

The Museum of Modern Art

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART PRESENTS FIRST US RETROSPECTIVE IN 30 YEARS DEDICATED TO DONALD JUDD

Judd

The Steven and Alexandra Cohen Center for Special Exhibitions, Floor Six
March 1, 2020–January 9, 2021

NEW YORK, February 4, 2020 [Updated August 17, 2020]—The Museum of Modern Art’s exhibition **Judd**, on view in the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Center for Special Exhibitions in the David and Peggy Rockefeller Building from March 1 through January 9, 2021, is the first major US retrospective dedicated to the work of Donald Judd (1928–1994) in over three decades. Presented solely at MoMA, the exhibition explores the remarkable vision of an artist who revolutionized the history of sculpture, highlighting the full scope of Judd’s career through 70 works in sculpture, painting, drawing, and prints, from public and private collections in the US and abroad. *Judd* is organized by Ann Temkin, The Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture, with Yasmin Raymond, former Associate Curator; Tamar Margalit, Curatorial Assistant; and Erica Cooke, Research Fellow, Department of Painting and Sculpture, MoMA.

Donald Judd was among a generation of artists in the 1960s who sought to entirely do away with illusion, narrative, and metaphorical content. He turned to three dimensions as well as industrial working methods and materials in order to investigate “real space,” by his definition.

“Half a century after Judd established himself as a leading figure of his time, there remains a great deal to discover,” said Temkin. “MoMA’s presentation covers the full arc of his career, aiming to reveal its largely unexpected variety and complexity.”

“We commend the leadership of MoMA, Ann Temkin, and her team for their in-depth research and their substantial commitment toward this significant exhibition. Don’s work remains as vital today as it was when he created it. We appreciate MoMA providing the opportunity for a new generation to engage with his work in New York,” said Rainer Judd, President, Judd Foundation.

Judd will be the first full-scale introduction to the artist’s career for many viewers (including a generation born since his last American retrospective in 1988). It will be organized in chronological order to demonstrate an artistic vision that developed in both methodical and utterly unpredictable ways.

The exhibition begins with a wide selection of paintings, objects, drawings, and prints from the early 1960s, bringing the viewer along on the step-by-step journey that led from paintings to works that were fully three-dimensional. In the mid-1960s, Judd created a fundamental

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vocabulary of works in three dimensions, including hollow boxes, stacks, and progressions made with metals and plastics by commercial fabricators. These are represented with the inclusion of their early—or even first—manifestations as well as significant ideas that were carried out in a few pieces and then laid aside. The 1970s gallery presents important changes to the work that in part reflect that Judd was re-centering his practice in Marfa, Texas, and working on site-specific pieces elsewhere. His experimentation extended to new levels of scale and types of structure, as well as to the introduction of plywood as a key material. The exhibition’s final gallery presents the aspect of Judd’s career least familiar to American viewers: the works from his last decade, mostly fabricated in Europe, whose chromatic and material exuberance emphatically contradicts the “Minimalist” label that Judd had always rejected.

Judd’s activity extended far beyond the realm of making works of art. He was a prolific art critic and essayist, deeply committed to democratic and environmental causes, and active in the fields of architecture and design. A “reading room” outside the exhibition entrance will feature Judd-designed furniture. Visitors will be invited to use the furniture and browse the exhibition catalogue, several key books on Judd’s work, and the artist’s own writings.

The exhibition is accompanied by a richly illustrated catalogue that uses newly available archival materials from the Judd Foundation and elsewhere to expand scholarly perspectives on Judd’s work. Essays by Ann Temkin, Erica Cooke, Tamar Margalit, Christine Mehring, James Meyer, Annie Ochmanek, Yasmit Raymond, and Jeffrey Weiss address subjects such as Judd’s early beginnings in painting, the fabrication of his sculptures, his site-specific pieces, and his work in design and architecture. Hardcover, \$75. ISBN: 978-1-63345-032-5. Published by The Museum of Modern Art, New York, and available at MoMA stores and online at store.moma.org. Distributed to the trade through ARTBOOK|D.A.P. in the United States and Canada, and through Thames & Hudson in the rest of the world.

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AUDIO GUIDE:

The audio playlist explores Judd's artistic experimentation--from early paintings to his revolutionary sculptural works from the mid-1960s and beyond. Hear from artists Jamie Dearing, Mary Heilmann, Leslie Hewitt, Park McArthur, Charles Ray, and poet John Yao, as they reflect on the innovations and impact of Judd's work, then and now.

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Hyundai Card is proud to support this long-awaited retrospective of the work of Donald Judd, whose revolutionary ideas transformed the language of modern art. Judd's radical approach to form, materials, working methods, and display established him as one of the pivotal figures of the twentieth century. Bringing together a selection of Judd's objects, paintings, and drawings, the exhibition explores the artist's provocative use of industrial materials and his bold investigation of form and space. Judd broke open the boundaries of traditional approaches to painting and sculpture through a remarkable spirit of creativity and innovation—values that Hyundai Card always seeks to pursue. Hyundai Card is committed to supporting the work of visionaries like Judd, whose legacy continues to stimulate dialogue about the intersection between art and life around the globe.

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Repossi is pleased to announce a new initiative in support of the arts with its sponsorship of *Judd*, the first major US retrospective of the work of Donald Judd in more than thirty years.

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