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# THE POINT OF SCULPTURE



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## Press Release

### ***The Point of Sculpture***

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A project curated by David Bestué, in collaboration with Martina Millà

Sponsored exclusively by the BBVA Foundation

### **The Fundació Joan Miró presents *The Point of Sculpture*, an analysis of the emergence and evolution of modern and contemporary sculpture**

**The exhibition, conceived by curator and sculptor David Bestué, addresses the major transformation that the practice of sculpture has undergone in the twenty-first century, while also taking stock of the impact that the origins of the discipline continue to exert on artists today.**

**Sponsored exclusively by the BBVA Foundation, *The Point of Sculpture* traces a unique genealogy between these two moments through seven sections that offer an exploration of the boundaries of representation and the quest for the zero degree of sculpture.**

**The exhibition gathers over one hundred pieces which explore, among other aspects, the concept of a copy, materiality, the space between subject and object, and the representation of the human body as the foremost challenge in the discipline of sculpture.**

**The selection spans a long arc of time, beginning in the pre-modern era and primarily addressing the period from the early twentieth century until today, with pieces by sixty-five artists from all over the world. Among these are Antoni Gaudí, Julio González, Alexander Calder, Joan Miró, Lygia Clark, On Kawara, Bruce Nauman, David Medalla, Eva Lootz, Susana Solano, Pipilotti Rist, Marisa Merz and Sarah Lucas.**

**The exhibition catalogue includes a curatorial text by David Bestué; relevant essays on the subject by Mario Carpo, Jane Bennett, Ester Pino, Julia Spínola, Aimar Arriola and Maite Garbayo; an interview with the sculptor Susana Solano conducted by the curator; and an epilogue by Martina Millà.**

**The varied public programming associated with the exhibition also includes a small-format show on bronze casting, one of Miró's preferred techniques for producing his sculptures.**

**Barcelona, 15 October 2021.** The technological advances of the nineteenth century brought about a profound crisis concerning the notion of representation, paving the way towards new approaches to art that led to a longing for reality. Since then, representation and reality have been engaged in an ongoing contest that has lasted until today regarding the development of the practice of sculpture. *The Point of Sculpture* aims to provide an overview of the evolution of the art form based on this dialectic. Curator David Bestué begins by observing that the practice of sculpture has continued to undergo major changes with the emergence of new theoretical frameworks, technologies and imaginaries. Nonetheless, some of the challenges that contemporary sculptors are now facing link their practice directly to the origins of the discipline. Accordingly, the curatorial narrative – developed in collaboration with the Fundació’s Head of Exhibitions Martina Millà – relates new formal strategies with works dating far back in time, suggesting a genealogy of sorts that is rich in associations. Considering the concept of the word *sentido* in the Spanish title of the exhibition more in the sense of expressing direction than meaning, *The Point of Sculpture* points out the many paths taken back and forth in the discipline over the course of its history. The exhibition also notes how, during these times of increasingly malleable ways of making art, the zero degree or original grammar of sculpture continues to serve as the underpinning for the practice.

Throughout its seven sections, the exhibition, sponsored exclusively by the BBVA Foundation, delves into fundamental aspects of the practice of sculpture. A large part of the over one hundred selected pieces includes works produced since the early twentieth century that illustrate the origin and the burgeoning of contemporary sculpture. Each section also includes historical examples that act as springboards for visual and conceptual connections with other periods. In addition, the show unfolds beyond the temporary exhibition rooms, presenting pieces by contemporary artists in the hall, Olive Tree Patio, Tapestry Room and Sculpture Room at the Fundació Joan Miró.

### **Seven Key Aspects of the Grammar of Sculpture**

Ever since the Renaissance, sculpting by casting with moulds was considered a minor practice which could by no means be used to produce a work of art. Disapproval of this technique was such that it was nicknamed “infamous art,” given that instead of drawing their inspiration from nature, the sculptors who applied it were stealing natural forms. Later on, some artists adopted these practices precisely to confront the increasingly challenged pretence of authorship. *Ars Infamis* is the title of the first section in the exhibition, which addresses the evolution of the concept of the copy, the imprint and the mould throughout the history of sculpture. This area shows a variety of techniques for copying objects and displays some of the moulds that Antoni Gaudí used for the façade of the Sagrada Família along with more contemporary pieces by prominent artists including, among others, Bruce Nauman and Karin Sander.

Sculptors have also related to the zero degree of their discipline through its components. Although until the first decades of the twentieth century, form prevailed over matter in

sculpture, contemporary practices tend to break down that formal hierarchy and experiment with all sorts of materials to build direct bonds with the real. The second area in the exhibition, titled *Raw*, includes pieces by historic sculptors such as Dieter Roth and Robert Smithson, as well as established artists including Eva Lootz and Perejaume, all known for their bold use of materials.

*Space* is the title of the next section of the exhibition, which explores the physical properties at the root of any sculptural work: gravity, weight, mass, volume, malleability and balance. Reflection on these characteristics is one of the key elements that explain the burgeoning of avant-garde sculpture and the ways in which the discipline has evolved since then. At the same time, the selected pieces give back to the viewers a perspective of the physical dimension of their own bodies in space. This room features works by artists who made decisive contributions to changing the course of the practice of sculpture in the twentieth century, such as Alexander Calder, Carl André, Richard Serra, Marisa Merz and Isa Genzken.

Blurring the conventional boundaries between subject and object, as well as the exploration of the very idea of transformation, is another one of the quests that have contributed to the evolution of modern and contemporary sculpture. Precisely, the myth of Daphne and Apollo and the nymph's metamorphosis into a laurel tree symbolize the following section of the exhibition. In *Double Object*, sculpture is presented as an interplay of mutations and a process of change which, eventually, also leads to the practice of recycling. The selected pieces for this area are by Apel·les Fenosa, Robert Gober, Ester Partegàs and Joan Miró, among others.

The fifth section addresses the relationship between sculpture and time. The sculptural object is often identified with 3D and spatial aspects, overlooking the fact that other dimensions such as time are also in play. Duration, temporality, the progression or capturing of a moment are equally important considerations which sculptors have been facing throughout the ages. *Present Continuous* displays anonymous archaeological pieces created to encapsulate life and freeze time, shown alongside works by internationally-renowned contemporary artists such as Thomas Hirschhorn and On Kawara, as well as pieces that combine different layers of time, including *Double Light* (2010), a video projection by artist Pipilotti Rist on a bronze sculpture by Joan Miró.

Next, *The Point of Sculpture* moves into an area focused on the human body, a central challenge and point of reference for the discipline throughout its history. The myth of Pygmalion, committed to creating a sculpture so perfect that it comes to life in Galatea, marked the discipline of sculpture until modern times. From the Enlightenment onwards, however, the drive to emulate the Divine shifted towards the realm of science and technology with robotics and artificial intelligence. The academic representation of the human body as an ideal of beauty gradually gave way to artists reclaiming all sorts of corporealities and states of the body. In *A New Body*, David Bestué contrasts different

historical approaches to depicting human anatomy, such as a nineteenth-century anatomical model with works from the late twentieth century by Henrik Olesen and Claudia Rebeca Alonso or modern classics such as Julio González, among other artists.

