

# ROBERTO FABELO

Roberto Fabelo is a Cuban painter, draftsman, engraver, illustrator and sculptor whose practice joins technical virtuosity with a symbolic and often grotesque imaginary. Across paintings, works on paper, sculptures, assemblages and installations, he develops a visual universe of hybrid bodies, winged women, animal-human figures, insects, vessels and fantastical beings that move between reality, dream, myth and fable.

Formed at the Escuela Nacional de Arte and the Instituto Superior de Arte in Havana, Fabelo emerged as one of the central figures of late twentieth-century Cuban art. His work ranges from intimate drawings and altered books to monumental public sculpture and installation. He has exhibited internationally, including at the Havana Biennial, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Museum of Latin American Art, The Kennedy Center, Instituto Cervantes, and Perez Art Museum Miami.

Fabelo has received major distinctions including Cuba's National Visual Arts Award, the Armando Reveron International Drawing Prize at the Havana Biennial, the UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Fine Arts, and the Medal of National Culture. His work is held in major public and private collections in Cuba, the United States, Europe and Latin America.

## EDUCATION

- 1981 Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), Havana, Cuba.  
1972 Escuela Nacional de Arte (ENA), Havana, Cuba.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Fabelo. Grafomania. Instituto Cervantes, Madrid, Spain.  
2023 Goya y Fabelo. Centro Cultural Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain.  
Sobrevivientes. The Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., USA; Casa de America, Madrid, Spain; Fundacion Ibercaja, Zaragoza, Spain.  
2018 Persistence. Artes de Cuba Festival, The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C., USA.  
2017 Persistence. Palazzo della Cancelleria, Rome, Italy.  
2015 Persistencia. Galeria Artis 718, Havana, Cuba.  
2014 Fabelo - New Work. Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, USA.  
Fabelo's Anatomy. Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, USA.  
Antonia en mi memoria. Casa Museo Antonia Eiriz, Havana, Cuba.  
2012 No somos animales. Galeria Habana, Havana, Cuba.  
Obsessions. Botzow Berlin, Atelierhaus, Berlin, Germany.  
2009 Survivor. Installation, 10th Havana Biennial, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.  
2006 Worlds. Sculptures, 9th Havana Biennial, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.  
2005 Mundos. Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.  
2003 Un poco de mi. Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.  
2000 Roberto Fabelo. Galerie Charlotte Moser, Geneva, Switzerland.  
1998 Roberto Fabelo, obra reciente. IX Feria de Arte Santander, Santander, Spain.  
1997 Trabajos en proceso. Galeria La Acacia, Havana, Cuba.  
1993 Fabelo. Galeria Torres, Bilbao, Spain; Galeria Xeito, Madrid, Spain.  
1988 Fragmentos vitales. Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.  
1987 Fragmentos vitales. Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico.  
1986 II Bienal de La Habana. Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.  
1985 Muestrario. Museo Universitario del Chopo, Mexico City, Mexico.  
1982 Galeria Latina, Stockholm, Sweden.  
1979 Escuela de Arte de San Alejandro, Havana, Cuba.

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Artes de Cuba: From the Island to the World. The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C., USA.
- 2017 On the Horizon: Contemporary Cuban Art from the Jorge M. Perez Collection. Perez Art Museum Miami, Miami, USA.
- 2016 De que van van. Galeria Los Oficios, Havana, Cuba.  
Plus. Galeria Origenes, Gran Teatro de La Habana, Havana, Cuba.  
Art Madrid, Madrid, Spain; Art Wynwood, Miami, USA.
- 2015 Nuevos Colores. Robert Miller Gallery, New York, USA.  
Zona Franca. Collateral exhibition to the 12th Havana Biennial, La Cabana Fortress, Havana, Cuba.  
Detras del muro 2. Collateral exhibition to the 12th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba.  
Pinta Miami, Art Miami, Expo Chicago, Dallas Art Fair, and Art Miami New York.
- 2014 One Race. The Studios of Key West, Key West, USA.  
Rodando se encuentran. Contemporary Cuban Art from the National Council of Visual Arts Collection, traveling to Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center, Fujian Art Museum, Changshu Art Museum, and SZ Art Center, China.
- 2010 Portugal Arte Biennial, Lisbon, Portugal.  
En otra dimension. Galeria Habana, Havana, Cuba.
- 2009 HB Contemporary Cuban Art. 10th Havana Biennial, PABEXPO, Havana, Cuba.
- 2006 Novena Bienal de La Habana: Manual de Instrucciones. CENCREM, Havana, Cuba.
- 2005 ARCO. Madrid, Spain.  
9 pintores contemporaneos cubanos. Sala Antonio I, Monte Carlo, Monaco.
- 2004 Art Toronto. Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto, Canada.  
Cuban Contemporary Prints and Paintings: Color and Symbolism. City Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2001 Art Paris. Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France.  
ARTEBA. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 1999 Mas alla del papel. Centro Cultural Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain.
- 1998 Arte contemporaneo de Cuba, en el centenario de la inmigracion de Japon. Traveling exhibition, Japan.
- 1997 VI Bienal de La Habana. Havana, Cuba.
- 1996 I Bienal Iberoamericana de Acuarela. Vina del Mar, Chile.
- 1993 XI Bienal Internacional de Dibujo. Cleveland, United Kingdom.
- 1989 III Bienal de La Habana. Havana, Cuba.
- 1984 I Bienal de La Habana. Museo Nacional, Palacio de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.  
Cuatrienal Intergrafik 84. Berlin, Germany; IX Exposicion Internacional de Dibujo, Rijeka, Yugoslavia.
- 1980 Diez jovenes artistas cubanos de hoy. Westbeth Gallery, New York, USA.

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- 1978 III Trienal de La India. Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India.
- 1975 Panorama del arte cubano de la colonia a nuestros dias. Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico.

## AWARDS

- 2004 National Visual Arts Award, Cuban Ministry of Culture, Havana, Cuba.
- 1996 First Prize, I Ibero-American Watercolor Biennial, Vina del Mar, Chile.  
UNESCO Prize for the Promotion of the Fine Arts, Paris, France.
- 1993 First Prize, XI International Drawing Biennial, Cleveland, United Kingdom.
- 1984 Armando Reveron International Drawing Prize, I Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba.  
Prize at the IX Drawing Exhibition, Rijeka, Yugoslavia.  
Prize in Drawing, Intergrafik 84, Berlin, Germany.
- 1980 First Prize in Drawing, Salon Nacional de Artes Plasticas de la UNEAC, Havana, Cuba.
- 1979 National Drawing Prize Aristides Fernandez, Havana, Cuba.
- 1978 Acquisition Prize, Third Contemporary Art Triennial, New Delhi, India.
- n.d. Medal of National Culture, Cuba.  
Alejo Carpentier Medal, Cuba.

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.
- Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), Miami, USA.
- Jorge M. Perez Collection, Miami, USA.
- Centro de Arte Contemporaneo Wifredo Lam, Havana, Cuba.
- Casa de las Americas, Havana, Cuba.
- Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Museo Universitario del Chopo, Mexico City, Mexico.
- National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India.
- Nordjyllands Kunstmuseum, Aalborg, Denmark.
- Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence, Italy.
- The United Nations, New York, USA.
- Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico.