

PRESS RELEASE

Chema Madoz
Recent works

Exhibition	29.02.2024 – 06.04.2023 (Temporary closure of the gallery from March 13 to 16 for renovation purposes)
Opening	Thursday 29 February 2024, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., in presence of the artist

Born in Madrid in 1958, Chema Madoz took up photography independently in the early 1980s, a period marked by the effervescence of the Movida. He revealed his talent to the public for the first time in 1983, while working in the banking sector. Towards the beginning of the 90s, he decided to turn away from portraits and landscapes and focus his lens exclusively on objects, which he found in flea markets, shops and even urban rubbish.

With photography, I've discovered the possibility of highlighting all the images that pop into my head. Through its brevity and intensity, photography is close to poetry.

- Chema Madoz

His works, evoking the delicacy of a cloud, a thread or a butterfly, often transport us into a dreamlike world, capturing fleeting moments. Like a haiku, their apparent simplicity invites us to reflect deeply on life and the ephemeral nature of things.

His creative approach revolves around an initial idea and a preparatory sketch, culminating in the creation of an object that takes the form of an ephemeral sculpture, before being immortalised by the lens. Madoz plays with objects, bringing them together or confronting them, to reveal their essence beyond their ordinary appearance, eliminating both their triviality and their colour. He favours traditional techniques, using a medium-format Hasselblad camera.

The Galerie Esther Woerdehoff has represented him in France for nearly twenty years, and organised several major retrospective. This exhibition is the first of the artist in France since before the pandemic. Continuing in this vein, we are now offering a new perspective on the world of this illustrious photographer, enriched by a collection of photographs never before unveiled.

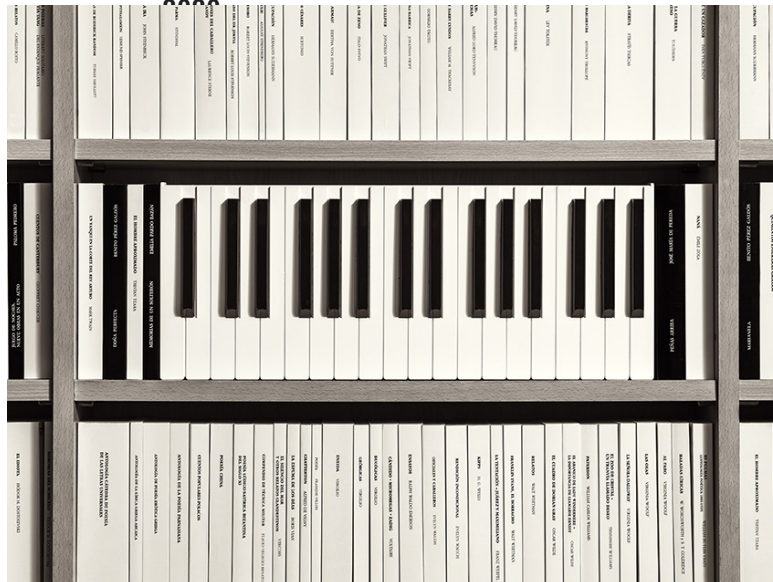
For me it is important to be guided by my own perception and not to limit myself to simply turning the word into an image. What interests me is the idea of discovery, of uncovering, of perceiving the mystery in the everyday.

- Chema Madoz

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Chema Madoz, Galerie Elvira Gonzalez, Madrid, Espagne
Chema Madoz. La nature des choses et leur écho dans la colle
Herreriano, Valladolid, Espagne



Chema Madoz, sans titre, 2023
Pigment inkjet print on archival paper, 50 x 60 cm

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Pigment inkjet print on archival paper, 60 x 50 cm

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BIOGRAPHY

Artists

Chema Madoz

Born in Madrid in 1958, Chema Madoz discovered photography and printing as a self-taught artist in the early 1980s, during the creative effervescence of the Movida. The artist composes his photographs from a vocabulary of objects that he combines, reworks, assembles and contrasts until he achieves unexpected encounters, where the surreal and the absurd are never far away. In his studio, the photographer accumulates objects gleaned from flea markets, shops or garbage bins, like a cabinet of anodyne curiosities waiting to be revealed. The objects chosen seem to come from a timeless imaginary world: shoes, books, watches or ladders, and Chema Madoz extracts them from their utilitarian banality in order to realise the dreams they aspire to. For almost thirty years, her photographs have been describing the poetic inventory of a reality transfigured by an illusionist gaze, visual poems in the form of superb black and white silver prints.

Solo Show

2021

Chema Madoz, Galerie Elvira González, Madrid, Espagne
Chema Madoz. La nature des choses et leur écho dans la collection, Musée Patio Herreriano, Valladolid, Espagne

2020

Chema Madoz, Galerie Joan Prats, Barcelone, Espagne

2019

La nature des choses, Jardin botanique, Madrid, Espagne
Travaux récents, Galería Punto, Valence, Espagne
À la maison des amis, Librería Gil, Santander, Espagne
Chema Madoz, Œuvres récentes, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff - Paris

2018

Chema Madoz, Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval, Hauterives, France

2017

Chema Madoz, Kahmann Gallery, Amsterdam, Pays-Bas
Chema Madoz, Galerie Clara Maria Sels, Dusseldorf, Allemagne
Chema Madoz - El viajero inmóvil, Fundación Masaveu, Madrid, Espagne
Photomanipulations, Erarta Contemporary Museum, Saint-Petersbourg, Russie

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, Espagne
Galería Elvira González, Madrid, Espagne

2014

Angle de réflexion (rétrospective), Rencontres d'Arles, France
Chema Madoz, Galerie Clara Maria Sels (dans le cadre de Düsseldorf Photo

Weekend), Düsseldorf, Allemagne
Œuvres récentes, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France
Livres, Sciences Po - la bibliothèque, Paris, France

2013

Ars Combinatoria, Fundación Catalunya - La Pedrera, Barcelone, Espagne
Chema Madoz, Galería Joan Prats, Barcelone, Espagne
Chema Madoz 2000 - 2005, Fundación Joan Miró, Majorque, Espagne

2012

etcétera, Galería Moriarty, Madrid, Espagne
Chema Madoz, Galería Alfredo Viñas, Malaga, Espagne

2011

Ars Combinatoria, Netherland Photomuseum, Rotterdam, Pays-Bas
Œuvres récentes, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France
 Galería Joan Prats-artgràfic, Barcelone, Espagne
 Hermitage Museum, Kazán, Russie
 Multimedia Art Museum, Moscou, Russie
Chema Madoz, PDNB, Dallas, Etats-Unis
 Museo Nacional de Arte Contemporáneo, Santiago, Chili

2010

Palacio de San Jorge, Cáceres, Espagne
The Object's Dream', Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Francfort, Allemagne
Madrid 2010, Galería Moriarty, Madrid, Espagne

2009

Objects, Duncan Gallery, Los Angeles, Etats-Unis
Chema Madoz, 2000-2005, Museo Municipal de Malaga, Espagne
Poética, Instituto Cervantes de Tokyo, Japon
Chema Madoz (rétrospective), Espace Art 22, Bruxelles, Belgique
 Photomuseum, Zarautz, Espagne

2008

Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Tecla Sala, Barcelone, Espagne
Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Museo de Bellas Artes, La Coruña, Espagne
Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Museo Barjola, Gijon, Espagne
Chema Madoz 2000-2005, Museo de Zamora y Biblioteca Pública, Zamora, Espagne
Poética, Instituto Cervantes, Stockholm, Suède et Manille, Philippines

2007

Casa de España, Montevideo, Uruguay
Chema Madoz, Museet for Fotokunst, Odense, Danemark
 CCBB, Rio de Janeiro, Brésil

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, Argentine
Il sogno degli oggetti, Cesano Maderno, Palazzo Borromeo, Milan, Italie

2003

Photosynkyria 2003, Thassaloniki Museum of Photography, Thessalonique, Grèce

2002

Sin Título, Fotoencuentros, Murcia, Espagne

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

2001

Palacio del Albaicín, Noja, Santander, Espagne

Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela

2000

Chema Madoz, Château d'eau, Toulouse, France

FOTOFEST 2000, Houston, Texas, Etats-Unis

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

1999

Chema Madoz, Galerie Vu, Paris, France

Palacio de Revillagigedo, Gijón, Espagne (catalogue)