Above and beyond the specific features of an object, the formal representation of bodies, of movement or change, many sculptors have faced the challenge of materializing intangibles such as human feelings or sexual desire. The seventh and last section of the exhibition, titled *Contact*, explores the emotional dimension of the discipline through works by artists who, like Silvia Gubern, Susana Solano, June Crespo and Wolfgang Tillmans, have attempted to convey contact between bodies using one single volume or sought to imprint feelings into matter.

### ***Beyond the Exhibition Rooms***

The project includes a catalogue with a curatorial essay by David Bestué and an epilogue by Martina Millà, along with important contributions about the areas addressed in the different sections of the exhibition. Accordingly, the article by architectural historian Mario Carpo analyses the imitation of reality in the digital era. Next, political theorist and philosopher Jane Bennet contributes an essay about the vitality of matter, while Esther Pino, a philosopher and expert in comparative literature, reflects on the metaphor and the transformative power of words. Julia Spínola, in turn, provides a highly personal reflection on the mechanisms for perceiving, grasping and interpreting reality, while editor and curator Aimar Arriola discusses contact and the relationship between the superficial and the profound. For her part, art critic and researcher Maite Garbayo focuses her essay on the body viewed with a sidelong glance. The catalogue also includes an interview with Susana Solano conducted by the curator.

*The Point of Sculpture* has a related activity programme for different school levels, families, and the general public, with events held at the Fundació itself as well as at other venues, in collaboration with a variety of academic and cultural institutions. Among other activities, our programming includes a small-format show on bronze casting, one of Miró's preferred sculpture techniques. The show describes the process from the original object to the final piece, spanning everything from the preparatory sketches to making the moulds, assembling, and casting the piece. The space connects the sculpture room that closes the Joan Miró Collection area with the exhibition *The Point of Sculpture*.

## Curator



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**David Bestué** (Barcelona, 1980) is a visual artist and writer with an interest in the relationship between text, sculpture and architecture. He has held solo exhibitions including *Realism* at La Capella (Barcelona, 2015); *ROSI AMOR* at the Museo Reina Sofía (Madrid, 2017); and *Pastoral* at La Panera (Lleida, 2021), among others. The author of several works on sculpture and the relationship between architecture and poetry, he has also published tributes to leading figures in Spanish architecture, such as his books on Enric Miralles (*Enric Miralles, a izquierda y derecha*, 2010) and on the Piñón Viaplana architecture studio (*Viaplana y Piñón, o la imposibilidad de una arquitectura*, 2018). He has also written essays on the recent history of architecture and engineering in Spain: *Formalismo puro* (2011), *Historia de la fuerza* (2017) and *El Escorial. Imperio y estómago* (2021).

In his role as a curator, he has been responsible for solo exhibitions featuring Silvia Gubern and other artists at Halfhouse, an independent space that won the Ciutat de Barcelona award in 2018. At the Fundació Joan Miró, jointly with Toni Hervàs, he orchestrated *Mercuri Splash*, a celebration revolving around performance art held in 2015 to celebrate the centennial of the birth of art critic and historian Alexandre Cirici Pellicer. More recently, Bestué curated the 25th Image Symposium at CA2M in Móstoles (Madrid, 2018) and in 2019 he received the El Ojo Crítico de Artes Plásticas prize awarded by RNE (National Radio of Spain).

## Wall Texts and Selection of Images for the Press

### *The Point of Sculpture*

Throughout the history of sculpture, each period has set its own goals for moving beyond the idea of representation. The pieces featured in the seven sections of the show seek to illustrate this yearning for reality through multiple strategies, such as the use of new technologies for reproduction or of a form of self-awareness in the use and selection of materials. The exhibition includes works that explore physical and temporal questions, thus tracing another boundary, that of their own stability and duration. It also presents sculptures that focus on a human figure in constant reformulation and others which, like wet clay, try to reflect the last, never-reached boundary where desire is captured and crystallised. Moreover, the pieces bear witness to the changes that the discipline has undergone in recent years, transformations similar to those occurring in other realms. After all, today our work processes unfold in a context of globalisation with recurring political, economic, social and health-related crises in which notions such as 'materials', 'place' or 'body' have to be reformulated time and time again.



**Joan Miró**

*Homme et femme dans la nuit* [Man and Woman in the Night]

1969

Bronze

86.5 x 30.5 x 30.5 cm / 71.5 x 43 x 50 cm

Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona



**Sarah Lucas**

*The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*

2014

Tights, fluff, chairs and wooden stool

Left chair: 84 x 40.5 x 52 cm / Right chair: 84 x 40.5 x

52 cm / Stool: 56 x 38.5 x 34 cm

Courtesy of the artist and Sadie Coles HQ, London

## 1. Ars Infamis

The use of moulds and other reproduction techniques was initially scorned by art historians and dismissed as *ars infamis* for disregarding inspiration from reality to extract its forms directly; however, in the late nineteenth century this peculiarity had a strong appeal for artists and architects. This was the case of Antoni Gaudí: casting allowed him to include copies of real plants, animals and people in the sculptural group he made for the Nativity façade of the Sagrada Família basilica in Barcelona. Since then, the use of moulds in contemporary sculpture has become a common practice, as it undermines the notion of artistic authorship and allows the sculptor to focus on other aspects of the work, above and beyond its 'resemblance' to reality. More recently, industrial attempts to achieve the perfect copy can be seen in the advent of synthetic diamonds, produced in a laboratory with complex technological processes that combine intense pressure and high temperature, and which are indistinguishable from natural diamonds. In this case, what is being replicated is not a specific diamond but the process involved in its creation. The copy has finally broken free from its submission to the original.



**Bruce Nauman**

*Julie Head / Julie, Head, Upside Down, Tongue to Tongue*  
1990

Wax

29.7 x 45.7 x 17.4 cm

Bergé Collection, Madrid



*Bust of Matilde de Aguilera y Gamboa*

c. 1863-1867

Photosculpture, modelled in clay

39 x 40.5 x 23.5 cm / Base: 10.5 x 11 cm

Museo Cerralbo, Madrid



**Seth Price**

*Untitled*

2019

Dye-sublimation print on synthetic fabric,  
aluminium, LED

152 x 284 cm

Fundació "La Caixa" Contemporary Art Collection



**Karin Sander**

*Isabel Schenk 1:10*

1999

3D body scan of a living person, fused deposition  
modelling, ABS

17 cm (scale 1:10)

CGAG Collection, Santiago de Compostela

## 2. Raw

In the first decades of the twentieth century, the formal characteristics of sculpture ceased to be considered hierarchically superior to their material components. Accordingly, artists such as David Medalla, Robert Smithson and Eva Lootz render obsolete the duality of form and image and the supremacy of the optical filter, producing refuse to complete a finished form. In addition, this room also features interventions in which the state of a group of elements is transformed in order to reveal their composition. This happens in the pulverised paintings by Perejaume or in Lara Almarcegui's gesture of accumulating a building's construction materials to show the 'ingredients' they contain. Sometimes showing materials in the raw can also serve as proof or evidence of the tensions that transcend the realm of art. Many artists have chosen to reveal the conditions in which they obtain the materials for their pieces and how their way of accessing those materials defines them.



