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Sonja Ferlov Mancoba
Born 1911, Copenhagen, Denmark
Died 1984, Paris, France

galerie

Mikael Andersen

EDUCATION

1931-1932 The Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2025 Frieze Masters, London, UK
2023 *Ernest Mancoba and Sonja Ferlov Mancoba – Je est un autre*,
Cobra Museum, Amstelveen, The Netherlands
2022 Permanent loan of plaster and clay sculptures, National Gallery of
Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
2021 *Det var først på Bornholm*, Bornholms Kunstmuseum, Gudjem
Denmark
2020 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba | Ernest Mancoba*, Aicon Gallery, New
York, USA
2019 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Sonja Ferlov Mancoba – Mask and Face, National Gallery of
Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
Stille vekst, Norsk Billedhoggerforening, Oslo, Norway
2012 *Confiance*, Maison du Danemark, Paris, France
Confiance, Carl-Henning Pedersen & Else Alfelts museum,
Herning
1995 *Hand in Hand – a Retrospective Exhibition of Ernest Mancoba
and Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, South African National Gallery, Cape
Town, South Africa
1994 *Hand in Hand – a Retrospective Exhibition of Ernest Mancoba
and Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, Johannesburg Art Gallery,
Johannesburg, South Africa
*De spontan abstrakte – Sonja Ferlov Mancoba og Erik
Thommesen*, Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Ålborg, Denmark
1993 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, Bornholms Kunstmuseum, Gudhjem,
Denmark
1992 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen,
Denmark
1985 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba, Albert Giacometti*, Sophienholm, Lyngby,
Denmark
1977 Sonja Ferlov Mancoba. A Retrospective Exhibition,
Kunstforeningen, Copenhagen, Denmark. Traveled to:
Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Ålborg, Denmark, Silkeborg
Kunstmuseum, Silkeborg, Denmark, Liljevalchs Konsthall,
Stockholm, Sweden, Amos Andersons Konstmuseum, Helsinki,
Finland, Heine-Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo, Norway. Fyns Stifts
Kunstmuseum, Odense, Denmark, Kunstpavillonen, Esbjerg,
Denmark.
1970 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, Maison du Danemark, Paris, France

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)

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| 2025 | <i>Franciska Clausen og det underste land</i> , Kunstmuseet Brundlund Slot, Aabenraa, Denmark |
| 2025 | <i>Når vi døde vågner</i> , Gammel Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 2025 | <i>In Her Hands</i> , Bucerius Kunst Forum Hamburg, Germany |
| 2024 | Hest, Rønnebæksholm, Næstved, Denmark |
| 2023 | <i>Høst – en kontrafaktisk udstilling</i> , Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 2022 | <i>Textile Memories</i> , Heirloom Center for Art and Archives, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| | <i>Becoming Cobra</i> , Kunsthalle Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany |
| 2022 | <i>EWS – Ernest, Wonga & Sonja Ferlov Mancoba</i> , Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 2021 | <i>COBRA – de kvindelige kunstnere</i> , Museum Jorn, Silkeborg, Denmark |
| 2020 | <i>Sindets Struktur</i> , Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| | <i>Ernest Mancoba – An Artist and his legacy</i> , Södertälje Konsthall, Södertälje, Sweden |
| 2019 | <i>New Nuances, women artists in and around Cobra</i> , Cobra Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Amstelveen, The Netherlands |
| | <i>GMA XXX AAR</i> , Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| | <i>Je Suis l'Autre</i> , MUSEC, Lugano, Switzerland |
| 2018 | <i>Je Suis l'Autre</i> , Terme Diocleziano, Rome, Italy |
| | <i>En kort historie om abstraktion</i> , Rønnebæksholm, Næstved, Denmark |
| 2015 | <i>The Avant-Garde Won't Give Up: Cobra and Its Legacy</i> , Blum & Poe, New York & Los Angeles, USA |
| 2014 | <i>EWS</i> , Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa |
| 2011 | <i>EWS</i> , Galerie Mikael Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| | Kunstmuseet Brundlund Slot, Aabenraa, Denmark |
| 2003 | <i>Sonja Ferlov Mancoba, Robert Jacobsen, Erik Thommesen: på grænsen til en anden tid</i> , Holstebro Kunstmuseum, Fyns Kunstmuseum, Odense, Denmark |
| 1998 | <i>Cobra 50 år</i> , Arken, Museum for Moderne Kunst, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 1997 | <i>Cobra: Copenhagen, Bruxelles, Amsterdam : Art experimental 1948-51</i> , Musée cantonal des Beaux-Arts Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland – traveling to Munich, Germany and Vienna, Austria |
| 1996 | <i>Couplet 4</i> , Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands - w. Förg, Penck, Huber, Pollock |
| | <i>Hand in Hand: A Retrospectiv Exhibition of Ernest Mancoba and Sonja Ferlov Mancoba</i> , South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa |

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- 1994 *Hand in Hand: A Retrospectiv Exhibition of Ernest Mancoba and Sonja Ferlov Mancoba*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Sonja Ferlov Mancoba & Erik Thommesen, Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Aalborg, Denmark
- 1993 *Images of Africa*, Vejle Kunstmuseum - with Ernest Mancoba, Vejle, Denmark
Retour sur Cobra, Galerie Artcurial, Paris, France
- 1992 *Den Frie Udstilling*, Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark
Cobra, Hotel de Ville, Bruxelles, Belgium
Danske Facetter, Nikolaj Kirke, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1986 Veksølund, Denmark
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1982 Veksølund, Denmark
- 1977 *Kunstforeningen - with Ernest Mancoba*, Copenhagen, Denmark - traveling in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland
Skulpturudstilling i Eventyrhaven og Rådhushallen, Odense, Denmark
- 1975 *Å-udstillingen*, Århus and Aalborg, Denmark
Skulpturudstilling i Eventyrhaven og Rådhushallen, Odense, Denmark
- 1974 Statens Kunstfond, Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Aalborg, Denmark
- 1973 *Skulpturudstilling i Eventyrhaven og Rådhushallen*, Odense, Denmark
- 1971 *Samling E.A.*, Århus Kunstmuseum, Århus, Denmark
Den Frie Udstilling, Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1970 *Den Frie Udstilling*, Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1969 *Sonja Ferlov Mancoba & Jan Groth*, Holst Halvorsens Kunsthandel, Oslo, Norway
Den Frie Udstilling, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1968 *Den Frie Udstilling*, Copenhagen, Denmark
Erik Heide, Kirsten Dufour, Sonja Ferlov Mancoba, Holstebro Kunstmus., Denmark
- 1967 *Å-udstillingen*, Åbenrå, Århus, Aalborg, Denmark
- 1966 *Cobra*, Louisiana, Humlebæk, Denmark
Cobra 1948-51, Museum van Boymans-van-Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 1965 *Studerterforeningens Jubilæumsudstilling*, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1964 *Danish Abstract Art*, Dallas, Texas, USA - traveling in the USA
La jeune sculpture, Galerie Creuze, Paris, France
La jeune peinture, Musée de l'art moderne, Paris, France
- 1963 *Esquisse d'un salon*, Galerie Denise René, Paris, France
- 1962 *Commission centrale d'enfance*, Faubourg St. Honoré, Paris, France
Le jeune sculpture, Musée Rodin, Paris, France
Salon des réalités nouvelles, Paris, France

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1952	<i>Sonja Ferlov Mancoba, Ernest Mancoba, Grete-Inge Petersen</i> , Galerie Birch, Copenhagen, Denmark
1961	<i>Cobra</i> , Kunstnernes Kunsthandel, Copenhagen, Denmark
1949	<i>Høstudstillingen</i> , Den Frie Udstillings Bygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
	<i>Linien 2</i> , Den Frie Udstillings Bygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
1948	<i>Høstudstillingen</i> , Den Frie Udstillings Bygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
1940	<i>Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling</i> , Copenhagen, Denmark
1939	<i>Linien</i> , Studenterforeningen, Copenhagen, Denmark
	<i>Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling</i> , Copenhagen, Denmark
1937	<i>Linien</i> , Den Frie Udstillings Bygning, Copenhagen, Denmark
1936	<i>Fyns Forum</i> , Odense, Denmark
	<i>Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling</i> , Copenhagen, Denmark
1935	<i>Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling</i> , Copenhagen, Denmark
	<i>Den surrealistiske udstilling</i> , Odense, Denmark

COLLECTIONS

Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
ARoS, Aarhus
KUNSTEN Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark
Holstebro Kunstmuseum, Holstebro, Denmark
Museum Jorn, Silkeborg, Denmark
Louisiana, Humlebæk, Denmark
KØS – Museum of Art In Public Spaces, Køge, Denmark
Statens Museum for Kunst, Copenhagen, Denmark
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
DNB Savings Bank Foundation, Oslo, Norway

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Danish Arts Foundation's lifelong grant
The Ancherske grant, 1970
Tagea Brandt's travel grant, 1971
The Thorvaldsen Medal, 1971
The Niels Larsen Stevns Medal, 1977

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Sonja Ferlov Mancoba – Skulpturer / Sculptures, Fyns
Kunstmuseum, Holstebro Kunstmuseum & Nordjyllands
Kunstmuseum, Holsterbros Kunstmuseums Forlag, 2003

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Sonja Ferlov Mancoba – En dansk billedhugger i Paris,
documentary instructed by Torben Glarbo, 37 minutes, Ebbe
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