

CARLOS ESTÉVEZ

Carlos Estévez is a Cuban artist whose work moves across painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, and installation to explore the psychic, spiritual, and symbolic dimensions of human experience. His imagery—part architecture, part fable, part cosmology—often brings together automata, marionettes, hybrid creatures, celestial diagrams, and invented systems of order to make visible what lies beneath the ordinary surface of things.

Based in Miami since 2004, Estévez has developed a practice that balances meticulous draftsmanship with theatrical spatial thinking, treating art as a site of transformation between mystery and knowledge. Solo exhibitions have been presented by Pan American Art Projects, the Lowe Art Museum, Tucson Museum of Art, the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, and the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art. Recent projects include Lux Arcana at Pan American Art Projects, Miami, and Cities of the Mind at the Lowe Art Museum.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Lux Arcana. Pan American Art Projects, Miami, FL.
- 2021 Palimpsest/Rewritings: Ceramics by Carlos Estévez. Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art. Biloxi, MS
The Flying Dreams. Art Kiosk. Redwood City. CA
Preludes. William Havu Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2020 Beachcomber. LaCa Projects, Charlotte, NC
Palimpsest. Ceramics by Carlos Estévez. Storrs Gallery. College of Arts + Architecture, University of North Carolina Charlotte, NC
- 2019 Cities of the Mind. Lowe Art Museum. University of Miami, FL
Observatorios observables. Artscape Lab, Miami, FL
Carlos Estévez: Entelechy. Works from 1992 to 2018. Tucson Museum of Art, AZ
- 2018 The Secret Life of Cities. Centro Cultural Español Miami, FL
Mundos paralelos. Allegro Galeria. Panama City. Panama
Transeúntes, LaCa Projects, Charlotte, NC
- 2017 Fireworks, Kendall Art Center, Miami, FL
- 2016 Wakefulness, Georgetown Art Center, Georgetown, TX
Homo ludens, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Soulcatcher, LaCa Projects, Charlotte, NC
- 2015 Celestial Traveler, The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami, FL
Plenilunio, Galeria Enlace Arte Contemporaneo, Lima. Peru
Taumaturgia, Havana Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
Reliquary, Panamerican Art Projects, Miami, FL
- 2014 Exodus, Galerie Bourbon-Lally, MANA Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ
- 2013 Préludes, T&T; Art Contemporain, Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe
Cahier Volant, Bibliothèque Schoelcher, Fort-de-France, Martinique
Living Apart Together, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 Memorabilia, Panamerican Art Projects, Miami, FL
Intersticios, Allegro Galería, Ciudad de Panama, Panama
Diluvios íntimos, Lyle O Reitzel Gallery, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 2011 Apophenia, Taylor Bercier Fine Art, New Orleans, LA
Efluvios, Latino Arts Center, Milwaukee, WI
Psychomanteum, JM'Arts Galerie, Paris, France
Lucernarium, Havana Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
Encryted Messages, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 Peregrinaje, Evan Lurie Gallery, Carmel, IN
Multiverso, Lyle O Reitzel Gallery, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Itinerarium Mentis, Luz & Suarez del Villar Galeria, Madrid, Spain
Oblivion, Panamerican Art Projects, Miami, FL
Apocryphus, The Abud Family Foundation for the Arts, Lawrenceville, NJ
Soliloquy, Taylor Bercier Fine Art, New Orleans, LA
- 2009 Interludios, Allegro Galería, Ciudad de Panama, Panama
Images of the Thought, UB Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
Laboratorium, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
The Mystery of Migrations, PanAmerican Art Project, Miami, FL
Estática milagrosa, Gomez Fine Art, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

