

Manolo Valdés (Spanish, b.1942) is a painter, sculptor, and printmaker born in Valencia, Spain, and best known for his association with the artistic group known as Equipo Crónica. He studied at the San Carlos Academy of Fine Arts, where he met Rafael Solbes. In 1964, along with colleague Juan Antonia Toledo, they founded Equipo Crónica, a Spanish manifestation of the Pop Art movement of the 1960s. Through his participation in this group—which lasted until 1981—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' death in 1981, Valdés continued to work in a style that became distinctly his own and independent from that of Equipo Crónica. Finding inspiration in the styles and techniques of Old Masters, such as Francisco Goya and Diego Velázquez, Valdés incorporates and appropriates traditional motifs and compositions of art history. 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. Valdés currently lives and works primarily in New York, as well as in Madrid, Spain.

Timeline

1942

Born in Valencia, Spain, on March 8th.

1957

Entered Escuela Superior de Bellas Artes de San Carlos, Valencia.

1964

Formed the group Equipo Crónica with Rafael Solbes. Their association continued until the death of Solbes in 1981.

1965

Recipient, Prize Biella, Milan, Italy

1979

Recipient, Silver medal, II International Biennial of Grabados, Tokyo, Japan

1979

Recipient, Prize from the Bridgestone Museum of Art, Lisbon, Portugal

1965–1981

Besides the shows he was involved in as a member of Equipo Crónica, Manolo Valdés participated in over sixty solo exhibitions and numerous group exhibitions.

1984

Recipient, Prize from the Nacional de Bellas Artes, Spain

1985

Recipient, National Medal for Painting, Fine Arts, Spain

1986

Recipient, Medal for the Biennial, International Festival of the Plastic Arts, Baghdad, Iraq

1993

Condecoración de la Orden de Andrés Bello en la Clase de Banda Honor, Republic of Venezuela

1997

Recipient, XXXIIème Prix du Conseil National Fondation Prince Pierre of Monaco

1998

Recipient, Gold Medal of Merit for Fine Arts, Spain
1998

Recipient, Gold Medal of Merit for Fine Arts, Spain
1999

Represented Spain at Venice Bienale
2000

Recipient, Prize from Art Critics Association for Estampa, Madrid
2002

Recipient, Prize from ARCO Art Critics Association for Estampa, Madrid
2004

Recipient, Prize Valenciano del siglo XXI.
2005

Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Culturel, France.
2006

Premio Archival Espana 2005
2006

Doctor Honoris Causa by the University Miguel Hernández. Elche.
2007

Officier de L'Ordre National du Mérite
The artist lives and works in New York.

Exhibitions

2016

Manolo Valdés: Monumental Sculptures at Place Vendôme , Place Vendôme , Paris,
France

2016

Manolo Valdés: Recent Work – Paintings and Sculptures, Marlborough Fine Art,
London, United Kingdom

2015

Sculpture, Paintings and works on paper, Marlborough Fine Art, London, United
Kingdom

2015

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

2014

Manolo Valdés: Obra gráfica, Galeria Marlborough, Madrid, Spain

2014

Manolo Valdés: Pintura, Escultura, Obra Sobre Papel, Galeria Marlborough,
Barcelona, Spain

2013

Manolo Valdés: Sculpture and Works on Paper, Marlborough Gallery, New York,
New York, United States

2013

Manolo Valdes: Paintings and Sculptures, Pera Museum , Istanbul, Turkey

2012–2013

Remixing History: Manolo Valdés, Georgia Museum of Art, The University of
Georgia, Athens, Georgia, United States

2011–2012

Manolo Valdés, Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, Naples, Florida, United States

2011–2012

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

2011

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

2010

Manolo Valdés, Marlborough Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

2010

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

2010

Manolo Valdés, Eskultura Monumentalak, Obra Social, Fundación « la Caixa », Barcelona, Spain

2010

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

2010

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

2010

Manolo Valdés: Monumental Sculpture on Broadway, Broadway Mall, New York, New York, United States

