

ADONIS FLORES

Adonis Flores Betancourt is a Cuban multidisciplinary artist born in Sancti Spíritus in 1971. Trained as an architect before developing a mature practice across photography, video, installation, sculpture, performance, and public intervention, Flores has built one of the most recognizable bodies of work in contemporary Cuban art around the symbolic grammar of the military apparatus.

His central series, *Camuflajes*, uses camouflage, uniform, gesture, and self-representation to transform the soldier into an unstable figure: comic and threatening, disciplined and absurd, heroic and vulnerable. Rooted in the artist's own military formation and his experience as a soldier in Angola in 1989, the work turns autobiography into a broader meditation on violence, fear, obedience, public power, and the social masks through which individuals survive systems of control.

Across public actions, staged photographs, objects, and installations, Flores repeatedly disarms martial imagery through parody and material inversion. Toilet paper, boots, flags, camouflage, body doubles, and makeshift monuments become instruments of critique. This career CV follows the artist's exhibition chronology and selected biennials, awards, collections, and publications.

Born in Sancti Spíritus, Cuba, 1971.

Lives and works in Havana, Cuba.

Education: Architecture, Universidad Central de Las Villas, Cuba, 1992-1997.

Practice: photography, video, installation, sculpture, performance, and public intervention.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 Perro de Caza, Galería La Cometa, Bogotá, Colombia
Malos Pasos, Galería Habana, Havana, Cuba
- 2011 Body Memories, with Cirenaica Moreira, Chashama Gallery, New York, USA; later presented in New Jersey, USA
- 2010 Memorial, Galería Habana, Havana, Cuba
- 2009 Deeper Touch, Havana, Cuba
- 2008 Camuflajes, Pierre-François Ouellette art contemporain, in collaboration with Galería Habana, Montreal, Canada
- 2007 Carne de Cañón (Cannon Fodder), Galería Habana, Havana, Cuba
Camuflajes, Galería Myto, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2006 Oidor, Visionario, The Art of the Spring, Ornamental, performances, Sideshow, Nottingham, UK
- 2004 Visionario, performance, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba; Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area - CAFKA, Kitchener, Canada
The Art of the Spring, performance, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba; Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area - CAFKA, Kitchener, Canada
- 2003 Espíritu (al servicio de todos) / Spirit (at everyone's service), public intervention for the Department of Public Interventions, 8th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
- 2001 Exhibition 1-1-1, Casa del Joven Creador, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1997 Coartadas (Alibis), Casa del Joven Creador, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1995 Adonis y su-b-conciencia, Higher Pedagogical Institute, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** 10 Volumes: Fragments of a Shared Landscape, Kunsthall 3,14, Bergen, Norway
The Street Where We All Live, 15th Havana Biennial, Palacio del Conde de Lombillo, Havana, Cuba
- 2024** L'altre Cara de la Lluna, Imaginart Gallery / Lumínic Festival, Barcelona, Spain
Hey, Habana...?!, Claxon Hotel Boutique, Havana, Cuba
- 2019** Líneas (Dis) Continuas, Galería Habana, Havana, Cuba
- 2018** OLA CUBA, Gare Saint Sauveur, Lille, France
Divertissement, Galería de Arte Collage Habana, Havana, Cuba
- 2017** Cuba and The Bahamas. Contemporary Art from the Caribbean, HALLE 14, Leipzig, Germany
Art x Cuba - Contemporary Perspectives since 1989, Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Aachen, Germany
- 2016** Chaotica, Galerie Ernst Hilger, Vienna, Austria
- 2015** Cuba Libre!: Works from the Shelley and Donald Rubin Private Collection, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, New York, USA
- 2014** Intersections: Latin American and Southeast Asian Contemporary Art, Gajah Gallery, Singapore
Playing with Fire: Political Interventions, Dissident Acts, and Mischievous Actions, El Museo del Barrio, New York, USA
RIAP - Rencontre internationale d'art performance, Quebec, Canada
VIDEOPLAY (2004-2014), MACA - Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Argentino, Junín, Buenos Aires, Argentina
De lo sublime a lo ridículo, Fábrica de Arte Cubano, Havana, Cuba
- 2013** Detrás del Muro, The 8th Floor / Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation, New York, USA
Cuban Forever, Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, Ohio, USA
ArtBo, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2012** Almacenes Afuera, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba
Regards Croisés, Musée des Tapisseries, Aix-en-Provence, France
Detrás del Muro, 11th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
Escapando con el paisaje, Centro Provincial de Artes Plásticas y Diseño, Havana, Cuba
Travesías, Galería Raúl Oliva; Flyers, La Cabaña, collateral projects to the Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba

