

# FERNANDO BOTERO

## **BIOGRAPHY**

- 1932 Born in Medellin, Colombia
- 1953-54 Enrolled at the Accademia di San Marco, Florence, Italy.
- 1958 Appointed professor of painting at the Art Academy of Bogotá, Columbia.
- 1959 Won a Guggenheim prize at the V Biennial Exhibition of San Paulo.

## **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 1951 Fernando Botero, Galleria Leo Matiz, Bogotá Columbia
- 1952 Botero, Galleria Leo Matiz, Bogotá, Columbia
- 1955 Exhibition of Paintings by Fernando Botero, National Library of Colombia, Bogotá, Columbia
- 1957 Fernando Botero, Panamerica Union, Washington, D. C.  
Antonio Souza Gallery, Mexico  
Gres Gallery, Washington, D. C.
- 1958 Fernando Botero: Oil Paintings, Antonio Souza Gallery, Mexico  
Fernando Botero: Recent Paints, Watercolors, Drawings, Gres Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- 1959 Botero: Recent Works, National Library of Columbia, Bogotá, Columbia
- 1960 Gres Gallery, Washington, D. C.
- 1961 Fernando Botero, Leo Matiz Gallery, Bogotá, Columbia
- 1962 Gres Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
The Contemporaries, New York, New York
- 1964 Fernando Botero: Sketches and Reality, Modern Art Gallery, Bogotá, Columbia  
Fernando Botero: Recent Works, Museum of Modern Art, Bogotá, Columbia
- 1965 Botero: Recent Works, Zora Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1966 Fernando Botero, State Art Gallery, Baden-Baden, Germany  
Galerie Buchholz, München, Germany  
Fernando Botero: Oil Paintings and Drawings, Galerie Brusberg, Hannover, Germany  
Fernando Botero: Recent Works, Art Center, Milwaukee
- 1968 Botero, Juana Mordò Gallery, Madrid, Spain  
Botero, Galerie Buchholz, München, Germany  
Galerie Brusberg, Hannover, Germany

- 1969 Fernando Botero, Center for Inter-American Relations,  
New York, New York  
Botero: Paintings, Pastels, Charcoal Drawings, Claude  
Bernard Gallery, Paris, France
- 1970 Traveling Retrospective of 80 works, 1962-1970:  
Staatliche Kunsthalle, Baden-Baden, Germany  
Haus am Waldsee, Berlino, Germany  
Kunstverein, Düsseldorf, Germany  
Kunstverein, Hamburg, Germany  
Kunsthalle, Bielefeld, Germany  
Fernando Botero, Hannover Gallery, London, England  
Galerie Buchholz, München, Germany
- 1972 Fernando Botero, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York  
Botero: Drawings, Watercolors, Buchholz Gallery, München, Germany  
Botero: Pastels, Charcoal and Red-Ochre Drawings, Claude  
Bernard Gallery, Paris, France
- 1973 Fernando Botero: Retrospective 1949-1972, Collegio San Carlo,  
Bogotá, Columbia  
Fernando Botero, Marlborough Art Gallery, Rome, Italy  
Galerie Brusberg, Hannover, Germany
- 1974 Fernando Botero: Watercolours and Drawings, Galerie Brusberg,  
Hannover, Germany  
Botero, Piloto Public Library, Medellín, Colombia  
Fernando Botero: A Continent under the Magnifying Glass,  
Marlborough Gallery, Zürich, Switzerland
- 1975 Fernando Botero, Alder Castillo Gallery, Caracas, Venezuela  
Fernando Botero, Boymans van Beuningen Museum,  
Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Fernando Botero, Galleria Marlborough, New York, New York  
Marlborough Godard, Toronto, Canada
- 1976 Marlborough Godard, Montreal, Canada  
Fernando Botero, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo, Caracas, Venezuela  
Botero: Watercolours and Drawing, Claude Bernard Gallery,  
Paris, France  
Botero, Pyramid Galleries, Washington, D.C.  
Botero, Galería de Colombia, Bogotá, Columbia
- 1977 The Sala Pedro Botero, Museo de Arte de Medellín, Medellín,  
Columbia