### **Robert Smithson**

*Glue Pour*

1969

Inket print from original 126 format slide (exhibition copy)

33 x 33 cm

Courtesy of Holt/Smithson Foundation



### **David Medalla**

*Cloud Canyons (Bubble Machine Auto Creative Sculptures)*

2016

Silver-coated mahogany, plexiglass, aquarium air pump, soap and water

171 x 130 cm (total diameter)

Galleria Enrico Astuni



**Eva Lootz**

*Untitled*

1977

Flannelette, paraffin and tar

123.5 x 96.5 cm

Asociación Colección Arte Contemporáneo - Museo Patio  
Herreriano, Valladolid



**Perejaume**

*Composting of Nine Paintings,*

*Composting of Six Paintings and*

*Composting of One Painting with Frame  
and Glass*

1994

Oil, canvas and wood

3 items of different sizes

MACBA Collection. MACBA Foundation.  
Private loan, Barcelona.

### 3. Space

The selection of works on display in this room takes into account physical and spatial aspects. In their works, both Leandre Cristòfol and Lucio Fontana attempted to capture the vertigo produced by the awareness of an expanse with no outline, beginning or end. From the 1960s onward, coinciding with the first photographs of the Earth taken from outer space, there was a significant change in this poetic or metaphysical view of the space. The possibility of seeing the world from the outside not only turned it into an object, but actually transformed our concepts of physicality and immensity. It was precisely during those years that Minimalism emerged, a movement that eschewed spiritual or rhetorical considerations and emphasised simple, mathematical forms and the use of industrial materials. In turn, Minimalist art elicited a quick response from artists such as Richard Serra, Susana Solano or Alina Szapocznikow which coincided with the expansion of the playing field for sculpture, an area in which the notions of object, place and setting were recast.



**Richard Serra**

*Prop*

1992 (steel version of a sculpture originally made with lead in 1968)

Steel

276 x 152.5 x 150 cm

IVAM, Institut Valencià d'Art Modern, Generalitat



**Alexander Calder**

*The Corcovado*

1951

Painted aluminium and iron

351 x 405 x 184 cm

Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona.

Gift of Josep Lluís Sert



**Carl André**

*2 (30 AL) Seattle*

1980

60 aluminium blocks

5 x 360 x 18 cm

Fundación ARCO/IFEMA Collection.

Loan from CA2M. Centro de Arte Dos de Mayo



**Jorge Oteiza**

*Respiración espacial* [Spatial Breathing]

1956-1957

Steel construction painted grey

20 x 23 x 6 cm

Jorge Oteiza Museum Foundation, Alzuza (Navarra)

#### 4. Double Object

In the myth of Daphne and Apollo retold in Ovid's *Metamorphosis*, the nymph turns into a laurel tree when she is touched by the god of the arts. From Bernini to Apelles Fenosa, this episode has seduced countless sculptors who confronted the difficulty of showing the transformation of one body into another. This idea of mutation and constant change is alluded to in works such as *Slides of a Changing Painting* by Robert Gober, a succession of bodies and objects that intersect unveiling an imaginary which the artist would continue to develop throughout his entire career. In other instances, this notion of transformation has appeared in a tendency to reuse objects. This is the case of many of the sculptures by Joan Miró, which often reveal an interest in manipulating everyday objects to endow them with a different, possibly symbolic use. This pursuit has continued to this day with artists such as Ester Partegàs.



**Robert Gober**

*Slides of a Changing Painting*

1982-1983

35 mm slides (digital archive)

Exhibition copy

Projected images, 66 x 99 cm each

Walker Art Center Collection, Minneapolis

T.B. Walker Acquisition Fund, 1992



**Lygia Clark**

*Bicho de bolso* [Pocket Critter]

1966

Photographic print

70 x 50 cm

Associação Cultural O Mundo de Lygia Clark



**Apel·les Fenosa**

*Fulla de figuera* [Fig Leaf]

1958

Terracotta

16 x 6.5 x 4 cm

Col·lecció Fundació Apel·les Fenosa, El Vendrell



**Joan Miró**

*Femme* [Woman]

1946

Bone, grindstone, iron and oil on potter's clay

51.7 x 23.3 x 19.7 cm

Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona

## 5. Present Continuous

Beyond their relationship to space – to their function of occupying a place in the best possible way – many sculpture projects are also concerned with aspects related to their duration. By leaving its theoretical dimension and facing its temporality, sculpture has to fight against an inexorable process of attrition. The series of social and political conflicts ravaging the world have also contributed to that sense of global fragility. From the First World War onwards, history ceased to be understood as a linear narrative – in which a set of meanings ruled by a divine mechanism progressed reinforcing and explaining each other mutually – and instead emerged as a force field governed by violence and the quest for dominance. In turn, the resulting sense of constant vigilance generated a change in temporal and historical perception, as well as a chaotic, changing notion of becoming, finitude and mortality – a perception that has only been accentuated by the recent pandemic.



Cat mummy  
Late Period - Ptolemaic Period, 715-713 BC  
Mummified body of a cat, bandages  
24.5 x 6.1 x 5.8 cm  
Clos Archaeological Foundation - Egyptian Museum of Barcelona



**Pipilotti Rist**  
*Double Light*  
2010  
Video projection on the sculpture *Femme* by Joan Miró (1968)  
Varying sizes  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona.  
Produced and donated by Han Nefkens



**Robert Smithson**

*Pierced Spiral*

1973

Cardboard and wood

24 x 54 x 57 cm

IVAM, Institut Valencià d'Art Modern, Generalitat



**Susana Solano**

*U-Alap*

1992-1993

Iron, fluorescent tube and motor

360 x 325 x 155 cm (in motion)

Private collection



**Christofle**

*Lézard [Lizard]*

1890

Silver-plated galvanic copper

14 x 27.5 cm

Patrimoine Christofle

## 6. A New Body

The myth of Pygmalion tells the story of a sculptor who makes a statue so perfect that it ends up coming to life and having a name: Galatea. This fable is only one of countless adaptations in most of the world's cultures of the creation myth, in which a deity sculpts a human being from inert elements. The figure of the 'sculptor-creator' was embedded in the sculpture tradition until the Enlightenment, when the maker went from being an artist to becoming a scientist, who, in his laboratory, attempts to replicate the outside and inside of a body.

This conceptual transformation released the format of sculpture from the obligation of portraying the perfect body and turned it into a tool for challenging cultural, sexual, social, medical and ideological assumptions concerning the representation of the body. A large part of this process can be observed in the form of the bust, a classic sculpture motif that underwent several reinterpretations during the twentieth century, from the smiling bust of Salvador Martorell's *Autoretrat* to the luminous image of Marisa Merz in *Senza titolo*.



