

ARMANDO CASTROColombia, 1961

THE SILENT OBSERVER

From a bird's-eye view, from the corner of a street, from the shadow of a farmer: Armando Castro-Uribe observes. He looks at the world with the sensitivity of someone who knows that everything — even the smallest gesture— holds a universe. His work, patiently and quietly woven, is the testimony of a silent observer who feeds on humanity to transform it into art.

In this exhibition —rare and precious— Castro-Uribe opens a door to his gaze: drawings on cardboard, oils filled with messages, farmers carrying hoes turned into rifles, men and women trapped between the earth, the sky, and the ghosts of violence. Each work is a question, never a closed answer. In his figures, social critique seeps through, along with the tenderness of encounter and the harshness of context —always with subtlety, always with depth.

There is in his work a fierce empathy, an impulse to step into the shoes of the other: the recycler who gathers dreams in his cart as if they were clouds, the farmer breathing glyphosate through his mask as he plows the land, the young people living with a cellphone as an appendage, oblivious to their surroundings. His characters, both real and psychological, are mirrors that reflect our own contradictions.

In times of noise and haste, this exhibition invites us to pause. To observe, like him, with eyes wide open, yet unseen. To discover in every line a story that is not fully told —because the final word, as always, belongs to the one who stops to look.

EDUCATION**1989**

BA in Fine Arts, Specializing in painting Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia

EXHIBITIONS**2025**

The Silent Observer, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogota, Colombia

2023

Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX

ARTBO, The Bogotá International Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

2022

LA Art Show, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Los Angeles, CA

Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX

Art on Paper NY Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, New York, NY

ARTBO, The Bogotá International Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

2021

Art on Paper NY Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, New York, NY
 Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX

2020

Navegando Espacios, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 Navigating Space, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Culture Place, Dallas, TX

2019

ARTBO, The Bogotá International Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX

2018

ARTBO, The Bogotá International Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX
 Coffee, Gallery Group Show, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

2017

Fast Forward / Rewind, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 ARTBO, The Bogotá International Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 Art New York, Beatriz Esguerra Art, New York, NY
 Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX

2016

ARTBO, The Bogotá International Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 Art New York, Beatriz Esguerra Art, New York, NY
 Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX
 Independent Voices, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
 Presence and Absence, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

2015

Context Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
 Art Lima, Feria Internacional de Arte de Lima, Lima, Perú.
 ART/Cartagena, Feria Internacional de Arte, Hotel Bóvedas de Santa Clara, Cartagena, Colombia.

2014

Barcú Art Fair, Feria Internacional de Arte y Cultura, Bogotá, Colombia.
 Instantes Al Cubo, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

2013

Inclusión, Diversidad, Respeto, Galería Casa, Bogotá, Colombia.
 Segunda Muestra Académica y Profesional Docente, Museo de Artes Visuales Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano Bogotá, Colombia.
 Art Lima, I Feria Internacional de Arte, Lima, Perú.
 JUSTMAD 4, Feria Internacional de Arte, Hotel Silken Puerta América, Madrid, España.

2012

FIA 2012, XXI Feria Iberoamericana de Arte, Caracas, Venezuela.
 Primera Muestra Académica y Profesional Docente, Museo de Artes Visuales Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogotá, Colombia.

24 A La Carta, El festín, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

10° Salón Nacional De Arte Diversidad, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

JUSTMAD3, Feria Internacional de Arte, Hotel Silken Puerta América, Madrid, España.

2011

Enbogatarte, Galería Casa Cuadrada Bogotá, Colombia.

Odeon, Feria de Arte Contemporáneo, Bogotá, Colombia.

11 a la carta, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

FIA, XX Feria Iberoamericana de Arte, Caracas, Venezuela.

2010

Bazzart, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

Dibujo y Gráfica Contemporánea, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

8 Salón Nal. de Arte Diversidad, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

2009

ARTBO, V Feria Internacional de Arte, Bogotá, Colombia.

Nuevos Talentos, Jóvenes Propuestas, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

Bazzart, Hipermart de Arte Contemporáneo, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

2008

Arte de Salida, Séptimo Salón Nacional de Arte, Diversidad, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

2007

15 Minutos de Fama, Homenaje a Andy Warhol, Galería Casa Cuadrada. Bogotá, Colombia.

2003

Alternativas en Proceso II, Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá, Colombia.

U.D.C.A 20 Años, Exposición Universidad de Ciencias Aplicadas y Ambientales, Bogotá, Colombia.

2000

Salón Francisco de Paula Santander, Consulado General de Colombia, Miami, Estados Unidos, Galería Jorge Sori Fine Arts, Miami, FL

Convención con el Arte, Universidad U.D.C.A, Bogotá, Colombia.

1996

Galería de Artes del ICFES, Bogotá, Colombia.

1990

Muestra Artística Galería de Artes del ICFES, Bogotá, Colombia.

1989

Anónimos a finales del siglo, Galería Planetario Distrital. Bogotá, Colombia.

1988

Exposición Arte Joven, Universidad Nacional. Bogotá, Colombia.

1987

XIII Salón Francisco Antonio Cano, Museo, Universidad Nacional. Bogotá, Colombia.

1986

Salón Centenario Facultad de Bellas Artes, Universidad Nacional. Bogotá, Colombia.

1982

X Salón Francisco Antonio Cano, Museo, Universidad Nacional Bogotá, Colombia.

DISTINCTIONS

2012

JUSTMAD3, Madrid, España, Named outstanding artist of fair.

2011

10° Salón Nacional de Arte Diversidad 2011, Honorable Mention

JUSTMAD3, Madrid, España, Named outstanding artist of fair.

2009

First Prize International Painting and Drawing Prize "Quijote de Oro," Bogotá, Colombia.

OTHER WORK

Art Professor, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogotá, Colombia

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Beatriz Esguerra Art