art Museum, OR
RISD Museum, Providence, RI
Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.
Telfair Museums, Savannah, GA
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

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"Betty Parsons: Invisible Presence." The New Yorker, June 2017.

Blume, Mary. "Betty Parsons: The Power of Enchantment." International Herald Tribune, July 4, 1980.

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