**Marisa Merz**  
*Senza titolo* [Untitled]  
Undated  
Painted unfired clay  
17 x 11 x 15 cm  
Collezione Merz, Turin



**Julio González**  
*Masque Ombre et lumière* [Shadow and Light Mask]  
c. 1930  
Bronze  
24.8 x 10.5 x 5.5 cm  
Julio González Administration. Philippe Griminger



**Dieter Roth**

*P.O.TH.A.A.VFB (Portrait of the artist as Vogelfutterbüste)*

[Birdseed Bust]

1968

Chocolate

21 x 14 x 12 cm

Dieter Roth Estate. Courtesy of Hauser & Wirth



**Joseph Beuys**

*Foetus*

1961

Aquatint on paper

57.7 x 45.8 x 2.5 cm (with frame)

MACBA Collection. MACBA Foundation.

Long-term loan from the Bombelli Family

## 7. Contact

How can one represent passion, love or sex using an inert material without the 'object' to be represented – desire itself – vanishing instantly? That is one of the most complex questions in the practice of sculpture: by addressing it formally, sculptors encounter the difficulty of using one single volume to convey contact between two figures, with contours that strive for a fusion that is never fully achieved. In *Les amoureux II* by Julio González the union of these two bodies became hollow, an abyss, zero. From that point on, this representation was approached in multiple ways, seeking to introduce more radical, affective or sensual nuances. Moreover, we are all well aware that the representation of contact between two people has become a rarity in our environment since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. As during the AIDS crisis, displays of affection have been mixed with fear of infection and disease.



**Julio González**

*Les amoureux II* [The Lovers II]

1932-1933

Bronze

44.5 x 16.5 x 22 cm

Julio González Administration. Philippe Grimminger



**Susana Solano**

*La parella núm. 1* [The Pair no. 1]

1988

Iron

103 x 47 x 47 cm each

Fundació Suñol, Barcelona



**June Crespo**

*Cheek to Cheek*

2015

Concrete and fabric

44 x 44 x 30 cm

Private collection

## List of Works

### **José Antonio Hernández Díez**

*JB-657997 RC-2731*, 1999

Plexiglass

110 x 96 x 190 cm

Estrany de la Mota Art Advisors

### **1. ARS INFAMIS**

#### **Antoni Gaudí**

Fragment of an animal  
element (duck) for the Nativity

Façade of the Sagrada

Família, c. 1895

Plaster, esparto grass and iron /  
cast

33 x 40 x 32 cm

Fundació Temple Expiatori de  
la Sagrada Família

#### **Antoni Gaudí**

Fragment of an animal  
element (duck) for the Nativity

Façade of the Sagrada

Família, c. 1895

Plaster and iron / cast

15.5 x 24 x 12 cm

Fundació Temple Expiatori de  
la Sagrada Família

#### **Claude Gaspari**

Joan Miró assembling objects  
for the sculpture *Femme*  
*assise et enfant* [Seated Woman  
and Child] (1967), undated

Photographic print touched up  
by Joan Miró with ballpoint pen

24 x 18 cm

Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona

#### **Bruce Nauman**

*Julie Head / Julie, Head, Upside*  
*Down, Tongue to Tongue*, 1990

Wax

29.7 x 45.7 x 17.4 cm

Bergé Collection, Madrid

#### **Bruce Talamon**

*David Hammons Making Body*  
*Print, Slauson Ave. Studio*

*Los Angeles*, 1974

Black and white photograph

40.64 x 50.8 cm

CA2M Collection. Centro de  
Arte Dos de Mayo

### **Alina Szapocznikow**

*Self-portrait, Herbarium*, 1971

Black and white photograph

53 x 43 cm

Museum of Modern Art  
in Warsaw

### **Jochen Lempert**

*Anna Atkins II*, 2011

Set of 4 frames of film

24 x 18 cm each

Courtesy of ProjecteSD, Barcelona

*Bust of Matilde de Aguilera*  
*y Gamboa*, c. 1863-1867

Photosculpture, modelled  
in clay

39 x 23.5 cm x 23.5 cm /

Base: 10.5 x 11 cm

Museo Cerralbo, Madrid

### **Karin Sander**

*Isabel Schenk 1:10*, 1999

3D body scan of a living person,  
fused deposition modelling,  
ABS

17 cm (scale 1:10)

CGAC Collection, Santiago  
de Compostela

### **Seth Price**

*Untitled*, 2019

Dye-sublimation print  
on synthetic fabric,

aluminium, LED

152 x 284 cm

Fundació "La Caixa"

Contemporary Art Collection

### **Rubén Grilo**

*Pattern Free. Ripped from Zara,*  
*Indigo Version I*, 2013

Laser-blasted, bleached  
denim following patterns

used by Zara for

their blue jean designs.

Metal frame and elastic bands

90 x 200 cm

Courtesy of the artist

and NoguerasBlanchard

*Panel from the Tomb of Seti I*

Undated

Panel routed on a CNC machine

based on 3D data  
scanned in high resolution  
on the tomb of Seti I, with  
plaster casts  
and gesso ground  
116 x 125.5 x 8 cm  
Factum Foundation

Lab-grown diamond  
and rough natural diamond /  
Cut lab-grown and  
natural diamonds,  
undated  
Accent Created Diamonds  
Barcelona

## 2. RAW

### Joan Brossa

*Pluja* [Rain], 1973  
Book  
Private collection, Barcelona.

### Dieter Roth

*Literaturwurst (Martin Walser:  
„Halbzeit“)* [Literary Sausage  
(Martin Walser: “Halbzeit”)], 1967  
Shreds of a book on  
sausage skin, framed by the artist  
52.5 x 42.5 x 12 cm (framed)  
Dieter Roth Estate. Courtesy of  
Hauser & Wirth

### Perejaume

*Compostatge de nou pintures,  
compostatge de sis pintures i  
compostatge d'una pintura amb  
marc i vidre* [Composting of  
Nine Paintings, Composting  
of Six Paintings and Composting  
of One Painting with Frame  
and Glass], 1994  
Oil, canvas and wood  
3 items of different sizes  
MACBA Collection. MACBA  
Foundation. Private loan,  
Barcelona

### Lara Almarcegui

*Water tower: Construction  
Materials, Phalsbourg,*  
2000, 2000  
Photograph, C-print  
(exhibition copy)  
50 x 70 cm  
Courtesy of the artist

Tesserae, possibly  
related to the Roman  
villa at Plaça Antoni  
Maura in Barcelona  
c. 1st-3rd c. AD and 20th c.  
Various materials (stone, glass  
paste, ceramic)  
From 0.9 x 0.8 cm to 1.2 x 1.2 cm  
Arxiu Arqueològic – MUHBA

### Wolf Vostell

*Endogene Depression* [Endogenous Depression]  
1980  
Concrete encasing  
(radio and concrete)  
25 x 39 x 29 cm  
MUSAC Collection

### Christopher Williams

*Cutaway model Nikon E. M.  
Shutter (...)*, 2008  
Photograph, C-print  
50.8 x 61 cm  
Fundació “La Caixa”  
Contemporary Art Collection

