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Joan Furriols, 17 obres sense títol / 17 untitled works)

Joan Furriols (Vic, Barcelona 1937) should be considered, without any doubt, one of the leading artists of the Catalan avant-garde art. Instead of this, he is still an unknown artist for collectors and art enthusiasts. Over the years, his work has followed the evolution of the different trends developed during the second half of the twentieth century, without being on the front line, and we could even say, just staying at home. In Spain, and for many years, it was very difficult to do art for a living, and **Furriols** had to combine creative activity with working in a family business. Since the very beginnings, he admired all those artists who opened new ways of expression. He also participated in the activities organized at the *Cercle Maillol*, at the French Institute of Barcelona and Club 49. His works were exhibited at the *Salon de Octubre*, next to works by other artists, as Joan Ponç, Josep Guinovart, Antoni Tàpies, Josep Maria de Sucre, Enrique Tabara and Romà Vallès, among others. **Furriols** has been engaged to art in a more private way than other artists, but with perseverance and remarkable rigor, building an extensive and solid work that reveals his great artistic dimension.

The exhibition *17 untitled works*, wants to show not only his recent works, but also some older ones that are important to understand the particular background of his poetic and the coherence of his career. He is still an artist to be discovered, and because of the interest and relevance of these previous works, it seems essential to show them. **Joan Furriol's**

work is difficult to classify in a particular discipline, but it corresponds exactly to his aesthetic and conceptual ideas. It could be considered a permanent reflection about the space and its limits, and also about time and how it passes by. His particular way of disposing the different elements in his works, shows also his very special concept of order. His research process leads him to drill iron sheets, to make incisions on wood, to fold paper of different qualities. The result is always a transfigured space that can seem both real and metaphysical. In its objectual works, built as if they were still lives, **Furriols** gives a new life to objects that far from being obvious, become deeply enigmatic.

The work of **Joan Furriols** has a fragile and intimate nature, as the result perhaps of his silent and solitary process. His poetry transmits a severe and transcendent austerity. It could be related to minimalism, spatialism or poetic essentialism. Recently, it has been shown in three retrospective exhibitions: *Joan Furriols. Thinking space*, organized by various entities of Vic (Barcelona) in 2007, *Joan Furriols. The place of time*, Centre d'Art Tecla Sala, Hospitalet de Llobregat (Barcelona) 2010, and *The sense of emptiness*, Museo de Montserrat (Barcelona) 2013.

works (17+2)



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2 - **Sense titol** (*Untitled*) 2006, foam and pigments, 23,2 x 24,6 x 4 cm (9,18 x 9,68 x 1,57 in)



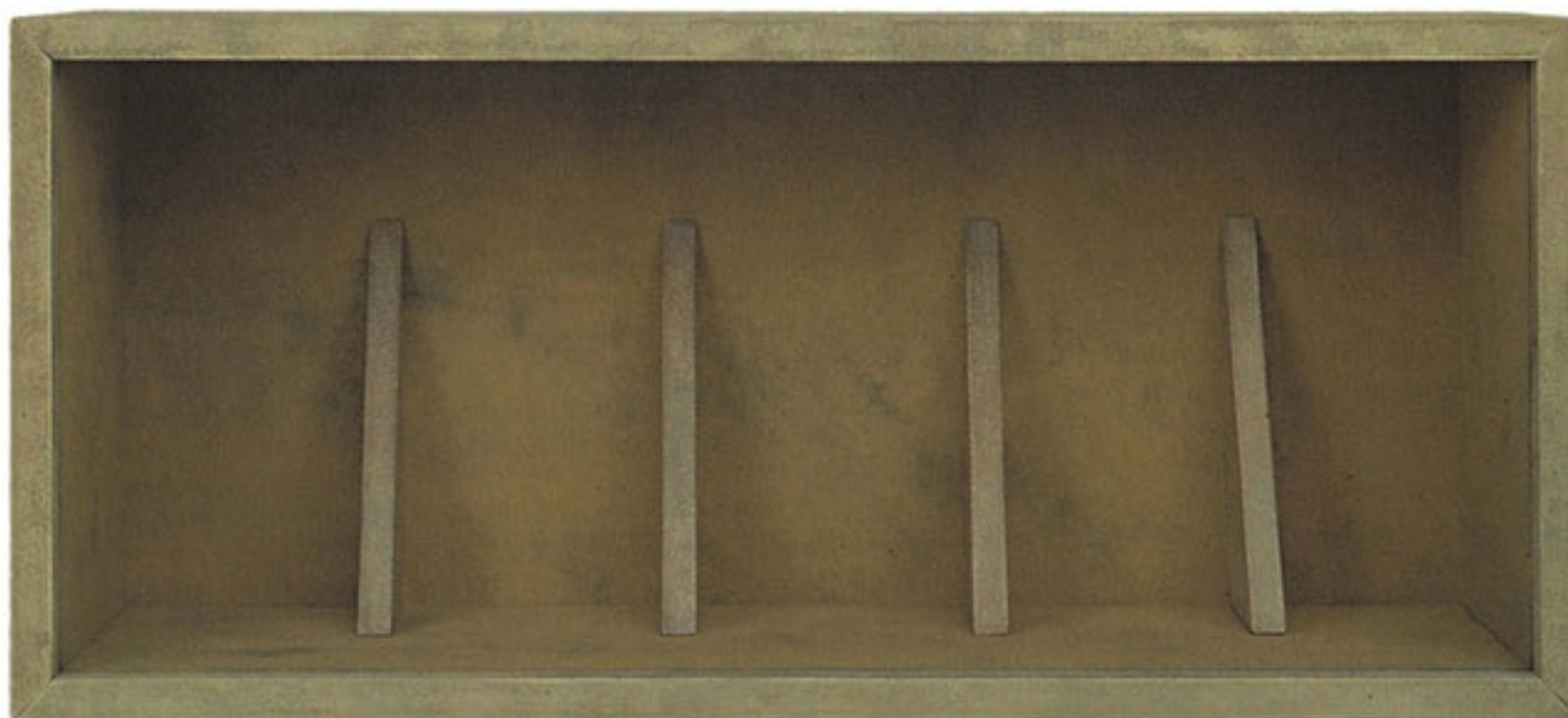
3 - **Sense títol** (*Untitled*) 2016, painting on wood, 40 x 34 x 2 cm (17,75 x 13,38 x 0,79 in)