- Botero: Sculptures, Grand Palais, International Forum of Contemporary Art (FIAC), Paris, France
- 1978 Fernando Botero: Sculptural Works, Galerie Brusberg, Hannover, Germany  
Skulpturenmuseum der Stadt Marl
- 1979 Fernando Botero, Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium  
Lunds Konsthall, Lund, Sweden  
Sonja Henies og Neils Onstads Stiftelser, Hovikodden, Norway  
Fernando Botero, Galerie Isy Brachot, Knokke, Belgium  
Fernando Botero, Galerie Claude Bernard, Paris, France  
Fernando Botero, Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC  
Art Museum of South Texas.
- 1980 Fernando Botero, Fondation Veranneman, Kruishoutem, Belgium  
Botero: Watercolours, Drawings, Sculptures, Galerie Beyeler, Basle, Switzerland  
Fernando Botero: Recent Works, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
- 1981 Municipal Museum of Fine Arts, Osaka, Japan  
Grand Palais, International Forum of Contemporary Art (FIAC), Paris, France  
Fernando Botero: Drawings and Watercolours, Galleria d'Arte II Gabbiano, Rome, Italy  
Seibu Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1982 Galleria Quintana, Bogotá, Columbia  
Recent Sculptures, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York  
Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, Texas  
Hokin Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
Benjamin Mangel Gallery, Philadelphia
- 1983 Galerie Beyeler, Basle, Switzerland  
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts  
Fondation Veranneman, Belgium  
Marlborough Fine Art, London, England
- 1984 Botero: Sculpture, Munson-William-Proctor Institute Museum of Art, Utica, New York  
Everhard Museum, Scranton, Pennsylvania  
Drawings and Sculptures by Fernando Botero, Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Cornell University  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

- Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana  
Chicago International Art Exhibition, Chicago, Illinois  
Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
- 1985 National Museum, Bogotá, Columbia  
Museo de Ponce, Puerto Rico  
Botero: The Bullfight-Paintings, Marlborough Gallery, New York,  
New York  
Botero: Monumental Sculpture, Marlborough Gallery, New York,  
New York  
Coral Gables Gallery, Florida
- 1986 Museo de Arte Contemporaneo, Caracas, Venezuela  
Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung, München, Germany  
Kunsthalle, Bremen, Germany  
Schirm Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany  
Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, Sapporo, Japan  
Daimaru Museum, Osaka, Japan  
Municipal Art Museum, Niigata, Japan  
Museum of Art, Albany, Georgia
- 1987 Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain  
Sala Viscontea-Castello Sforzesco, Milan, Italy  
Colombian-American Center, Bogotá, Columbia  
Marlborough Fine Art, Tokyo, Japan  
Hokin Gallery, Palm Beach, Florida  
Galerie Levy, Hamburg, Germany
- 1988 Casino Knokke, Knokkeheist, Belgium  
Fondation Veranneman, Belgium  
Castel dell'Ovo, Naples, Italy  
Albergo delle Povere, Palermo, Italy
- 1989 Museo de Arte de Coro, La Corrida, Venezuela  
Museo de Arte Contemporaneo, La Corrida, Caracas, Venezuela  
Museo Rufino Tamayo, La Corrida, Mexico  
Fernando Botero: Bronzes & Drawings, Albert White Gallery,  
Toronto, Canada  
Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
- 1990 Botero: Paintings, Drawings and Sculptures, Fondation Pierre  
Gianadda, Martigny, Switzerland  
Fernando Botero: Paintings, Sculptures, and Drawings Fondation  
Varanneman, Belgium

- Fernando Botero: Recent Sculptures, Marlborough Gallery,  
New York, New York
- 1991 Botero: The Painter, Galerie Brusberg, Berlin, Germany  
Botero: Paintings, Sculptures, Drawings, Forte di Belvedere,  
Florence, Italy  
Fernando Botero: Anthology 1949-1991, Palazzo delle Esposizioni,  
Rome, Italy  
Fernando Botero: Sculptures and Drawings, Marlborough Fine  
Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1992 Monumental Sculpture, Montecarlo  
Kunsthau Wien, Vienna, Austria  
Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais, Paris, France  
Champs-Élysées, Paris, France  
Didier Imbert Fine Art, Paris, France  
Fundación Fondo de Cultura, Seville, Spain
- 1992/93 Palais des Papes, Avignon  
Pushkin Museum, Moscow  
Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg
- 1992/94 Drawings 1964-1986, Exhibition organized for the Leonard Davis  
Center for Arts (City College, New York) and created for the  
Regional Arts Foundation of West Palm Beach, Florida;  
presented at the Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi;  
University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington; University Art  
Museum, La Fayette, Louisiana; Philharmonic Center for the  
Arts, Naples, Florida; Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia,  
South Carolina; Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, Gainesville,  
Florida.
- 1993 Drawings on Canvas, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York  
Monumental Sculptures, Marlborough Gallery, New York,  
New York  
Public Art Fund Inc., Park Avenue, New York, New York  
Doris C. Freedman Plaza, Central Park, New York, New York  
Galeria Acquavella, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1994 Helsinki City Art Museum, Finland  
Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois  
Fernando Botero: 100 Drawings, Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois  
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Fernando Botero: Dibujos sobre Lienzo, Marlborough Gallery,  
Madrid, Spain

