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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

- 2023 *El Color en dos Tiempos*, Galeria de Arte Nacional, Caracas, Venezuela
RGB, the Colors of the Century, Fondation Vasarely, Aix-en-Provence, France; Museo de la Estampa y del Diseno Carlos Cruz-Diez, Caracas, Venezuela
L'euforia del Colore, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italy
- 2022 *The Eye at Play*, Palazzo del Monte de Pieta, Padova, Italy
- 2021 *The Weight of Shape*, Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain
- 2019 *Cruz-Diez: a liberdade da Cor*, Espaço Cultural Porto Seguro, São Paulo, Brazil
Labyrinthus, La Patinoire Royale-Galerie Valérie Bach, Brussels, Belgium
El Color Haciéndose, MAC Panama, Panama City, Panama
- 2018 *Color Motion*, Museum für Konkrete Kunst, Ingolstadt, Germany
Spatial Chromointerference, Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, TX, US
- 2017 *Chroma*, SCAD Museum of Art, GA, US
Mastering Color, Puerta Roja, Hong Kong
- 2016 *Cruz-Diez: du Statique au Dynamique*, Galerie Denise René - Espace Marais, Rive Gauche, Paris, France
- 2015 *A Chromatic Condition*, Sicardi Gallery, Houston, TX, US
- 2014 *Cruz-Diez en noir et blanc*, Maison de l'Amérique Latine, Paris, France
Didactic and Dialectice of Color, Casa Daros, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2013 *Light Show*, Hayward Gallery, Southbank Centre, London, UK

- 2012 Sicardi Gallery, Houston, TX, US
Circumstance and Ambiguity of Colour, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China
- 2011 *Color in Space and Time*, The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX, US
- 2010 *The Embodied Experience of Color*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL, US
- 2009 *El Color Sucede*, Museu d'Art Espanyol Contemporani, Palma, Spain; Museo de Arte Abstracto Español, Cuenca, Spain
- 2008 *(In)formed by Color*, 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 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 *Exposición Homenaje a los 80 Años de Carlos Cruz-Diez*, Museo de la Estampa y del Diseño Carlos Cruz-Diez, Caracas, VE
- 1999 Museo de Arte Moderno del Zulia, Maracaibo, VE
- 1998 Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, CO
- 1995 Museo Jacobo Borges, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1993 Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1992 Museo de Arte de Maracay, Maracay, Venezuela
- 1989 The Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow & Leningrad, Russia
Hayward Gallery, London, UK
- 1988 Josef Albers Museum Quadrat Bottrop, Moderne Galerie, Bottrop, Germany
- 1985 Museo de Arte Moderno, Medellín, Colombia

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- AU Museum of Modern Art, Sydney, Australia
Bibliothèque Nationale, Zagreb, Croatia
- BE Centre de la Gravure et de l'Image Imprimee
- CH Cabinet des Estampes, Geneva
Kunstmuseum, Bern
- CU Casa de las Americas, Havana, Cuba
- DE Kunstverein Gelsenkirchen
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
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge University, Cambridge
- US Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY