## Feminist Art

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## What is Feminist Art?

Feminist art is art that reaches out to women and validates their experiences

#### Precursors



#### Artemisia Gentileschi

Georgia O'Keefe

Frida Kahlo

## Artemisia Gentileschi

- Show women triumphing over powerful men
- Scene of Judith Beheading
- Judith (with maid's help) beheads the general after he has fallen asleep drunk



# Georgia O'Keefe

- Commonly painted enlarged flowers, presumed to represent female anatomy
- Known as "Mother of American Modernism"
- Alfred Stieglitz

   identified her as the
   first female
   American modernist



Oriental Poppies (1928)



Petunia No.2 (1924)





- Left a legacy on feminist artists
- Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is the first museum in the United States dedicated to a female artist



Yellow Calla (1926)



White & Blue Flower Shapes (1919)

Music Pink and Blue II (1918)



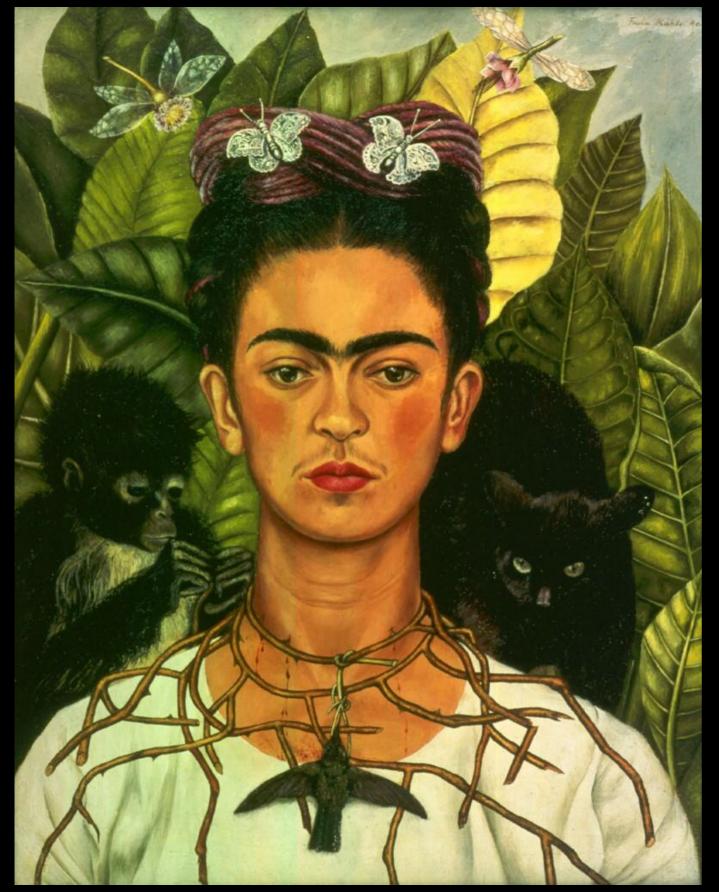
Grey Lines with Black, Blue and Yellow (1923)

### Frida Kahlo

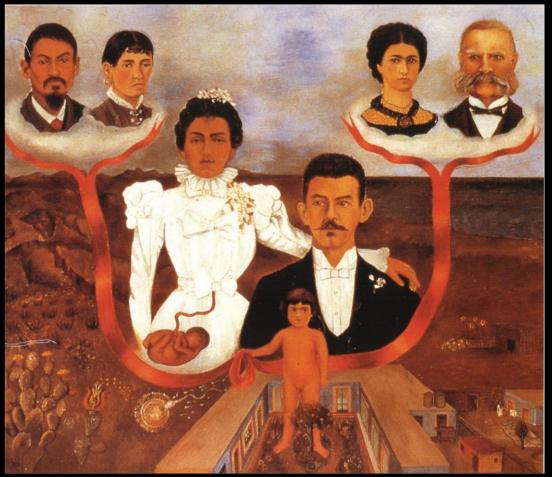
- Self-portraits of her suffering
- Classified as a surrealist painter, although she did not paint from the unconscious, only from her own reality



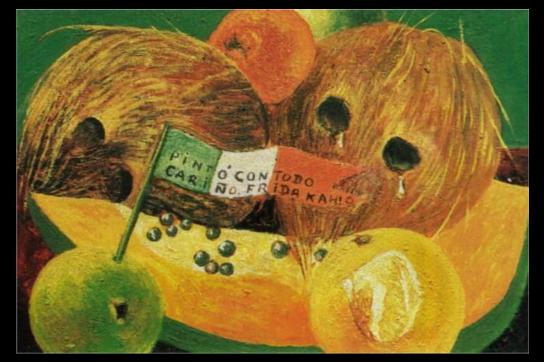
The Two Fridas (Las dos Fridas) (1939)



Self-portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird (1940)

