



**Lissette Solórzano** (1969)

Visual artist, living and working in Havana., Cuba. Member of the Cuban Writers and Artists Union (UNEAC) and President of the Photography Section.

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AWARDS

- “Lorenzo Il Magnifico”, Prize in Photography, at the Florence Biennale 2019.
- “Lorenzo Il Magnifico”, Prize in Photography, at the Florence Biennale 2017.
- National Prize of Curatorship, 2005.
- Tina Modotti” given by the Cuban press, 1995
- Casa de las Américas 1994,

ACADEMIC TRAINING

Master’s degree in Microsoft, Cristobal Colon University, Veracruz México. 2011-2012

Digital Photography Workshop given by José Maria Mellado, 2008

Curatorial Activity Workshop given by Lesbia Verdumuois. UNEAC,2004

The Maine university Photographic Workshops, master classes taught by Davis Alan Harvey from National Geographic, Stacy Boge from Maine and David Wells from Magnum, 2000.

Fine art School of Photography, Havana, Cuba 1991-1992

Higher Institute of Industrial Design (ISDI) and Photojournalism 1987-1991

San Alejandro Fine Arts Academy 1984-1987

Vocational Fine art school “Paulita Concepción”, Havana, Cuba 1982- 1984

WORK HISTORY

2009 - 2019 Professional Photographer (free-lance)

2000 - 2009 Specialist Photographer, Fototeca de Cuba

1998 – 2000 Specialist Photographer CENCREM (National Center for Restoration, Conservation and Museology of Havana).

1997-1998 Photo-reporter, Free Lance

1993-1996 Director of Photography at the Propositions Magazine, Pablo Milanes Foundation. Artistic Director, OKRA Magazine, “Martin Luther King, Jr.” Center.

## GRANTS

- 2014 Residency Program Cubam Phototheque Foundation, EU
- 2010 Residency Program Caras and Cabezas Contemporary, EU
- 2005 National Prize given by the National Centre of Plastic Arts for the Curatorial Work done with "The City of Columns" exhibition.
- 2003-2005 Residency Program "Shared Vision" St. Augustine-Baracoa Friendship Association.
- 2002 UNEAC Price, V Bienal of Photography, San Antonio de los Baños.
- 1999 Prize for the "Instants" performance based on the artistic work of Lissette Solorzano, Her-Car Art Gallery, Havana, Cuba.
- 1995 Tina Modotti, prize given by the Cuban Press.
- 1994 Photographic Essay Prize, Selected Salon, for the exhibition "Ephemeral Phantoms" (Mencion), Casa de las Américas.

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## COLLECTIONS

- Casa de las Américas, Havana, Cuba.
- Fototeca de Cuba, Cuba
- Center for Cuban Studies N.Y.
- Harvard University, Boston, US
- Americas Museum, Denver, US
- Cuban American Phototheque Foundation
- The Gallery, Milan, Italy y Washington, DC. US
- Novoarte Gallery, N.Y., US
- The Brevard Museum of Art. US
- Private collection Maria Teresa Boulton, Caracas, Venezuela
- Benham Gallery, Seattle, Washington, US
- National Photographic Center, Venezuela
- Private collection Plonsker Family, Chicago, US
- Caras and Cabezas Gallery, San Francisco, US
- Habana Cultura, Francia, Cuba.
- National Museum of Phillipines, Manila.
- Private collection Terri y Seven Certilman
- Private collection John Rosenmiller
- Private collection **Elizabeth Holtzman**

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## PUBLICATIONS

Magazine of Harvard University DRCLAS; The Millennium Capsule Book and the Book Collection at the Millennium Photo Project; Topo Magazine (art magazine from Quebec); Cuban publications and specialized magazines; "Vórtice" magazine from Yucatan; Luna Cornea (Centre for the Photographic Image); photographic book: "The photo of my mother."; "Work Art in the 90's", Catalogue of the 9th Biennale of Havana, Opus Havana Magazine, Web-pages: "Cuban Galleries", "Portal Latino" and "lissettesolorzano.com", "Miradas Catalogue", Milano Festival of Photography "intime visini". The Sensationalism of the Art from Cuba", autor Alex Mendoza; Cuban Art News, Arquitectura y Ciudad en la fotografía cubana contemporánea, 2013, autora Grethel Morell Otero.