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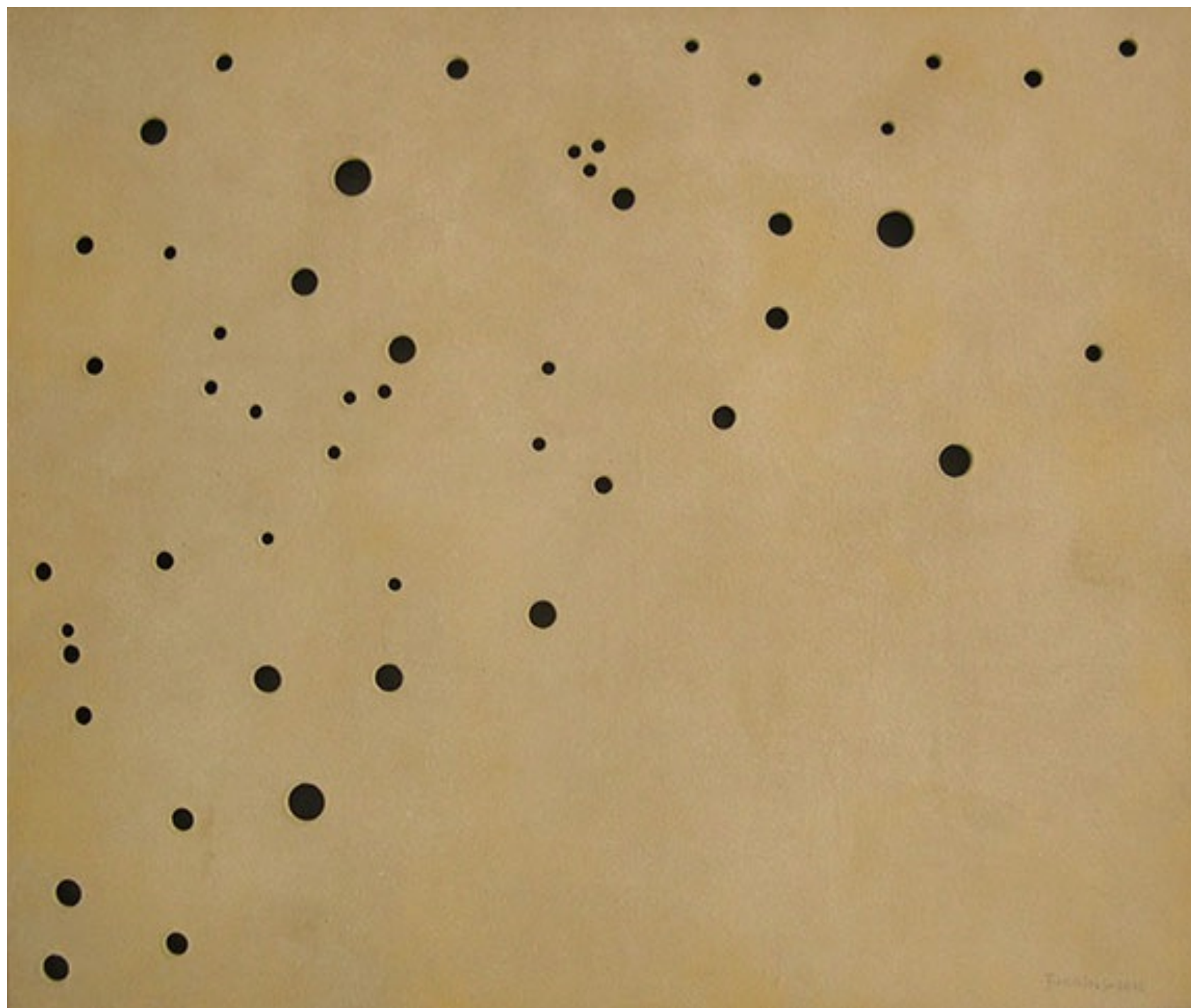
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8 - **Sense títol** (*Untitled*) 2012, mixed media on wood, 42,5 x 50,5 cm (16,73 x 19,38 in)