- Paseo de Recoletos, Madrid, Spain  
 Fernando Botero: Drawings 1964-1988, James Goodman Gallery,  
 New York, New York  
 Fernando Botero: Monumental Sculptures and Drawings, The  
 Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 1994/95 Museum of Art, Takamatsu City, Japan  
 Niigata Prefectural Modern Art Museum, Niigata  
 Shinjuku Mitsukoshi Museum of Art, Mitsukoshi  
 Iwaki City Art Museum, Iwaki City  
 Fernando Botero: Pastes, Didier Imbert Fine Art, Paris, France  
 Beverly Hills Fine Art Commission, Santa Monica Boulevard,  
 Beverly Hills
- 1994 Fernando Botero: Paintings, Drawings, Watercolours and  
 Sculpture, Fondation Varanneman, Belgium  
 Botero in Japan, Takamatsu City  
 Didier Imbert Fine Art, Paris, France
- 1996 Monumental Sculptures, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel  
 A Retrospective, Galerie Brusberg, Berlin, Germany  
 Fernando Botero: Paintings and Sculptures, Riva Yares Gallery,  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico  
 The Art Museum of the Americas, Constitution Avenue,  
 Washington, D. C.  
 Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York  
 Niigata Prefectural Modern Art Museum, Niigata, Japan  
 Sonje Museum of Contemporary Art, Kyongju, Korea  
 Botero: Donación del Artista, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de  
 Caracas, Sofía Imber, Venezuela
- 1997 Fernando Botero: Monumental Sculptures and Drawings, Museo  
 Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago, Chile  
 Masterworks by Fernando Botero, Gasiunasen Gallery, Palm  
 Beach, Florida  
 Fernando Botero: One-Man Show, Galleria D'Arte Il Gabbiano,  
 Rome, Italy  
 Botero: La Corrida, Sala de Exposiciones, Central Hispano,  
 Madrid, Spain  
 Fernando Botero: Bilder, Aquarelle, Zeichnungen, Skulpturen,  
 Galerie Thomas, München, Germany  
 Museo d'Arte Moderna, Lugano, Switzerland
- 1998 Fernando Botero: Monumental Sculptures, Plaza de Comercio,  
 Lisbon, Portugal  
 Museu de Arte de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
 Museo Nacional de Artes Visuales, Montevideo, Uruguay  
 Fernando Botero: Oil Paintings and Watercolours, Albert  
 White Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
 Botero Drawings, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Caracas  
 Sofia Imber, Caracas, Venezuela  
 One-Man Show: Paintings, Sculptures and Drawings 1950-1997,  
 Gary Nader Fine Art, Miami, Florida  
 Fernando Botero: One-Man Show, Basle Art Fair, Basle,  
 Switzerland  
 Marlborough Art 29'98, Basle, Switzerland  
 National Museum of the Visual Arts, Germany  
 Fernando Botero: Sculptures, Mumm Akademie in der Villa Hajo  
 Rüter, Etille, Germany  
 Internationales Künstlerhaus Villa Concordia, Bamberg, Germany  
 Art 29'98 Basle, Basle, Switzerland  
 Fernando Botero: Drawings and Watercolours on Canvas,  
 Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York  
 Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
 1999 Monterrey Museum of Contemporary Art, Monterrey  
 Retrospective of Monumental Sculptures, Piazza della Signoria,  
 Florence, Italy  
 Fernando Botero: Paintings and Sculptures, Sala d'Arme, Palazzo  
 Vecchio, Florence, Italy  
 Fernando Botero: Paintings and Sculptures, Museum of Art, Tel  
 Aviv, Israel  
 Fernando Botero Oils, Albert White Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
 2000 Donazione Botero, Museo de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia  
 Fundacion Santander Central Hispano, Colombia  
 Donazione Fernando Botero, Coleccion Banco de la Republica,  
 Santa Fe de Bogotá, Colombia  
 Comune di Pietrasanta, Pietrasanta, Lucca, Italy  
 2001 Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, Italy  
 Fernando Botero: 50 Years of Art, Antiguo Colegio de San  
 Ildefonso, Mexico  
 Hopkins-Thomas-Custot Gallery, Paris, France  
 Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York  
 2002 Palais des Arts, Ville de Dinard, Paris, France  
 Fernando Botero: Sculptures, Paintings, Drawings, Galleria d'Arte  
 Contini, Venice, Italy

- Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden; traveled to Arken Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2003 Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, The Hague, The Netherlands  
Musée Maillol, Paris
- 2004 Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
- 2005 Abu Ghraib, Palazzo Venezia, Rome
- 2006 Kunsthalle Würth at Schawbisch, Germany
- 2007 Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec; traveled North America. Global Botero, Galerie Thomas, Munich, Germany; coordinated with exhibits at Contini Art Gallery, Venice, Italy; Galeria Freites, Caracas, Venezuela; Gary Nader Fine Art, Miami; Galeria Fernando Pradilla, Madrid, Spain; Galeria el Museo, Bogota, Columbia; Tasende Gallery, West Hollywood, CA  
Palazzo Reale, Milan, Italy

#### **MONUMENTAL SCULPTURES EXHIBITIONS**

- 1985 Large Scale Sculpture, Marlborough Gallery, New York
- 1991 Paintings, Drawings, Forte Belvedere, Florence, Italy
- 1992 Fernando Botero in Montecarlo, Marisa del Re Gallery, Montecarlo, Monaco
- 1993 Fernando Botero: Monumental Sculpture, Marlborough Gallery, New York, New York
- 1994 Botero in Chicago, Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois  
Botero in Buenos Aires, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Botero in Madrid, Paseo de Recoletos, Madrid, Spain  
Fernando Botero: Monumental Sculpture and Drawings, The Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 1996 Monumental Sculptures, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel  
Botero in Washington, D. C., Washington
- 1997 Fernando Botero: Esculturas Monumentales y Dibujos, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain  
Monumental Sculpture in Lugano, Museo d'Arte Moderna, Lugano, Switzerland
- 1998 Botero: 24 Esculturas Monumentales, Plaza de Comercio, Lisbon, Portugal  
Botero in São Paulo, Museu de Arte de São Paulo, Assis Chateaubriand, São Paulo, Brazil  
Botero, Gardens of Villa Hajo Ruter, Eltville
- 2003 Grand Canal, Venice, Italy



## **SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Astrup Museum, Oslo, Norway

Ateneumin Taidemuseo, Helsinki, Finland

The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland

Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, Alabama

Collezione d'Arte Religiosa Moderna, Monumenti, Musei e Gallerie Pontificie,  
Vatican City, Italy

Coleccion Fernando Botero, Fundacion Santander Central Hispano, Medellin,  
Colombia

Donacion Fernando Botero, Coleccion Banco de la Republica, Santa Fe de  
Bogotá, Colombia

Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University, Kansas

Fondation Veranne, Kruishoutem, Belgium

Galerie-Verein, München, Germany

The Grey Art Gallery and Study Center, New York University Art Collection,  
New York

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton, New York

Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Japan

Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution,  
Washington, D.C.

Ho-am Museum, Seoul, South Korea

Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, University of Texas, Austin, Texas

Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Kunsthalle Nuremberg, Germany

Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

M.H.K. Foundation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee Art Museum, Wisconsin

Miyagi Museum of Art, Japan

Museo d'Arte Moderna del Vaticano, Rome, Italy

Museo de Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia

Museo de Arte Moderno, Bogotá, Colombia

Museo Nacional, Bogotá, Columbia

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago, Chile

Museul of Art, The Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island

Museum of Art, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park,  
Pennsylvania

Museum Moderne Kunst, Vienna, Austria

The Museum of Modern Art, New York

The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan

Neue PinaKothek, München, Germany  
Niigata Prefectoral Modern Art Museum, Niigata, Japan  
Ponce Museum of Art, Ponce Puerto Rico  
Pushkin Museum, Moscow, Russia  
Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo  
Sonje Museum of Contemporary Art, Kyongju, Korea  
Staatgalerie Moderne Kunst, München, Germany  
The State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia  
Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel  
Tokushima Modern Art Museum, Japan  
Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, Cologne, Germany  
Yamanashi Prefectural Museum of Art, Japan