

# Marlborough

## GILLIAN AYRES

1930 —

Born in Barnes, London, United Kingdom

2018 —

Died in Devon, United Kingdom

### Education

1941-6 —

St Paul's Girls' School, London, United Kingdom

1946-50 —

Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts, London, United Kingdom

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

2021 —

*Gillian Ayres*, Marlborough Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2019 —

*Gillian Ayres: Song Beneath the Stars*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, United Kingdom

*I See Nature Like Paint: Gillian Ayres: Paintings 1972-83*, Mark Rothko Centre, Daugavpils, Latvia

2018 —

PIFO Gallery, Beijing, China

2017 —

*Sailing off the Edge: Gillian Ayres' Abstract Painting, Past to Present*, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China

*Gillian Ayres: Retrospective Exhibition*, National Museum Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom

*Gillian Ayres: Retrospective Exhibition*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2015 —

*Gillian Ayres: New Paintings and Prints*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2014 —

*Gillian Ayres: New Paintings and Woodcuts*, Burton Art Gallery, Bideford, Devon, United Kingdom

2012 —

*Gillian Ayres: Paintings and Works on Paper, 2010-2012*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, United Kingdom

*Gillian Ayres: Paintings from the 50's*, Jerwood Gallery, Hastings, United Kingdom

*Gillian Ayres: Works on Paper 1990-2011*, Victoria Art Gallery, Bath, United Kingdom; travelled to Turnpike Gallery, Leigh, United Kingdom; Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, Exeter United Kingdom

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2010 —

Solo Room, Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

2006 —

*Recent Paintings*, Hillsboro Fine Art, Dublin, Ireland

2007 —

*New Paintings, Prints and Monoprints*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2005 —

*At This Stage*, Southampton City Art Gallery, United Kingdom

2004 —

*Surface Tensions*, Norwich City Art Gallery, United Kingdom

2001 —

*Gillian Ayres: New Prints*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1999 —

*Gillian Ayres: New Paintings*, Gimpel Fils, London, United Kingdom

*Gillian Ayres: New Prints*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, United Kingdom

De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-sea, United Kingdom

1997 —

*Gillian Ayres*, Sackler Galleries, Royal Academy of Arts, London; travelled to Yale Centre for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut, United States; Iowa University Museum, United States

1995 —

Solo Room at Tate Britain, London, United Kingdom

1996 —

Gimpel Fils, London, United Kingdom

1994 —

Bolton City Art Gallery, United Kingdom

1993 —

*Indian Summer*, Manchester City Art Gallery, United Kingdom

1991 —

*Solo British Representative*, Seventh-Triennale-India, Jaipur India; travelled to Nicholson Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, India; Lalit Kala Akademi, Madras, India; Karnataka Chirakala Parishath, Bangalore, India; Birla Academy of Arts and Culture, Calcutta, India; Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi, India; Butler Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, Ireland; Ayuntamiento De Calvia, Salon De Las Artes. Leon, France; Palacio Almundi, Murcia, Spain; Torreon De Lozoya, Segovia, Spain

1989 —

*Recent Paintings*, Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Arnolfini, Bristol, United Kingdom

1988 —

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**Knoedler Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**1987 —**

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**1985 —**

**M. Knoedler & Co., New York, United States**

**Knoedler Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**1984 —**

**Knoedler Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**1983 —**

***Gillian Ayres Solo Retrospective*, The Serpentine Gallery, London, United Kingdom; travelled to Cooper Gallery, Barnsley, United Kingdom; Newlyn Gallery, Penzance, United Kingdom; Nottingham University Art Gallery, United Kingdom; Mostyn Art Gallery, Llandudno, United Kingdom**