9 - **Sense títol** (*Untitled*) 1960, mixed media on wood, 22,5 x 40,5 x 2 cm (8,86 x 15,94 x 0,79 in)



10 - **Sense títol** (*Untitled*) 1995, glass, candle and pigments, 21 x 20 x 13 cm (8,27 x 7,87 x 5,12 in)



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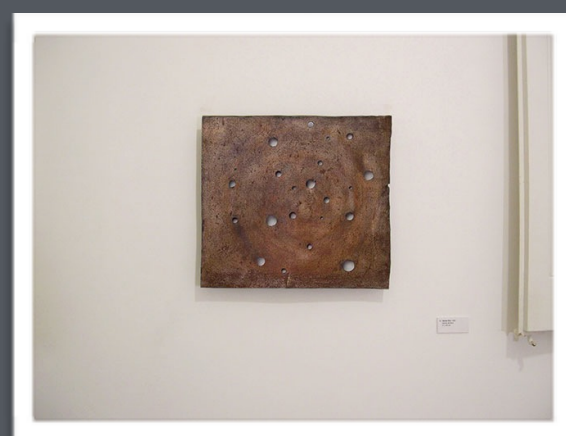
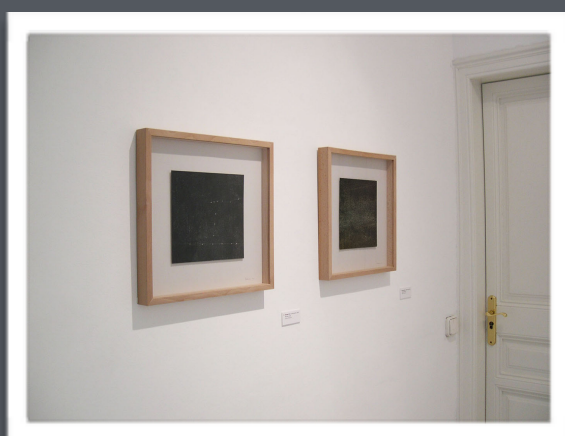
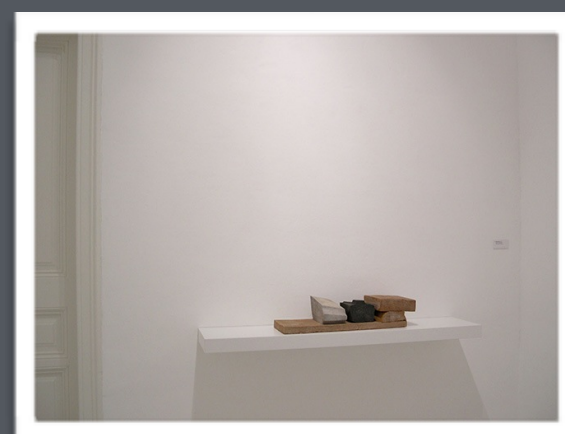
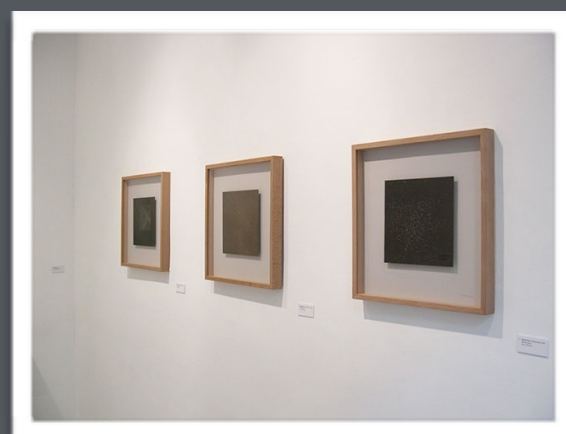
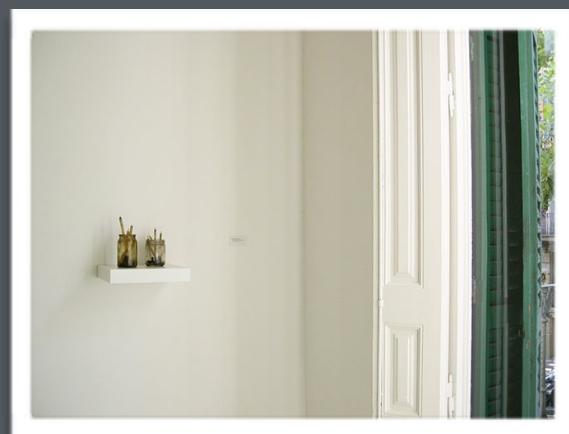
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18 - **Sense títol** (*Untitled*) 2015, 18 foams and pigments on wood, 8 x 44,5 x 70,5 cm (3,15 x 17,52 x 27,75 in)



