

# JIM DINE

#### AMERICAN ARTIST JIM DINE TO SHOW NEW WORK IN A COLLATERAL EVENT OF THE 60TH INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA AT THE PALAZZO ROCCA. A MAJOR EXHIBITION OF 20 BRONZE SCULPTURES, 7 PAINTINGS AND 5 DRAWINGS MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR VENICE.

On the occasion of the 60th International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia, this April, Jim Dine, American painter, sculptor, and poet, is set to take over the Palazzo Rocca Contarini Corfù with an ambitious survey exhibition curated by Gerhard Steidl, Founding Director of Kunsthaus Göttingen. Jim Dine - Dog on the Forge is a Collateral Event of the 60th International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia, Stranieri Ovunque – Foreigners Everywhere, curated by Adriano Pedrosa. Jim Dine's show will open to the public on Saturday, 20 April 2024 and will run through 21 July, 2024.

Jim Dine - Dog on the Forge presents around 50 works from the artist. Paintings, drawings, bronze and wood sculptures, as well as an impressive outdoor installation of large-scale bronze sculptures. The exhibition debuts monumental and site-specific works conceived specifically for the Biennale Arte 2024. Never-before-exhibited paintings and sculptures will be arranged in dialogue with each other and with artworks spanning from the '80s through today. Curator Gerhard Steidl drew inspiration from Dine's relentless odysseys between the United States and Europe, as well as his lifetime dedication to the concept of visual, cultural, and linguistic hybridization. "My whole life, I've been in motion. I find it difficult to sit still. It's a hyperactive quality, I would say. I've always enjoyed going from studio to studio, country to country. For me, traveling is like using red. It's another thing to make the picture.

Installed in a 14th-century palazzo on the Grand Canal, here the ancient meets contemporary in a palatial, Venetian context, casting a reflective light on Jim Dine's personal history and perspective. Reinterpreting his now classical language of tools, hearts, self-portraits, Venuses and Pinocchios (which will have a dedicated room in the exhibition), the show will take over the two floors of the palazzo overlooking the Grand Canal as well as its 18th-century sculpture garden. When asked about the new paintings, Dine remarks, "I'm not interested in making them pretty. I'm interested in carving out images that will move you." Conceived as a poetic journey, the exhibition outlines the complexity of an intimate oeuvre deeply rooted in his knowledge of European art history, and a relentless exploration of language and self.

The corresponding catalogue, "Dog on the Forge", is published by Editions Steidl with peoms by Jim Dine. This exhibition is organized by the Kunsthaus Göttingen and supported by TEMPLON.

















Dog on the Forge, 2024 Charcoal, ink and collage on cardstock 119 × 159 cm 46 3/4 × 62 1/2 in.



My Puzzled Mind, 2018 Bronze 231 × 175 × 180 cm 91 × 69 × 71 in. Edition of 3 + 1 A.P.



Big Lady On The Beaver's Stump, 2022 Patined bronze 289 × 101 × 122 cm 113 4/5 × 39 3/4 × 48 in. Edition of 3



Flowers, 2022 Patined bronze 215 × 130 cm 84 5/8 × 51 1/6 in. Edition of 3







Bird, Me and Tool, 2024 Bronze 250 × 144 × 125 cm 98 1/2 × 57 × 49 1/4 in. Edition of 3

Black Wax (bolt Cutters), 2023 Bronze 400 × 162 × 370 cm 157 1/2 × 114 1/4 × 25 1/4 in. Edition of 3





The Lady Flys, 2018
Bronze with polychrome patina
152 × 152 × 97 cm
59 3/4 × 59 3/4 × 38 1/4 in.
Edition of 6



Column With Rock And Axe, 1983 Cast bronze with patina 355,5 × 79 × 49 cm 140 × 31 × 19 1/4 in. Unique A.P.



Dog On The Forge, 2023 Bronze  $254 \times 129,5 \text{ cm} - 100 \times 51 \text{ in. (base)}$   $180,5 \times 406,5 \times 150 \text{ cm} - 71 \times 160 \times 59 \text{ in. (in total)}$  Edition of 3



Venus and Neptune, 2023 Bronze 202 × 185 × 104 cm 80 × 73 × 41 in. Edition of 3 + 1 A.P.



