

ESTEBAN VICENTE was born in Turégano, Spain in 1903. His father served in the Civil Guard, a police force in the Castile region and was an amateur painter who took the young Vicente with him on visits to the Prado Museum. In 1918, Vicente entered military school, but left after three months. At fifteen years old, Vicente began at the School of Fine Arts of the Real Academia de San Fernando in Madrid. As a young man living in Madrid, Barcelona, and Paris, he developed friendships with artists and writers. In 1928, he had his first exhibition with Juan Bonafé at the Ateneo de Madrid.

Vicente left Europe for New York City in 1936. The United States became the artist's permanent home. His contemporaries and associates included Willem de Kooning (their 10th Street studios were on a shared floor), Elaine de Kooning, Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko, Franz Kline, Barnett Newman, and Ad Reinhardt.

Vicente spent a good portion of his career teaching. He was among the faculty at Black Mountain College, Black Mountain, NC; the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture, New York, NY; and the University of California, Berkeley, CA, among other institutions.

In addition, he received numerous awards, some of them being the most prestigious given to an artist in the United States. His works can be found in important collections and museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY; The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, among others.

At the end of his life, the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Esteban Vicente, a museum in his honor, was opened in Segovia by the Spanish government. Vicente attended the museum's opening in 1998.

Vicente died at the age of 97 in 2001 in Bridgehampton, NY, ten days before his 98th birthday. He had a long and prosperous career, living and working with multiple generations of artists and painting well into his 90s at his home in Bridgehampton.

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SELECT PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, NY
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Berkeley Art Museum, University of California, Berkeley, CA
Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas, Austin, TX
Broad Art Center, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
Broad Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Brunnier Art Museum, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
The Carl Van Vechten Museum, Fisk University, Nashville, TN
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
Detroit Intitute of Arts, Detroit, MI
Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Grey Art Gallery, New York University, New York, NY
Guild Hall, East Hampton, NY
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, HI
Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport, CT
Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY
Institut Valencià d'Art Moderne, Centre Julio González, Valencia, Spain
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Memorial Art Gallery, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
Museo Colecciones del Instituto de Crédito Oficial, Madrid, Spain
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Esteban Vicente, Segovia, Spain
Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
Museo Patio Herreriano de Arte Contemporáneo Español, Valladolid, Spain
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

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National Academy Museum, New York, NY
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
Neuberger Museum of Art, State University of New York, Purchase, NY
Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA
Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, NY
Patrimonio Nacional, Spain
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ
The Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
Syracuse University Art Galleries, Syracuse, NY
Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ
University of New Mexico Art Museum, Albuquerque, NM
The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

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