

STARKWHITE

Len Lye

Born in Christchurch New Zealand, 1901.
Died 1980 in New York, United States of America.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023-24

Kineticism: Len Lye and the Howard Wise Gallery,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye: Storm,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Shelling Out: Len Lye's Experiments in Animations,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2023

Len Lye: The Edge Of The Sea,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye: Charting the zig-zags,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye: Wand Dance,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2022-23

Len Lye: Atomic Power,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2022

Len Lye: Sky Snakes
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2021-22

Len Lye: Convolutions,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye: Rainbow Dance,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2021

Len Lye: Wand Dance
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye Tangibles: 1963 - 1969,

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2020

Len Lye: The Absolute Truth of the Happiness Acid,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2019

Len Lye: Motion Composer,
Museum Tinguely, Basel, CH

Len Lye: No Trouble,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2018-19

Len Lye: Group Therapy,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye: Wand Dance
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2018

Len Lye: Heaven and Earth
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye: Pretty Good for the 21st Century
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Antipodean emanations: cameraless photographs
from Australia and New Zealand,
Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne, AU

Len Lye: Blade
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye: Love Springs Eternal,
STARKWHITE, Auckland, NZ

2017-18

Len Lye: Convolutions,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Len Lye's Jazz: Projection Series 9,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2017

Len Lye: Stopped Short by Wonder,

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Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū, NZ	2010-11
Len Lye's kinetic sculpture Roundhead, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	Len Lye: The Body Electric Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK
Len Lye: Fountain III, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	2010
Len Lye's kinetic sculpture Grass, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	Len Lye: Trilogy Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
2016-17	2009-10
Len Lye: Flip and Two Twisters (Trilogy), Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	Len Lye: The Cosmic Archive Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Len Lye: Experimental Moves, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	2008-09
2015-16	Len Lye: Chromosome Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ
Len Lye: Flora and Fauna, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	Portraits of the Artists, Te Manawa Manawatu Art Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ
2015	
Len Lye's Jam Session, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	Selected Group Exhibitions
Len Lye: Four Fountains Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	2023
2015	On Point, Herzliya Museum Of Contemporary Art, Herzliya, IL
Trilogy (A Flip and Two Twisters) Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	Len Lye, Gordon Walters, 1301SW, Melbourne, AU
2014	2022
Len Lye: Motion Sketch The Drawing Centre, New York, US	Le 3 Ecologie, Macte, Museo Di Arte Contemporanea Di Termoli, Termoli, IT
2011-12	2021
Artists Reading Len Lye: Old Genes Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	Movement making Movement National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, SK
2011	Queenstown Pop Up, STARKWHITE, Queenstown, NZ
Len Lye: All Souls Carnival Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ	2020-21

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Antibodies,
Palais De Tokyo, Paris, France

2019-20

Ruth Buchanan: The Scene In Which I Find Myself.
Or, Where Does My Body Belong,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2019

Elizabeth Thomson & Len Lye: Waking Up Slowly,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2018-19

Oskar Fischinger and Len Lye: Projection Series
#12,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2018

Tūrangawaewae: Art and New Zealand,
Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa,
Wellington, NZ

Sensory Agents,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2018

Free Radicals: Cinema on the Wrong Side of the
Tracks,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2017

Show Me the Money!,
Museet For Samtidskunst, Roskilde, DK

On an Island,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2016-17

The Shadow of Colour
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, IL

2016

Set in Motion,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Emanations: The Art of the Cameraless
Photograph,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Projection Series #3: Syncopated Cinema,
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

2015

America Is Hard To See,
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, US

In Motion,
STARKWHITE, Auckland, NZ

Imaginary Audience Scale,
Artspace Aotearoa, Auckland, NZ

A Journal of the Plague Year,
Kadist, San Francisco, US

2013-14

Typemotion - Type as Image in Movement
ZKM Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe,
DE

2012

Animism,
Haus Der Kulturen Der Welt, Berlin, DE

Printin'
Museum of Modern Art, New York, US

2011-12

Animism - Modernity Through the Looking Glass,
Generali Foundation, Vienna, AT

2011

Ozlem Altin, Ruth Laskey & Len Lye: Figures in
Space,
Galerie Ute Parduhn, Düsseldorf, DE

Car Fetich. I drive, therefore I am,
Museum Tinguely, Basel, CH

Watch Me Move: The Animation Show
Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK

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2010-11

Points of Contact: Jim Allen, Len Lye and Helio Oiticica
Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ

Abstract Expressionist New York,
Museum of Modern Art, New York, US

2010

Celluloid: Cameraless Film,
Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Frankfurt, DE

Animism,
Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, CH

Le Mouvement: From Cinema to Kinetics,
Museum Tinguely, Basel, CH

Animism,
Kunsthall Extra City, Antwerp, BE

2009

Cause & Effect,
LM Projects, Los Angeles, US

Art in Motion
Hive Gallery, Barnsley, UK

2008-09

Invisible Rays: The Surrealism Legacy,
The Rose Art Museum, Waltham, Massachusetts,
US

2001-02

Animations
Museum of Modern Art, New York, US

1984

Film (Fall 1984),
Museum of Modern Art, New York, US

1961

Tangible Motion: Sculpture by Len Lye,
Museum of Modern Art, New York, US

Filmography

Tal Farlow,
1min 30sec (completed posthumously, 1980)

Particles in Space,
4 min (1966)

Fountain of Hope,
1 min (1959)

Free Radicals,
5 min (1958, revised 1979)

Prime Time,
1 min (1958)

All Soul's Carnival,
16 min (1957)

Rhythm,
1 min (1957)

Life's Musical Minute,
1 min (1953)

Full Fathom Five,
1 min (1953)

Colour Cry,
3 min (1952)

Cameramen at War,
17 min (1943)

Planned Crops,
90 sec (1942)

Collapsible Metal Tubes,
90 sec (1942)

Kill or Be Killed,
18 min (1942)

Work Party,
7 min (1942)

Newspaper Train,
5 min (1942)

When the Pie Was Opened,
8 min (1941)

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Musical Poster #1,
3 min (1940) in Technicolor

Swinging the Lambeth Walk ,
4 min (1939) in Dufaycolor

Colour Flight,
4 min (1937) in Gasparcolor

N or NW,
7 min (1938)

Trade Tattoo (1937) ,
5 min in Technicolor

Rainbow Dance,
5 min (1936) in Gasparcolor

The Birth of The Robot,
7 min (1936) in Gasparcolor

Kaleidoscope,
4 min (1935) in Dufaycolor

A Colour Box,
4 min (1935) in Dufaycolor

The Peanut Vendor,
2 min (1933)

Tusalava,
10 min (1929)

Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision, Wellington, NZ

The Museum of Modern Art

BFI National Archive, Berkhamsted, UK

Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, Auckland, NZ

Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, Chicago, US

The Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, New York,
US

The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York,
US

Alan Gibbs Farm Sculpture Park, Kaipara Harbour,
NZ

Berkeley Art Museum, California, US

Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv, Israel

Light Cone (film distributor), Paris, FR

LUX (film distributor), London, UK

Canyon Cinema (film distributor), San Francisco,
California, US

Public Sculptures

2017

Wind Wand,
Coastal Walkway, New Plymouth, NZ

2006

Water Whirler,
Pier off Frank Kitts Park, Wellington Waterfront,
NZ

Collections

Len Lye Centre, New Plymouth, NZ