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Artist Biography

Carlos Cruz-Diez (1923 - 2019)

Born in Caracas in 1923, Carlos Cruz-Diez between 1940 to 1945 he studied art at the Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Aplicadas. In his earliest work, Cruz-Diez painted figurative canvases intended to reflect and comment upon social issues. In 1954, influenced by his study of the Bauhaus and the European avant-garde, Cruz-Diez created his first abstract and interactive projects. In 1957 he began experimenting with colored light. In 1959 he became interested in 'the physical dimension of colour'. The following year, Cruz-Diez and his family moved to Paris, where he met Argentine artist Luis Tomassello, and members of the Groupe de Recherche d'Art Visuel, and he quickly became an important member of the artistic communities there.

In 1971, Cruz-Diez established his workshop on the rue Pierre Sénard investigating experiences of color. The artist describes his Chromosaturacion series as the exploration of an often-unnoticed reality: "That reality (which I consider visible) leads us along other paths, both perceptive and sensory, to parallel ideas of beauty and sublimation."

He died in Paris on 27 July 2019.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Cruz-Diez: a liberdade da Cor*, Espaço Cultural Porto Seguro, São Paulo, BR
Labyrinthus: Carlos Cruz-Diez, La Patinoire Royale-Galerie Valérie Bach, Brussels, BE
Cruz-Diez: El Color Haciéndose, MAC Panama, Panama City, PA
- 2018 *Carlos Cruz-Diez: Color Motion*, Museum für Konkrete Kunst, Ingolstadt, DE
Spatial Chromointerference, Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, TX, US
- 2017 *Chroma*, SCAD Museum of Art, GA
Caros Cruz-Diez: Mastering Color, Puerta Roja, HK
- 2016 *Cruz-Diez: du Statique au Dynamique*, Galerie Denise René - Espace Marais, Rive Gauche, Paris, FR
- 2015 *Carlos Cruz-Diez: A Chromatic Condition*, Sicardi Gallery, Houston, TX, US
- 2014 *Cruz-Diez en noir et blanc*, Maison de l'Amérique Latine, Paris, FR
Didactic and Dialectice of Color, Casa Daros, Rio de Janeiro, BR
- 2013 *Carlos Cruz-Diez, Light Show*, Hayward Gallery, Southbank Centre, London, UK
- 2012 *Carlos Cruz-Diez*, Sicardi Gallery, Houston, TX, US
Carlos Cruz-Diez: Circumstance and Ambiguity of
- 2011 *Carlos Cruz-Diez: Color in Space and Time*, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH), Houston, TX, US
- 2010 *Carlos Cruz-Diez: The Embodied Experience of Color*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL, US
- 2009 *Carlos Cruz-Diez. El Color Sucede*, Museo d'Art Espanyol Cotemporani, Palma, Spain; Museo de Arte Abstracto Español, Cuenca, ES

- 2008 *(In)formed by Color: Carlos Cruz-Diez*, Americas Society, New York, NY, US
- 2007 *Carte Blanche*, Denise René Gallery, Paris, France
La Couleur Dans L'Espace, Maison de l'Amérique Latine, Paris, FR
- 2005 *Carlos Cruz-Diez*, Gego, Jesus-Rafael Soto, Works from the 1950's to 1970's, Sicardi Gallery, Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami, FL, US
- 2004 *Cruz-Diez. Arte en Guri*, Museo de la Estampa y del Diseño Carlos Cruz-Diez, Caracas, VE
- 2003 *Cruz-Diez. Afiches. Exposición Homenaje a los 80 Años de Carlos Cruz-Diez*, Museo de la Estampa y del Diseño Carlos Cruz-Diez, Caracas, VE
- 1999 *Retrospectiva 1954-1998*, Museo de Arte Moderno del Zulia, Maracaibo, VE
- 1998 *Cruz-Diez: El Color Autónomo*, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, CO
- 1995 *Reflexión sobre el Color*, Museo Jacobo Borges, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1993 *Apuntes sobre el Color*, Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1992 *Carlos Cruz-Diez La Visión del Color*, Museo de Arte de Maracay, Maracay, Venezuela
- 1989 *Realites de la Peinture*, The Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow & Leningrad, Russia
Latin American Art, Hayward Gallery, London, UK;
- 1988 *Carlos Cruz-Diez. Die Autonomie der Farbe. Bilders - Plastiken - Objekte aus den Jahren 1959-1988*, Josef Albers Museum Quadrat Bottrop, Moderne Galerie, Bottrop, Germany
- 1985 *Cruz-Diez*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Medellín, Colombia

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- AU Museum of Modern Art, Sydney, Australia
- BE Bibliotheque Nationale, Zagreb, Croatia
- BE Centre de la Gravure et de l'Image Imprimee
- CH Cabinet des Estampes, Geneva
- CH Kunstmuseum, Bern
- CU Casa de las Americas, Havana, Cuba
- DE Kunstverein Gelsenkirchen
- DE Museum Moderner Kunst, Cuxhaven Otterndorf
- FR Centre National d'Art Contemporain Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
- IT Museo Civico, Turin, Italy
- UK Collection of Latin American Art, University of Essex, Colchester
- UK Tate Gallery, Millbank, London
- UK Victoria and Albert Museum, London
- UK Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge University, Cambridge
- US Blanton Museum of Art, Austin
- US Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York