2009

Manolo Valdés, Escultura y pintura, Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spain

2009

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

2008–2009

Manolo Valdés in Beijing, National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China

2006–2009

Manolo Valdés. Escultura Monumental, organized by Arte en La Calle, Fundación “la Caixa,” Obra Social, traveled throughout Spain, to Valladolid, Cordoba, Valencia, A Coruña, Palma de Mallorca, Sevilla, Bilbao, Burgos, Barcelona, Saragosa, Almeria, Logroño, Salamanca, Murcia, and Málaga

2008

Don Juan (Obra Gráfica), Sala Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

2008

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

2008

Manolo Valdés in San Francisco, City of San Francisco, San Francisco, California, United States

2008

Manolo Valdés, Marlborough Chelsea, New York, NY, Winter, 2008 (forthcoming) (solo)

2008

Manolo Valdés: Las Meninas, St. Petersburg, Russia, Spring 2008 (forthcoming) (solo)

2008

Manolo Valdés in Beijing, Beijing, China, Fall 2008 (forthcoming) (solo)

2007–2008

Manolo Valdés, Galerie Maeght, Paris, France, November 15, 2007 – January 12, 2008 (solo)

2007–2008

Manolo Valdés, Galerie Maeght, Paris, France

2006–2008

Arte en la Calle, Manolo Valdés: Escultura Monumental, travelling to Ayuntamiento de Valladolid, Spain, November 22, 2006 – January 15, 2007; Cordoba, Spain, January 30 – March 15; Valencia, Spain, April 19 – July 15, Palma de Mallorca, Spain, summer 2007; Sevilla, Spain, October 25, 2007-January 20, 2008: and Bilbao in 2008; Barcelona, Spain, April 10 – June 15, 2008 (solo)

2007

Akili Museum of Art, Yakarta, Indonesia.

2007

La palabra imaginada, Museo Esteban Vicente, Segovia, Spain

2007

Salon de L'Estampe, Galerie Maeght, Grand Palais, Paris, France

2007

Art Cologne, Beck & Eggeling, Dusseldorf, Germany

2007

Summer Exhibition, Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY

2007

Manolo Valdés. Oeuvre sur papier. Galerie Maeght, Paris, France (solo)

2007

Manolo Valdés, New Works, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland

2007

Manolo Valdés at Bryant Park, Bryant Park, New York, New York, United States

2007

Manolo Valdés at Miami Beach, City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida, United States

2007

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

2007

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

2006

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

2006

ARCO 2006, Madrid, Spain, Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY

2006

TEFAF Maastricht, International Art Fair, Marlborough Fine Art Beck and Eggeling, Holland

2006

Art Cologne, Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf, Germany, Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY

2006

Picasso to Plensa: A Century of Art from Spain, Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, New Mexico

2006

Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul de Vence, France (solo)

2006

Manolo Valdés: Bilder-Bronze-Arbeiten Auf Papier, Beck & Eggeling Kunstverlag, Düsseldorf, Germany, June 6 – July 22 (solo)

2005

Manolo Valdés. Obra Gráfica, Galería Estiarte, Madrid, Spain

2005

Valdés, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, Holland

2005

Manolo Valdés: Selected Prints, Marlborough Graphics, New York, NY

2005

Manolo Valdés, Galeria d'Art Arcadi Calzada, Olot, Spain

2005

Les Menines de Valdés, Jardins du Palais Royal, Paris, France. traveled to Zurich, Switzerland, and Oviedo, Spain.

2005

Valdés, Palazzo Magnani, Reggio Emilia, Italy. traveled to Siena; Fundación Caixa Girona, Spain

2005

Manolo Valdés, Château de Chenonceau, Chenonceaux, France

2004

Esculturas de gran formato, Marlborough Madrid, Madrid, Spain

2004

New Engravings, Galería Tiempos Modernos, Madrid, Spain

2004

Manolo Valdés Damas: Bronzes, Paintings and Drawings, Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Dusseldorf, Germany

2004

Manolo Valdés: Peintures et Sculptures, Marlborough Monte Carlo, Monaco

2003

Manolo Valdés, Obra Gráfica. Galería Estiarte, Madrid, Spain

2003

Manolo Valdés, Sonia Zannettacci Galerie, Geneva, Switzerland

2003

Manolo Valdés in America, Butler Institute of American Art, Trumbull Branch, Howland, OH

2003

Manolo Valdés, Galleri Kaj Forsbloom, Helsinki, Finland

2002

Museo Nacional de Demasco, Syria

2002

La Dama at Park Avenue and 57th, the Park Avenue Malls, NY organized by Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York, USA

2002

Manolo Valdés. Obra Gráfica, 1981-2002, Cultural Center Casa de Vacas (Retiro Park), Madrid, Spain

2002

Manolo Valdés. Dibujos, Fundación BBK, Bilbao, Spain; Museo Gustavo de Maetzu, Estella, Spain; Museo Nicanor Piñolé, Gijón, Spain

2002

Stiftung Schleswig – Holsteinische Landesmuseen Schloss Gottorf, Germany

2002

Manolo Valdés. Obra Gráfica, The Jordan National Gallery, Amman, Jordan; Instituto Cervantes, Beirut, Lebanon; Museo Nacional, Damascus, Syria; Galería de Arte Contemporáneo – Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey; Instituto Cervantes, Tangier, Morocco; Dar Sanaa – Escuela de Artes y Oficios, Tetuan, Morocco
2002

Sculptures, Marlborough Gallery, New York, NY

2002

Obra Reciente, Marlborough Madrid, Madrid, Spain (until 2003)

2002

Manolo Valdés, Painting and Sculpture, Guggenheim Bilbao, Bilbao. Spain

2002

Manolo Valdés, Obra Gráfica, Centro Português de Serigrafia, Lisbon, Portugal

2002

Manolo Valdés, Kurt Art Gallery, San Sebastián, Spain

2001

Galería Durero, Gijón, Spain

2001

Galería Saragosa Gráfica, Saragosa, Spain

2001

Galería Montcada, Barcelona, Spain

2001

Graphic Works, Bob Stein Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri, United States

2001

Los géneros - retratos, bodegones y paisajes, Palacio de Congresos & Exposiciones of Castilla y León, Salamanca, Spain. Sponsored by Fundación Cristóbal Gabarrón, Valladolid, Spain

2001

Obra gráfica, Galería Juan Manuel Lumbreras, Bilbao, Spain

2001

Serie de la Reina Mariana, Tiempos Modernos, Madrid, Spain

2001

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

2001

Galerie Patrice Trigano, Paris, France

2001

Galería Art of this Century, Paris, France

2001

Manolo Valdés - Obras reciente, Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spain

2001

Galería Eude, Barcelona, Spain

2000

Manolo Valdés, 1990-1999, Sala Quatre Cantons, Vilafamés, Spain. traveled to Centre Municipal de Cultura, Castelló, Spain

2000

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

2000

Galería Heller, Madrid, Spain

2000

Manolo Valdés, Sala de Exposiciones Sa Llonja, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

2000

Las Meninas, Galería Estiarte, Madrid, Spain

2000

Galería Espacio, San Salvador, El Salvador

2000

Las Meninas, Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Palazzo Venier dei Leoni, Venice, Italy

2000

Manolo Valdés: New Etchings, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York, United States

1999

Campbell-Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco, California, United States

1999

Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

1999

Galería La Aurora, Murcia, Spain

1999

Sala de Exposiciones San Esteban, Murcia, Spain

1999

Museo de Arte Moderno Aloísio Magalhães, Recife, Brazil

1999

Galería A.M.S. Marlborough, Santiago, Chile

1999

Patio de la Mairie d'Anglet, Anglet, France

1998

Galería La Aurora, Murcia, Spain

1998

Galerie Marwan Hoss, Paris, France

1998

Sala García Castañón de Caja Pamplona, Pamplona, Spain

1998

Galería Pedro Torres, Logroño, Spain

1998

Del Equipo Crónica a Manolo Valdés, VII International Contemporary Art Fair, Guadalajara, Mexico