- 2011** VI Bienal Ventosul, Curitiba, Brazil
 Cuban Visions, Metropolitan Pavilion, New York, USA
 Action-Actual, El Museo del Barrio, New York, USA
 Shifting World: New York Debut of Cuban Artists, Magnan Metz Gallery, New York, USA
 Imagecity: Selections from Video Cubano, Yerba Buena Center, San Francisco, USA
- 2010** Cuba Avant-Garde, Xin Dong Chen Space for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
 Video Cubano, The 8th Floor / Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation, New York, USA
 STRESSISIMO, Galería Habana, Havana, Cuba
 EJECT, Third International Festival of Video-Performance, Ex Teresa Arte Actual, Mexico City, Mexico
 Serendipity, Portugal Arte 10, Portugal
 Polaridad Complementaria: Recent Works from Cuba, Newcomb Art Gallery, Tulane University; New Orleans Museum of Art; Sonoma County Museum of Art; Chicago Cultural Center, USA
 Confluences II: Inside Cuban Contemporary Art, National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, USA
- 2009** Camuflajes, La Casa Encendida, Madrid, Spain; Espacio para el Arte Caja Madrid, Zaragoza, Spain
 VIVA! Art Action, Performance Art Festival, Montreal, Canada
- 2008** Fotografía 6, International Festival of Photography, Bogotá, Colombia
 Estados de Intercambio, INIVA - Institute of International Visual Arts, London, UK
 V Salón de Arte Cubano Contemporáneo, Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales, Havana, Cuba
 SCOPE London, London, UK
 Arboleda. El cuerpo es cuerpos, Festival Internacional de Arte Contemporáneo de León, Guanajuato, Mexico
 Glocalizados. Artes Visuales de Cuba, Festival Internacional de Cultura de Boyacá, Colombia
- 2007** European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany
 Show Off Fair, with Galería Habana, Paris, France
 Palm Beach Fair, with Galería Habana, Palm Beach, USA
 México Arte Contemporáneo - MACO, with Galería Myto, Mexico City, Mexico
 El héroe (remake in Cuba), Salle Zéro, Alliance Française, Havana, Cuba
 Moving Fast, Cuban video art show, European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück, Germany
- 2006** Sideshow Festival, in parallel with the British Art Show, Nottingham, UK
 Art Forum, with Galería Habana, Berlin, Germany
 México Arte Contemporáneo - MACO, with Galería Myto, Mexico City, Mexico
 Asalto al cielo, exhibition of video art, Barcelona, Spain
- 2005** Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area - CAFKA, Kitchener, Canada
 XXIII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba

- 2004** XXII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area - CAFKA, Kitchener, Canada
 Territorial Exhibition of the Provincial Arts Council, UNEAC, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 New Routes of the Cuban Art, National Gallery, Malaysia
 New Yo, Arts and Design Provincial Center, Havana, Cuba
 X Prize Winners National Salon, Center for the Development of the Visual Arts, Havana, Cuba
- 2003** Action Experience: 30 days, Department of Public Interventions, 8th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
 Closed Circuit, collateral to the 8th Havana Biennial, National Library, Havana, Cuba
 Fayad Jamís Small Format National Salon, collateral to the 8th Havana Biennial, Galería L, Havana, Cuba
 XXI Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 IX Prize Winners National Salon, Center for the Development of the Visual Arts, Havana, Cuba
- 2002** II Art and Architecture National Symposium, Maqueta de La Habana, Havana, Cuba
 XX Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 Fayad Jamís Small Format National Salon, Galería L, Havana, Cuba
 VIII Prize Winners National Salon, Center for the Development of the Visual Arts, Havana, Cuba
- 2001** XIX Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 Exposición útil, curated by Elvia Rosa Castro, Burgui, 23 y H, Havana, Cuba
 ElbArt Contemporary Art Fair, Hamburg, Germany
 Fayad Jamís Small Format Salon, cultural exchange between Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and Universidad de La Habana, Mexico
 VII Prize Winners National Salon, Center for the Development of the Visual Arts, Havana, Cuba
 XII Bienal Internacional del Humor, San Antonio de los Baños, Havana, Cuba
- 2000** Fayad Jamís Small Format National Salon, collateral to the 7th Havana Biennial, Galería L, Havana, Cuba
 XVIII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 Small Format National Salon, Romerías de Mayo, Holguín, Cuba
 Short Stories National Salon, Center for the Development of the Visual Arts, Havana, Cuba
- 1999** Los Colores de un Siglo, retrospective of art from Sancti Spíritus, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 XVII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
 Fayad Jamís Small Format National Salon, Galería L, Havana, Cuba
 Consagración de la resistencia, Artists from Sancti Spíritus collective exhibition, Provincial Center of Plastic Arts and Design, Havana, Cuba
 Small Format National Salon, Romerías de Mayo, Holguín, Cuba
 I Muestra Nacional de Artistas de la AHS, Matanzas, Cuba
 XI Bienal Internacional del Humor, San Antonio de los Baños, Havana, Cuba

