

JOHN GIORNO

1936–2019, New York, NY, US

Education

1958 Columbia College, New York, NY, US

Solo Exhibitions

2025

MERCI JOHN, Almine Rech Gallery, Paris, FR

(curated by Nicola Riccardi), Triennale Milano 2025, Research Wing, Milan, IT

2024

Jasmine Burn, Kurimanzutto New York, New York, NY, US

God Complex, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Vienna, AT

2023

John Giorno's Dial-A-Poem, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US

I am a Poet, Almine Rech, Shanghai, CN

2022

208 Bowery Sign Project, New York, NY, US

Cherry Blossoms are Razor Blades, MORÁN MORÁN, Los Angeles, CA, US

2021

John Giorno, Almine Rech, London, UK

John Giorno, Sperone Westwater, New York, NY, US

2019

John Giorno: DO THE UNDONE, Sperone Westwater, New York, NY, US

2018

Voyage d'hiver, Château de Versailles, Versailles, FR

2017

Perfect Flowers, Elizabeth Dee, New York, NY, US

Space Forgets You, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH

Ugo Rondinone: I ❤️ John Giorno, a cross-institutional exhibition (Artists space, High Line, Howl,

The Kitchen, Red Bull Studios, Sky Arts, Swiss Institute (White Columns, Hunter College), New York, NY, US

John Giorno: New Work, Cahiers d'Art, Paris, FR

2016

Le Case D'Arte, Milan, IT

2015

God Is Man Made, Aline Rech Gallery, Paris, FR

Ugo Rondinone: I ❤️ John Giorno, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR

Un mois autour de la poésie – John Giorno, Flux Laboratory, Carouge, CH

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Space Forgets You, Elizabeth Dee, New York, NY, US

2014

John Giorno, Max Wigram at Independent Projects, New York, NY, US

2013

Le cri du mur, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR

2012

John Giorno - Paintings, Almine Rech Gallery, Paris, FR

Thanx 4 Nothing, Faux Mouvement Centre d'Art contemporain, Metz, FR

Interventions sur le bâtiment, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR

Ecstatic Alphabets/Heaps of Language, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US

2011

Star 69: Dial-A-Poem Relics, The Bauer Hotel, Campo San Moise, Venice, IT

2010

Eating the sky, Almine Rech Gallery, Brussels, BE

Diagonales, Centre National des Arts Plastiques, Puteaux, FR

Sonopoetics (de la parole à l'image, de la poésie au son), Institut Supérieur pour l'Étude du Langage Plastique, Brussels, BE

2009

Life is a Killer, Galerie Almine Rech, Paris, FR

2008

Graffiti Wall Paintings, Galerie ENSA Ecole Superior, Limoge, FR

2007

LA SAGEZZA DELLE STREGHE/WISDOM OF THE WITCHES / LA SAGESSE DES SORCIÈRES, Kaplan Project n°3, Napoli, IT

2005

Millions of Stars Come into my Heart, Welcome home, Galerie du Jour Agnès b., Paris, FR

1992

Chacun Est Une Deception Total, Galerie Jacques Donguy, Paris, FR

Group Exhibitions

2024

Couples Squared (curated by Phyllis Tuchman), Southampton Art Center, Southampton, NY, US

Everything Gets Lighter (curated by Lisa Phillips), Museo Jumex, Mexico City, MX

2021

Rites of Spring, LongHouse Reserve, East Hampton, New York, NY, US

2020

All in one, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH

Group Show, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH

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Feel the Sun in Your Mouth: Recent Acquisitions, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, WA, US

2019

Artists Need to Create on the Same Scale that Society Has the Capacity to Destroy: Mare Nostrum', Complesso della Chiesa di Santa Maria delle Penitenti, Venice, IT

You Got to Burn to Shine, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Rome, IT

2018

Je m'appelle Cortana, Frac Franche-Comte, Besancon, FR

2017

Call and Response: Recent Acquisitions from The Bass Collection, The Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, US

Over the Rainbow, Praz-Delavallade Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US

Le voyage d'hiver, Chateau de Versailles, FR

2016

Seeable/Sayable, Kunstnernes Hus, Oslo, NO

Ill Seen Ill Said, White Flag Projects, Saint Louis, MO, US

The Power and The Glory, Charles Riva Collection, Brussels, BE

Beat Generation, Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR

Looking Back / The 10th White Columns Annual – Selected by Matthew Higgs, White Columns, New York, NY, US

2015

Greater New York, MoMA PS1, New York, NY, US

The Exhibition of a Film, by Matthew Copeland, Centre Pompidou, FR

Maurizio Nannuci – Top Hundrer, Museion Bolzano, Bolzano, IT

Artists and Poets, Secession, Wien, AT

2014

Sed Tantum Dic Verbo (Just Say The Word), Blain Southern, BE

2013

Ceremonie, Melina Gloss Gallery, Paris, FR

Futur simple: saison 1, FRAC Bourgogne, Dijon, FR

Kilomètres / heure, Musée du Château des ducs de Wurtemberg, Montbéliard, FR

39 Great Jones, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH

2012

Le paysage, l'art et le fleuve, Estuaire Nantes <> Saint-Nazaire, FR

Ecstatic Alphabets / Heaps of Language, MoMA, New York, NY, US

Les Maîtres du désordre, Musée du quai Branly, Paris, FR

2011

15 Minutes: Homage to Andy Warhol, Pollock Krasner House & Study Center, East Hampton, NY, US

It's For You: Conceptual Art and the Telephone, Housatonic Museum of Art, Bridgeport, CT, US

Star 69: Dial-A-Poem Relics, The Bauer Hotel, Campo San Moise, Venice, IT

We Gave A Party For The Gods And The Gods All Came, last party, Kaplan's Project n°3, Napoli, IT

2010

It's All American, Inaugural exhibition, New Jersey Museum of Contemporary Art, NY, US

Rip It Up and Start Again, Artists Space, New York, NY, US

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2009

Modern modern, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY, US

2008

Traces du Sacré, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, FR

Printed in France, Jordan Seydoux Gallery, Berlin, DE

Martian Museum of Terrestrial Art, Barbican Centre, London, UK

La Chute Ou La Lutte/ La Cadutta O La Lotta/ Fall Or Fight, Kaplan's Project n°3, Napoli, IT

KAPLAN'S PROJECTIONS: dans un monde de plus en plus sombre / in a darkest and darkest mood/ in un contesto sempre più buio, Kaplan's Project n°3, Napoli, IT

2007

Galerie d'art Contemporain, Hôtel de Ville de Besançon, Besançon, FR

Welcoming the Flowers, Senior & Shopmaker Gallery, New York, NY, US

Words and Music, Michael Berger Gallery, Pittsburgh, PE, US

2006

Renegades 25 Years of Performance at Exit Art, Exit Art, New York, NY, US

2005

Multiplo – 3, N.O. Gallery - Giannattasio, Milan, IT

Multiplo – 1, N.O.Gallery - Giannattasio, Milan, IT

2004

Multiple Strategies, Contemporary Art Center, Cincinnati, OH, US

C neal ephemerias, Centre National de l'Estampe de l'Art Imprimé, Chatou, FR

2003

Zona People 1974-1985, Non profit art space – Firenze, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva, CH

2002

Lwland Lullaby, SI Swiss Institute, New York, NY, US.

1997

Konkrete Poesie: Konzeptuelle Kunst, Städtische Galerie, Rosenheim, DE

1993

Galerie Donguy, Paris, FR

Fabulous Sex/Compassion, Artists Space, New York, NY, US

1992

Kunstwerke Gallery, Berlin, DE

Marcel Sitcoske Gallery, New York, NY, US

1970

Information, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US

Performances

2017

Rubin Block Party: Sounds oft he Street, The Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY, US

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2015

Space Forgets You, Elizabeth Dee, New York, NY, US

2011

Star 69: Dial-A-Poem Relics, The Bauer Hotel, Campo San Moise, Venice, IT

2010

Lorca, please help me!, Garcia Lorca Centre, Granada, ES

Woodland Pattern 30th Anniversary, Milwaukee, WI, US

Readings in Contemporary Poetry at Dia Chelsea, Dia Chelsea, New York, NY, US

This Is Not A Reading Series, Toronto, CA

Oil Kills Poets Spill, Marble Cemetery, New York, NY, US

Gysin's Ghost: Poetry Marathon, New Museum, New York, NY, US

HOWL! Festival, Tompkins Square Park, New York, NY, US

2009

Festival d'Automne, 104, Paris, FR

Life Is A Killer, Galerie Almine Rech, Paris, FR

2008

Manifesto Marathon, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK

Giorno Poetry Systems, Kosmopolis Festival, Barcelona, ES

Nagano Festival, Neon Hall, Nagano, JP

Giorno Poetry Systems, Yokohama Festival, ZAIM, Yokohama, JP

Giorno Poetry Systems, ENSA, Limoges, FR

Giorno Poetry Systems, Fondation Cartier, Paris, FR

Giorno Poetry Systems, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR

Giorno Poetry Systems, Mind Opener, Dijon, FR

2007

Giorno Poetry Systems, Mind Opener, Besançon, FR

The Third Mind: Carte Blanche to Ugo Rondinone, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, FR

2006

Giorno Poetry Systems, Festival Living Voice, Marseille, FR

2005

Giorno Poetry Systems, Mind Opener, Dijon, France, Besançon, FR

2002

Lowland Lullaby, Ugo Rondinone, Swiss Institute, New York, NY, US

1999

Central Park Summer Stage, New York, NY, US

1997

Raspberry & Pornographic Poem, Loeb Student Center, New York University, New York, NY, US

1994

Fabulous Sex/Compassion, AIDS Treatment Project Benefit, Beacon Theater, New York, NY, US

Giorno Poetry Systems, Fabulous Sex/Compassion, AIDS Treatment Project Benefit, Beacon Theater, New York, NY, US

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1987

Where the Road Meets the Rubber, AIDS Treatment Project Benefit, Beacon Theater, New York, NY, US

Giorno Poetry Systems, *Where the Road Meets the Rubber*, AIDS Treatment Project Benefit, Beacon Theater, New York, NY, US

1981

Giorno Poetry Systems, The Red Night Tour

1971-80

Giorno Poetry Systems, The Nyingmapa Buddhist Benefits

1978

The Third Eye, The Nova Convention, New York, NY, US

1970

Giorno Poetry Systems, The First Annual New Year's Eve Benefit, St. Mark's Church, New York, NY, US

1969-70

Giorno Poetry Systems, The Release Benefits, St. Mark's Church, New York, NY, US

1969

The Release Benefits, St. Mark's Church, New York, NY, US

1968

Giorno Poetry Systems, Central Park Poetry Events, New York, NY, US

1992

Poemfone, New York, NY, US

1985

Montreal, CA

1983

Berlin and 12 Cities in West Germany, DE

1980

Amberson, PA, US

1976

TELEPOEM, Venice, FL, US

DIAL-A-POEM, Milwaukee, WI, US

Indianapolis, IN, US

Louisville, KY, US

1975

PHONE-A-POEM, Cambridge, MA, US

1973

Albany, NY, US

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1972

The Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA, US

1970

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US

Amsterdam, NL

Cardiff, Wales, UK

1969

Art by Telephone, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, US

Operaseji Fers, (Frisian Language), Leeuwarden, NL

1968

The Architectural League of New York, New York, NY, US

Electronic Sensory Poem Environments (ESPE)

1970

Cum

1969

Johnny Guitar

1968

Purple Heart

1967

Chromosome and Raspberry

1965

Subway Poem

Dial-a-Poem

In 1968, Giorno created DIAL-A-POEM using a telephone service to communicate poetry in a modern idiom. More than one million people used the service, which inspired a range of artistic and commercial applications such as Dial-A-Joke, Dial Sports and Dial-A-Horoscope.

2022

Introducing Dial-A-Poem France

2017

UGO RONDINONE: I ❤️ LOVE JOHN GIORNO, Red Bull Studios, New York, NY, US

2012

Ecstatic Alphabets / Heaps of Language, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US

1992

Poemfone, New York, NY, US

1985

Montreal, CA

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1983

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Amberson, PA

1976

TELEPOEM, Venice, CA

DIAL-A-POEM, Milwaukee, WI Indianapolis, IN

Louisville, KY

1975

PHONE-A-POEM, Cambridge, MA 1973 Albany, NY, US

1972

The Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, US

1970

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, US

Amsterdam Cardiff, Wales, UK London

1969

Art by Telephone, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago Operaseji Fers, (Frisian Language), Leeuwarden, the Netherlands

1968

The Architectural League of New York, New York, NY, US

Electronic Sensory Poem Environments (ESPE)

1970

Cum

1969

Johnny Guitar

1968

Purple Heart

1967

Chromosome and Raspberry 1965 Subway Poem

Cd's, Lp's, Cassettes

1998

The Best of William Burroughs, 4 CD box set

1993

Cash Cow, CD

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1992

Paul Alberts, Schubert/Mozart, CD

1989

Like a Girl, I Want You to Keep Coming, CD, Cassette, GPS 040

I'm Rock Hard, John Giorno Band LP, GPS 041

1987

Smack My Crack, LP, CD, cassette, GPS 038

1986

A Diamond Hidden in the Mouth of a Corpse, LP, CD, cassette GPS 035

1984

Better an Old Demon, Than a New God, LP, GPS 033

Lenny Kay Connection, I've Got A Right, LP, GPS 032

1983

You're a Hook, The 15th Year Anniversary of DIAL-A-POEM LP, GPS 030

1982

One Wold Poetry, LP, GPS 028-29

Life is a Killer, LP, GPS 027

Who You Staring At?, Glenn Braca/John Giorno LP, GPS 025

1981

You're the Guy I Want to Share My Money With, Laurie Anderson

William S. Burroughs, John Giorno, LP, GPS 020-021; cassettes, GPS 022 023

1980

Sugar, Alcohol, Meat, LP, GPS 018-19

1979

The Nova Convention, LP, GPS 014-015; cassettes, GPS 016-017.

1978

Big Ego, LP, GPS 012-103

1977

John Giorno & Ann Waldman, LP, GPS 010-011

1976

Totally Corrupt, LP, GPS 008-009

William S. Burroughs/ John Giorno, LP, GPS 006-007

1975

Biting Off the Tongue of a Corpse, LP, GPS 005

1974

Disconnected, LP, GPS 003-004

1972

DIAL-A-POEM Poets, LP, GPS 001-002

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1967

Raspberry & Pornographic Poem, LP

RADIO

With the release of each LP, 400 albums are sent to FM and college radio stations across the country where they receive heavy air play. Millions of people hear the records.

1981

Satellite Radio Poets

1976-79

The Poetry Experiment, WBAI-FM, a weekly series of programs

1971

WPAX, Radio programs recorded in New York with Abbie Hoffman, and broadcast on radio Hanoi to American soldiers in South Vietnam

1970

Radio Free Poetry, The Software Show at the Jewish Museum, New York, US

HOME VIDEO

1990

Giorno Video Pak 5, Old Habits Die Hard

1989

Giorno Video Pak 4, Gang of Souls

1987

Giorno Video Pak3, It's clean, It Just Looks Dirty

1985

Giorno Video Pak 2, Burroughs, The Movie, Directed by Howard Brookner

1984

Giorno Video Pak 1

FILMS

2015

THANX 4 NOTHING by Ugo Rondine

2008

JG reads by Rirkrit Tiravanija

1998

Sleep Talking by Pierre Huyghe

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1995

No Accident, by Michel Negroponte

Loving Kindness, by Peter Ungerleider

1982

Poetry in Motion, directed by Ron Mann

1971

September in Jessore Road, Starring Allen Ginsberg

1963

Lead Role in Sleep, Andy Warhol's First Movie

BOOKS

2008

SUBDUING DEMONS IN AMERICA, Selected Poems 1962-2007, Counter Point/Soft Scull Press, New York

1994

You Got To Burn To Shine, Serpent's Tail Press

1985

Grasping at Emptiness, Kulchur Foundation

1980

Suicide Sutra, Christian Bourgeois Editeur, Paris, FR

1977

Shit, Piss, Blood & Brains, The Painted Bride Press, Philadelphia 1973 Cancer in My Left Ball, Something Else Press

1971

Cum, Adventures in Poetry, New York, NY, US. 1970 Cunt, Marz Verlag, Dharmstadt

1970

Balling Buddha, Kulchur Press

1969

Johnny Guitar, Angel Hair Books

1967

Poems by John Giorno, Mother Press 1964 The American Book of the Dead