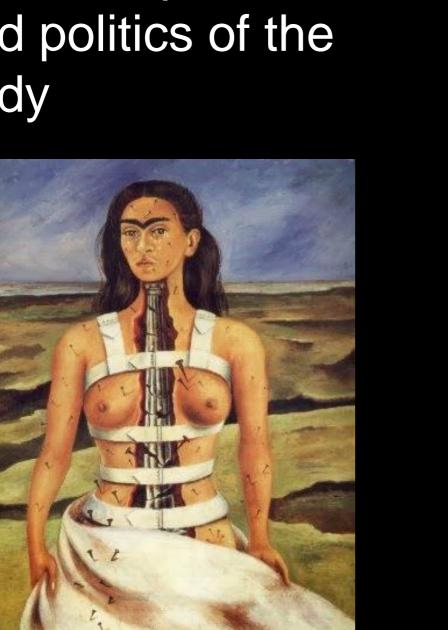


My Grandparents, My Parents, and I (Family Tree) (1936)



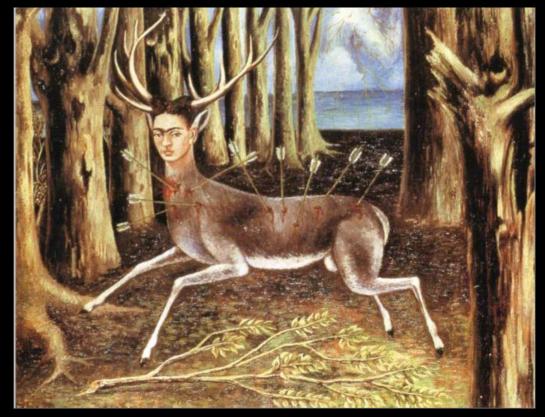
Weeping Coconuts (Cocos gimientes) (1951)

- Frida Kahlo museum
- Lasting impacts on female experience and politics of the body



The Broken Column (1944)





The Wounded Deer (1946)

#### Main Artists







Barbara Kruger

Judy Chicago

#### Cindy Sherman

# Judy Chicago

- Wanted to give women representation in art
- Used wide range of medias and collaborations with other female artists



The Dinner Party (1979)



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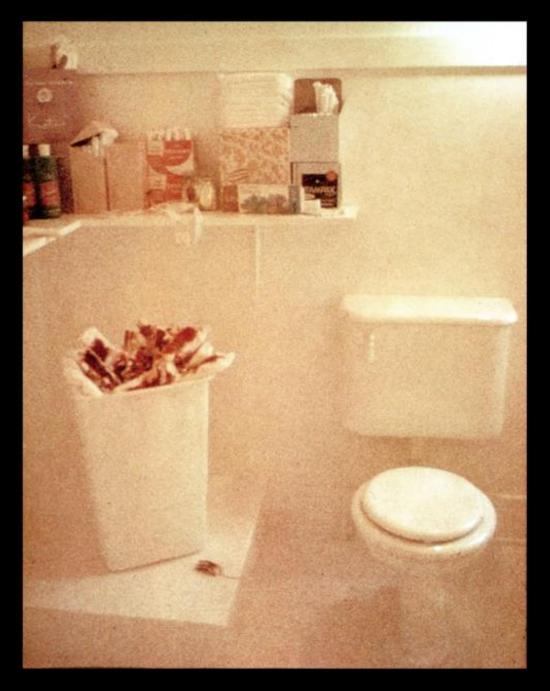


Hatching the Universal Egg (1984)



Driving the World to Destruction (1985)

- Embrace female art forms such as needlework
- Helped found Womanhouse, an art instillation of a woman's house



**Menstruation Bathroom** 

# Barbara Kruger

- Graphic artist and photographer
- Uses magazine photos and bold text to send a message



Untitled (Your Body is a Battleground) (1989)



It's all about me, I mean you, I mean me (2010)

#### Whodoes Side

# think sheist

It's time for women to stop being politely angry.



#### We don't need another hero



of anti-abortion

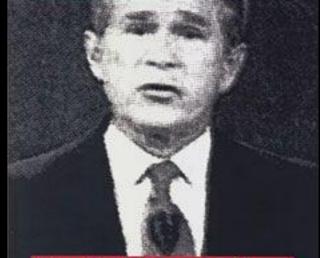
leaders are men.

100%

of them will never

be pregnant.

Pro-life for the unborn



Pro-death for the born



# Cindy Sherman

- Uses photography to explore archetypal females in media
- Photographs herself



Untitled Film Still #21 (1978)

Untitled #92, "Disasters and Fairy Tales" Series (1985)



Untitled Film Still #6 (1977)

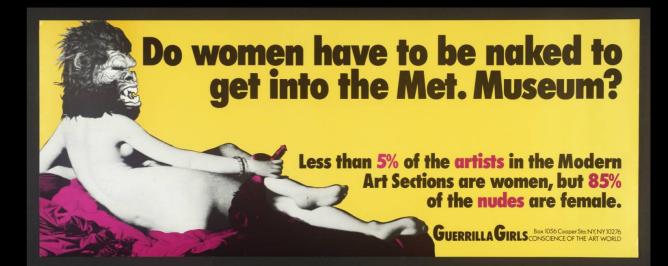
Untitled Film Still #13 (1978)

## Guerrilla Girls

- Anonymous group, fighting sexism and racism is the art world
- Wear gorilla masks to any public events to keep anonymity