- 1998** Fayad Jamís Small Format National Salon, Galería L, Havana, Cuba
Artists from Sancti Spíritus Collective Exhibition, Arci Nuova / UNEAC / Ministry of Culture, Novellara, Italy
Students Salon, FEU National Festival, Holguín, Cuba
13 de marzo National Salon, Galería L, Havana, Cuba
Somos lo que hay, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1997** Grabado 97 National Salon, Center for the Development of the Visual Arts, Havana, Cuba
XVI Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
Plastic Arts Provincial Salon, Santa Clara, Villa Clara, Cuba
Small Format Territorial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1996** Salón Territorial Interuniversitario, Villa Clara, Cuba
XV Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1995** Students Salon, Universidad Central de Las Villas, Villa Clara, Cuba
XIV Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1994** XIII and XII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1992** Seis Ases de un Tiro, Casa del Joven Creador, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1990** Collective Exhibition, Huambo, Republic of Angola
- 1989** VIII and VII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Provincial Art Center, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba

SELECTED BIENNIALS

- 2025 The Street Where We All Live, 15th Havana Biennial, Palacio del Conde de Lombillo, Havana, Cuba
- 2012 Detrás del Muro, 11th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
Fe, public installation along the Malecón, 11th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
Escapando con el paisaje, collateral project to the 11th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
- 2011 VI Bienal Ventosul, Curitiba, Brazil
- 2003 Espíritu (al servicio de todos), public intervention for the Department of Public Interventions, 8th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
Action Experience: 30 days, Department of Public Interventions, 8th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
Closed Circuit, collateral to the 8th Havana Biennial, National Library, Havana, Cuba

AWARDS

- 2013 Premio Noemí and residency, Gilbert Brownstone Foundation, Paris, France
- 2010 Curatorship Award for the solo exhibition Memorial, Havana, Cuba
- 2007 Curatorship Mention for the solo exhibition Carne de Cañón, Havana, Cuba
- 2006 Batiscafo residency, sponsored by Gasworks and Triangle Arts Trust, Havana, Cuba
Prize in the XXIV Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 2005 Prize in the XXIII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 2004 UNEAC Prize, XXII Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
Prize of the Provincial Arts Council Territorial Exhibition, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 2003 Prize in the XXI Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
Prize of the Taller Experimental de Gráfica de La Habana in the Prize Winners National Salon, Havana, Cuba
Third Prize, III Landscapes Territorial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 2002 Provincial Prize for Plastic Arts, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
Second Prize and Prize of the Provincial Direction of Culture in the XX Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
Prize of Arte Cubano Editorial in the Prize Winners National Salon, Havana, Cuba
Juan Francisco Elso National Creation Grant, Hermanos Saíz Association, Havana, Cuba
Second Prize, II Landscapes Territorial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 2001 Second Prize, Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 2000 Prize of the Oscar Fernández-Morera Provincial Salon and AHS Prize, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1999 Third Prize, Small Format Territorial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1998 First Prizes in Drawing and Print, FEU National Festival, Holguín, Cuba
Third Prize, Small Format Territorial Salon, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba
- 1997 Prize for Drawing, I Salon of the City, Sancti Spíritus, Cuba

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana, Cuba.
- Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Wifredo Lam, Havana, Cuba.
- Consejo Nacional de las Artes Plásticas, Havana, Cuba.
- Arte de Nuestra América, Casa de Las Américas, Havana, Cuba.
- Fundación Gilbert Brownstone, Paris, France.
- Fonds National d'Art Contemporain - FNAC, France.
- Fundación / Colección Jumex, Mexico.
- Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada.
- Shelley and Donald Rubin Collection, USA.
- Cuban Artists Fund, USA.
- Howard Farber Collection, USA.
- Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, Ohio, USA.
- Xin Dong Cheng Collection, Beijing, China.
- Anette Bollag-Rothschild Collection, Switzerland.
- Galila Barzilai Collection, Brussels, Belgium.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Adonis Flores. Exhibition catalogue for Carne de Cañón, Galería Habana, Havana, 2007.
- Ortega, Píter. "Adonis Flores / Galería Habana," Art Nexus, No. 68, 2008, pp. 123-124.
- Llevat, Mabel. "Adonis Flores, entre archétype et hérésie / Adonis Flores: Between Archetype and Heresy," ESSE, No. 62, Fear II, Montreal, January 2008, pp. 40-47.
- Aldarondo, Cecilia. "Adonis Flores. Galería Habana," Art Papers, November-December 2007, pp. 64-65.
- Yero, Luis. "Carne de Cañón (Cannon Fodder), a thoughtful parody," CUBANOW.net, The Digital Magazine of Cuban Arts and Culture, October 8, 2007.
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- Gago, Beatriz. "¿Seguimos en la lucha? Un acercamiento al término desde las artes visuales," Réplica 21, June 2007.
- Antón Castillo, Héctor. "Adonis Flores. Farce de guerre au coeur de la chose publique," Parachute, No. 125, Montreal, 2007, pp. 136-143.
- Antón Castillo, Héctor. "El arte como arma de limpieza," Criticarte, July 2006.
- "Camouflages, Adonis Flores Betancourt, Sideshow," Show time!, England, May 4, 2006.
- Arte Cubano Magazine, Plastic Arts National Council, Havana, No. 2, 2005.
- Canadian Art Magazine, Vol. 21, No. 3, Canada, Fall 2004.
- The Record, Section B, Local, Ontario, Canada, September 25, 2004.
- Gopnik, Blake. "In Havana, an air of possibility," The Washington Post, November 16, 2003.