### Alexander Calder

*Mercury Fountain*, 1937  
Painted iron and aluminium,  
mercury  
114 x 293 x 196 cm  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona.  
Gift of Alexander Calder  
Fundació “La Caixa”  
Contemporary Art Collection

### David Medalla

*Cloud Canyons (Bubble Machine  
Auto Creative Sculptures)*, 2016  
Silver-coated mahogany,  
plexiglass, aquarium air pump,  
soap and water  
171 x 130 cm (total diameter)  
Galleria Enrico Astuni

### Robert Smithson

*Glue Pour*, 1969  
Inkjet print from original  
126 format slide  
(exhibition copy)  
33 x 33 cm  
Courtesy of Holt/Smithson  
Foundation

### Eva Lootz

*Untitled*, 1977  
Flanelette, paraffin and tar  
123.5 x 96.5 cm

Asociación Colección Arte  
Contemporáneo - Museo Patio  
Herreriano, Valladolid

**Wolfgang Tillmans**

*Freischwimmer*  
[Free Swimmer], 2004  
Colour photograph  
248 x 181 x 4 cm  
CA2M Collection. Centro de  
Arte Dos de Mayo

**Allan Sekula**

*Dripping black trapezoid*  
(*Lendo 12/22/02*), 2002  
Cibachrome on polyester  
101.5 x 70 cm  
IVAM, Institut Valencià d'Art  
Modern, Generalitat. Long-term loan  
Cal Cego. Col·lecció d'Art  
Contemporani, Barcelona.

**Joseph Beuys**

*Öfflasche* [Bottle of Oil], 1984  
Multiple. Bottle of olive oil  
with printed label  
26 cm (height)  
Cal Cego. Col·lecció d'Art  
Contemporani, Barcelona

**Pamela Rosenkranz**

*Firm Being (They Line Along)*, 2015  
700 ml PET bottle, silicone  
with pigments, plexiglass  
display case, wooden plinth  
146.7 x 38.1 x 38.1 cm  
Collegium. Fundación  
Lumbreras – Adrastus Collection

**3. SPACE**

**Leandre Cristòfol**

*Temàtica estel·lar*  
[Stellar Theme], 1940  
Collage of seeds on paper  
47.3 x 37 x 4 cm  
Gift of the artist to the City Council  
of Barcelona, 1988;  
loaned to the MNAC, 1982

**Alexander Calder**

*The Corcovado*, 1951  
Painted aluminium and iron  
351 x 405 x 184 cm  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona.  
Gift of Josep Lluís Sert

**Lucio Fontana**

*Concetto spaziale. Natura*  
[Spatial Concept.  
Nature], 1960–1961  
Bronze  
32 x 40 x 37 cm / 46 x 48 x 40 cm  
Fundació Suñol, Barcelona

**Marisa Merz**

*Senza titolo* [Untitled],  
Undated  
Unfired clay shavings  
and aluminium  
19 x 11 x 16 cm  
Collezione Merz, Turin

**Jorge Oteiza**

Preliminary study for  
*Respiración artificial*  
[Artificial Respiration], c. 1950  
Photo paper  
7.5 x 11.8 cm  
Jorge Oteiza Museum Foundation  
Fundazio Museoa, Alzuza  
(Navarra)

**Jorge Oteiza**

*Respiración artificial* [Artificial Respiration],  
1956–1957  
Steel construction  
painted grey  
20 x 23 x 6 cm  
Jorge Oteiza Museum Foundation  
Fundazio Museoa, Alzuza  
(Navarra)

**Lygia Clark**

*Estrutura de caixas de fósforos*  
[Matchbox Structure], 1964  
Collage, poster board  
5.7 x 8.9 x 5.1 cm  
Museo Helga de Alvear, Cáceres

**Julia Spínola**

*Huevo de la mañana* [Morning Egg], 2016  
Pencil and collage on paper  
(6 drawings)  
29 x 21 cm each  
Heinrich Ehrhardt Gallery

**Bill Anders**

*Earthrise*, 1968  
Photographic print  
40 x

**Juande Jarillo**

*Untitled*, 2009  
Photograph  
50 x 78 cm  
Juande Jarillo Collection

**Carl André**

*2 (30 AL) Seattle*, 1980  
60 aluminium blocks  
5 x 360 x 18 cm  
Fundación ARCO/  
IFEMA Collection. Loan from CA2M. Centro de  
Arte Dos de Mayo

**Richard Serra**

*Prop*  
1992 (steel version of a sculpture  
originally made with lead in 1968)  
Steel  
276 x 152.5 x 150 cm  
IVAM, Institut Valencià d' Art  
Modern, Generalitat

**Bruce Nauman**

*Tony Sinking into the Floor,  
Face Up and Face Down*, 1973  
Single-channel video, colour, sound,  
60 min  
MACBA Collection.  
MACBA Foundation

**Alina Szapocznikow**

*Photosculptures 07/20*, 1971  
Photograph  
53 x 43 cm  
Museum of Modern Art  
in Warsaw

**Alina Szapocznikow**

*Photosculptures 97/20*, 1971  
7 photographs  
53 x 43 cm / 43 x 53 cm  
Museum of Modern Art  
in Warsaw

**Isa Genzken**

*Blick [Look]*, 1987  
Cement, steel and mirror  
225 x 120 x 70  
Frac Grand Large – Hauts-de-  
France

**Susana Solano**

*Contemporani*  
[Contemporary], 1982  
Painted bronze  
39 x 55.5 x 46 cm  
Private collection

**Jordi Colomer**

*24 goldfishes*, 1990  
Plaster, rubber, milk  
bottles, roller skates  
70 x 220 x 60 cm  
Courtesy of Juana  
de Aizpuru Gallery, Madrid

**Jannis Kounellis**

*Senza titolo [Untitled]*, 1969  
Metal bed frame, wool  
40 x 190 x 180  
Castello di Rivoli. Museo d'Arte Contemporanea

**4. DOUBLE OBJECT**

Stone doll, c. 1949  
Limestone and cotton  
27 x 15 x 6.5 cm  
Museu Etnològic i de  
Cultures del Món.  
Ajuntament de Barcelona

**Joan Miró**

*Femme [Woman]*, 1946  
Bone, grindstone, iron  
and oil on potter's clay  
51.7 x 23.3 x 19.7 cm  
Fundació Joan Miró,  
Barcelona

**Apel·les Fenosa**

*Fig leaf*  
Terracotta  
16 x 6,5 x 4 cm  
Col·lecció Fundació Apel·les  
Fenosa, El Vendrell

**Apel·les Fenosa**

*Fourrure [Fur]*, 1962  
Terracotta  
16 x 7 x 6.5 cm  
Col·lecció Fundació Apel·les  
Fenosa, El Vendrell

**Apel·les Fenosa**

*Seròs*, 1965  
Terracotta  
19.5 x 9 x 5 cm  
Col·lecció Fundació Apel·les  
Fenosa, El Vendrell

**Apel·les Fenosa**

*Delos*, 1983  
Terracotta  
16 x 6.5 x 4 cm  
Col·lecció Fundació Apel·les  
Fenosa, El Vendrell