- Personal crusade, Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA
- 2008** Secret Keepers, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Hermetic Garden, Panamerican Art Projects, Miami, FL
- 2007** New Wave from Cuba, Promo-Arte Gallery, Tokio, Japan
Mirage Habitable, JM'ART Galerie, Paris, France
Anamorfofis, Havana Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
Inner Voices, Sandra and Philip Gordon Gallery, Boston Art Academy, Boston, MA
Speak (Again) Memories, Contemporary Art Center New Orleans, Lupin Foundation Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Labyrinthus, Panamerican Art Projects, Dallas, TX
Two of a Kind, Alva Gallery, New London, CT
- 2006** Observatorium, Alonso Art, Miami, FL
Le voyage immobile, Gomez Fine Art, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2005** Irreversible processes, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Existir en el tiempo, The Olga M. & Carlos Saladrigas Gallery, The Ignatian Center for The Arts of Belen Jesuit, Miami, FL
- 2004** Existential Gravitation, Diana Lowenstein Fine Arts, Miami, FL
Théories et explications, Selam Gallery, Paris, France
Horror Vacui, Salle Edouard Marcel Sandoz et Michel David-Weill, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
Sueños y desvelos, Alva Gallery, New London, CT
- 2003** Botellas al mar, Casa del Lago México, DF
Ciudad Secreta, Exposición Colateral a la 8va. Bienal de La Habana, Casa Benito Juárez, La Habana, Cuba.
La vida y sus implicaciones, Galería Sacramento, Aveiro, Portugal.
Human Transparency, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Viridarium, Cuban Art Space, New York, NY
No Man's Land, Galeria 106, Austin, TX
- 2002** La eternidad cotidiana, Havana Galerie, Zürich, Switzerland
Circo Metafísico, Diana Lowenstein Fine Art, Miami, FL
El alma es un lugar, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Wifredo Lam, La Habana, Cuba
Circo cotidiano, Galería Pequeño Espacio, Consejo Nacional de las Artes Plásticas, La Habana, Cuba
The Dark Theater, ALVA Gallery, New London, CT
Dreamcomber, Bakalar Gallery, Mass College of Art, Boston, MA
- 2001** The Theater of the Soul, Chidlaw Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
The Theater of Life, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Stains of Life (con Claudia Bernardi), Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latinoamericana (MACLA), San José, CA
Drawings and Sculpture, Space of the Center for Cuban Studies, New York, NY
- 2000** Stains of Life (con Claudia Bernardi), Galería Habana, La Habana, Cuba
- 1999** Bestiarium, Galería Couturier, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1998** Lieux Inconnus, Château de la Napoule, Nice, France
Mundo viviente (proyecto dentro de la exhibición colectiva Arte contemporáneo de Cuba; Ironía y sobrevivencia en la Isla utópica), Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ
Teatro invisible, The Nordic Artists' Centre, Dale, Norway
- 1997** Visionario II, Galería Nina Menocal, DF. México

The Heart is a Brigde, Gasworks Gallery, London, England

Visionario, Academia de San Carlos, DF. México

- 1996 Tratado ontológico, Galería Espacio Abierto, Revista Revolución y Cultura, La Habana, Cuba.
1995 El destino es tuyo (con Santiago Rodríguez Olazábal), Galería Latinoamericana, Casa de las Américas, La Habana, Cuba.
Revelaciones gnómicas, Museo Nacional Palacio de Bellas Artes, La Habana, Cuba.
1993 No sé por qué voy a los extremos (con Luis Gómez), Galería Habana, La Habana, Cuba
1992 A través del universo, Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales, La Habana, Cuba
1987 La cantidad hechizada, Casa del Joven Creador, La Habana, Cuba
1984 Pinturas y dibujos, Galería Leopoldo Romañach, La Habana, Cuba

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Crosscurrents. Foosaner Art Museum, FL.
The Gift of Art. Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL.
Architecture of the Immaterial. LaCa Projects, Charlotte, NC.
Visions and Imagination: Cuban-American and Argentinian Art. Binghamton University Art Museum, Binghamton, NY.
- 2018 Connectivity: Selections from the Permanent Collection. Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, Miami, FL.
Brinquedos para Icaro. Museu da Quinta de Santiago, Leça de Palmeira, Portugal.
Outside Cuba. Gericke + Paffrath Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany.
The Color Rides in Coral Gables. Ninoska Huerta Gallery, Coral Gables, FL.
- 2017 On Another Note: The Intersection of Art and Music. Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, CT.
Art x Cuba: Contemporary Perspectives Since 1989. Ludwig Forum Aachen, Aachen, Germany.
Latin America: Endless Transformation. RedLine, Denver, CO.
Build Hope, No Walls. Big Medium Gallery, Austin, TX.
- 2016 Echos Imprévus – Turning Tides. Mémoial ACTe, Guadeloupe.
Obsessions: Memory, Ideology & the Creative Process. Pan American Art Projects, Miami, FL.
Beyond the Pour II: The Creative Process. Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco, CA.
Gestures of Faith in Contemporary Cuban Art. The Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY.
- 2015 Cuban Art from the Collection of Jorge Reynardus. Ringling College Galleries, Sarasota, FL.
Appropriations. Denise Bibro Fine Art, New York, NY.
Objects of Beauty. Pan American Art Projects, Miami, FL.
The Art of War. Pan American Art Projects, Miami, FL.
- 2014 Present Art XV. Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
VIII Bienal Internacional de Estandartes. CECUT, Tijuana, Mexico.
Welcome to the Jungle. Pan American Art Projects, Miami, FL.
Made in Miami. Pan American Art Projects, Miami, FL.
- 2013 BIAC Martinique. Fort-de-France, Martinique.
Pintando a Borges. UB Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY.
I Bienal del Sur en Panamá. Panama City, Panama.
Works on Paper. Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center, Miami, FL.
- 2012 Of Cuban Invention. AIB Gallery at University Hall, Lesley University, Boston, MA.
Pintando a Borges. Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.
Raw. Home Space, New Orleans, LA.
Ajiaco: Stirrings of the Cuban Soul. Newark Museum, Newark, NJ.

