

# Documenta 1

**documenta 1** was the very first one in a row of renowned [documenta](#) exhibitions, showcasing [modern](#) and [contemporary art](#) in [Kassel](#), Germany. The first documenta was initiated by the painter and educator Arnold Bode and was held from [16 July](#) till [18 September 1955](#). documenta 1 took a mainly historical and reconstructive approach, showcasing the most influential artists and groups since the beginning of the 20th Century, with movements such as [fauvism](#), [cubism](#), [expressionism](#), [futurism](#), pittura metafisica and the [Blaue Reiter](#) group. The exhibition was a direct and obvious comment on the infamous [Nazi propaganda](#) exhibition "Degenerate Art" ("[Entartete Kunst](#)") held in [1937](#). With 130,000 visitors, this first major post-war international [modern art](#) exhibition became an unexpected success.

## Complete list of participating artists

- Afro (Afro Basaldella )
- [Josef Albers](#)
- Kenneth Armitage
- Hans Arp ([Jean Arp](#))
- René Victor Auberjonois
- [Giacomo Balla](#)
- Eduard Bargheer
- [Ernst Barlach](#)
- Willi Baumeister
- Jean Bazaine (Jean René Bazaine)
- André Beaudin
- [Max Beckmann](#)
- Max Bill
- Renato Birolli
- Roger Bissière
- Hermann Blumenthal
- [Umberto Boccioni](#)
- Camille Bombois
- [Georges Braque](#)
- Reg Butler (Reginald Cotterell Butler)
- [Alexander Calder](#)
- Alexander Camaro
- Heinrich Campendonck
- Massimo Campigli
- Giuseppe Capogrossi
- Carlo Dalmazzo Carrà
- Felice Casorati
- Bruno Cassinari
- Lynn Chadwick
- [Marc Chagall](#)
- [Giorgio de Chirico](#)
- Antonio Corpora

- Roberto Crippa
- Ernesto de Fiori
- Filippo De Pisis
- [Robert Delaunay](#)
- [André Derain](#)
- Charles Despiau
- [Otto Dix](#)
- [Theo van Doesburg](#) ([Christian](#) Küpper)
- [Raymond Duchamp-Villon](#)
- [Raoul Dufy](#)
- [Max Ernst](#) (Maximilian Ernst)
- Joseph Fassbender
- [Lyonel Feininger](#)
- Xaver Fuhr
- [Naum Gabo](#) (Naum Neemia Pevsner)
- Werner Gilles
- Fritz Glarner
- Julio Gonzalez (artist) (Julio Gonzales)
- H.A.P. Grieshaber (Helmut Andreas Paul Grieshaber)
- [Juan Gris](#) (José Victoriano Gonzalez)
- Hans Hartung
- Karl Hartung
- [Erich Heckel](#)
- Bernhard Heiliger
- Werner Heldt
- [Barbara Hepworth](#)
- [Auguste Herbin](#)
- Karl Hofer
- Alexej Jawlensky
- [Wassily Kandinsky](#) (Wassily Wassilijewitsch Kandinsky, Vassili Kandinski, Vasilij Kandinskij)
- [Ludwig Kasper](#)
- Ernst-Ludwig Kirchner
- [Paul Klee](#)
- [Oskar Kokoschka](#)
- [Frantisek Kupka](#)
- [Berto Lardera](#)
- [Henri Laurens](#)
- [Fernand Léger](#)
- Kurt Lehmann
- [Wilhelm Lehmbruck](#)
- [August Macke](#)
- Alberto Magnelli
- [Aristide Maillol](#)
- Alfred Manessier
- [Franz Marc](#)
- [Gerhard Marcks](#)
- [Marino Marini](#)
- [André Masson](#)
- Ewald Mataré
- [Henri Matisse](#)

- Georg Meistermann
- Hans Mettel
- Otto Meyer-Amden
- Mirko (Mirko Basaldella )
- [Joan Miró](#)
- Paula Modersohn-Becker
- [Amedeo Modigliani](#)
- [Piet Mondrian](#) (Piet Mondriaan)
- [Henry Moore](#)
- [Giorgio Morandi](#)
- Mattia Moreni
- Ennio Morlotti
- Richard Mortensen
- Georg Muche
- Otto Müller
- [Gabriele Münter](#)
- Zoran Music (Anton Zoran Music)
- Ernst Wilhelm Nay
- Rolf Nesch
- [Ben Nicholson](#)
- [Emil Nolde](#) (Emil Hansen)
- Max Pechstein
- [Antoine Pevsner](#)
- [Pablo Picasso](#) (Pablo Ruiz Picasso)
- Edouard Pignon
- [Hans Purrmann](#)
- [Otto Ritschl](#)
- Emy Roeder
- Kurt Roesch
- [Christian Rohlf](#)
- [Georges Rouault](#)
- [Henri Rousseau](#)
- Giuseppe Santomaso
- Erwin Scharff
- [Oskar Schlemmer](#)
- Karl Schmidt-Rottluff
- Gérard Ernest Schneider
- [Kurt Schwitters](#)
- Gino Bonichi Scipione
- [William Scott](#)
- Louis de Senlis Seraphine
- [Gino Severini](#)
- Gustave Singier
- Mario Sironi
- Pierre Soulages
- Toni Stadler
- [Graham Sutherland](#)
- Sophie Taeuber-Arp
- Pierre Tal-Coat (Pierre Jacob)
- Hann Trier
- Heinz Trökes

- Hans Uhlmann
- [Victor Vasarely](#)
- Emilio Vedova
- Alberto Viani
- Marie Hélène Vieira da Silva (Maria Helena Vieira da Silva, Maria Elena Vieira da Silva)
- [Jacques Villon](#) (Gaston Duchamp)
- Louis Vivin, Louis
- [Maurice de Vlaminck](#)
- Friedrich Vordemberge-Gildewart (Friedel Vordemberge-Gildewart)
- Theodor Werner
- Walter Kurt Wiemken