

OFFICE BAROQUE

Christopher Knowles

Born 1959, New York, USA. Lives and works in New York, USA

EDUCATION

- 1974 O.D. Heck School
- 1974 Oneida School
- 1973 Buckingham School
- 1967 Montessori School Brooklyn Heights 1967-1970 Adams School

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *In a Word*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, USA (forthcoming)
- 2016 Christopher Knowles, Office Baroque, Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 *In a Word* (curated by Anthony Elms and Hilton Als), Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, USA
Christopher Knowles (curated by Agustín Pérez Rubio), Fonoteca Nacional de México, Mexico City, Mexico
12 Large Typings, Gavin Brown's enterprise, 291 Grand Street, New York, USA
- 2014 *Audio Works: '70's - '80's / Objects (a Simon and a Few alarm clocks)*, Audio Visual Arts, New York, USA
Christopher Knowles, Nogueras Blanchard, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 *The Sundance Kid is Beautiful*, The Louvre Museum, Paris, France
The Sundance Kid is Beautiful, Whitebox Art Center at PERFORMA 13, New York, USA
Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, USA
- 2009 *Correspondences* (with Karl Holmqvist; curated by Matthew Higgs), Galerie Martin Janda, Vienna, Austria
- 2004 Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York
- 1985 *Drawings and Typings*, Museum Boymans-Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 1979 *Everyday Business*, Open Eye Theater, New York, USA
Red and Green, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
- 1978 *About Earth & Universes: paintings by Christopher Knowles*, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
_Typing Work, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
- 1976 *A Typing Work Show*, The Kitchen, New York, USA
- 1975 *Typed Designs & Poems*, Byrd Hoffman Studio, New York, USA
- 1974 *Map of New York City*, Byrd Hoffman Studio, New York, USA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Outside* (curated by Matthew Higgs), Karma, Amagansett, USA
Goulding The Lolly (curated by Brian Belott), Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA
- 2015 *Einstein On The Beach*, BACKLIT, Nottingham, UK
- 2014 *Nuit Américaine*, Office Baroque, Brussels, Belgium
Galeria Nogueras Blanchard, Barcelona, Spain
- 2013 *Merci Mercy* (co-curated by Christine Messineo and Vladimir Restoin Roitfeld), 980 Madison Avenue, New York USA
Wynn Newhouse Awards 2013 Exhibition, Palitz Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 *Ecstatic Alphabets/Heaps of Language*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

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- 2011 *En el primer cercle*, Fundacio Antoni Tapies, Barcelona, Spain
Gold Records, Art Blog Art Blog, New York, USA
Two Colors (curated by Clay Hapaz), Elisabeth Ivers Gallery and Kathleen Cullen Fine Art, New York, USA
- 2010 *Law of the Jungle*, Lehmann Maupin Gallery, New York, USA
- 2009 *Visions of the Frontier* (curated by Robert Wilson), Institut Valencia d'Art Modern, Valencia, Spain
Poor. Old. Tired. Horse, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK
Character Generator, Eleven Rivington, New York, USA
Niet Normaal: Difference on Display, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Just What Are They Saying (curated by Beth Rudin deWoody), Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans, USA
The Labyrinth Wall, Exit Art, New York, USA
- 2008 *Typed*, Sadie Coles, London, UK
Glossolalia: Languages of Drawing, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 2007 *Get Lost: Artists Map Downtown New York*, New Museum Project, New York, USA
Learn to Read, Tate Modern, London, UK
Extraordinary Rendition, Nogueras Blanchard, Barcelona, Spain
Allston Skirt Gallery, Boston, USA
- 2006 *Herald Street*, project room, London, UK
25 x 25, Cereal Art, Philadelphia, USA
Dereconstruction (curated by Matthew Higgs), Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, USA
Of Mice and Men: 4th Berlin Biennial for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany
Down by Law, Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA
- 2005 *Looking at Words: The Formal Presence of Text in Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper*, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, USA
- 2004 *Open House: Working in Brooklyn*, Brooklyn Art Museum, New York, USA
- 2002 *To Whom It May Concern*, CCA Wattis Institute, San Francisco, USA
- 2000 *THE END: An Independent Vision of Contemporary Culture, 1982-2000*, Exit Art, New York, USA
- 1997 *La Tradicion: Performing Painting*, Exit Art, New York, USA
- 1984 *The Innovative Escape*, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
Group Exhibition, The Castelli-Goodman-Solomon Gallery, Easthampton, USA
New Drawing in America, The Drawing Center, New York, USA
The Destroyed Print, Pratt Manhattan Center Gallery, New York, USA
- 1981 *Art on Paper*, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, USA
_Emblems & Paint, Hallwalls, Buffalo, USA
Summer Light, Penthouse Exhibition, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
New York Summer Group Show, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
Out of New York, Hamilton College, Clinton New York, USA
Poetic Visions, Otis/Parsons Art Gallery, New York, USA

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- 1980 *27th Annual Art Exhibition*, Bayonne Jewish Community Center, Bayonne, USA
Visual Diaries, Alex Rosenberg Gallery, New York, USA
Die Neuen Wilden, Aachen, West Germany
Les Nouveaux Fauves, Neue Galerie / Sammlung Ludwig, Aachen, West Germany
- 1979 *Mind Child Architecture*, The Newark Museum, Newark, USA
Words and Images, Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia, USA
Summer Group Show, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
The Stage Show, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1978 *The Music Show*, Holly Solomon Gallery and Artists Space, New York, USA
Storytelling in Art, Museum of the American Foundation for the Arts, Miami, USA
New Art for the New Year, Penthouse Exhibition, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1977 *Audiotape of Original Recordings*, Musee Galliera, Paris, France
Patterning & Decoration, Museum of the American Foundation for the Arts, Miami, USA
Surrogates/Self Portraits, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA
Space Needles and Other Typings, The Drawing Center, New York, USA
- 1976 *Typed Designs and Poems*, Foster White Gallery, Seattle, USA
Typed Designs, Poems, Drawings, Portland Center for Visual Art, Portland, USA
- 1974 *Typed Designs and Poems-Audiotape of Original Recordings*, Musee Galliera, Paris, France

