

**ISMAEL RIVERA**Bogotá, Colombia, 1956

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**QUESTIONING OUR ACTS**

Although Ismael Rivera seeks to avoid the effects that different forces involved in the exercise of power exert over our conduct, he finds it more difficult to ignore their consequences. It is thus inevitable to find these circumstances reflected in his work.

Rivera grasps that it is not the function of art, never has been, and never will be, to even attempt to resolve the conflict between man and the world, but that does not substantially persuade him to give up on the possibility of using his work as a means to question and dispute the cultural development of a given society. It is the responsibility of art as an object and of the artist as the subject to leave their mark and ensure their permanence in memory, thus transcending time. Art as an object is sold, purchased, and subject to the laws of the market, but it is its content that is called upon to transcend, the ideas proposed and shown that give the work reason to be. It is those contents that overtake the mere material and that leave their mark on the collective memory.

**EDUCATION****1978-1986**

Artes Plásticas, Maestro en Bellas Artes, Especialización en Pintura, Universidad Nacional, Bogotá

**EXHIBITIONS****2020**

*Navegando Espacios*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

*Navigating Space*, Culture Place Online, Dallas, TX

**2019**

*Dallas Art Fair*, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX

*ARTBO*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

**2018**

*Describe to me the Wind*, Solo show, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

*ARTBO*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

*Coffee Group Show*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

*AH Fine Art*, Medellín. Colombia

**2017**

*AH Fine Art*, Medellín. Colombia

*Art Medellín Fair*, Medellín, Colombia

**2016**

*Group Show*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

**2015**

*Group Show*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

**2014**

*Group Show*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

**2012**

*Pretext*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

*Arteamericas International Art Fair*, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL

**2011**

*MIA International Art Fair*, Miami, FL

*ARTBO*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte. Bogotá, Colombia

**2010**

Galería La Localidad, Bogotá, Colombia

**2009**

*ARTBO*, Bogotá, Colombia

**2008**

Galería La Pared, Bogotá, Colombia

Galería Baobab, Bogotá, Colombia

**2007**

*ARTBO*, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

**2006**

Kunsthaus Gallery. Barcelona, España

Al Avci Gallery, New York, NY

Jimenez-Art, New York, NY

*ARTBO*, Bogotá, Colombia

**2005**

Galería Etra, Miami, FL

**2003 – 2004**

Bodega de Arte, Miami, FL

**2002-2003**

Iris Ramler Fine Art, Bogotá, Colombia

**2001 – 2002**

*Group Show*, Fundación Cariño, Medellín, Colombia

**2001**

Galería El Charco, Cali, Colombia

**2000**

Club del Comercio, Cali, Colombia

**1999**

Galería El Charco, Cali, Colombia

**1997**

Iris Ramler Fine Art, Bogotá, Colombia

**1995**

Galería Pluma, Bogotá, Colombia

**1994**

Exposición Cámara de Comercio, Medellín, Colombia

**1992**

*XXXIV Salón Nacional de Artistas Colombianos*, Bogotá, Colombia

**1990**

Galería Valenzuela y Klenner, Bogotá, Colombia

**1989**

Alianza Colombo Francesa, Bogotá, Colombia

**1988**

Banco Ganadero, Medellín, Colombia

Galería Aymaru, Bogotá, Colombia

**1987**

Biblioteca Gabriel Turbay, Bucaramanga, Colombia

Biblioteca Pública Piloto, Medellín, Colombia

Escuela de Artes de Cartagena, Colombia

Galería Aymaru, Bogotá, Colombia

Alianza Colombo Francesa, Bogotá, Colombia

**1986**

*Nueva Generación*, Bogotá, Colombia

*XIII Salón Francisco Antonio Cano*, Bogotá, Colombia

*Nueva Generación*, Galería Santa Fe de Bogotá, Colombia

**1985**

*XII Salón Francisco Antonio Cano*, Bogotá, Colombia

Galería Tintorero, Bogotá, Colombia

*Salón de la Creatividad*, Universidad Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia

**1984**

*Salón Regional de Artes Visuales*, Tunja, Colombia

**1983**

*25 Años de la ESAP*, Bogotá, Colombia

*XI Salón Francisco Antonio Cano*, Bogotá, Colombia

**WORKS IN CORPORATE AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN:**

New York, USA

Washington, USA

San Francisco, USA

Texas, USA

Miami, USA

Madrid, Spain

Barcelona, Spain

Marbella, Spain

Paris, France

Lyon, France

Caracas, Venezuela

Bogotá, Colombia

Medellín, Colombia

Cali, Colombia

Viena, Austria

Chicago, USA

München, Germany

Brussels, Belgium

Vancouver, Canada

Montreal, Canada