
PRESS RELEASE

Chema Madoz

Exhibition	26.04 – 29.05.2019
Opening reception	Friday 26 April 2019, 6 pm - 9 pm, the artist will be present

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Born in Madrid in 1958, Chema Madoz began self-taught photography and printing in the early 1980s, in the creative effervescence of Movida. He began exhibiting his work in 1983 while working as a bank clerk. In the early 1990s, he decided to stop photographing people and landscapes to focus exclusively on objects. The photographer picks them up in flea markets, shops or even garbage bins, randomly from his street errands.

He says, "With photography, I discovered the possibility of highlighting all the images that come into my head. By its brevity and intensity, photography is close to poetry. ». With the fragility of a cloud, a thread or a butterfly, Chema Madoz's pictures sometimes plunge us into a waking dream, a frozen moment thanks to the magic of photography. Like the Japanese haikus, their simplicity is only superficial and invites us to meditate on existence and impermanence.

The creative process begins with an idea, a sketch and then materializes into an object, almost a sculpture, before the shooting and the printing in the dark room. Chema Madoz combines, assembles or opposes objects and photography reveals them, removing their banality and their colour at the same time. Chema Madoz takes his pictures in the traditional way, in medium format with a Hasselblad and in natural light. His studio is a creative space that allows him to work on several works at the same time and to bring together objects to imagine other chance encounters.

The Galerie Esther Woerdehoff has been representing Chema Madoz in France for almost 15 years. In 2018, we hold a large retrospective exhibition of his work at the Château d'Hauterives - the Palais idéal du Facteur Cheval. In the suite of this retrospective, we present a new perspective on the work of this great photographer, along with a selection of unseen photographs.

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Press visuals

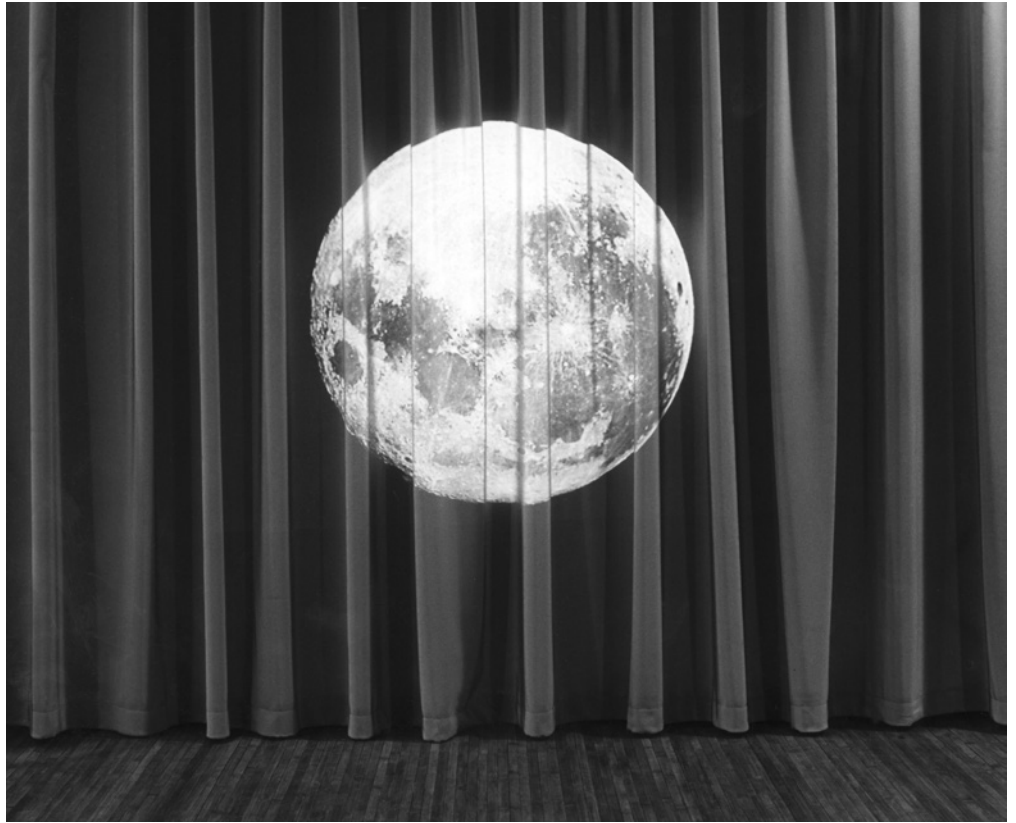


Chema Madoz, *Untitled*, 2010
Gelatin silver print, 60 x 50 cm
Edition of 15

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Chema Madoz, *Untitled*, 2000
Gelatin silver print, 125 x 150 cm
Edition of 5