PERFORMANCES

- 2014 *The Sundance Kid is Beautiful*, The Performing Garage, New York
- 2013 *The Sundance Kid is Beautiful*, Musée du Louvre, Paris, France Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York
- 2012 *The Sundance Kid is Beautiful*, Martin E. Segal Theatre, CUNY, Presented in collaboration with The Watermill Center, Dissident Industries, and Gavin Brown's enterprise, May 17
- 2011 *White Columns*, New York, November 18
- 1999 *The Days Before*, Robert Wilson Production, New York State Theatre, Lincoln Center, NY, text by Christopher Knowles & Umberto Eco.
- 1998 *70 Angels on the Façade*, Robert Wilson Production, text by Christopher Knowles and Lisa Ponti
- 1997 *Rescue*, Laurie Anderson's Meltdown Performance featuring Laurie Anderson, Christopher Knowles, Lou Reed, Robert Wilson and others
- 1996 *Come Out Under the Red Rock*, performer in Robert Wilson production, Weimar, Germany, Sicily, Italy
- 1994 *And Then There Were Legos*, Theatre for a New City, New York, USA (puppeteer, scenic artist) TSE, Performer in Robert Wilson production, Sicily, Italy
- 1993 *Wonderlust Swirling Through My Brain*, University Settlement, New York
- 1992 *Hallmark World*, The Arts at St. Ann's, New York (performer/scenic artist)
- 1991 *Grace for Grace*, Cathedral of St. John the Divine duet with Robert Wilson
- 1989 *Windows Two: Green Thought in the Green Shade*, with Richard Rutkowski, Agassiz Theatre, Cambridge MA *Windows One*, with Richard Rutkowski, performer/collaborator, Boston Film & Video Foundation *Requiem*, film by Alex Steyermark

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- 1988 The Cat's Pajamas, with Richard Rutkowski, The Music Hall, Cambridge, USA
- 1987 Parzival, Robert Wilson Production, lead role, Text by Christopher Knowles & Tankred Dorst, Thalia Theatre, Hamburg, West Germany
- 1985 Reading / Performance 1969-1984, Text by Christopher Knowles, Robert Wilson, Ben Halley, Chris Moore and David Byrne, Dublin, Belgium, Cambridge, USA
- 1982 Glabal and Collection, Westbeth Theatre Center, New York, USA
- 1980 Dia Log / Network, (collaboration with Robert Wilson) Text by Christopher Knowles, Brussels, Warsaw, Rotterdam, Turin, Milan, New York, USA
- 1978 Dia Log / Network, (collaboration with Robert Wilson) Text by Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson, Munich, Florence, Paris, Boston, Amsterdam, Minneapolis, Chicago
- 1977 The Network Play, (collaboration with Cindy Lubar) Ontario, Canada
- 1977 Emily Likes the T.V., (collaboration with Cindy Lubar) The Kitchen, New York And/Or Gallery, Seattle WA, Port Jefferson, New York
- 1976 Dia Log (3), Text by Christopher Knowles & Robert Wilson performed by Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson, Lucinda Childs Whitney Museum, New York, Rutgers University, NJ, Corcoran Gallery, Washington DC, Portland, Oregon This is the One, (collaboration with Cindy Lubar) Spaceman, (performer in Robert Wilson production) The Kitchen, New York, USA A Solo Piece, The Kitchen, New York, USA Einstein on the Beach, by Robert Wilson and Philip Glass, text by Christopher Knowles, Samuel M. Johnson & Lucinda Childs
- 1976 Dia Log (2), Text by Christopher Knowles & Robert Wilson (performance/collaboration with Robert Wilson) Public Theatre, Whitney Museum, Rutgers, University Corcoran Gallery, Washington, USA
- 1975 Dialog of the Sundance Kid, Text by Christopher Knowles & Robert Wilson performed by Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson Solo Performance, Byrd Hoffman Studio, New York, Iran, Milan, Rome \$ Value of Man, text by Christopher Knowles & Robert Wilson, (performance/collaboration with Robert Wilson), Brooklyn Academy of Music, New York, USA
- 1974 A Mad Man A Mad Giant A Mad Dog A Mad Urge, Text by Christopher Knowles & Robert Wilson, performance/collaboration with Robert Wilson) Shiraz, Iran, Kennedy Center, Washington D.C. The Life and Times of Dave Clark, (performer, Robert Wilson production) Sao Paulo, Brazil A Letter for Queen Victoria, (collaborator/performer, Robert Wilson production) Spoleto, Italy, multiple venues in France, Belgrade, Zurich, New York USA The Life and Times of Joseph Stalin, Text and performance by Christopher Knowles

AUDIO RECORDINGS

- 1999 Other Rooms, Other Voices: Audio Works by Artists, Includes Robert Wilson reading works by Christopher Knowles; for Swiss Radio Zurich
- 1998 Aquilarco, by Giovanni Sollima, text by Christopher Knowles, read by Robert Wilson
- 1975 Designed and painted sets for five Dialog performance pieces written and performed in collaboration with Robert Wilson, Rome, Milan, Turin, Munich, Florence, Paris, Brussels, Warsaw, Rotterdam, Washington DC, Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, USA
- 1977 Designed and painted set pieces for Everyday Business, by Cindy Lubar, New York, USA