19 - **Sense títol** (*Untitled*) 1960, iron plate, 41 x 45 cm (16,14 x 17,72 in)



exhibition views
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Joan Furriols, Vic (Barcelona) 1937

Solo exhibitions:

- 2016 *17 obres sense títol*, **el** quadern **robat**, Barcelona
2016 *Constel·lacions*, Casino de Vic, Vic (Barcelona)
2013 *El sentit del buit*, Sala Pere Daura del Museu de Montserrat (Barcelona)
2011 *E la forma és pura acció, e la matèria és pura passió*, Ramon Llull, Galeria Joan Prats-Artgràfic, Barcelona
2009 *El lloc del temps*, Centre d'Art Tecla Sala, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat (Barcelona)
2007 *Pensar amb l'espai*, H. Associació per a les Arts Contemporànies, Llotja del Blat, Col·legi d'Aparelladors, Col·legi d'Arquitectes, Claustre de Sant Domènec, Vic (Barcelona)
2000 *Punt d'exposició*, Benzinera Feixas Aulet, Manlleu (Barcelona)
2001 *Des de les coses*, H. Associació per a les Arts Contemporànies, Vic (Barcelona)
1998 Galeria Pièce Unique, Palafrugell (Girona)
1997 *La franja blanca*, Espai Vau, Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, Barcelona
1996 *Damunt d'aquesta matèria*, Temple Romà, Vic (Barcelona)
1995 Galeria Sadurní, Vic (Barcelona)
1988 *Joan Furriols 1955-1988*, Temple Romà, Vic (Barcelona)

Public works:

- 1996 *Escultura homenatge a l'Assemblea de Catalunya*, Parc Xavier Roca, Vic (Barcelona)

Scenographies:

- 1964 *"Esbós per a tres oratoris"*, Escenificació de textos de Carles Riba, Barcelona i Vic
1965 *"Poemes civils"*, Representació de textos de Joan Brossa, Vic (Barcelona)
1973 *"Aproximació al grau zero"*, de Lluís Solà, Roda de Ter (Barcelona)
1974 *"Progressió"*, de Lluís Solà, Roda de Ter (Barcelona)