Montpellier Photovision, Montpellier, France

1998

Centro Galego de Arte Contemporáneo, Saint-Jacques de Compostelle, Espagne

Museo Cruz Herrera, La Línea, Cádiz, Espagne

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

1996

Palacio de los Condes de Gabia, Grenade, Espagne

X Encuentros de la Imagen, Braga, Portugal

Group shows**2017**

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

MIA Art Fair, Milan, Italie

Inmensa Luz, Instituto Cervantes de Nápoles, Italie

2016

Photo London, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Londres, Grande-Bretagne

AIPAD, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, New York City, Etats-Unis

2015

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

Art Basel, Galería Elvira González, Bâle, Suisse

Art Brussels, Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Belgique

Art Paris Art Fair, Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Belgique

Limaphoto, Galeria Trinta, Perou

ARCO, Galería Elvira González, Madrid, Espagne

Bienal Fotográfica de Bogotá, Fotomuseo, Colombia

2014

Art Basel 2014, Galería Elvira González, Bâle, Suisse

2013

Nuage, Musée Réattu, Arles, France

2012

Making History, Modern Art Museum, Francfort, Allemagne

Phocus, Sala Kubo-Kutxa, San Sebastián, Espagne

Crear objetos/ fingir imágenes, Galería SET, Valence, Espagne

2011

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

Colección Del CEGAC, Centro Torrente Ballester, Galice, Espagne

2010

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

Seúl Photo 2010, Séoul, Corée du Sud

Nuevas historias, National Museum of Photography, Copenhague, Danemark

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

Vis a Vis, Aperture Foundation, New York

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

2009

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

Affinity Paths, Milli Reasürans, Istanbul, Turquie

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

2008

Objeto de Réplica, Artiu, Vitoria, Espagne

Artistas y Fotógrafos, Centro Conde Duque, Madrid

Razón y Sed, Palacio de Sástago, Saragosse, Espagne

Kiasma Museum, Helsinki, Finlande

Museo Anzoátegui, Caracas, Venezuela

2007

Fundación Astroc, Vidas Privadas, Madrid

Museo Esteban Vicente, La Palabra imaginada, Segovia, Espagne

One Shot Each, Museet For Fotokunst, Danemark

Affinity Paths, Musée d'art de Canton, Chine

Affinity Paths, Musée Yonghe, Pékin, Chine

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, Italie

Obsesiones, Museo de Bellas Artes de Buenos Aires, Argentine

2005

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

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, Espagne

2004

Je t'envisage, La disparition du portrait, Musée de l'Élysée, LaEtats-Unisne, Suisse
Ciuco Gutiérrez/Chema Madoz, Galería Bancelos, Vigo, Espagne
Tribute to Manolo Alés, Museum cruz Herrera, La Línea de la Concepción, Cádiz, Espagne
 Centro Galego de Arte Contemporáneo, Diez Años, Saint-Jacques de Compostelle, Espagne
Nueva Tecnología, Nueva Iconografía, Nueva Fotografía, Museum of Contemporary Spanish art, Fundación Juan March, Palma de Majorque, Espagne
Agua al desnudo, Fundación Canal, Madrid

2003

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

2002

Fragilidad, Museo Sofía Inberg, Caracas, Venezuela
 Journées Photographiques de Bienne, Suisse
 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, Etats-Unis
Complicidades, Aspectos retóricos de la fotografía actual, Torrelavega, Santander, Espagne
Fotografía Surrealista, Musée de la Photographie, Charleroi, Belgique

2000

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

Awards

Bartolomé Ros de PhotoEspaña Award, 2011
 Premio Nacional de Fotografía (Prix national de la photographie), Ministerio de Cultura, Espagne, 2000
 Award Higasikawa, Overseas Photographer, Higasikawa PhotoFestival, Japon, 2000
 PhotoEspaña award, 2000
 Kodak Spain Award, 1991

Publications

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

Collections

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