- 2011 Unrooted/Transmigrations. Pan American Art Projects, Miami, FL.
 Ajiaco: Stirrings of the Cuban Soul. Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, Lafayette, LA.
 Cuban Visions. Metropolitan Pavilion, New York, NY.
 Cuban Artists' Books and Prints: 1985–2008. Grolier Club, New York, NY.
- 2010 Cuban Artists' Books and Prints: 1985–2008. Walsh Gallery, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.
 Ajiaco: Stirrings of the Cuban Soul. Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, Lafayette, LA.
 Cuba Avant-Garde: Contemporary Cuban Art from the Farber Collection. Lowe Art Museum, Miami, FL.
 Pintando a Borges. Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2009 Contemporary Cuban Art in New York. Dactyl Foundation, New York, NY.
 What Is Cuban Art? Oglethorpe University Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA.
 Cuban Artists' Books and Prints: 1985–2008. Wake Forest University and Fleming Museum circuit.
 A New Revolution: The Art of Cuba. Artspace, TX.
- 2008 Andamiajes. Allegro Galería, Panama.
 Gracias a la vida. Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
 Spirits of LA. Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
 13th Annual Los Angeles Art Show. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2007 Reviving Cuba. Alva Gallery, New London, CT.
 Historias. Beatrice M. Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas, Irving, TX.
 Cuba Avant-Garde: Contemporary Cuban Art from the Farber Collection. Harn Museum of Art and Ringling Museum, Florida.
 Layers. Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY.
- 2006 Cuban Art & Culture. Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, CA.
 In Transition. Latinis Foundation, Limassol, Cyprus.
 Arte de Cuba. Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, São Paulo / Rio de Janeiro / Brasília, Brazil.
 Habana 1990's. Alonso Art, Miami, FL.
- 2005 Being Good: Women's Moral Values in the New Millennium. Alva Gallery, New London, CT.
 Cuba from the Inside Looking Out. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.
 7 artistas cubanos. Galería Sacramento, Aveiro, Portugal.
 6th Art International Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2004 31 Artistas Cubanos Contemporáneos en Chile. Galería BordeRío, Santiago, Chile.
 Contemporary Cuban Art and the Art of Survival. San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.
 Inside/Outside: Contemporary Cuban Art. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
 Invadiendo territorios: Arte Cubano Contemporáneo. Museo Bellas Artes Gravina, Alicante, Spain.
- 2003 Arte de Cuba, Colección Ludwig. Museo Estatal Ruso, St. Petersburg, Russia.
 Diversities: Six Artists from Cuba. El Camino College Art Gallery, Torrance, CA.
 From a Black Hole: Cuba. Son Space, Girona, Spain.
 Arte cubano contemporáneo. Muestra colateral a la Bienal de São Paulo. Memorial América Latina, São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2001 Contexto: Arte reciente de Cuba en la Colección Permanente. Museo del Bronx, New York, NY.
 Cuba: Isla infinita. Arte contemporáneo. Museo de Arte Costarricense, San José, Costa Rica.
 Arte cubano: entre el lienzo y el papel. UNESCO, Paris, France.
 Feria de ARCO 2001. Madrid, Spain.
- 2000 7ma. Bienal de La Habana: Uno más cerca del otro. Fortaleza de la Cabaña, Havana, Cuba.
 Contemporary Art from Cuba. The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University, Boston, MA.
 International Young Art 2000. Sotheby's, Tel Aviv / Chicago / Vienna.
 Bienal de Estandartes IV Salón. Centro Cultural de Tijuana, Mexico.