Roma-Holy Infant, 2023 Oil, acrylic and objects on wood panel, triptych  $152,5 \times 152,5 \times 23$  cm —  $60 \times 60 \times 9$  in. (each panel)  $152,5 \times 457 \times 23$  cm —  $60 \times 180 \times 9$  in. (in total)



Drawing From The Chiesa Dei Ss. Luca E Martina, Roman Forum I, 2018-2019 Charcoal on paper 150  $\times$  101 cm — 59  $\times$  39 3/4 in. (unframed) 166,5  $\times$  116 cm —65,5  $\times$  42 in. (framed)



Drawing From The Chiesa Dei Ss. Luca E Martina, Roman Forum II, 2018-2019 Charcoal on paper  $94 \times 124$  cm —  $37 \times 48$  3/4 in. (unframed)  $120.5 \times 169$  cm —  $47 \times 66.5$  in. (framed)



Drawing From The Chiesa Dei Ss. Luca E Martina, Roman Forum III, 2018-2019 Charcoal on paper  $132 \times 105$  cm —  $52 \times 41$  1/4 in. (unframed)  $140 \times 110,5$  cm —  $55 \times 43,5$  in. (framed)



Drawing From The Chiesa Dei Ss. Luca E Martina, Roman Forum IV, 2018-2019 Charcoal on paper  $112 \times 123$  cm —  $44 \times 48$  1/2 in. (unframed)  $128 \times 138,5$  cm —  $50 \times 54,5$  in. (framed)



Red Gloves, Yellow Shirt, 2013 Oil enamel and stain on wood  $170 \times 66 \times 89$  cm  $67 \times 26 \times 35$  in. Unique



White Gloves, 4 Wheels, 2007
Oil based enamel and charcoal on wood
207 × 148 × 61 cm
81 1/2 × 58 1/4 × 24 in.
Unique



Liar (2nd version), 2007 Enamel and charcoal on wood 180 × 132 × 56 cm 70 7/8 × 51 1 × 22 in. Unique



Pinocchio at Night, 2004 Enamel on wood 237,5 × 152 × 99 cm 93 1/2 × 59 3/4 × 39 in. Unique



Pinocchio (blind Boy), 2004 Enamel on wood 262 × 171 × 80 cm 103 1/4 × 67 1/4 × 31 1/2 in. Unique



The Field of The Cloth of Gold, 1987
Painted wood
195,5 × 71 × 74 cm
77 × 28 × 29 1/4 in.
Unique
Indoors only



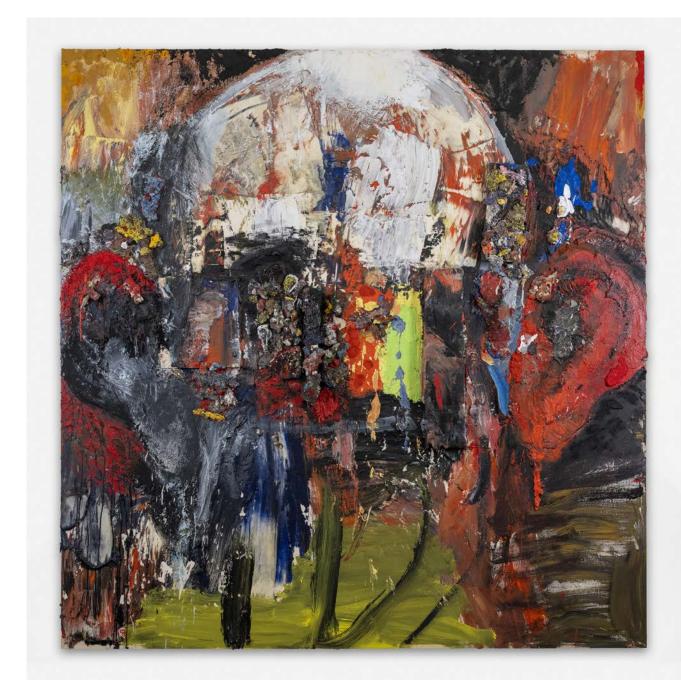
Noche Noche, 2003 Cast bronze 114,5  $\times$  244  $\times$  53,5 cm 45  $\times$  96  $\times$  21 in. Unique



A Beautiful Day (with Cats) Two Hammers (Creeley), 2023 Bronze  $100,5\times560\times204~\text{cm}$   $39~1/2\times220~1/2\times80~1/4~\text{in}.$  Edition of 3



Blue Ohio, 2023 Copper tubing, acrylic and objects on wood panel 220 × 215 cm 87 × 85 1/2 in.



