

PEDRO RUIZBogota, Colombia 1957

La obra de Pedro Ruiz aborda temas sociales y políticos que afectan a países de todo el mundo. La naturaleza y el concepto de que es una fuerza que no podemos controlar y con la que debemos vivir en armonía, está siempre presente en sus obras. Ruiz ha desarrollado cuatro series fundamentales a través de pinturas e instalaciones: Love is in the Air, Desplazamientos, Oro y Colombianas Ligeras.

Pedro Ruiz es hoy, uno de los artistas más importantes de Colombia. Fue condecorado por el Gobierno francés con la Orden de las Artes y las Letras y es embajador de Unicef por su firme compromiso de traducir sus mensajes artísticos en proyectos sociales. Ruiz tiene la capacidad de conectar con la mente y el corazón del público por su forma poética y estética de abordar temas globales como: el desplazamiento social, la fumigación de los cultivos de drogas y su efecto sobre la naturaleza, la minería agresiva, su consecuente destrucción de la naturaleza y su efecto sobre la población rural, y el contraste entre la vida urbana y rural, entre otros.

Pedro Ruiz desarrolla sus obras a través de proyectos. Es un sobresaliente pintor y escultor que utiliza sus bases académicas para desarrollar proyectos artísticos que son vanguardistas y contemporáneos. Es esta combinación exitosa la que lo ha colocado como una de las estrellas emergentes de América Latina. En los últimos años su proyecto “Oro, espíritu de la naturaleza y el territorio” ha viajado a muchos países (ver CV) despertando los sentimientos más íntimos del público e impactando en las comunidades artísticas de estos países. Se han publicado dos hermosos libros de mesa de café que cubren la rica evolución de su carrera.

Pedro Ruiz's work occupies itself with social and political issues that affect countries worldwide. Nature and the concept that it is a force that we cannot control and must live in harmony with, is ever-present in his works. Ruiz has developed four fundamental series through paintings and installations: Love is in the Air, Displacements, Gold, and Colombiana Light.

Pedro Ruiz is today one of Colombia's most important artists. Knighted by the French Government with the Order of the Arts and Letters and Ambassador to Unicef for his strong commitment to translating his artistic messages into social projects, Ruiz has the ability of connecting with the public's minds and hearts. In a poetic and aesthetic manner, this artist addresses political and social issues that have affected him, his country and the world: social displacement, the spraying of drug crops and its effect on nature, aggressive mining and destruction of nature by multinational companies and its effect on the rural population and the contrast between urban and rural living, among other themes.

Pedro Ruiz develops his works through projects. He is an outstanding painter and sculptor and uses his academic foundations to develop artistic projects that are edgy and contemporary. It is this successful combination, that has placed him as one of Latin America's rising stars. In recent years his project “Gold, A Spirit of Nature and Territory” has traveled to many countries (see CV) stirring the public's inner most feelings and impacting these countries' artistic communities. Two beautiful coffee table books have been published covering the rich evolution of his career.

EDUCATION

1979/1983 Ecole Nationale de Beaux Arts, Paris

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2021** Museo Iglesia de Santa Clara, Ministerio de Cultura de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia
Processes, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogota, Colombia
- 2020** Resguardo Indigena Caño Mochuelo, universo en peligro, Bogota, Colombia.
A project and exhibition organized by Pedro Ruiz, USAid, Fundacion Liebre Lunar and Beatriz Esguerra Art
- 2019** ManiFiesta, Beatriz Eguerra Arte, Bogota, Colombia
- 2019** Lugar Común, Museo de Arte Moderno, Cartagena, Colombia
- 2018** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2017** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory Amiens, France (Noviembre)
- 2017** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory Casa Cultural Centro de Condes, Santiago de Chile, Chile (Octubre)
- 2017** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Casa de Colombia de México, Ciudad de México, México
- 2016** Anything Goes, Recent works, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Bogota, Colombia
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Memorial de America Latina, Sao Paulo, Brazil
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, London, UK
- 2015** Two Days and One Night, Beatriz Esguerra Arte y Ediciones El Viso
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Museo dos Correios, Brasilia, Brazil
- 2014** Survey Show, Lamazone Arts, Bogotá, Colombia
Love Is In the Air, Cero Galeria, Bogotá, Colombia
Bronzes, French Embassy, Bogotá, Colombia
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Galeria Nacional de Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2013** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Museo de Arte de Pereira, Pereira, Colombia
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Ministry of Foreign Relations and Colombian Embassy, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Roma Italia
- 2011** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Museo Bolivariano, Santa Marta, Colombia
- 2010** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Ateneo de Madrid, Spain
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Centro Cultural Santo Domingo, Oaxaca, Mexico
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, World Economic Forum, Cartagena, Colombia
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Pereira Art Museum, Pereira, Colombia
- 2009** GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Centro de Formación de la Cooperación Española, Claustro de Santo Domingo, Cartagena, Colombia
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, Colombia
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
GOLD Spirit and Nature of a Territory, Seminario Mayor de Bogotá, Colombia
- 2008** Love is in the Air, The Americas Collection, Miami, FL
- 2007** Love is in the Air, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, Colombia
Love is in the Air, Casa Tres Patios, Medellin, Colombia
- 2006** Love is in the Air, Claustro de Santo Domingo, Cartagena, Colombia
Love is in the Air, Galería Casas-Reigner, Bogotá, Colombia

- 2005** Displacements, The Americas Collection, Miami, FL
2004 Photographies, Museo de Arte Moderno, Cartagena, Colombia
 Todo, Galería El Garaje, Bogotá
 Photographies, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá
 Photographies, Casas-Reigner Gallery, Miami, FL
2003 Displacements, Galería Casas-Reigner, Bogotá
2002 Hi8, Casas-Reigner Gallery, Miami, FL
2001 Hi8, Galería Casas-Reigner, Bogotá, Colombia
2000 Paintings, The Americas Collection, Miami, FL
1999 The Natural Library, Galería Casas-Reigner, Bogotá
1998 The Wings of Memory, Museo de Arte Moderno, Cartagena
 Paintings, The Americas Collection, Miami, FL
1997 Blooming Days, Galería Casas-Reigner, Bogotá
1993 Subversion, Martha Gutierrez Fine Arts, Miami, FL
1991 New Worlds, Galería Gartner-Torres, Bogotá, Colombia
1990 Divergent Geography, Galería Elida Lara, Barranquilla 1989
 Lost Cities, Galería Gartner-Torres, Bogotá

AUCTIONS

- 2016** Latin American Art Sale, Christie's, New York, NY
2015 Latin American Art Sale, Christie's, New York, NY
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2013 Latin American Art Sale, Christie's, New York, NY
 Latin American Art Sale, Christie's, New York, NY
2012 Latin American Art Sale, Christie's, New York, NY

DISTINCTIONS

- 2014** Friend of UNICEF
2011 Knighted by the French Government with the Arts and Literary Order.
2003 Winner, annual competition to exhibit at the Galería Santa Fe, Bogotá, Colombia
1988 Honorable Mention, Colombian National Artists' Salon

COLLECTIONS

Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogota, Bogotá, Colombia

PUBLICATIONS

Pedro Ruiz by Diego Garzon and Juana Villegas, 2015, Ediciones El Viso, España
 Pedro Ruiz by William Oapina and Javier Gil, 2012, Villegas Editores, Bogotá, Colombia
 Numerous catalogues published throughout his career.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2018** Beatriz Esguerra Art Pop Up Exhibition in Dallas, TX
2010 GOLD, Colombian Pavilion, Shanghai World Fair
2006 Tea, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia, Colombia
2005 Painted Bodies, OCA Sao Pablo, Brasil
 La Medida del Dorado, Palacio Santa Croce, Roma

- 2003** Scholarship in Dollars, Galería La Rebeca, Bogotá, Colombia
2002 El mundo al instante, Casas-Reigner Gallery, Miami, FL
 Animalandia, Museo de Arte de la Universidad Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia
2001 Medidas Naturales, Proyecto del Instituto Goethe, Bogotá, Colombia
 Place of Residence, Galería Santa Fe, Bogotá, Colombia
2000 El mundo al Instante, Portoalegre, Brasil
 SALE, Locales Comerciales, Bogotá, Colombia
 En Blanco, Academia Superior de Artes de Bogotá, Colombia
1999 First Prizes, Museo de Arte Moderno, Bogotá, Colombia.

ART FAIRS

- 2021** Art on Paper, Beatriz Esguerra Art, New York, NY
 Dallas Art Fair Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX
2020 ARTBO, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogota, Colombia
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2015 Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX
 ARTBO, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 Art Miami-Context, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
2014 Art Miami – CONTEXT, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
 ARTBO, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Bogotá, Colombia
 Dallas Art Fair, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Dallas, TX
 Art Wynwood, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
2013 Art Wynwood, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
 ARTBO, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
 Art Southampton, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Southampton, NY
2012 Arteamericas, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
2011 Arteamericas, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
 ARTBO, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia
2010 Arteamericas, Beatriz Esguerra Art, Miami, FL
 Pinta NY, Beatriz Esguerra Art, New York, NY
 ARTBO, Beatriz Esguerra Arte, Bogotá, Colombia

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Beatriz Esguerra Art, Bogotá, Colombia

WEBPAGE AND PRESS LINKS

WEBPAGES

<http://www.pedroruiz.co>

<https://oronatural.wordpress.com/pedro-ruiz/>

SOCIAL PROJECTS (Selection of articles)

<http://www.amazonteam.org/art-and-conservation-unique-meeting-future-leaders-sierra-nevada>

<http://goldencolombia.blogspot.com.co/2011/07/pajaritos-from-oro-by-pedro-ruiz-image.html>

VIDEO LINKS (Selection)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWU5bUUMSww>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaNxc_0aG6M

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMk-a-UJ-kg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiagNUIZ7fM>

PRESS LINKS (Selection)

<http://www.canalcapital.gov.co/blogs/lo-mas-grave-es-que-nos-quitien-nuestra-tierra-pedro-ruiz/>

<http://thecitypaperbogota.com/features/pedro-ruiz-gold-standard/3296>

<http://www.ambafrance-co.org/Condecoracion-de-Pedro-Ruiz-con-la>

<http://theculturetrip.com/south-america/colombia/articles/the-10-best-colombian-artists-and-where-to-find-them/>

<http://www.portafolio.co/tendencias/pintor-esperanza-pincel-social-95412>

<http://www.elnuevosiglo.com.co/articulos/5-2014-la-oda-social-desde-el-arte.html>

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

http://www.villegaseditores.com/pedro_ruiz

<http://www.edicioneselviso.com/libro.asp?book=133>