- 1999 Arte Cubano, más allá del papel. Centro Cultural Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain.
Sobre papel. Galería Nina Menocal, Mexico City, Mexico.
Ajíaco. Galería La Acacia, Havana, Cuba.
Cuba la isla futura: Plástica Joven. Gijón, Spain.
- 1998 II Salón de Arte Cubano Contemporáneo. Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales, Havana, Cuba.
VI Bienal Internacional de Pintura de Cuenca. Cuenca, Ecuador.
Cuba. Drammens Museum, Drammen, Norway.
Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island. Arizona State University Art Museum and U.S. touring venues.
- 1997 VI Bienal de La Habana: Recintos Interiores. Fortaleza San Carlos de la Cabaña, Havana, Cuba.
Arte cubano actual. Gijón, Spain.
El arte que no cesa. Centro Wifredo Lam, Havana, Cuba.
First Public Exhibition of The Cuban Art. Center for Cuban Studies, New York, NY.
- 1996 Plástica Cubana Actual. Embassy of Cuba in Beijing, China.
Ni fresa ni chocolate. Convento de Santa Clara (CENCREM), Havana, Cuba.
Mundo soñado. Casa de América, Madrid, Spain.
Fotocentro. Unión de Periodistas de Rusia, Moscow, Russia.
- 1995 Segunda Bienal Barro de América.
Salón de Pintura Cubana Contemporánea Juan Francisco Elso. Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.
La Jeune Peinture Cubaine. Fort-de-France, Martinique.
Iluminación. Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales, Havana, Cuba.
- 1994 Utopía. Galería Espada, Havana, Cuba.
V Bienal de La Habana: Datos de Medianoche. Havana, Cuba.
Salón de la Ciudad 1994. Havana, Cuba.
Cómprame y cuélgame. Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales, Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 Nacido en Cuba. Traveling exhibition in Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela.
- 1989 III Bienal de La Habana, collateral exhibition of the Instituto Superior de Arte, Havana, Cuba.
Festival de la creación. Instituto Superior de Arte, Havana, Cuba.

AWARDS / GRANTS / RESIDENCIES

- 2021 The Ellies Creator Award.
Artist-in-residence, Residency Unlimited. New York, NY.
- 2019 Cintas Fellowship in Visual Arts.
Artist-in-residence, Siena Art Institute, Italy.
- 2016 Naomi Prize and Artist-in-residence, Brownstone Foundation. Paris, France.
Artist-in-residence, McColl Center for Art + Innovation. Charlotte, NC.
- 2015 Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant, New York, NY.
- 2013 Artist-in-residence, BIAC Martinique. Fort-de-France, Martinique.
- 2009 Félix González-Torres Community Art Project Visiting Artist, Florida International University, Miami, FL.
- 2007 Artist-in-residence, Boston Art Academy, MA.
- 2005 Master Prints Series, Visiting Artist, Mass College of Arts, Boston, MA.
Artist-in-residence, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
2003-2004 Artist-in-residence, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France.
- 2003 Artist-in-residence, Sacatar Foundation, Isla Itaparica, Salvador de Bahía, Brazil.

- 2002 Artist-in-residence, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA.
2001 Artist-in-residence, TALLIX FOUNDRY, Beacon, NY.
2000 Artist-in-residence, Nordic Artists' Centre, Dale, Norway.
1998 Artist-in-residence, OMI International Arts Center, Ghent, NY.
Artist-in-residence, UNESCO-ASCHBERG Nordic Artists' Centre, Dale, Norway.
Mención de Estimulo, VI Bienal Internacional de Pintura de Cuenca, Cuenca, Ecuador.
1997 Artist-in-residence. Gasworks Studios, London, United Kingdom.
Artist-in-residence. Academia de San Carlos (UNAM), DF. México.
1995 Gran Premio Primer Salón de Arte Cubano Contemporáneo, Havana, Cuba.
Premio de la Revista Revolución y Cultura al Primer Salón de Arte Cubano Contemporáneo, Havana, Cuba.
1994 Gran Premio Salón de la Ciudad, Havana, Cuba.
Premio del Consejo Nacional de las Artes Plásticas al Salón de la Ciudad, Havana, Cuba.

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- National Museum of Fine Arts, Havana, Cuba.
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, USA.
- Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL, USA.
- Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ, USA.
- Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, USA.
- Mint Museum Uptown, Charlotte, NC, USA.
- Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, USA.
- The Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York, NY, USA.
- Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ, USA.
- Lowe Art Museum, Miami, FL, USA.
- Drammens Museum for Kunst og Kulturhistorie, Drammen, Norway.
- The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, Miami, FL, USA.
- MOLAA, Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, CA, USA.
- BNY Mellon Art Collection, New York, NY, USA.
- Bacardi Art Foundation, Miami, FL, USA.
- NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA.
- La Napoule Art Foundation, Mandelieu-La Napoule, France.
- Academia de San Carlos, Mexico City, Mexico.
- The Ludwig Forum for International Art, Aachen, Germany.
- Casa de las Américas, Havana, Cuba.
- Center for Cuban Studies, New York, NY, USA.
- Fundação Arte Viva, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Fundación María Zambrano, Vélez-Málaga, Spain.
- Art OMI, Ghent, NY, USA.
- Shelley and Donald Rubin Collection, New York, NY, USA.
- The Farber Collection, New York, NY, USA.
- Brownstone Foundation, Paris, France.
- Binghamton University Art Museum, Binghamton, NY, USA.