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Chema Madoz, *Untitled*, 2007
Gelatin silver print, 16 x 26 cm
Edition of 25

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BIOGRAPHY

Artist

Chema Madoz

Solo shows
(selection)**2019***Chema Madoz*, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France**2018***Chema Madoz*, Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval, Hauterives, France**2017***Chema Madoz*, Kahmann Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands*Chema Madoz*, Galerie Clara Maria Sels, Dusseldorf, Germany*Chema Madoz - El viajero inmóvil*, Fundación Masaveu, Madrid, Spain*Photomanipulations*, Erarta Contemporary Museum, Saint-Pétersbourg, Russia**2016***Œuvres récentes*, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France*Détournement poétique*, Pavillon de Vendôme, Aix-en-Provence, France**2015***Las reglas del juego*, Sala 31, Comunidad de Madrid, Spain

Galería Elvira González, Madrid, Spain

2014*Angle de réflexion (rétrospective)*, Rencontres d'Arles, France*Chema Madoz*, Galerie Clara Maria Sels (Düsseldorf Photo Weekend), Düsseldorf, Germany*Œuvres récentes*, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France*Livres*, Sciences Po - la bibliothèque, Paris, France**2013***Ars Combinatoria*, Fundación Catalunya - La Pedrera, Barcelona, Spain*Chema Madoz*, Galería Joan Prats, Barcelona, Spain*Chema Madoz 2000 - 2005*, Fundación Joan Miró, Majorca, Spain**2012***etcétera*, Galería Moriarty, Madrid, Spain**2010**

Palacio de San Jorge, Cáceres, Spain

The Object's Dream, Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany*Madrid 2010*, Galería Moriarty, Madrid, Spain**2009***Objects*, Duncan Gallery, Los Angeles, USA*Chema Madoz, 2000-2005*, Museo Municipal de Malaga, Spain*Poética*, Instituto Cervantes de Tokyo, Japan*Chema Madoz (rétrospective)*, Espace Art 22, Bruxelles, Belgium

Photomuseum, Zarautz, Spain

2008

Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Tecla Sala, Barcelona, Spain

Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Museo de Bellas Artes, La Coruña, Spain

Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Museo Barjola, Gijon, Spain

Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Museo de Zamora y Biblioteca Pública, Zamora, Spain

Poética, Instituto Cervantes, Stockholm, Sweden and Manille, Philippines

2007

Casa de España, Montevideo, Uruguay

Chema Madoz, Museet for Fotokunst, Odense, Denmark

CCBB, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

2006

Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Fundación Telefónica / Ministerio de Cultura, Madrid

Chema Madoz, Museo de Artes Visuales, MAVI, Santiago, Chili

2005

Chema Madoz, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

2004

Museo de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Il sogno degli oggetti, Cesano Maderno, Palazzo Borromeo, Milano, Italy

2003

Photosynkyria 2003, Thassaloniki Museum of Photography, Thessalonique, Greece

2002

Sin Título, Fotoencuentros, Murcia, Spain

El espíritu del objeto, Museo de Navarra, Pampelune, Spain

2001

Palacio del Albaicín, Noja, Santander, Spain

Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela

2000

Chema Madoz, Château d'eau, Toulouse, France

FOTOFEST 2000, Houston, Texas, USA

Objetos 1990-1999, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain (catalogue)

1999

Chema Madoz, Galerie Vu, Paris, France

Palacio de Revillagigedo, Gijón, Spain (catalogue)

Montpellier Photovision, Montpellier, France

1998

Centro Galego de Arte Contemporáneo, Santiago, Spain

Museo Cruz Herrera, La Línea, Cádiz, Spain

Chema Madoz : fotografías, Sala Rivadavia, Diputación de Cádiz, Cádiz, Spain (catalogue)

