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Christopher Knowles

New York, US, 1959

Lives and works in New York, US

Education

1973-1974	O.D. Heck School
1973-1974	Oneida School
1970-1973	Buckingham School
1967-1970	Adams School
1965-1967	Montessori School Brooklyn Heights

Solo Exhibitions (selection)

2020	These are the Days , Kunstverein Langenhagen, Hannover, DE
2017	In a Word , Contemporary Museum of Art, Houston, US
2016	Christopher Knowles , Office Baroque, Brussels, BE
2015	In a Word , Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, US (curated by Anthony Elms and Hilton Als) Christopher Knowles , Fonoteca Nacional de México, Mexico DF, MX (Curated by Agustín Pérez Rubio) 12 Large Typings , Gavin Brown's enterprise, 291 Grand Street, New York, US
2014	New Paintings , NoguerasBlanchard, Madrid, Spain Audio Works: '70's - '80's / Objects (a Simon and a few alarm clocks)" , Audio, Visual Arts, New York, US Black, White and red all Over , Triennale di Milano, Milan, IT
2013	The Sundance Kid is Beautiful , The Louvre Museum, Paris, FR The Sundance Kid is Beautiful , Whitebox Art Center en PERFORMA 13, New York, US Gavin Brown's enterprise , New York, US
2009	Correspondences , Galerie Martin Janda, Viena, AT (with Karl Holmqvist; curated by Matthew Higgs)
2004	Gavin Brown's enterprise , New York, US
1985	Drawings and Typings , Museum Boymans-Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, NL
1979	Everyday Business , Open Eye Theater, New York, US Red and Green , Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, US
1978	About Earth & Universes: paintings by Christopher Knowles , Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, US Typing Work , Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, US
1976	A Typing Work Show , The Kitchen, New York, US

- 1975 **Typed Designs & Poems**, Byrd Hoffman Studio, New York, US
- 1974 **Map of New York City**, Byrd Hoffman Studio, New York, US
- Group Exhibitions (selection)**
- 2018 **White Columns at Kurimanzutto**, CONDO Mexico City, MX
- 2017 **Fleming Faloon**, Office Baroque, Brussels, BE
Tomorrow Will Still Be Ours, Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, US
- 2016 **Outside**, Karma, Amagansett, New York, US (curated by Matthew Higgs)
Goulding the Lolly, Gavin Brown's enterprise, 291 Grand Street, New York, US (curated by Brian Belott)
We Are Not Things, Invisible-Exports, New York, US
Looking Back / The 10th White Columns Annual, White Columns, New York, US
When Did Intimacy Begin Widt, Jeffrey Stark, New York, US
- 2015 **Einstein On The Beach**, BACKLIT, Nottingham, UK
The Joycean Society, Museum Boijmans, Rotterdam, NL
- 2014 **Nuit Américaine**, Office Baroque Gallery, Brussels, BE
The Story Behind | Typing, Galería Nogueras Blanchard, Barcelona, ES
Secret Codes, Galeria Luisa Strina, São Paulo, BR (curated by Agustín Pérez Rubio)
- 2013 **Merci Mercy**, 980 Madison Avenue, New York, US (co-curated by por Christine Messineo and Vladimir Restoin Roitfeld)
Wynn Newhouse Awards 2013 Exhibition, Palitz Gallery, New York, US
- 2012 **Ecstatic Alphabets/Heaps of Language**, MoMA, New York, US
- 2011 **En el primer cercle**, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, ES
Gold Records, Art Blog Art Blog, New York, US
Two Colors, Elisabeth Ivers Gallery and Kathleen Cullen Fine Art, New York, US (curated by Clay Hapaz)
- 2010 **Law of the Jungle**, Lehmann Maupin Gallery, New York, US
- 2009 **Visions of the Frontier**, Institut Valencia d'Art Modern, Valencia, ES (curated by Robert Wilson)
Poor. Old. Tired. Horse, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, UK
Character Generator, Eleven Rivington, New York, US
Niet Normaal: Difference on Display, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, NL
Just What Are They Saying, Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans, US (curated by Beth Rudin deWoody)
The Labyrinth Wall, Exit Art, New York, US
- 2008 **Typed**, Sadie Coles, London, UK
Glossolalia: Languages of Drawing, Museum of Modern Art, New York, US
- 2007 **Get Lost: Artists Map Downtown New York**, New Museum Project, New York, US
Learn to Read, Tate Modern, London, UK
Extraordinary Rendition, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona, ES (curated by Latitudes)
Allston Skirt Gallery, Boston, US
- 2006 **Herald Street**, project room, London, UK
25 x 25, Cereal Art, Philadelphia, US

- Dereconstruction**, Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, US (curated by Matthew Higgs)
- Of Mice and Men: 4th Berlin Biennial for Contemporary Art**, Berlin, DE
- Down by Law**, Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, US
- 2005 **Looking at Words: The Formal Presence of Text in Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper**, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, US
- 2004 **Open House: Working in Brooklyn**, Brooklyn Art Museum, New York, US
- 2002 **To Whom It May Concern**, CCA Wattis Institute, San Francisco, US
- 2000 **THE END: An Independent Vision of Contemporary Culture, 1982-2000,"** Exit Art, New York, US
- 1997 **La Tradición: Performing Painting**, Exit Art, New York, US
- 1984 **The Innovative Escape**, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, US
Group Exhibition, The Castelli-Goodman-Solomon Gallery, Easthampton, New York, US
New Drawing in America, The Drawing Center, New York, US
The Destroyed Print, Pratt Manhattan Center Gallery, New York, US
- 1981 **Art on Paper**, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, US (cat.)
Emblems & Paint, Hallwalls, Buffalo, US (cat.)
Summer Light, Penthouse Exhibition, Museum of Modern Art, New York, US
Summer Group Show, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, US
Out of New York, Hamilton College, Clinton New York, US
Poetic Visions, Otis/Parsons Art Gallery, New York, US
- 1980 **27th Annual Art Exhibition**, Bayonne Jewish Community Center, Bayonne NJ, US
Visual Diaries, Alex Rosenberg Gallery, New York, US (cat.)
Die Neuen Wilden, Aachen, DE (cat.)
Les Nouveaux Fauves, Neue Galerie / Sammlung Ludwig, Aachen, DE
- 1979 **Mind Child Architecture**, The Newark Museum, Newark, New Jersey, US
Words and Images, Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia, US
Summer Group Show, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, US
The Stage Show, Museum of Modern Art, New York, US
Small is Beautiful, Freedman Gallery, Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania, US
- 1978 **The Music Show**, Holly Solomon Gallery y Artists Space, New York, US
Storytelling in Art, Museum of the American Foundation for the Arts, Miami, US
New Art for the New Year, Penthouse Exhibition, Museum of Modern Art, New York, US
- 1977 **Audiotape of Original Recordings**, Musee Galleria, Paris, FR
Patterning & Decoration, Museum of the American Foundation for the Arts, Miami, US
Surrogates/Self Portraits, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, US
Space Needles and Other Typings, The Drawing Center, New York, US
- 1976 **Typed Designs and Poems**, Foster White Gallery, Seattle, US
Typed Designs, Poems, Drawings, Portland Center for Visual Art, Portland, Oregon, US
- 1974 **Typed Designs and Poems-Audiotape of Original Recordings**, Musee Galliera, Paris, FR

Performance work

- 2015 **In A Word**, Institute of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Philadelphia, US
University of Rochester, Rochester, US
Gavin Brown's enterprise, 291 Grand St, New York, US
- 2014 **Black, White and Red All Over**, Milan, IT
Triennale, Milan, IT
The Sundance Kid is Beautiful, The Performing Garage, New York, US
- 2013 **The Sundance Kid is Beautiful**, Musée du Louvre, Paris, FR
Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, US
- 2012 **The Sundance Kid is Beautiful**, Martin E. Segal Theatre, CUNY, (with The Watermill Center, Dissident Industries and Gavin Brown's enterprise), New York, US
- 2011 White Columns, New York, US
- 1999 **The Days Before**, Robert Wilson Production, Nueva York State Theatre, Lincoln Center, NY (text by Christopher Knowles and Umberto Eco)
- 1998 **70 Angels on the Façade**, Robert Wilson Production
- 1997 **Rescue**, Laurie Anderson's Meltdown, presentation of Laurie Anderson, Christopher Knowles, Lou Reed, Robert Wilson and others.
- 1996 **Come Out Under the Red Rock**, actor in a Robert Wilson production, Weimar, DE; Sicilia, IT
- 1994 **And Then There Were Legos**, Theatre for a New City, New York, US (puppeteer, actor)
TSE, actor in a Robert Wilson production, Sicilia, IT
- 1993 **Wonderlust Swirling Through My Brain**, University Settlement, New York, US
- 1992 **Hallmark World**, The Arts at St. Ann's, New York, US (actor/scenic artist)
- 1991 **Grace for Grace**, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, US
- 1989 **Windows Two: Green Thought in the Green Shade**, with Richard Rutkowski, Agassiz Theatre, Cambridge, UK (actor/collaborator)
Windows One, with Richard Rutkowski, Boston Film & Video Foundation (actor/collaborator)
Requiem, Alex Steyermark film
- 1988 **The Cat's Pajamas**, with Richard Rutkowski, The Music Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US
- 1987 **Parzival**, Robert Wilson Production, actor principal, Christopher Knowles and Tankred Dorst text, Thalia Theatre, Hamburg, DE
- 1985 **Reading / Performance 1969-1984**, Christopher Knowles, Robert Wilson, Ben Halley, Chris Moore and David Byrne text, Dublin, Belgium, Cambridge Massachusetts, US
- 1982 **Glabal and Collection**, Westbeth Theatre Center, New York, Suny Purchase, New York, US
- 1979/80 **Dia Log / Network**, (collaboration with Robert Wilson) Christopher Knowles text, Brussels, Warsaw, Rotterdam, Turin, Milan, New York

- 1978 **Dia Log / Network**, (collaboration with Robert Wilson) Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson text, Munich, Florence, Paris, Boston, Amsterdam, Minneapolis, Chicago
- 1977 **The Network Play**, (collaboration with Cindy Lubar) Ontario, CA
- 1976/77 **Emily Likes the T.V.**, (collaboration with Cindy Lubar), The Kitchen, New York, US And/Or Gallery, Seattle WA, Port Jefferson, New York, US
- 1976 **Dia Log (3)**, Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson text, performed by Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson, Lucinda Childs Whitney Museum, New York, Rutgers University, New Jersey, Corcoran Gallery, Washington DC, Portland, Oregon, US
This is the One (collaboration with Cindy Lubar)
Spaceman, (actor in a Robert Wilson production) The Kitchen, New York, US
A Solo Piece, The Kitchen, New York, US
Einstein on the Beach, Robert Wilson and Philip Glass, Christopher Knowles text, Samuel M. Johnson y Lucinda Childs
- 1975/76 **Dia Log (2)**, Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson text (performance/collaboration with Robert Wilson) Public Theatre, Whitney Museum, Rutgers, University Corcoran Gallery, Washington DC, US
- 1975 **Dialog of the Sundance Kid** (Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson text, Performance by Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson)
Solo Performance, Byrd Hoffman Studio, New York, Iran, Milan, Rome
\$ Value of Man, Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson, (performance/collaboration with Robert Wilson), Brooklyn Academy of Music, New York, US
- 1974 **A Mad Man A Mad Giant A Mad Dog A Mad Urge**, Christopher Knowles and Robert Wilson text, performance/collaboration with Robert Wilson) Shiraz, Iran, Kennedy Center, Washington D.C.
The Life and Times of Dave Clark, (actor in a Robert Wilson production) Sao Paolo, BR
A Letter for Queen Victoria, (performer/collaborator in a Robert Wilson production) Spoleto, Italy, multiple venues in France, Belgrade, Zurich, New York
- 1973 **The Life and Times of Joseph Stalin**, text and performance by Christopher Knowles

Collections

Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, USA
 Fogg Museum, Cambridge, USA
 Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, Rotterdam, NL
 Museum Ludwig (Dr. Peter Ludwig), Cologne, DE
 Museum of Modern Art, New York, US

Selected artist's writings and publications

Christopher Knowles Typings, Publishing House Bebert, Rotterdam, NL, 1987
Drawings, House Bebert, Rotterdam, NL, 1985
Typings, Vehicle Editions, New York, US, 1979

Poetry in Publications

"Get Wreck", Roof IV, 1978

"He Was the Most", So & So, 1978

"Mandy, Brandy", The World, 1978

"Letter to Paris", Traveler's Digest, 1977

"Loof and Let Dime", Unmuzzled Ox, 1977

"Tree Poem", The Village Voice, 1977

Everything is Beautiful, A Horse With No Name", The New Yorker, 1976

"I Feel the Earth Move, (Give Me Love) Give Me Peace On Earth", Andy Warhol's Interview, 1976

"Rock On", "Hello It's Me", The Village Voice, 1975

"Searching Bags All Together", "Are You Really in the Ears", "Longfellow Serenade", Ear Magazine, 1975

Poetry in Anthologies

"Get Wreck", Text-Sound Texts, editado por Richard Kostelanetz, 1980

"Once Upon a Time", Wonders, Writings, and Drawings for the Child in Us All, Rolling Stone Press, 1980

"The Life and Times of Maddom Dame", "Dia Log/Curious George", Scenarios, Assembling Press, New York, US, 1980

Poetry Readings

CHRISTOPHER KNOWLES' VINYL ALBUM 'THE TYPING POEMS' + HIS MONOGRAPH 'IN A WORD', White Columns, 320 W 13TH Street, New York, US, 2018

112 Greene Street, New York, US (with Cindy Lubar), 1978

Performance Fire Festival, New York, US (with Cindy Lubar), 1978

St. Mark's Church, New York, US (with Robert Wilson), 1975

Brooklyn Academy of Music, New York, US (with Cindy Lubar para Andy deGroat & Dancers), 1975

Tibet Center Benefit, New York, US (with Robert Wilson), 1975

Byrd Hoffman Studio, 1975

The Wind (with Robert Wilson, Christopher Knowles text)

Longhouse, East Hampton, New York, US, 1975

Audio Recordings

Other Rooms, Other Voices: Audio Works by Artists, includes Robert Wilson reading Christopher Knowles works for the Swiss Radio Zurich, 1999

Aquilarco, by Giovanni Sollima, Christopher Knowles text read by Robert Wilson, 1998

Set Designs

Five Dialog, performance and text in collaboration with Robert Wilson. Performed in Rome, Milan, Turin, Munich, Florence, Paris, Brussels, Warsaw, Rotterdam, Washington DC, Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, 1975/80
Everyday Business by Cindy Lubar, New York, 1979
Angie's Waltz, choreography by Andy DeGroat, design (typed) of the backdrop. Performed in Europe and New York, US, 1977

Selected Bibliography and Articles

B. Espejo, "**Dame una C**", El Cultural (31 October, 2014)
L. K. Young, "**Audio Visual Arts Opens 2014 con 'Christopher Knowles'**", 2014
A. Hilton, "**Slow Man**," The New Yorker (17 September, 2013)
Blog, February, 2013
Classicalite, January, 2013
A. Doran, "**Christopher Knowles**," Time Out Nueva York (January, 2013)
M. Higgs, "**Einstein on the Beach**," Artforum (December, 2013)
M. Joerres, "**Christopher Knowles & Nick Relph...**", Opening Ceremony
E. Konigsberg, "**Ars Longa: Encore**", The New Yorker (April, 2013)
K. Rosenberg, "**Second Year Fair Hopes to Stay an Upstart**", The New York Times (4 March, 2011)
J. Volz, "**Looking Back**," Frieze (January, 2007)
"Christopher Knowles," The Guide Of Mice and Men, 4th Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art, 2006
J. Kastner, "**Christopher Knowles: Gavin Brown's enterprise**", Artforum (September, 2004)
M. Andrews, "**Christopher Knowles**," Frieze (October, 2004)

Interviews

With Laurence Shyer para Robert Wilson and his Collaborators, Theatre Communications Group, 1989
With Maxime de la Falaise in Andy Warhol's Interview, 1977
With Lisa Bear, Willoughby Sharp and Robert Wilson