

## Lorena Morales



### ARTIST'S STATEMENT

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Art has always been relevant in my life; however, it was in 2003 when I moved to Houston from Venezuela that I believe my art practice became grounded. Even though, or maybe especially because, over time my perception of home has changed, all of my artworks relate to the journey of finding my way home. Recollections of familiar sounds, everyday scents and reoccurring images, from both my birth home and my adoptive home, become abstract as they interweave within me and bubble to the surface in my mind. Through the use of vivid colors and geometric shapes over transparent surfaces, my works propose a visual passage evoking memories, emotions, and expectations.

Nostalgia and joy are intrinsic in my work; they are on display in my use of color and in the relationship between lines and shapes; they appear and disappear as light changes or the viewer moves; they may shift positions, but their presence is still perceived in each piece through the relationship between the materiality of the media choices and the immateriality of the dynamic relationship of light and shadows.

### ABBREVIATED BIO

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Lorena Morales is a contemporary visual artist currently living and working in Houston Texas. Born in Maracaibo, Venezuela, Lorena holds certificates in painting and sculpture from the Glassell School of Art at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, as well as a degree in Business Administration from Rafael Urdaneta University. She recently completed the Block XIX Program at the Glassell School of Art, and was also awarded a grant by the Carlos Cruz-Diez Foundation and the Glassell School of Art for participation in an Advanced Seminar in Contemporary Art.

Lorena Morales' artworks have been exhibited nationally in Florida, North Carolina, and extensively in Texas. Her artworks have also been exhibited internationally in Venezuela and Germany. In 2016 the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston commissioned "Flight Plan", a 50' x 200' site specific artwork by Loren Morales, as part of their permanent collection. Most recently Lorena has been selected as one of 18 international artists to attend the prestigious L'AiR Arts Drawing Research Residency in Paris France for the 2020/2021 season.

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## EDUCATION

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- 2018-2019 Block XIX – The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts – Houston, TX
- 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

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- 2020 *Embracing* – CAMIBAart Gallery – Austin, TX  
*Materializing Ideas* – Contemporáneo Gallery – Asheville, NC
- 2019 *Chromospheric Flowers* – George Memorial Library Atrium Gallery – Richmond, TX
- 2018 *Lorena Morales: Glimmers of Time* – CAMIBAart Gallery – Austin, TX  
*Color in Present Time* – Hooks-Epstein Galleries – Houston, TX
- 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

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## SELECTED JURIED AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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- 2020 *Five in Motion: Women Artists of Venezuela* – The Museum of Geometric and MADI Art – Dallas, TX  
*Cheers to 50* – Hooks-Epstein Galleries – Houston, TX
- 2019 *Convergence/Convergencia - Latinamerican Women Artists of Houston* – Levant Foundation Gallery – The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX – Curator: Arielle Masson  
*The Glassell School of Art BLOCK XIX* – Levant Foundation Gallery, The Glassell School of Art, MFAH – Houston, TX  
*Our Reality/Nuestra Realidad* – Hooks-Epstein Galleries – Houston, TX  
*Outside the Lines* – George Memorial Library Gallery – Richmond, TX – Curator: Ana Villaronga  
*34<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition* – Meadows Gallery at the University of Texas – Tyler, TX – Juror: Christina Rees
- 2018 *MAC/PORTABLE – Maracaibo Arte Contemporaneo* – 700 Arte Gallery – Hotel Kristoff – Maracaibo, Venezuela  
*Space, Geometry & Design* – Contemporaneo Gallery – Asheville, North Carolina  
*Mujeres del Sur* – The Union – Houston, TX – Curator: Theresa Escobedo  
*The Color of Hope* – Sicardi Gallery – Houston, TX (benefitting St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital)  
*Mujeres* – Centro de Bellas Artes Ateneo de Maracaibo – Maracaibo, Venezuela  
*Five in Motion* – Art Nouveau Gallery – Miami, FL  
*ALH Celebrates Texas Art 2018* – Williams Tower Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Anna Katz  
*Light, Color & Movement* – Contemporaneo Gallery – Asheville, NC
- 2017 *Pinta Miami, Crossing Cultures* – Art Nouveau Gallery – Miami, FL  
*BLUE* – Silver Street Studios – Houston, TX – Curator: Grace Zuniga  
*Arte con sabor a Beisbol* – Centro de Arte Lia Bértudez – Maracaibo, Venezuela – Invitational  
*Art on the Avenue Juried Exhibition* – Winterstreet Studios Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror: Paul R. Davis  
*Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition* – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX  
*Trump This* – Art Car Museum – Houston, TX – Invitational  
*The Big Show* – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX – Juror: Toby Kamps  
*Design + Art Exhibit* – Kirksey Architecture – Houston, TX – Invitational  
*Back to the Future* – The Glassell School of Art Benefit and Auction – Museum of Fine Arts Houston – Houston, TX  
*Diverseworks: Luck of the Draw* – MATCH – Houston, TX  
*Art Palm Beach 2017* – 700 Art Gallery – Palm Beach County Convention Center – Palm Beach, FL

