



Lorena Morales

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

Geometric Abstraction and Kinetic Art influence my works. Through them I want to express change, possibility and potential. I create sculptures that can be disassembled and rearranged and paintings on Plexiglas that vary depending on the lighting in the room and the angle of the viewer. Because they change, they can represent a passing moment, the potential of a brighter future. My focus is the shadow that the piece casts around it, a new reflection of color or a pattern of lines and shapes that surprise the viewer. By exploring these intersections of movement, color and light, narratives related to the energy of new beginnings and the passing of current realities are revealed.

ABBREVIATED BIO

Houston based artist Lorena Morales was born in Venezuela where she graduated from Rafael Urdaneta University with a degree in Business Administration. After immigrating to the United States, she attained certificates in painting and sculpture from the Glassell School of Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. In 2011, she was awarded scholarships from The Carlos Cruz-Diez Foundation and the Glassell School to participate in the Advance Seminar in Contemporary Art: The Doors of Perception. She was also a finalist for the 2010 Hunting Art Prize. Morales' artworks have been featured in several individual and group exhibitions in the USA, Germany and Venezuela.

She was one of the artists selected for SITE Houston 2015. In 2016, she was commissioned by Houston First Corporation to install her piece "Flight Plan" at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston as part of their permanent public art collection. Lorena Morales is represented by Hooks-Epstein Gallery in Houston, Texas and CAMIBAart Gallery in Austin, Texas.

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EDUCATION

- 2012 Certificate in Sculpture – The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston – Houston, TX
- 2011 Seminar – Seminar in Contemporary Art: The Doors of Perception – The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and the Carlos Cruz-Diez Foundation – Houston, TX
- 2009 Certificate in Painting – The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston – Houston, TX
- 1988 BS in Business Administration – Rafael Urdaneta University – Maracaibo, Venezuela

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Lorena Morales: Urban Kaleidoscope* – CAMIBAart Gallery – Austin, TX
Pathway to Nowhere or Anywhere – Hooks-Epstein Gallery – Houston, TX
- 2015 *Are you in the Loop?* – Site Houston 2015, The Silos at Sawyer Yards – Houston, TX – a site specific installation
- 2014 *Urban Kaleidoscope* – Ausstellungsbereich des Rathauses von Oberhaching – Oberhaching, Germany
The Space Within with Poems by Gerald Cedillo – Galeria Regina – Houston, TX
- 2013 *Urban kaleidoscope* – LEDD Gallery Space – Dresden, Germany
- 2012 *Shadows: Ephemeral Realities* – Galeria Regina – Houston, TX
- 2011 *Color Connections* – Canal Street Gallery – Houston, TX
Colors, Circles and Shadows – Artists' Alliance Gallery – Sugar Land, TX

JURIED AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *Studio Artists Group Exhibition* – Silver Street – Houston, TX
Art on the Avenue 2015 – Winter Street Studios – Houston, TX
Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX
Third Coast National – Space Contemporary – Corpus Christi, TX – Jrors: Deborah Fullerton Dunn, Ken Rosier, Rich Gere. K
Visual Arts Alliance 7th Juried Invitational Exhibition – Avis Frank Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: David Hardaker

