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FELIPE JESUS CONSALVOS



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Felipe Jesus Consalvos 1891 – 1960 (Cuba)

Biography

A self-appointed "artist, healer, and man," and former tobacco-roller, Felipe Jesus Consalvos extrapolated the vernacular tradition of cigar-band collage to a highly sophisticated, inimitable practice. Born near Havana in 1891 and eventually emigrating to Miami in the early 1900s, Consalvos settled in New York and, finally, Philadelphia, where he passed away in the mid-1960s. It was at a Philadelphia car-boot sale in the early 1980s where his obsessively large body of work was rediscovered posthumously; approximately 850 surviving collages on paper, found photographs, musical instruments, furniture, and other unexpected surfaces.

Consalvos merges the biting socio-political satire and absurdist impulse of Dadaists like Max Ernst, Hannah Höch and Kurt Schwitters with the arcane mysticism of Bruce Conner and Joseph Cornell. Consalvos therefore parallels and foreshadows certain contemporaneous developments in Futurist, Pop collage, Surrealist, design, and even poetry. Preferring to leave his works untitled and undated, one can only estimate that Consalvos created his collages between 1920 and the late 1960s—during the very time in art history that the radical juxtaposition of images were taken to new levels of sophistication.

Collections

John Michael Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, WI Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA American Folk Art Museum, New York, NY Harvard Art Museums, Boston, MA High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA The Museum of Everything, London, UK



Solo Exhibitions

- Exploded Whims, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 2012
- Felipe Jesus Consalvos, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY 2011
- 2007 More Colossal Greatness, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 2004 Constructing Images, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

Selected Group Exhibitions

 We Shall Make America Wonder, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY Party in the Front, Fleischer/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA Measurably Long Kool, Fleisher/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA The Museum of Everything, <i>Exhibition #</i>6, Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands Enigma Rapt in Mysteries: American Art Without Epoch, Cavin-Morris, New York, NY Eugene Von Bruenchenhein, Felipe Jesus Consalvos, Paul Lee, Adams and Ollman, Portland, OR The Museum of Everything, <i>Exhibition #1.1</i>, Chalet Society, Paris, FR 60/60, Fleisher/Ollman, Philadelphia, PA Caribbean: Crossroads of the World, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY (Cat.) Remix: Selections from the International Collage Center, The Samek Art Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA (travelled to The Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Sedalia, MO; Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY, Ewing Gallery of Art and Architecture, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN; Bates College Museum of Art, Lewiston, ME) Off Camera, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA The Medicine Bag, Maccarone Gallery, New York, NY Four Decades, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA About Face: A Compilation, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY The Museum of Everything, <i>Exhibition #1</i>, Primrose Hill, London, UK (travelled to Pinacoteca Agnelli, Turin, IT)
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Collage, Russell Bowman Art Advisory, Chicago, IL
Parallel Visions II, Galerie St. Etienne, New York, NY
Rock Paper Scissors: American Collage Now, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
The American Antiques Show, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, New York, NY
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An initiative of The Museum of Everything, the gallery engages with a wide network of institutions, artists and curators to place material into major private and public collections. The gallery's roster includes known historical master artists, as well as newly discovered authors. Events include group and solo exhibitions, talks, readings and happenings.

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The Museum of Everything is a lobbyist for the inclusion and display of all forms of noncanonical art. In 2013 it partnered with the 55th Venice Biennale, during which it was profiled by the BBC in *Turning the Art World Inside Out*. The museum is primarily known for its immersive installations, most recently presented at Mona in Australia in 2017/18.

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Felipe Jesus Consalvos untitled (The Great Red Dawn is Shining) (c 1920/60) printed material, glue on paper [recto/verso] 62.9 x 50.2 cm, 24 ³/₄ x 19 ³/₄ "



Felipe Jesus Consalvos untitled (The American Revolution) (c 1920/60) printed material, glue on photograph 31.8 x 24.1 cm, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "



Felipe Jesus Consalvos untitled (Behind the Man Someone Else is Getting It) (c 1920/60) printed material, glue on print 27.9 x 23.5 cm, 11 x 9½ "



Felipe Jesus Consalvos Women (c 1920/1960) mixed media collage on wood carving 43.2 x 29.2 cm, 17 x 11 V_2 "

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Felipe Jesus Consalvos untitled (Juan Manuel Rodriguez Chair) (c 1920/60) printed material, glue on wood chair 96.5 x 44.5 x 49.5 cm, 38 x 17 ½ x 19 ½



Felipe Jesus Consalvos untitled (Floor Lamp) (c 1920/60) printed material, glue on lamp 162.6 x 44.5 x 44.5 cm, 64 x 17 ½ x 17 ½



Felipe Jesus Consalvos untitled (Coffee Table) (c 1920/60) printed material, glue on plate, lamp, bottles, can, and wood table 50.8 x 58.4 x 58.4 cm, 20 x 23 x 23 "

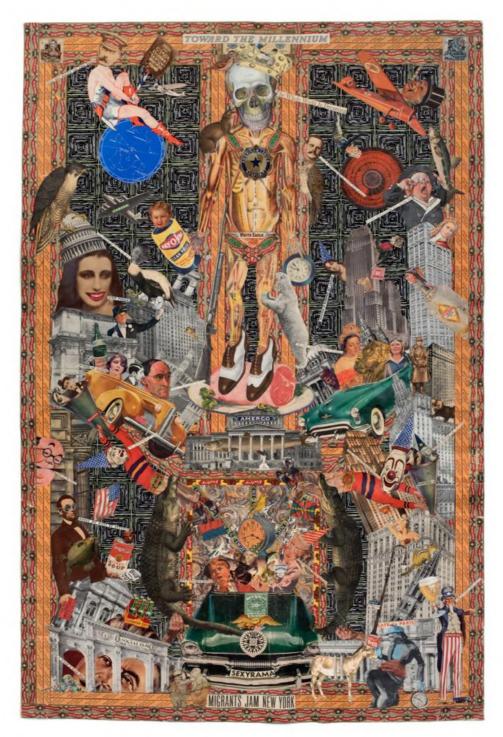


Felipe Jesus Consalvos untitled (Incarnate Human Gods) (c 1920/60) printed material, glue on tambourine 25.4 x 25.4 cm diameter, 10 x 10 " diameter

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Felipe Jesus Consalvos Toward the Millenium (c 1920/60) collage on paper, double sided 120 x 77.5 cm, $47V_4 \times 30V_2$ "

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