**Apel·les Fenosa**

*Caroubier* [Carob Tree], 1981  
Bronze  
23 x 11 x 6 cm  
Col·lecció Fundació Apel·les  
Fenosa, El Vendrell

**Robert Gober**

*Slides of a Changing Painting*, 1982–1983  
35 mm slides (digital  
archive). Exhibition copy  
Projected images, 66 x 99 cm each  
Walker Art Center Collection,  
Minneapolis T.B. Walker  
Acquisition Fund, 1992

**Joan Miró**

*Personnage* [Personage], 1967  
Painted bronze  
160 x 63.5 x 11 cm  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona

**Lygia Clark**

*Bicho de bolso*  
[Pocket Critter], 1966  
Photographic print  
70 x 50 cm  
Associação Cultural O Mundo de Lygia Clark

**Patricia Esquivias**

Bollards, undated  
Installation  
50 x 36 / 36 x 47 / 80 x 25 / 100  
x 31 / 74 x 20 cm  
Ayuntamiento de Madrid

**Ester Partegàs**

*Façana (Cistelles)* [Façade  
(Baskets)], 2021  
Mixed media  
200 x 150 x 160 cm  
Courtesy of the artist  
and NoguerasBlanchard

Aluminium ingot  
Aluminium  
9 x 11 x 70 cm  
Grupal Art, S.L. (aluminium  
alloys)

**5. PRESENT CONTINUOUS**

Cat mummy  
Late Period - Ptolemaic  
Period, 715-713 BC  
Mummified body of a cat,  
bandages  
24.5 x 6.1 x 5.8 cm

Clos Archaeological Foundation -  
Egyptian Museum of Barcelona

**Christofle**

*Lézard* [Lizard], 1890  
Silver-plated galvanic copper  
14 x 27.5 cm  
Patrimoine Christofle

**Petrít Halilaj**

*Poisoned by Men in Need of  
Some Love (Pavo cristatus)*, 2013  
Iron, crow excrement,  
soil, glue, brass, wood  
347 x 99 x 42 cm  
Collegium. Fundación  
Lumbreras - Adrastus  
Collection

Two vitrines  
Undated  
Metal objects  
1.65 x 43 x 37 cm  
Courtesy of Reciclajes  
Adrián

**Robert Smithson**

*Pierced Spiral*, 1973  
Cardboard and wood  
24 x 54 x 57 cm  
IVAM, Institut Valencià d' Art  
Modern, Generalitat

*Solar System Portrait –  
Earth as Pale Blue Dot*, 1990  
Photograph  
20 x 15 cm  
NASA

**On Kawara**

Telegram sent to Manel Clot, 1989  
Printed paper  
14.7 x 21 cm  
Manel Clot Family

**Thomas Hirschhorn**

*Swiss Made*, 1999  
Aluminium foil, acrylic,  
cardboard, felt, adhesive tape  
and painted wood  
230 x 52 x 6.5 cm  
Private collection. Long-term loan  
RAC Foundation

**Susana Solano**

*U-Alap*, 1992–1993  
Iron, fluorescent tube and motor  
360 x 325 x 155 cm

(in motion)  
Private collection

**Xavier Arenós**

*Columna Bloc* [Bloc Column], 2012  
Wood and cement  
304 x 31 x 31 cm  
Courtesy of the artist

**Oier Iruretagoiena**

*Paisaje sin mundo (mural)* [Landscape without a World (mural)], 2020  
Installation. Collage with plastic, paintings, staples, tarp  
250 x 200 cm  
Fundación Montemadrid Collection

**Pipilotti Rist**

*Double Light*, 2010  
Video projection on the sculpture *Femme* by Joan Miró (1968)  
Varying sizes  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona.  
Produced and donated by Han Nefkens

**6. A NEW BODY**

Depiction of a theatre mask for a tragedy actor, 1st c. AD  
Limestone  
48 x 32 cm  
Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya

**Francesc Pérez Llorens and Joan Samsó i Lengly**

*Bust en perfil de noia amb anatomia de l'oïda interna al descobert* [Profile bust of a girl, revealing the anatomy of the inner ear], c. 1860  
Painted plaster  
49 x 32 x 14 cm  
Museu d'Història de la Medicina de Catalunya / Museu de la Ciència i de la Tècnica de Catalunya

**Salvador Martorell**

*Autoretrat* [Self-portrait], c. 1930  
La Senia stone  
27 x 19.5 x 20 cm  
Museu d'Art Modern de Tarragona

**Julio González**

*Masque Ombre et lumière*  
[Shadow and Light Mask], c. 1930  
Bronze  
24.8 x 10.5 x 5.5 cm  
Julio González Administration.  
Philippe Grimminger

**Apel·les Fenosa and Pablo Picasso**

*Cabeza de Dora Maar* [Head of Dora Maar]  
c. 1939-1940  
Plaster  
25 x 11.5 x 9 cm  
Col·lecció Fundació Apel·les Fenosa, El Vendrell

**Dieter Roth**

*P.O.T.H.A.A.VFB* (*Portrait of the artist as Vogelfutterbüste*) [Birdseed Bust], 1968  
Chocolate  
21 x 14 x 12 cm  
Dieter Roth Estate. Courtesy of Hauser & Wirth

**Marisa Merz**

*Senza titolo* [Untitled],  
Undated  
Painted unfired clay  
17 x 11 x 15 cm  
Collezione Merz, Turin

**Alina Szapocznikow**

*Buste étincelant III*  
[Glowing Bust III], 1967  
Photograph  
53 x 43 cm  
Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw

**Claudia Rebeca Lorenzo**

*Achanta la mui*, 2020  
Metal, tape, epoxy resin and oil  
23 x 14 x 34 cm  
Courtesy of the artist

Copy of the journal *Acéphale*, with a drawing by André Masson on the cover, 24 June 1936  
Journal  
26.9 x 18.7 cm  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona

**Joseph Beuys**

*Foetus*, 1961  
Aquatint on paper  
57.7 x 45.8 x 2.5 cm (with frame)  
MACBA Collection. MACBA

Foundation. Long-term loan from the Bombelli Family

**Lucía C. Pino**

*Headlines Screaming While She's Watching The Race*, 2017  
Plastic, latex, steel, resin and acrylic  
59 x 100 x 38 cm  
Galeria etHALL

**Sarah Lucas**

*I Know What I Like in Your Wardrobe (revisited)*, 2000  
Wardrobe, lights, wire and bucket  
191 x 93 x 67 cm  
Courtesy of the artist and Sadie Coles HQ, London

**Joan Miró**

*Homme et femme dans la nuit*  
[Man and Woman in the Night]  
1969  
Bronze  
86.5 x 30.5 x 30.5 cm /  
71.5 x 43 x 50 cm  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona

**Sarah Lucas**

*Nude No. 1*, 1999  
Table, coconuts, underwear and brush  
72 x 130 x 60.5 cm  
Courtesy of the artist and Sadie Coles HQ, London