- 2014
- Studio Artists Group Exhibition* – Silver Street – Houston, TX
 - Art on the Avenue 2014* – Winter Street Studios – Houston, TX
 - Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition* – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX
 - Steamrolled IV: Balance* – Gallery M Squared – Houston, TX
 - Visual Arts Alliance 32nd Juried Membership Exhibition* – 1600 Smith Street – Houston, TX – Juror: Dennis Nance
 - Visual Arts Alliance 31st Juried Open Exhibition* – Three Allen Center – Houston, TX – Juror: Clint Wilour
 - Visual Arts Alliance 6th Invitational Juried Exhibition* – 1600 Smith Street – Houston, TX – Juror: Nicole Longnecker
 - Annual Juried Art Exhibition* – Live Oak Center – Columbus, TX – Juror: Elizabeth Kozlowski
 - Visual Arts Alliance 5th Invitational Juried Exhibition* – Heritage Building – Houston, TX – Juror: Michael Guidry
- 2013
- Art on the Avenue 2013* – Winter Street Studios – Houston, TX
 - Farewell Exhibition* – Canal Street Gallery – Houston, TX
 - Houston Fine Art Fair* – Art Nouveau Gallery (Miami, Florida and Maracaibo, Venezuela) – George Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX
 - Found II* – Canal Street Gallery – Houston, TX
 - Visual Arts Alliance 31st Juried Membership Exhibition* – Continental Building Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Harwood Taylor
 - Visual Arts Alliance 4th Invitational Juried Exhibition* – Total Plaza Gallery – Houston – Juror: Ken General
 - Archway 5th Annual Juried Exhibition* – Archway Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Patrick M. Palmer
 - Annual Juried Art Exhibition* – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX – Juror: Margo Sawyer
 - Visual Arts Alliance 30th Juried Open Exhibition* – Three Allen Center – Houston, TX – Juror: Diane Barber
 - Visual Arts Alliance 3rd Invitational & Juried Exhibition* – Total Plaza Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Patrick Palmer
 - ALH Celebrates Texas Art 2013* – Williams Tower Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Irene Hofmann
- 2012
- Art on the Avenue 2012* – Winter Street Studios – Houston, TX
 - Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition* – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX
 - Houston Fine Art Fair* – Art Nouveau Gallery (Miami, Florida and Maracaibo, Venezuela) – Reliant Center, Houston, TX
 - Sculpture Department Exhibition* – Perimeter Gallery, The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
 - South of the Border, Benefit and Art Auction* – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
 - Reliefs and Sculptures II* – Art Nouveau Gallery – Miami, FL
 - Ground Level (Visual Arts Alliance Invitational)* – Sugar Land Regional Airport – Sugar Land, TX

Third Coast National – Kspace Contemporary – Corpus Christi, TX – Juror: Christina Rees
Visual Arts Alliance 2nd Invitational & Juried Exhibition – Lascaux Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Janet Blocker
Studio School Student Exhibition – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
Annual Juried Art Exhibition – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX – Juror: Leonard Lehrer
Visual Arts Alliance 29th Juried Open Exhibition – Continental Center I – Houston, TX – Juror: Wade Wilson

2011
Art on the Avenue 2011 – Winter Street Studios – Houston, TX
Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX
Houston Fine Art Fair – Art Nouveau Gallery (Miami, Florida and Maracaibo, Venezuela) – George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX
Sculpture Department Exhibition – Perimeter Gallery, The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
Found! – Canal Street Gallery – Houston, TX
Reliefs and Sculptures – Art Nouveau Gallery – Miami, FL
Perceptions: an encounter with the Carlos Cruz-Diez Seminar – The Glassell school of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
SAO Exhibition – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
MS Art Bike – Discovery Green Park – Houston, TX
Studio School Student Exhibition – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
Art Walk SLAA Juried Exhibition – Town Square – Sugar Land, TX

2010
Live Oak Art Center Annual Member's Exhibit – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX
Art Crawl 2010 – Hardy & Nance Street Studios – Houston, TX
Art on the Avenue 2010 – Winter Street Studios – Houston, TX
Good Gulf, Sixth Annual Open Call Exhibition – Art Car Museum – Houston, TX
Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX
Up in the Air, VAA Board and Committee Member Exhibition – Sugar Land Regional Airport – Sugar Land, TX
San Jose Clinic's Art with Heart – Intercontinental Hotel – Houston, TX
Local Colors, Benefit and Art Auction – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
New Borders – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX – four person show curated by Pat Johnson
Sculpture Now – Tradition Bank – Houston, TX – Jurors: j. Hill, Kia Neil, and David Medina
Visual Arts Alliance 28th Annual Juried Membership Exhibition – One Allen Center – Houston, TX – Juror: Wayne Gilbert
Studio School Student Exhibition – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
Annual Juried Art Exhibition – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX – Juror: Jim Edwards
Visual Art Alliance 27th Juried Open Exhibition – Williams Tower Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Keith Carter