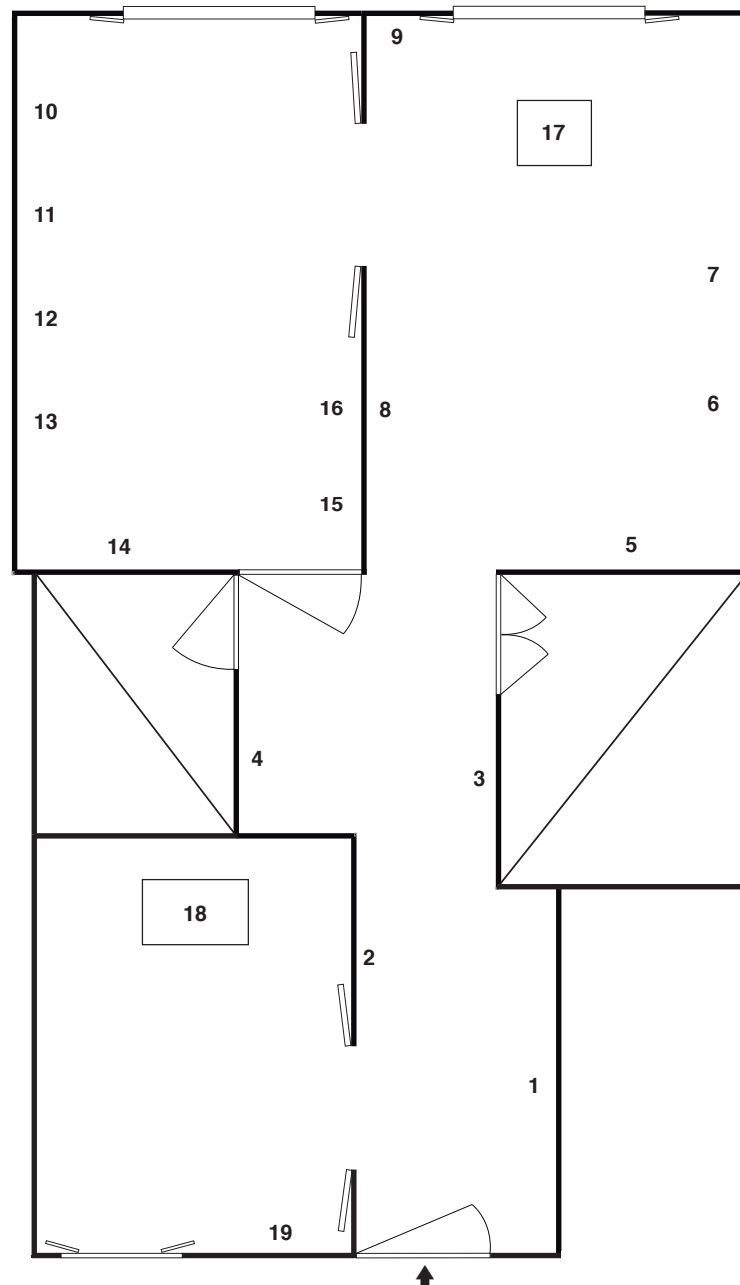
Group exhibitions:

- 2016 *Permeabilitats*, Joan Furriols, Pep Montoya i Jordi Lafon, Museu de l'Art de la Pell, Vic (Barcelona)
2016 *La lliçó de Diògenes*, C. d'Art Tecla Sala, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat (Barcelona)
2015 *Del segon origen. Arts a Catalunya 1950-1977*, Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona
2014 *Un canvi d'aires*, **el** quadern **robat**, Barcelona
2014 *Joan Vilacasas. Viatges siderals*, Museu de Sabadell, Sabadell (Barcelona)
2012 *La muntanya de sal*, Centre d'Art Tecla Sala, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat
2012 *Bestiari*, Galeria A/34, Barcelona
1992 *Tres per tres*, Vic (Barcelona)
1987 *Vuit obres*, Col·legi d'Aparelladors de Vic, Vic (Barcelona)
1986 *Els 8, 1946-1958*, Vic (Barcelona)
1983 *Quatre artistes de Vic*, Vic, Girona, Tortosa, Lleida y Granollers
1981 *Mostra d'Art dels Països Catalans*, Vic y Centelles (Barcelona)
1979 *Homenatge al Dr. Junyent*, Vic (Barcelona)
1957 *VIII Saló dels Vuit*, Vic (Barcelona)
II Saló "Revista", Itinerant
I Saló de Maig, Barcelona
X Saló d'Octubre, Barcelona
1956 *I Fira de Dibuix i Gravat de Vic*, Vic (Barcelona)
IX Saló d'Octubre, Barcelona
VII Saló dels Vuit, Vic y Olot (Barcelona y Girona)
Cercle Maillol, Barcelona
1955 *VIII Saló d'Octubre*, dins la III Biennal Hispanoamericana, Barcelona
VI Saló dels Vuit, Vic (Barcelona)
1954 *Tort, Brugalla, Furriols*, Vic (Barcelona)
1952 Agrupació d'artistes, Vic y Roda de Ter (Barcelona)

Works in collections:

MACBA, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona
Museu de Montserrat (Barcelona)
Fundació Vila Casas, Barcelona
Col·lecció Ernesto Ventós, Barcelona
Fons d'Art de l'Ajuntament de Vic (Barcelona)
Universitat de Vic (Barcelona)
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