

## *Mario Merz*

### **Biography**

1925	Born in Milan, Italy
1939	Joins the anti-fascist group <i>Giustizia e Libertà</i>
1943 – 1945	Studies Medicine
1945	Is arrested and jailed for his political work
1950	Starts painting
1954	First solo exhibition at Galleria La Bussola in Turin
1967	Joins the Arte Povera Movement
1968-69	Exhibition <i>Arte Povera + Azioni Povere</i> in the arsenals of Amalfi
	Exhibition <i>When Attitude becomes Form</i> , Kunsthalle Bern
1972	Documenta V
1977	Documenta VI
1983	Documenta VII
1989	Retrospective at the Guggenheim Museum, New York <i>Mario Merz at Moca</i> , MOCA, Los Angeles
1992	Documenta IX
2003	Merz is awarded with the <i>Praemium Imperiale for sculpture</i> by the Japan Art Association
2003	Dies in Milan at the age of 78.

### **Solo Exhibitions**

1987	Musée d'Art Contemporain, Entrepôt Laine, Bordeaux Toselli, Milano Konrad Fischer, Düsseldorf Kunstverein, München Musée d'Art Contemporain, Montréal Musée d'Art Contemporain, Lyon
1988	<i>Mario Merz</i> , Le Nouveau Musée, Villeurbanne Anthony d'Offay Gallery, London Richard Demarco Gallery, Edinburgh
1989	<i>Mario Merz: A Retrospective</i> , Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York (USA) <i>Trovola</i> , Galerie Annemarie Verna, Zürich Mario Merz at MOCA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles <i>Mario Merz: Des Droits De L'Homme et Du Citoyen</i> , Paris
1990	Stein Gladstone Gallery, New York Museo Comunale d'Arte Moderna, Ascona Fundacio Espai Poblenu, Barcelona

- 1991 *Mario Merz. Lo spazio è curvo o diritto*, Centro per l'Arte Contemporanea Luigi Pecci, Prato  
*Mario Merz. Terra elevata o la storia del disegno*, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Castello di Rivoli, Torino  
*Anselmo, Chamberlain, Fabro, Flavin, Judd, Kounellis, Long, Merz, Nauman*, Stein Gladstone Gallery, New York  
 Galerie Jean Bernier, Athen  
 Palacete del Embarcadero, Junta del Puerto, Santander
- 1992 Galerie Konrad Fischer, Düsseldorf  
 Pietro Sparta, Chagny  
*In una crescita di geometria concentrica*, Galerie Tschudi, Glarus
- 1993 *Mario Merz- Master Works*, Sperone Westwater, New York  
 Anthony d'Offay, London  
 Pietro Sparta, Chagny  
 Fundacion Antoni Tapies, Barcelona
- 1994 *Geislingen an der Steige*, Stadtischen Galerie im Alter Bau  
 Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York  
 Galleria Christian Stein, Milano
- 1995 *Mario Merz*, Castel Ivano, Trento  
 Vera Van Laer Gallery, Antwerpen  
 Galleria d'Arte Contemporanea, Trento
- 1996 Galerie Konrad Fischer, Düsseldorf  
 Anthony d'Offay, London  
*Der Iglo: Idee und Installation*, Wilhelm Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg  
 Christian Stein Gallery, Milano
- 1998 Konrad Fischer Galerie, Düsseldorf
- 1999 *A Casa Fibonacci. Mario Merz*, Fundação de Serralves, Porto  
 Christian Stein Gallery, Milano
- 2000 *La Luce di Volta: an installation by Mario Merz*, Fondazione Antonio Ratti, Como
- 2004 *In Memoriam*, Kewenig Galerie, Köln
- 2006 *Mario Merz: 8-5-3*, Gagosian Gallery, London
- 2007 *Mario Merz: The Magnolia Table*, Sperone Westwater, New York  
*Mario Merz*, Salvatore + Carline Ala, Milano
- 2008 Sprovieri Progetti, London
- 2009 *L'associalità è coscienza. La socialità è strutta*, Galleria Oredaria Arti Contemporanee, Roma
- 2010 *Che cos'è una casa?*, Fondazione Merz, Torino  
*Pageantry of painting. Corteo della pittura*, Fondazione Merz, Torino
- 2011 *Mario Merz: What is to Be Done?*, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds
- 2012 *Mario Merz : Major works from the 1980s*, Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York  
*Mario Merz: What is to be done?*, Bildmuseet, Umea