**Ingres Original** 

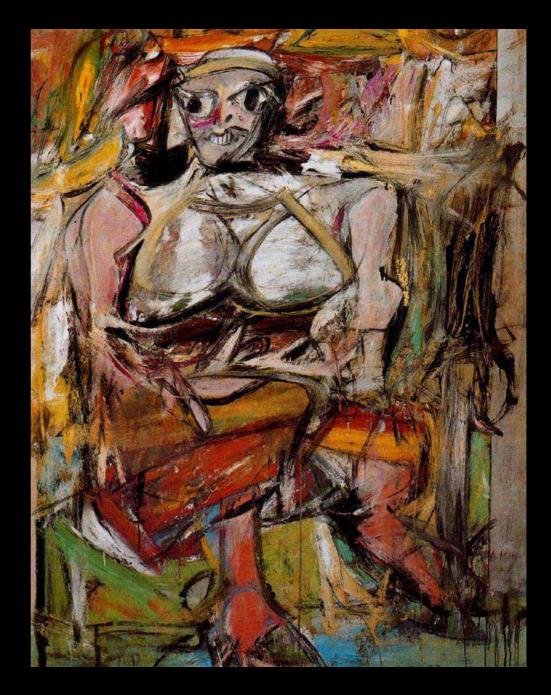


#### Other Artists





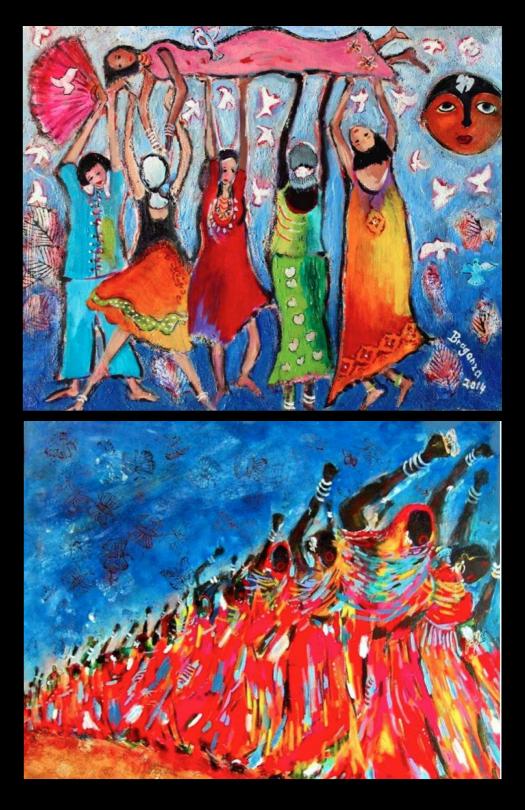
Roy Lichtenstein (Pop Art)



William de Kooning (Abstract Expressionism)

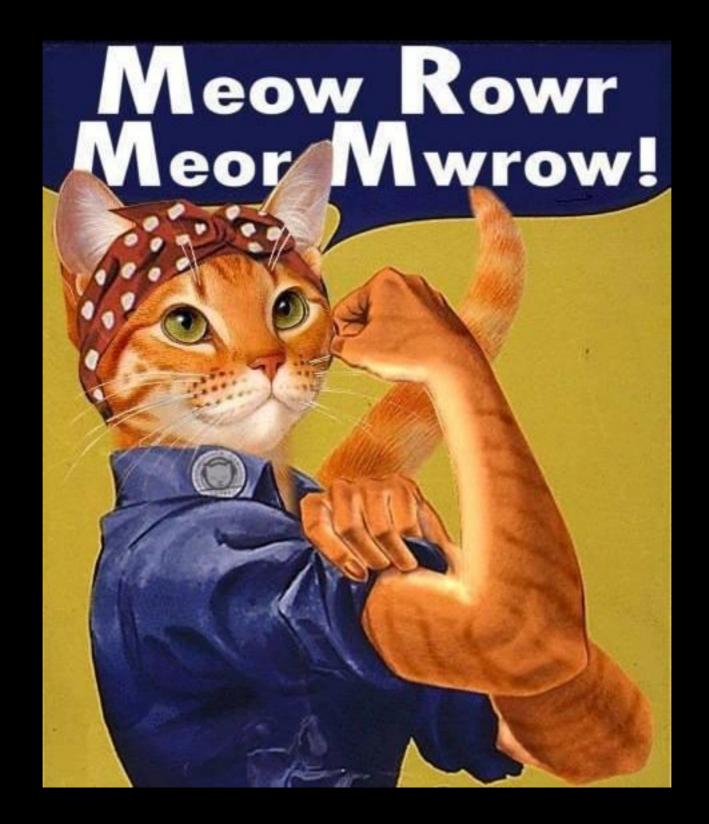
# Cheryl Braganza

- Canadian artist
- Uses work to confront those who think of women as weaker than men
- Wants to open people's hearts to what it means to be human and a woman



### Recap

- Inclusion of women's perspective in art
- Artwork contained imagery that dealt with the female body, personal experience
- Unique because so many perspectives, so many styles can be used
- Arguable whether recognized right away, it is more about the feeling and meaning behind the work



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