1998

Sala Nacional de Exposiciones, San Salvador, El Salvador

1998

Galería Rosalía Sender, Valencia, Spain

1998

Galería Durero, Gijón, Spain

1998

Museo Nacional de Artes Visuales, Montevideo, Uruguay

1998

Manolo Valdés in Cardiff - Works from the Guillermo Caballero de Luján Collection, Cardiff Central Library, Cardiff, Wales

1998

Manolo Valdés: Recent Work, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York, United States. Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spain

1997

Galería Bennassar, Pollença, Palma de Mallorca, Spain



1997

Manolo Valdés, Graphic Works, Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spain

1997

Centre d'Art Contemporain, Istres, France

1997

Centre Cultural Contemporani Pelaires, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1997

Galeria Maeght, Barcelona, Spain

1997

Galeria Freites, Caracas, Venezuela

1997

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

1997

Pinacoteca do Estado, São Paulo, Brazil

1997

Museo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico

1997

Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico

1997

Tiempos Modernos, Madrid, Spain

1996

Galeria Mario Sequeira, Braga, Portugal

1996

Instituto Valenciano de Arte Moderno IVAM, Centre Julio González, Valencia, Spain

1996

Galerie Sonia Zannettacci, Geneva, Switzerland

1996

Cynthia Bourne Gallery, London, England

1996

Galería Palatina, Buenos Aires, Argentina

1996

Campbell-Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco, California, United States

1995

Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spain

1995

Galería Torres, Bilbao, Spain

1995

Galería Varrón, Salamanca, Spain

1995

Galería La Aurora, Murcia, Spain

1995

Galería 11, Alicante, Spain

1995

Galería Colón XVI, Bilbao, Spain

1995

Galleria Il Gabbiano, Rome, Italy

1994

Veranneman Foundation, Kruishoutem, Belgium

1994

Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York, United States

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1993

Sala Amós Salvador, Logroño, Spain

1993

Galería Marlborough, Madrid, Spain

1993

Galería Freites, Caracas, Venezuela

1993

Centro de Arte Palacio Almudí, Murcia, Spain

1992

Galería Trama, Barcelona, Spain

1992

Galerie Sonia Zannettacci, Geneva, Switzerland

1992

Galería Fandos, Valencia, Spain

1991

Galería Fandos i Leonarte, Valencia, Spain

1991

Galería Guereta, Madrid, Spain

1991

Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York, United States

1990

Galería Freites, Caracas, Venezuela

1990

Cultural Rioja, Logroño, Spain

1990

Caja de Ahorros, Burgos, Spain

1990

Palacio Condes de Gaira, Granada, Spain

1990

Colegio de Arquitectos, Tenerife, Spain

1990

Palacio de Almudí, Murcia, Spain

1990

Galería Fandos i Leonarte, Valencia, Spain

1989

Galería Maeght, Barcelona, Spain

1989

Museo de Bellas Artes, Oviedo, Spain

1989

Galería Sen, Madrid, Spain

1989

Galerie Sonia Zannettacci, Geneva, Switzerland

1989

Galería Soledad Lorenzo, Madrid, Spain

1989

Equipo Crónica 1965-1981, Instituto Valenciano de Arte Moderno IVAM, Centro Julio González, Valencia, Spain. traveled to Centro de Cultura Contemporánea de la Casa de la Caridad, Barcelona, Spain; Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

1989

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Galería Fandos y Leonarte, Valencia, Spain
1988

Château de Tarascon, Tarascon, France
1988

Galería Luis Adelantado, Valencia, Spain
1988

Galería El Coleccionista, Madrid, Spain
1988

Museo de Bellas Artes, Bilbao, Spain
1988

Galerie Adrien Maeght, Paris, France
1988

Galería Freites, Caracas, Venezuela
1988

Galería Maeght, Barcelona, Spain
1987

Galería Yerba, Murcia, Spain
1987

Galería 4, Valencia, Spain
1987

Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1986

Galería Adrien Maeght, Paris, France
1986

Galería Parpalló, Valencia, Spain
1985

Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, Wilhelmshaven, Germany
1985