**Sarah Lucas**

*The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*, 2014  
Tights, fluff, chairs and wooden stool  
Left chair: 84 x 40.5 x 52 cm /  
Right chair: 84 x 40.5 x 52 cm /  
Stool: 56 x 38.5 x 34 cm  
Courtesy of the artist and Sadie Coles HQ, London

**Henrik Olesen**

*Portrait 1, Portrait 2, Fußleiste*  
[Portrait 1, Portrait 2, Skirting Board]  
2020  
Oil and mixed media on cotton and HDF  
Oil and mixed media on masonite, framed  
Skirting board and paint  
170 x 265.5 cm ( 40 x 30 cm /  
49.9 x 43.6 cm / 249 x 4.5 x 3 cm)  
Courtesy of Galerie Buchholz,

Berlin/Cologne/New York

**Rubén Grilo**

*Noone, Allness*, 2017  
Fingerprints with Computer-generated patterns embossed on faux sebum with silicone fingertips  
Varying sizes  
Produced by the Fundación Montemadrid for Generación 2017. Courtesy of the artist

**7. CONTACT**

Vessel from the Chimu culture  
1000-1470  
Burnished and moulded clay  
18.5 x 14.5 x 17 cm  
Museo de América, Madrid

**Julio González**

*Les amoureux II*  
[The Lovers II], 1932–1933  
Bronze  
44.5 x 16.5 x 22 cm  
Julio González Administration.  
Philippe Grimminger

**Federico García Lorca**

*El beso* [The Kiss], 1927  
India ink, coloured pencils and gouache on poster board  
30.3 x 23.5 cm  
Museo Casa de los Tiros

**Wolfgang Tillmans**

*The Cock (kiss)*, 2002  
Colour photograph  
Chromogenic print  
60.7 x 50.5 cm  
Juan Redón Collection

**Joan Miró**

Preliminary drawing for *Painting* («Amour»)  
1925  
Graphite pencil on paper  
20 x 26,4 cm  
Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona

**Leonilson**

*Voyerismo olhos para te ver*  
[Voyeurism Eyes for Seeing You],  
1990  
Ink and watercolour on paper  
30 x 23 cm  
MUSAC Collection

**Susana Solano**

*La parella núm. 1*

[The Pair no. 1], 1988

Iron

103 x 47 x 47 cm each

Fundació Suñol, Barcelona

**Silvia Gubern**

*Escultura* [Sculpture], 1968

Wood painted with

synthetic enamel

58.5 x 70 cm

Private collection

**June Crespo**

*Cheek to Cheek*, 2015

Concrete and fabric

44 x 44 x 30 cm

Private collection

**Oier Iruretagoiena**

*Cabezas V* [Heads V], 2015

Concrete, pigments,

screw eyes and spikes

Approx. 25 x 17 x 25 cm each

Private collection

**Anonymous**

*Fernando Aiuti besa a Rosaria*

*Iardino* [Fernando Aiuti

Kissing Rosaria Iardino], 1991

Photograph

30 x 16.5 cm

**Nathalie Djurberg and Hans Berg**

*Didn't You Know*

*I'm Made of Butter?*, 2011

Claymation, digital video

with music

05:01 min

Gió Marconi, Milan,

and the artists

## Artists and Sources of the Works

### Artists Featured in the Exhibition

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Bruce Talamon  
Carl André  
Christofle  
Christopher Williams  
Claude Gaspari  
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### ***The Point of Sculpture***

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*The Point of Sculpture* is accompanied by a publication that complements and elaborates upon the exhibition narrative. The volume is organized according to the seven sections in the show: *Ars Infamis*, on the concept of the copy; *Raw*, on materiality in sculpture; *Space*, on its physical and spatial dimension; *Double Object*, on the notion of transformation in sculpture; *Present Continuous*, on the element of time; *A New Body*, focusing on the human body as a challenge and a central point of reference for the discipline; and, last of all, *Contact*, which addresses how sculpture has contended with the materialization of the intangible.

From his perspective as an artist and essayist, curator David Bestué introduces each chapter with a text that delves into each one of these aspects of sculpture. In turn, each section of the catalogue is completed with new essays that offer relevant contributions about the practice of this art form, its horizons, contemporary concerns about the discipline, and its relationships to other realms of art. In *Ars Infamis*, professor of architectural history Mario Carpo writes about the imitation of reality in the digital age. Political theorist and philosopher Jane Bennet offers an essay on the pulse of life in materiality for *Raw*. The chapter titled *Space* includes a conversation between sculptor Susana Solano and David Bestué. Next, philosopher and comparative literature expert Esther Pino contributes to *Double Object* with a reflection on metaphor and the transformative power of words as verbal sculptures of reality. Artist Julia Spínola provides a highly personal view of the relationship between time and the mechanisms of perception for the chapter titled *Present Continuous*. In *A New Body*, art critic and scholar Maite Garbayo approaches the body from a sidelong glance. Last of all, Aimar Arriola discusses the relationship between the superficial and the profound in *Contact*.

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**Julia Spínola**, an artist, has focused her efforts on sculpture and drawing. Her artistic quest invites us to reconsider some of the certainties that prevail in the realm of experience. She is one of the participants in *Turn Everything Turns*, the exhibition series currently being held at Espai 13 in the Fundació Joan Miró, curated by Marc Navarro.

## Public Programming

*Seminar*

**Saturday, 15 January from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### **The Point of Sculpture**

*Fundació Joan Miró Auditorium*

Presentation of the seminar by Martina Millà, Head of Exhibitions at the Fundació Joan Miró

Introduction to the show by its curator David Bestué

Lecture by video artist Patricia Esquivias

Lecture by María Bolaños, Director of the Museo Nacional de Escultura de Valladolid

Concert lecture by sculptor and sound artist Oier Iruretagoiena

*Performance*

**Sunday, February 12, at 12 a.m.**

### **Framing Intimacy**

*North Patio*

Collaborative project by the artists Nicanor Roses and Matías Daporta.  
With the support of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Spain

Nica Roses and Matías Daporta invite seven people to meet in private in front of a blank canvas, with paints and other materials at hand. During several days, and in sessions with no more than three participants, they explore possible ways of relating to fill the blank space. Each encounter adds a layer to a piece halfway between painting and sculpture, charged with sensitive emotion.

In the second part, the outcome is shown to the public in a performance. Nica Roses' body becomes a vehicle for channelling the participants' experiences.

**October 2021 through February 2022**

**Joan Miró. Bronze Sculpture**

Room 14

A small-format exhibition on the process of bronze casting, one of Joan Miró's preferred techniques for producing his sculptures.