**1982 —**

**Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, United Kingdom**

**Knoedler Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**1979 —**

**Knoedler Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**1978 —**

**Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, United Kingdom**

**1977 —**

**Galerie Alvarez, Porto, Portugal**

**1976 —**

**William Darby Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

***Gillian Ayres: Acrylic Paintings*, Women's Interart Centre, New York, United States**

**1973 —**

**Hoya Gallery, London, United Kingdom; travelled to Oxford Gallery, United Kingdom**

**1969 —**

**Kasmin Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**1967 —**

***Gillian Ayres: Prints, Ceramics and Drawings*, Alecto Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**1966 —**

**Midland Group Gallery, Nottingham, United Kingdom**

**1965 —**

**Hamilton Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

**Kasmin Gallery, London, United Kingdom**

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1964 —

Arnolfini, Bristol, United Kingdom

1963 —

Hamilton Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1962 —

Molton Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1960 —

Molton Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1958 —

Redfern Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1957 —

Kara Benson Gallery, Oslo, Norway

1956 —

Victor Musgrave's Gallery One, London, United Kingdom

## Selected Group Shows

2022 —

*Postwar Modern: New Art in Britain 1945-1965*, Barbican, London, United Kingdom

2021 —

*Summer Exhibition*, Marlborough Gallery, London, United Kingdom

*Hockney to Himid: 60 Years of British Printmaking*, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, United Kingdom

2020 —

*Summer Exhibition 2020*, PIFO Gallery, Beijing, China

2019 —

*Bad Actors*, KARST, Plymouth, United Kingdom

2018 —

*Perfect: Buddhism and Art*, Putian Art Museum, Putian, China

*Surface Work*, Victoria Miro, London, United Kingdom

2015 —

*No Set Rules*, Ben Uri Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2014 —

*As Exciting As We Can Make It: Ikon in the 1980's*, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, United Kingdom

2011 —

*Objects of Delight: Personal Choices from the Arts Council Collection*, QUAD, Derby, United Kingdom

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2010 —

*As Dreamers Do, Works of the 1960s from the Calouste, Gulbenkian Foundation's Art Collection*, Centre Culturel Calouste Gulbenkian, Paris, France

2009 —

*At the Edge, British Art 1950–2000*, Touchstones, Rochdale, United Kingdom; travelled to Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Preston, United Kingdom; Gallery Oldham, United Kingdom; Bolton Museum, Art Gallery and Aquarium, Bolton, United Kingdom

2008 —

*Blitzkrieg Pop*, Man and Eve Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*Colour Show*, Hilton Young Gallery, Penzance, United Kingdom

2006 —

*Passion for Paint*, National Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*How to Improve the World*, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2004 —

*Surface Tensions*, Norwich City Art Gallery, United Kingdom

2002 —

*Éigse Carlow Arts Festival*, Carlow, Ireland

1998 —

*Coming to Light: Recent Acquisitions*, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, United Kingdom  
*In/Sight*, University of Exeter Faculty of Arts, Exeter, United Kingdom  
*25 Years of Arts Week*, Butler Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, Ireland

1996 —

*ACE! Arts Council Collection New Purchases*, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom; travelled to The Harlech Biennale, Wales, United Kingdom; Oriel Senig, Gwynedd, United Kingdom

1995 —

*Home and Away, Internationalism and British Art 1900–1990*, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, United Kingdom  
*Newlyn Art Gallery: 100 Years—Context and Continuity*, Newlyn Gallery, Penzance, United Kingdom

1993 —

*The Sixties: Art and Popular Culture in Britain*, The Barbican Centre, London, United Kingdom

1992 —

*Ready, Steady, Go: Painting of the Sixties from the Arts Council Collection*, Southbank Centre, London, United Kingdom  
*The Discerning Eye*, Mall Galleries, London, United Kingdom  
*Heaven and Hell*, Pomeroy Purdy Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1990 —

*Great British Art Show*, City Art Gallery, Glasgow, United Kingdom

1989 —

*Blasphemies, Ecstasies, Cries*, Serpentine Gallery, London, United Kingdom

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1988 —

*Athena Towards*, The Barbican Centre, London, United Kingdom

*100 Years of Art in Britain*, Leeds City Art Gallery, United Kingdom

*Presence of Painting: Aspects of British Abstraction 1955–88*, Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, United Kingdom

1985 —

*Summer in the City*, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, United Kingdom