1996

Palacio de los Condes de Gabia, Granada, Spain

X Encuentros de la Imagen, Braga, Portugal

1994

Espacio Caja Burgos, Burgos, Spain (catalogue)

1988

Círculo de Bellas Artes, Sala Minerva, Madrid, Spain

1987

Jornadas Fotográficas de la Ciudad Universitaria, Madrid, Spain

1985

Railowsky, Valence, Spain

Cámara Oscura, Logroño, Spain

Real Sociedad Fotográfica, Madrid, Spain

**Group shows
(since 2000)**
2019

Art Paris, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

2018

Twelve photographers, Museo nacional del Prado, Madrid

2017

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

MIA Art Fair, Milan, Italy

Imensa Luz, Instituto Cervantes de Nápoles, Italy

2016

Photo London, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, London, United Kingdom

AIPAD, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, New York City, USA

2015

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

Art Basel, Galería Elvira González, Basel, Switzerland

Art Brussels, Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Belgium

Art Paris Art Fair, Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Belgium

Limaphoto, Galería Trinta, Peru

ARCO, Galería Elvira González, Madrid, Spain

Bienal Fotográfica de Bogotá, Fotomuseo, Colombia

2014

Art Basel 2014, Galería Elvira González, Basel, Switzerland

2013

Nuage, Musée Réattu, Arles, France

2012

Making History, Modern Art Museum, Frankfurt, Germany

Phocus, Sala Kubo-Kutxa, San Sebastián, Spain

Crear objetos/ fingir imágenes, Galería SET, Valencia, Spain

2011

Colección de la Fundación AENA, Centro Las Cigarreras, Alicante, Spain

Colección Del CEGAC, Centro Torrente Ballester, Galicia, Spain

2010

Arte español en la colección del IVAM, Shanghai Urban Planning Museum, Shanghai Expo, China

Seúl Photo 2010, Séoul, South Korea

Nuevas historias, National Museum of Photography, Copenhagen, Denmark

Nuevas historias, Kuntsi Museum Of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland

Vis a Vis, Aperture Foundation, New York, USA

Es Baluard, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Palma de Majorque, Spain

2009

15 años de Fotografía Española Contemporánea, Ayto. de Alcobendas, Madrid

Affinity Paths, Milli Reasürans, Istanbul, Turkey

La mirada en el otro, Conexiones y confrontaciones, Palacio Nacional da Ajuda, Portugal

2008

Objeto de Réplica, Artiu, Vitoria, Spain

Artistas y Fotógrafos, Centro Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain

Razón y Sed, Palacio de Sástago, Saragosse, Spain

Kiasma Museum, Helsinki, Finland

Museo Anzoátegui, Caracas, Venezuela

2007

Fundación Astroc, Vidas Privadas, Madrid

Museo Esteban Vicente, La Palabra imaginada, Segovia, Spain

One Shot Each, Museet For Fotokunst, Denmark

Affinity Paths, Musée d'art de Canton, China

Affinity Paths, Musée Yonghe, Pékin, China

Diálogos con el agua, Deutsche Bank, Madrid

Momentos estelares de la fotografía en el siglo XX, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid

2006

La visión Impura, Museo Nacional Reina Sofía, Madrid

Les Peintres de la vie moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris

C on Cities, Venice Architecture Biennale, Italy

Obsesiones, Museo de Bellas Artes de Buenos Aires, Argentina

2005

Nueva Tecnología, Nueva Iconografía, Nueva Fotografía, Museo de Arte Abstracto de Cuenca, Spain

Face cachée, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris

Historia de la Fotografía en España, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid

D.Quijote, una nueva mirada, Museo Casa Zavala, Cuenca, Spain

2004

Je t'envisage, La disparition du portrait, Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne, Switzerland

Ciuco Gutiérrez/Chema Madoz, Galería Bancelos, Vigo, Spain

Tribute to Manolo Alés, Museum cruz Herrera, La Línea de la Concepción, Cádiz, Spain