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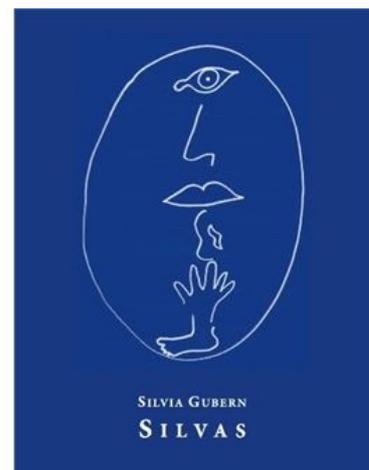
The everyday objects that Miró collected in his studio were the point of departure for an often unknown technical and creative process leading up to the completed work. The show reveals the details of this painstaking path from preliminary sketches to objects, their models and plaster moulds, their assembly and, last of all, casting the pieces in bronze with the lost wax technique. This educational exhibition opens a window onto Miró's work methods, highlighting the value of creation as a process and as the result of the joint efforts of artists and artisans.

The space also links the sculpture room that closes the display of the Joan Miró Collection with the exhibition *The Point of Sculpture*.

**Friday, 12 November at 5:30 p.m.**

***Silvia, silva, silvas***

Dialogue around *Silvas*, a book of poems written and illustrated by Silvia Gubern and published by SD Edicions (Barcelona, 2021).

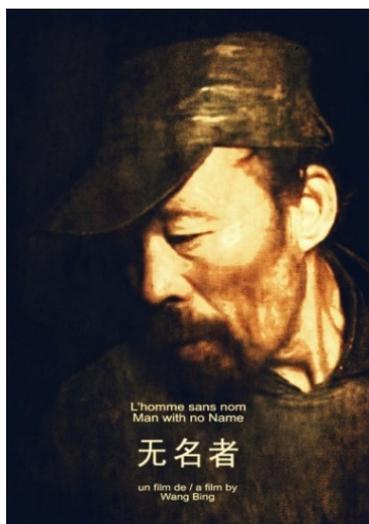


**Tuesday, 30 November at 5 p.m.**

**Documentary Film**

*Sala Chomón, Filmoteca de Catalunya*

Introduced by the exhibition's curator David Bestué



As part of the *Per amor a les arts* film series, the Fundació Joan Miró offers a screening of *Man with No Name* (China, 2009, 93 min), a film by Wang Bing.

Wang Bing's documentaries focus on people and situations in contemporary China in an explicit, harsh way. *Man with No Name* follows the daily life of an anonymous man directly, with no filters. This stark attitude links his work to many of the contemporary sculptures shown in *The Point of Sculpture*.

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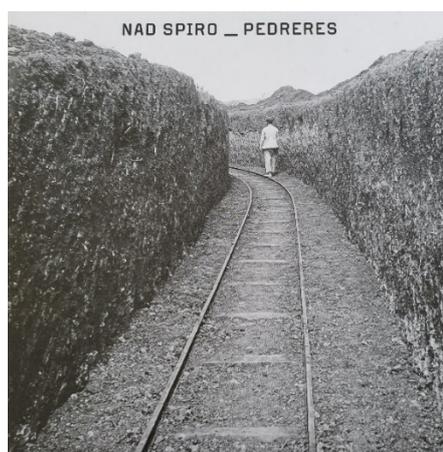
**Saturdays 26 February and 5 March, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Sound Walk**

*Quarries in Montjuïc Mountain*

Sound walking session led by sound artist and experimental music composer Rosa Arruti (aka Nad Spiro)

Rosa Arruti sees the mountain of Montjuïc as a “partly devastated cyclopean sculpture”. Human actions have changed its contours over the centuries, carving and biting away at it until they inadvertently generated a monumental sculpture of sorts. The stone quarried from Montjuïc is now part of official monuments and iconic buildings throughout the city, such as the Sagrada Família, Santa Maria del Mar or La Pedrera. Using the pieces from her disc *Pedreres, 9 peces instrumentals* [Quarries, 9 Instrumental Pieces], the artist proposes a walk through the mountain's nine quarries.



**Saturdays 22 January and 5 February, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Marks on Blue**

Photo workshop using the cyanotype printing process, led by artist Aleydis Rispa

With cyanotype, imprints, shadows and traces are used to strip objects of their materiality, allowing their images to emerge as a new reality.



**November 2021 and January 2022**

**From Light to Blue**

Accessible photography workshop led by Clara Gassull for groups of people with intellectual disabilities

The lines in a drawing, materials, objects, and items from nature turn into flat cyan blue forms: the photographic images captured when sunlight hits the surface of light-sensitive paper. Using cyanotype, the workshop encourages participants to experiment and play.

**28 November 2021 and 23 January 2022, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**What an Object Hides**

Photography workshop for families, led by Clara Gassull  
Recommended for families with children aged 6-12

The exhibition's curator David Bestué views sculpture as "an interplay of mutations, a process of change." Based on this notion, Clara Gassull engages families in a game involving transformations with cyanotype. Using drawings, textures, objects, and their own imprints, participants will experience how they can move from volumes to flat surfaces and generate new, striking images.

## Online Activities

### **Creative Families**

A new set of activities for experiencing art as a family in a twofold visit: in the Fundació's physical spaces and on its website. At the museum, families will discover the different sections of the exhibition *The Point of Sculpture*; when they are back home, they can go to our website and actively engage in workshops that will spark their creativity and artistic expression.

<https://www.fmirobcn.org/en/activities/families/creative-families/>

## Guided Tours

### **Friday, 22 October at 6 p.m.**

Guided tour of the exhibition, led by its curator David Bestué

### **Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings from November 2021 through February 2022**

#### **Objects and Figures. The Sculptures of Joan Miró**

Guided tour for families with children aged 6-12

Everyone joining the tour will be handed an everyday object or an item from nature that will accompany them through the rooms of the Joan Miró Collection and the temporary exhibition *The Point of Sculpture*, helping them understand the work processes that Joan Miró and other contemporary sculptors engaged in to produce their pieces.

### **From October 2021 to February 2022**

Guided tours for the general public

Tours for the visually impaired

Interactive tours for schools

## Collaborative Projects

### **March 2022**

#### **Little Stories, Great Women (Fifth Edition)**

Series of video stories jointly organized by nine museums for International Women's Day

A storytelling activity that focuses on women with a connection to the history, the collections, or the contents of these museums. At the Fundació Joan Miró, the protagonist is artist Pipilotti Rist, the winner of the 2009 Joan Miró Prize and featured in the exhibition *The Point of Sculpture*.

## General Information

### Opening Hours

#### Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday:

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Monday to Wednesday:

Guided tours available outside opening hours.

Guided tours for groups and schools with advance reservations:

[reserves@fmirobcn.org](mailto:reserves@fmirobcn.org)

### General Admission

Permanent collection + temporary exhibition: €13      Concessions\*: €7

\* Students aged 15 to 30, seniors over 65 and Barcelona Public Library card holders

Children under 15 and the unemployed (proof required): Free admission

Annual Pass: €14

Free download of multimedia guide

### Accessibility



The Fundació Joan Miró meets all health regulations for ensuring a [safe visit](#).

**Photographs** for the press and a digital kit from our virtual press room are available at <https://www.fmirobcn.org/en/foundation/press/> and at the link [El sentido de la escultura](#)

**Follow** the activities related to *The Point of Sculpture* on social media with the hashtag *#SentitEscultura* and online at

<https://www.fmirobcn.org/en/exhibitions/cat/1/temporary-exhibitions/actual>

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