1983 —

*Alive To It All*, Arts Council Exhibition; travelled to Rochdale Art Gallery, United Kingdom; Serpentine Gallery, London, United Kingdom; Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, United Kingdom; City Museum and Art Gallery, Plymouth, United Kingdom; Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, United Kingdom

*Art of Now: Peter Moores Liverpool Project 7*, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, United Kingdom

*Tolly Cobbold, Eastern Arts 4<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition*, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, United Kingdom

1977 —

*Hayward Annual*, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1977 —

*British Painting 1952–1977*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom

1974 —

*British Painting 74*, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1971 —

*Large Paintings – Three Painters*, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom

1970 —

*British Artists Prints 1961–66*, British Council Exhibition; travelled to National Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland; Zoumboulakis Gallery, Athens, Greece; International Cultureel Centrum, Antwerp, Belgium; National Museum of Malta, Valletta, Malta; British Council Lagos, Nigeria; Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia

1968 —

*Junge Generation Grossbritannien*, Akademie der Kunst, Berlin, Germany

1967 —

*British Painting: The New Generation*, Museum of Modern Art, New York and touring, United States

*Recent British Painting*, Peter Stuyvesant Foundation Collection, Tate Gallery, London

1966 —

*Aspects of New British Art*, touring exhibition, Australia and New Zealand

1965 —

*Op and Pop*, Stockholm, Sweden

*European Drawings*, Guggenheim Museum, New York, United States

1963 —

*British Painting in the Sixties*, Whitechapel Gallery, London, United Kingdom

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*Seventh International Art Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan*

1962 —

*British Art, touring exhibition, Denmark*

*British Painting, San Francisco Museum of Art, Dallas Museum and Santa Barbara Museum of Art, United States*

1961 —

*Internationale Malerei, Aschaffenburg, Germany*

*New London Situation, Marlborough New London Gallery, London, United Kingdom*

1960 —

*Guggenheim Award Paintings, RWS Galleries, London, United Kingdom*

1959 —

*Biennale de Paris, Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France*

1957 —

*Tachist and Abstract Art, Redfern Gallery, London, United Kingdom*

*Dimensions: British Abstract Art, O'Hana Gallery, London, United Kingdom*

## Selected Awards/Residencies

2011 —

Awarded Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

2005 —

Elected Senior Royal Academician, The Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom

1989 —

Shortlisted for the Turner Prize, London, United Kingdom

1988 —

Awarded the Blackstone Prize at the Royal Academy of Arts' Summer Exhibition, London, United Kingdom

1986 —

Awarded Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

1979 —

Received the Arts Council Purchase Award, Second Prize

1967 —

Received the Arts Council Purchase Award, London, United Kingdom

1963 —

Japan International Art Promotion Association Award

## Teaching Appointments

1959 – 66

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Lecturer at Bath Academy of Art, Corsham, United Kingdom

1978 – 81

Head Teacher of Painting at Winchester School of Art, United Kingdom

1966– 78

Senior Lecturer at St. Martin's School of Art, London, United Kingdom

## Monographs

2017 –

Martin Gayford, David Cleaton-Roberts and Andrew Marr, *Gillian Ayres* (London: Art/Books, 2017)

2004 –

Mel Gooding, *Gillian Ayres: Paintings and Works on Paper 1980-2004* (London: Alan Cristea Gallery, 2004)

2001 –

Mel Gooding, *Gillian Ayres* (London: Lund Humphries, 2001)

## Public Collections

Arts Council of England, London, United Kingdom

Ashmolean Museum of Art, Oxford, United Kingdom

Astrup Fearnley Museet for Moderne Kunst, Oslo, Norway

British Museum, London, United Kingdom

Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China

Centre National d'Art et de Culture Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio, United States

Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri, United States

Kunstmuseum, Dusseldorf, Germany

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, United States

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, United States

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid

Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York, United States

Museum of Modern Art, Brasilia, Brazil

Nationalgalerie Staatliche Museen, Berlin, Germany

National Portrait Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, California, United States

Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Tate Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York, United States

Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom

Yale Centre for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut, United States