The Landscape Eunice Made, 2023 Acrylic, copper piping and objects on wood panel  $220 \times 215$  cm  $87 \times 85 \frac{1}{2}$  in.



My Angel in Bardo, 2023
Acrylic and objects on wood panel 220 × 215 cm
87 × 87 1/2 in.



Fragile Landscape With Shadows, 2024
Acrylic and objects on four panels
200 × 200 cm — 78 3/4 × 78 3/4 in. (each panel)
400 × 400 cm — 157 1/2 × 157 1/2 in. (in total)



The Waltz (Grunewald), 2023 Acrylic and objects on three wood panels  $163 \times 197 \text{ cm} - 64 \frac{1}{4} \times 77 \frac{1}{2} \text{ in. (left panel)}$   $140 \times 400 \text{ cm} - 55 \times 157 \frac{1}{2} \text{ in. (center panel)}$   $163 \times 200 \text{ cm} - 64 \frac{1}{4} \times 78 \frac{3}{4} \text{ in. (right panel)}$   $220 \times 400 \text{ cm} - 86 \frac{1}{2} \times 157 \frac{1}{2} \text{ in. (in total)}$ 



Clouds over Paris, 2023
Acrylic and objects on three wood panels
224 × 139 cm — 88 1/2 × 60 3/4 in. (each panell)
224 × 417 cm — 92 1/4 × 176 × 18 1/2 in. (in total)



Dry Ridge Portrait, 2023 Acrylic and objects on wood panel 221 × 217 cm 87 × 85 1/2 in.

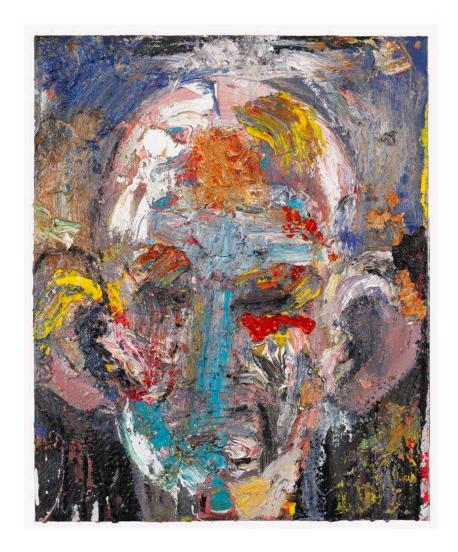


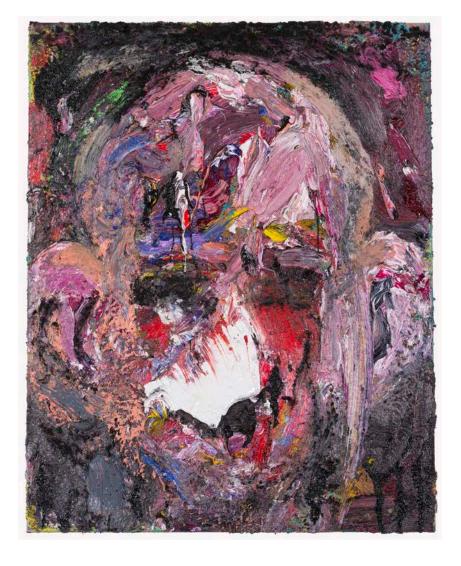
Cry, The Poem, 2023 Unique polymer resin with paint and objects with audio of Jim Dine reading his poem "Dog on the Forge"  $200 \times 100$  cm (each vase)  $220 \times 200 \times 100$  cm - 78  $3/4 \times 78$   $3/4 \times 39$  1/4 in. (in total) Unique





Ape & Cat (a Still Life), 1993
Painted and patinated bronze
41,5 × 49,5 × 43 cm
16 1/4 × 19 1/2 × 17 in.
Unique





Me #8, 2020 Oil on panel 50 × 40 cm 19 5/8 × 15 3/4 in.

Me #9, 2020 Oil on panel 50 × 40 cm 19 5/8 × 15 3/4 in.