## Group Exhibitions

- 2000  
*Sol LeWitt/Mario Merz: l'exotisme sans partage*, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Lyon  
*In Process, Photographs from the 60's and 70's*, Curt Marcus Gallery, New York
- 2001  
*Multipli 1967-2001*, Esso Gallery, New York  
*Zero to Infinity: Arte Povera*, Tate Modern, London  
*Arte Povera: Selections from the Sonnabend Collection*, Miriam & Ira D. Wallach Gallery, Columbia University, New York
- 2003  
*Sculpture*, Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York  
*Thinking about Sculpture*, The Rachofsky House, Dallas
- 2004  
*Fogle, Douglas. The Last Picture Show: Artists Using Photography 1960-1982*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
- 2005  
*Arte Povera*, Galerie Di Meo, Paris (France)  
*Drawings from the Modern, 1945-1975*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York  
*Art and its Materials*, Galleria Cardi & Co., Milano
- 2006  
*Im Anfang war das Wort*, Langenscheidt KG, München  
*Wrestle*, CCS Bard /Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York  
*Sol Lewitt/Mario Merz*, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastrich  
Galerie Mit Bleistift Fischer, Konrad Fischer Galerie, Düsseldorf  
*Sol LeWitt/Mario Merz*, Fondazione Merz, Torino
- 2007  
*Concept: Photography-Dialogues & Attitudes*, Ludwig Museum of Contemporary Art, Ludwig  
*Des Mondes Perdus*, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux  
*Numerica*, Palazzo delle Papesse Centro Arte Contemporanea, Siena  
*Arte Povera*, Kunstmuseum, Liechtenstein  
*ZC Collections '07*, Zone: Chelsea Centre for the Arts, New York  
*Klio*, Museum für Neue Kunst
- 2008  
*Life on Mars*, 55th Carnegie International , Pittsburgh  
*Time and Place : Milan/Turin 1958-1968*, Moderne Museet, Stockholm  
*Selections from the Collection of Helga and Walther Lauffs*, David Zwirner, New York, Hauser & Wirth, Zürich  
Red Sky, Luhring Augustine, New York
- 2009  
*If we could imagine*, Glenstone, Alcoa, Tennessee  
*25 Jahre Galerie Tschudi*, Galerie Tschudi, Zuoz  
*Che fare*, Kunstmuseum, Leichtenstein
- 2010  
*Libro/Oggetto: Italian Artist's Books, 1960 Now*, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica
- 2011  
*The Inaccessible Poem*, Fondazione Merz, Torino  
*Manifold*, Annemarie Verna Gallery, Zürich



2012

*Ileana Sonnabend : An Italian Portrait*, Sonnabend Gallery, New York  
*Silence and Time*, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas  
*Sculpture in son many words: text pieces 1960-75*, Zieher Smith, New York  
*Oltre il muro*, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Castello di Rivoli, Torino  
*The Great Awakening*, Museum für Gegenwartkunst, Basel  
*Arte Povera*, neues Museums, Weimar  
*Arte Povera, der grosse Aufbruch*, Kunstmuseum, Basel  
*To the Museum of Modern Dreams*, Staatgalerie, Stuttgart  
*An Accumulation of Information taken from here to there*, Sperone Westwater Gallery, New York  
*Arte povera in città*, Galleria d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Bergamo  
*Artandpress*, Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin  
*Neon, who's afraid of red, yellow and blue?*, La Maison Rouge, Paris  
*Panta Rei*, Galleria Biasutti Giampiero, Torino  
*L'œuvre et ses archives*, CAPC, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux  
*A Battle for narrative*, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht