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
Triennale Milano 2025 (curated by Nicola Riccardi), 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

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 OT 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

2025
Wall Works & Sculptures, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich, CH
Almine Rech Gallery, Paris, FR

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
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 Collectio*n, 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

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 ephemeras, 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

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, Tornoto, 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

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

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.

2024
God Complex, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Vienna, AT

2022
Introducing Dial-A-Poem, FR

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

1983
Berlin and 12 Cities in West Germany

1980
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)

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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

1992
Paul Alberts, Shubert/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

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

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 V erlag, 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