2009
Holiday Art Exhibition – Art Nouveau Gallery – Maracaibo, Venezuela

- SAO Exhibition* - The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
Feria Internacional de Arte y Antiquedades (FIAM) – Galeria de Arte Art Nouveau,
 Centro de Arte Lia Bermudez – Maracaibo, Venezuela
San Jose Clinic's Art with Heart – One Allen Center – Houston, TX
Visual Arts Alliance 27th Annual Juried Membership Exhibition – One Allen Center –
 Houston, TX – Juror: Clint Willour
Art Walk SLAA Juried Exhibition – Town Square – Sugar Land, TX
Studio School Student Exhibition – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
- 2008 *Live Oak Art Center Annual Member's Exhibit* – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX
Water, Invitational Exhibition – The Arts Alliance Center At Clear Lake – Nassau Bay,
 TX
The Thread that Binds – MECA – Houston, TX
Annual Summer Juried Art Exhibition – Art League Houston – Houston, TX – Juror:
 Kerry Inman
Annual Juried Art Exhibition – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX – Jurors: Liz Ward
 and Rob Ziebell
- 2007 *Sugar Land Art Fair* – Town Square – Sugar Land, TX
Open Door Series, Winter Juried Exhibition – The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake
 – Nassau Bay, TX – Juror: Martin Wnuk
Visual Arts Alliance 25th Annual Juried Membership Exhibition – One Allen Center –
 Houston, TX – Juror: Arthur Turner
Annual Juried Art Exhibition – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX – Juror: Melissa
 Miller
Visual Arts Alliance 24th Juried Open Exhibition – One Allen Center – Houston, TX –
 Juror: Polly Hammett
- 2006 *It's Your Deal* – Inner Art Corridor, Winter Street Gallery – Houston, TX
Sugar Land Art Fair – Town Square – Sugar Land, TX
Artistas Venezolanos – CEVAZ Gallery – Centro-VenezolanoAmericano del Zulia –
 Maracaibo, Venezuela
Open door Series, Winter Juried Exhibition – The Arts Alliance Center At Clear Lake –
 Nassau Bay, TX – Juror: Arthur Turner
- 2005 *Colectiva de Artistas Venezolanos* – Banco Mara Gallery – Maracaibo, Venezuela

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

- 2015 *3rd Place* – Visual Arts Alliance 7th Invitational Juried Exhibition – Houston, TX –
Judge: David Hardaker
- 2014 *2nd Place* – Annual Juried Art Exhibition – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX –
Juror: Elizabeth Kozlowski
Honorable Mention – Visual Arts Alliance 5th Invitational Juried Exhibition –
Houston, TX – Juror: Michael Guidry
- 2013 *Honorable Mention* – Visual Arts Alliance 4th Invitational Juried Exhibition –
Houston, TX – Juror: Ken General
Honorable Mention – Annual Juried Art Exhibition – Live Oak Art Center –
Columbus, TX – Juror: Margo Sawyer
- 2011 *Grant* – Fundacion Carlos Cruz-Diez Scholarship – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH
– Houston, TX
- 2010 *Finalist* – Hunting Art Prize – Houston, TX – Jurors: Sarah Cash, Rita Aida Gonzalez,
and Lorelei Stewart
- 2009 *Honorable Mention* – VAA 27th Annual Juried Exhibition – Houston, TX – Juror: Clint
Willour
- 2008 *1ST PLACE* – Annual Summer Juried Art Exhibition – Art league Houston – Houston,
TX – Juror: Kerry Inman
- 2007 *Ary Stillman Scholarship* – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX
3rd Place & 1st Honorable Mention – Spring Show – Art League of Fort Bend
- 2006 *Juror's Choice Award* – TAACCL – Nassau Bay, TX – Juror: Arthur Turner