## **ABOUT JIM DINE**

Born in 1935, Jim Dine grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and started his career in the late 1950s in New York with a series of happenings that attracted great attention. In the 1960s, he exhibited his assemblages and first paintings alongside the new generation of pop artists, from Claus Oldenburg to Tom Wesselmann.

Jim Dine has spent the last 60 years traveling the world, sharing his time between various foundries, studios and print workshops, from Göttingen, Germany to New York and Walla-Walla in the U.S. to Saint Gallen, Switzerland. Over the last 50 years, poetry has been at the core of his practice, and he regularly gives readings and performances of his poems.

Jim Dine's work is featured in over 70 public collections across the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, MoMa, Guggenheim, Albertina Museum in Vienna, Folkwang Museum in Essen, Centre Pompidou, Paris, The British Museum and Tate Britain in London.

His work has been presented in solo exhibitions around the world including the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands (1967), The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA (1967 and 1978), the Palais des Beaux-Arts - Bozar in Brussels, Belgium (1970), La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, California, USA (1974), The Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA (1988), the Setan Museum of Art & Museum of Art Tokyo & Osaka, Japan (1990), the Borås Konstmuseum Sweden, Switzerland (1993), the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Getty Villa, Malibu, California, USA (2008), The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, USA (2009), the Paul Petro Contemporary Art, Toronto, Canada (2010), the Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria (2016), the Antiken Museum, Basel, Switzerland (2016), the Accademia di San Luca, Rome, Italy (2017), the Centre Pompidou, Paris, France (2018), the Multimedia Art Museum, Moscow, Russia (2018), the Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, Italy (2020), and The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel (2020).

In 2023, Jim Dine inaugurated The Stardust House in Göttingen, Germany, a pavilion dedicated to the sculpture, Thru the stardust, the heat on the lawn. This exhibition was followed in June by the exhibition Storm of Memory at the Kunsthaus Göttingen, debuting new sculptures, drawings, prints and books. That same year, Dine also participated in the exhibition, Paravents at the Prada Foundation, as he inaugurated an exhibition of 74 portrait drawings donated to Bowdoin College, Maine, USA.



### **ABOUT GERHARD STEIDL**

Gerhard Steidl is a German printer and publisher. He was born in 1950 in Göttingen, Germany. Steidl developed an interest in the technical aspects of printing from an early age and his impetus for a career in printing came when, as a teenager, one of his photographs was used in a poster advertising a production of Brecht's Mann ist Mann.

In the late 1960s, Steidl established Steidl Verlag in Göttingen. Gerhard Steidl, together with Klaus Staeck worked very closely with Joseph Beuys until his death in 1986. At this point Steidl began to concentrate on publishing photography books. In 1993 he won the Lucky Strike award. He published Karl Lagerfeld and began a 26 yearlong collaboration. In 1998 Steidl met Jim Dine in Paris and since have collaborated on over 30 book projects, ranging from conceptual books like, The Goofy Life of Constant Mourning & Viral Interest, to his latest catalog raisonné of prints, I Print 2000-2020, and recently, Three Ships, which accompanied his exhibition by the same name last September at TEMPLON New York.

The relationship between Gerhard Steidl and Jim Dine has also given birth to dedicated pavilions in Göttingen, Germany; House of Words and Stardust House. These two monumental groups of sculpture combine the many facets of Dine's oeuvre and Steidl's acute sense of architecture and scenography, bringing together poetry and large-scale ceramic pots with bronze appliqué. In 2020, Gerhard Steidl received the Gutenberg Prize of the International Gutenberg Society and the City of Mainz. Then in 2021, Steidl inaugurated a thirty-year-old dream of opening a Kunsthaus in Göttingen. As its Founding Director, Steidl has curated exhibitions of Roni Horn, William Kentridge, Documenta 17 and Jim Dine's Storm of Memory. It is for this reason that Kunsthaus Göttingen and Gerhard Steidl were a natural choice to organize Dog on the Forge, the latest opus by Jim Dine, curated by Gerhard Steidl.



# **EXHIBITION DETAILS**

Palazzo Rocca Contarini Corfù

Sestiere Dorsoduro, 1057/D, 30123 Venezia Vaporetto stop: Accademia

Dates: 20 April 2024 – 21 July 2024

Hours:

Tuesday – Sunday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**FREE Admission** 



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