Centro Galego de Arte Contemporáneo, Diez Años, Santiago, Spain

Nueva Tecnología, Nueva Iconografía, Nueva Fotografía, Museum of Contemporary Spanish art, Fundacion Juan March, Palma de Majorque, Spain

Agua al desnudo, Fundación Canal, Madrid, Spain

2003

Punto de encuentro, La colección, Centro de Arte Caja Burgos, Burgos, Spain
Mano a Mano, Centro Cultural de la Villa, Madrid
 International Festival of Photography, Samara et Togliatti, Russia
Cuatro dimensiones. Escultura en España 1978-2003, Museo Patio Herreriano, Valladolid, Spain
La colección, Consejo Superior de Deportes, Salamanca, Spain
Ficciones fotográficas, Arco de Santa María, Ayuntamiento de Burgos, Spain

2002

Fragilidad, Museo Sofía Inberg, Caracas, Venezuela
 Journées Photographiques de Bienne, Switzerland
 Encuentros de la Imagen, Oporto, Portugal

2001

Museo de Historia y Antropología, Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Latin American Artist-Photographers from the Lehigh University Art Galleries Collection, Museo del Barrio, New York, USA
Complicidades, Aspectos retóricos de la fotografía actual, Torrelavega, Santander, Spain
Fotografía Surrealista, Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi, Belgium

2000

Fotografía y fotomontaje en la colección del IVAM, Fundación ICO, Madrid, Spain
 Fundación Municipal de Cultura, Ayuntamiento de Valladolid, Spain
Optical Allusions, nuevas perspectivas de la fotografía española : Generalitat Valenciana, Valence, Spain
The Enigmas of the Dream. Tribute to Luis Buñuel, Diputación de Huesca, Spain

Awards

Bartolomé Ros de PhotoEspaña Award, 2011
 Premio Nacional de Fotografía, Ministerio de Cultura, Spain, 2000
 Award Higasikawa, Overseas Photographer, Higasikawa PhotoFestival, Japan, 2000
 PhotoEspaña award, 2000
 Kodak Spain Award, 1991

**Books
(selection)**

Chema Madoz 2008-2014 - Les règles du jeu, Actes Sud, 2015
Chema Madoz, Angle de réflexion, Actes Sud, 2014
Obras Maestras, La Fábrica, 2009
Nuevas Greguerías, Ramón Gómez de la Serna/Chema Madoz, La Fábrica, 2009
Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Aldeasa, 2006
Fotopoemario, Joan Brossa and Chema Madoz, La Fábrica, 2003
Chema Madoz 2000-2002, Museo de Navarra, 2002
Chema Madoz 1990-1999, Aldeasa, 2000
Chema Madoz, éditions Assouline, 1999
Chema Madoz, PhotoBolsillo collection, La Fábrica, 1999
Mixtos - Chema Madoz, Mestizo, 1998
Chema Madoz (1985-1995), Art-Plus, 1995

Collections
(selection)

Collection Hermès, France
Museo de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain
Coca-Cola Foundation Art collection
Collection Testimonio, La Caixa, Spain
Collection Museo Postal y Telegráfico, Madrid, Spain
Fundación Juan March, Madrid, Spain
Musée Marugame Hirai, Japan
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA
D.G. Bank, Frankfurt, Germany
La Caisse des Dépôts, France
Lehigh University Art Galleries, Pennsylvania, USA
IVAM, Valence, Spain
Colección de Arte Contemporáneo, Museo Patio Herreriano Valladolid, Spain
Université de Salamaque, Spain
Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection, Helsinki, Finland
Fonds d'art du ministère de la Culture, Paris, France
Museo de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Centro Galego de Arte Contemporáneo, Santiago, Spain
Fundación Maria Cristina Masaveu Peterson, Siero, Asturias, Spain
Collection Polaroid. Centro Andaluz de fotografía, Almeria, Spain
Collection of the city of Madrid, Spain
Collection of the city of Pampelune, Spain
Museo Patio Herreriano Valladolid, Spain
Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno, Grande Canarie, Spain
Consejo Superior de Deportes, Minist, Cultura y Deportes, Spain
Fotocolectania, Barcelone, Spain
Es Baluard, Musem d'Art Modern i Contemporari, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Fundación Maria Cristina Masaveu Peterson, Siero, Asturias, Spain