Galería del Palau, Valencia, Spain
1985

Galería Roma y Pavia, Porto, Portugal
1985

Galería Sen, Madrid, Spain
1985

Galería Maeght, Barcelona, Spain
1984

Galería Sa Pleta Freda, Mallorca, Spain
1984

Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen, Germany
1984

Galerie Poll, Berlin, Germany
1983

Galería del Palau, Valencia, Spain
1982

Galería Maeght, Barcelona, Spain
1982

Galería 4, Valencia, Spain
1982

Galería Punto, Valencia, Spain
1982



Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1981
Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen, Germany
1981
Galería Maeght, Barcelona, Spain
1981
Galerie Bonn, Bonn, Germany
1981
Sala de la Biblioteca Nacional, Madrid, Spain
1980
Galerie Poll, Berlin, Germany
1980
Galerie Jürgen Schweinbraden, Berlin, Germany
1980
Galería Yerba, Murcia, Spain
1979
Galería Juana Mordó, Madrid, Spain
1979
Galerie Maeght, Zurich, Switzerland
1979
Caixa d'Estalvis, Mataro, Spain
1979
Galería Juana de Aizpuru, Seville, Spain
1978
Galería Cadaqués, Cadaqués, Spain
1978
Galería Punto, Valencia, Spain
1978
Galerie Maeght, Zurich, Switzerland
1978
Galería Yerba, Murcia, Spain
1978
Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1978
Sala Luzán, Saragosa, Spain
1978
Musée de Rochefort, Rochefort, Belgium
1978
Galería Maeght, Barcelona, Spain
1977
Centro de Arte Contemporáneo, Porto, Portugal
1977
Galerie Poll, Berlin, Germany
1977
Kunstverein Hannover, Hannover, Germany
1977
Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe, Germany
1977
Galerie Flinker, Paris, France
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Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany
1976
Galería Juana Mordo, Madrid, Spain
1976
Galería 42, Barcelona, Spain
1975
Centro M-11, Seville, Spain
1974
Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, ARC, Paris, France
1974
Musée d'Art Moderne, Pau, France
1974
Maison de la Culture, Saint-Étienne and Reims, France
1974
Galleria d'Arte Cavour, Milan, Italy
1974
Galerie du Fleuve, Bordeaux, France
1974
Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1974
Sala Juan XXIII, Cordoba, Spain
1974
Kunststichting Lijnbaancentrum, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
1973
Galeria Stadler, Paris, France
1973
Llotja del Tint, Banyoles, Spain
1973
Arte Contacto, Caracas, Venezuela
1973
Galería Rene Metrás, Barcelona, Spain
1972
Colegio Pio XII, Valencia, Spain
1972
Galeria Atenas, Saragosa, Spain
1972
Galería Tassili, Oviedo, Spain
1972
Casa del Siglo XV, Segovia, Spain
1972
Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1972
Galería Juana Mordo, Madrid, Spain
1971
Collegi d'Arquitectes, Barcelona, Spain
1971
Galeria Poll, Berlin, Germany
1971
Galerie Klang, Cologne, Germany
1970

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Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1970

Sala Honda, Cuenca, Spain
1969

Galería Grises, Bilbao, Spain
1969

Galería Cultart, Madrid, Spain
1968

Galleria l'Agrifolio, Milan, Italy
1968

Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1968

Galleria Il Girasole, Rome, Italy
1967

Galería Val i 30, Valencia, Spain
1967

Galería Barandiaran, San Sebastian, Spain
1967

Sala Aixela, Barcelona, Spain
1966

Sala Miqueldi, Bilbao, Spain
1966

Galería La Pasarela, Seville, Spain
1966

Sala Comunale, Ferrara, Italy
1965

Sala Comunale, Reggio Emilia, Italy
1965

Galleria Il Centro, Turin, Italy