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- 2016      *Stated* – Resident artists’ exhibition – Silver Street Studios – Houston, TX  
*Art on the Avenue Juried Exhibition* – Winter Street Studios Gallery – Houston, TX –  
            Juror: Jenni Ash  
*Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition* – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX  
*Houston Art Fair Juried Exhibition* – Silver Street Studios – Houston, TX – Juror: Clint  
            Willour  
*Collective Perceptions* – Silver Street Studios – Houston, TX – Curator: Gordon  
            Phillipson
- 2015      *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 7<sup>th</sup> Juried Invitational Exhibition* – Avis Frank Gallery – Houston,  
            TX – Juror: David Hardaker
- 2014      *Day of the Dead, Retable Exhibition* – Lawndale Art Center – Houston, TX  
*Steamrolled IV: Balance* – Gallery M Squared – Houston, TX  
*Visual Arts Alliance 32<sup>nd</sup> Juried Membership Exhibition* – 1600 Smith Street –  
            Houston, TX – Juror: Dennis Nance  
*Visual Arts Alliance 31<sup>st</sup> Juried Open Exhibition* – Three Allen Center – Houston, TX –  
            Juror: Clint Wilour  
*Visual Arts Alliance 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Invitational Juried Exhibition* – Heritage Building – Houston,  
            TX – Juror: Michael Guidry
- 2013      *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  
*Visual Arts Alliance 31<sup>st</sup> Juried Membership Exhibition* – Continental Building Gallery  
            – Houston, TX – Juror: Harwood Taylor  
*Visual Arts Alliance 4<sup>th</sup> Invitational Juried Exhibition* – Total Plaza Gallery – Houston –  
            Juror: Ken General  
*Archway 5<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Juried Open Exhibition* – Three Allen Center – Houston, TX –  
            Juror: Diane Barber  
*Visual Arts Alliance 3<sup>rd</sup> Invitational & Juried Exhibition* – Total Plaza Gallery –  
            Houston, TX – Juror: Patrick Palmer  
*ALH Celebrates Texas Art 2013* – Williams Tower Gallery – Houston, TX – Juror:  
            Irene Hofmann

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- 2012 *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
- 2011 *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  
*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  
*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  
*Local Colors, Benefit & 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Membership Exhibition* – One Allen Center –  
                Houston, TX – Juror: Clint Willour
- 2008      *Live Oak Art Center Annual Member's Exhibit* – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX  
*Water, Invitational Exhibition* – 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      *Open Door Series, Winter Juried Exhibition* – The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake  
                – Nassau Bay, TX – Juror: Martin Wnuk  
*Visual Arts Alliance 25<sup>th</sup> 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
- 2006      *It's Your Deal* – Inner Art Corridor, Winter Street Gallery – Houston, 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

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## SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

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- 2015      *3<sup>rd</sup> Place* – Visual Arts Alliance 7<sup>th</sup> Invitational Juried Exhibition – Houston, TX –  
Judge: David Hardaker
- 2014      *2<sup>nd</sup> Place* – Annual Juried Art Exhibition – Live Oak Art Center – Columbus, TX –  
Juror: Elizabeth Kozlowski  
*Honorable Mention* – Visual Arts Alliance 5<sup>th</sup> Invitational Juried Exhibition –  
Houston, TX – Juror: Michael Guidry
- 2013      *Honorable Mention* – Visual Arts Alliance 4<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition – Houston, TX – Juror: Clint  
Willour
- 2008      *1<sup>ST</sup> 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  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place & 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention* – Spring Show – Art League of Fort Bend
- 2006      *Juror's Choice Award* – TAACCL – Nassau Bay, TX – Juror: Arthur Turner