"Reflections", The Sensationalism of the Art from Cuba", Alex Mendoza, NY

"The Light in Cuban Eyes" Collection of Contemporary Cuban Photography, Madeleine Plonsker, Chicago

"La seducción del Cuerpo", Rafael Acosta de Arriba.

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## EVENTS

- 2019 Subasta MAC Panama
- 2019 XII Florence Biennale - ART Design
- 2019 XIII Bienal de la Habana
- 2017 XI Florence Biennale
- 2017 The AIPAD Photography Show New York, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, EU
- 2016 Art Fair in Chicago.
- 2015 Spectrum Art Fair
- 2015 12 Bienale of Havana
- 2015 The AIPAD Photography Show New York, EU
- 2014 Art Basel Miami Beach, EU
- 2014 Miami Photo Salon Festival
- 2012 Siris Photography Festival, Italy.
- 2012 XI Bienale of Havana
- 2009 IX Bienale of Havana
- 2008 Art Fair in Chicago.
- 2007 Collaboration Project between Cuba-Venezuela, Workshop given in the

Art and Design Faculty, Los Andes University.

- 2007 First Latin American Meeting of Photography, Foto Sur, Venezuela.
- 2007 "Photo September", Mexico.
- 2007 "Terry Fox Auction", Havana, Cuba.
- 2006 IX Biennale of Havana.
- 2006 Siris Photography Festival, Italy.
- 2005 ESTATEFOTOGRAFIA, Milano, Photography Festival.
- 2003 VIII Biennale of La Habana (participant).
- 2003 Festival of Photography in Zimbabwe.
- 2002 VI Exhibition of the Iberoamerican Photographer.
- 2001 National Hall of Cuban Photography, Joaquin Blez exhibition,  
La Acacia Gallery, Havana, Cuba.
- 2000 February-March. The Maine University Photographic Workshops.  
Masterly Conferences given by: David A. Harvey, Bob Sacha and David Wells.
- 2000 VII International Biennale of Havana, Cuba.
- 1999 "National Salon of Photography 1999", Fototeca de Cuba, Havana, Cuba.
- 1996 Member of the Jury at the Provincial Plastic Art Exhibition, Santiago de Cuba,
- 1994 Fifth International Biennale of Plastic Arts, Havana, Cuba.
- 1994 Second International Workshop of the Photographic Image, Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 First International Workshop of the Photographic Image, Havana, Cuba.

SELECTION OF  
ORGANIZED  
EXHIBITIONS AND  
CURATORIAL  
WORK

- 2012 Borderless “XI Biennale of Havana, La Cabaña, Havana
- 2009 “Once upon a time there was a Matrioshka” (personal), “Galería Espacio Abierto”  
IX Biennale of Havana
- 2007 Habitat Project, collective exhibition
- 2006 “Reencounter”, collective exhibition, San Francisco de Asís Gallery
- 2006 “The real is ..... marvellous”, collective exhibition, 9th Biennale of Havana.
- 2004 “The city of Columns” (personal), Fototeca de Cuba.
- 2003 Collective exhibition, Photo bridge. Fototeca de Cuba
- 2001 “National Salon of Photography 2001”, Fototeca de Cuba, (curatorial work and printing of the work (photos) of the Cuban photographer Joaquín Blez, Galería Acacia

## LINKS

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<https://www.galeriavillamanuela.com/es/expos/iba-yo-por-un-camino/>

<https://www.florencebiennale.org/premio-internazionale/>

<https://www.thelightincubaneyes.com/lisettesolorzano>

[www.havana-cultura.com](http://www.havana-cultura.com)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lisette\\_Solorzano](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lisette_Solorzano)

<http://www.cubangallery.net/Lisette.Solorzano/index.html>

<http://photoshoping.ning.com/page/lisette-solorzano>

<http://www.pasqualechiurazzi.it/associazionesud/sudarte/SOLORZANO/SOLORZANO.htm>

<http://granma.co.cu/2009/11/17/cubamundo/artic09.html>

[http://www.opushabana.com/noticias.php?id\\_brev=84](http://www.opushabana.com/noticias.php?id_brev=84)

<http://www.newcanaandarienmag.com/n/In-the-Know-2014/Absolut-Kuba/>

<http://www.cubarte.cult.cu/periodico/noticias/el-carriage-barn-arts-exhibira-obras-de-artistas-cubanos>

<http://www.cubanartnews.org/es/news/contemporary-cuban-photography-architecture-and-the-city>

<http://www.discoveriesinart.com/collection>

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## PERSONAL EXHIBITIONS

2018. "Hoja de Contacto" Emb. Suiza in Havana
- 2016 "Retrato o Selfie", Fototeca de Cuba, La Habana
- 2015 "Metaphors of Silence" 12 Biennale of Havana, Taller Experimental de Papel Artesanal, La Habana.
- 2012 "Divergent spaces" Nova Siri, International Festival of Photography, Italy
- 2012 "Hábitat series - Malecón", Biennale of Havana, Miramar Trade Center, Havana
- 2010 "Liminal Atmospheres in Real Time" Dead Sea Artworks Gallery, Kansas City
- 2010 "Parallel Stories" International Book Fair, Pabellón Cuba, Havana
- 2009 "The City of Columns", National Museum of Philippines, Manila
- 2009 "Once upon a time there was a Matrioshka.....", Espacio Abierto Gallery, collateral,  
X Biennale of Havana.
- 2006 "Portrait in Sepia", Larramendi Gallery, collateral show, 9<sup>th</sup> Biennale of Havana.
- 2006 "Portrait in Sepia", UNEAC Gallery, Guántanamo, Cuba
- 2005 "Made in Cuba", Gallery Is-Tinto, Milan, Italy.
- 2005 "The City of Columns", Université d'Architecture La Villette, Paris.
- 2004 "Month of Photography in Gwanza", Harare, Zimbabwe.
- 2004 "The City of Columns" (1st Part), Photographs, Fototeca de Cuba.
- 2003 "Ferro-Carril", National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe.
- 2003 "Railway", Benham Gallery, Seattle, Washington, US
- 2003 "Railway", Fototeca de Cuba, Havana, Cuba.
- 2002 "Latin Atmospheres", The Gallery, Milan, Italy.
- 2002 "Margins", Kultstein Gallery, Austria.
- 2001 "Four visions of Cuba", Blue Circle Gallery, Chicago, US
- 2000 "Patina of the Time", Spanish Cultural Centre, Havana, Cuba.
- 2000 "What are we?" Provincial Centre for the Plastic Arts and Design. Luz y Oficios, Old Havana, Cuba.
- 1999 "A single camera", Her-Car Gallery, Arroyo Naranjo, Havana, Cuba.

- 1998 "Homeless", Cultural House of Plaza, Havana, Cuba.
- 1997 "Contemporary Cuban Photography", Museum of the Americas, Denver, US
- 1997 "Lissette Solórzano´s photos", University of Ohio, US
- 1997 "Contemporary Cuban Photography", Casa de las Américas of New York, US
- 1994 "Photographic work of Lissette Solórzano", Espacio Abierto Gallery, Havana, Cuba.
- 1994 "Two photographic essays", Arawak Centre, Curacao, Antillas Holandesas.
- 1994 "Photos of the Cuban artist Lissette Solórzano", Galería Viva, New York, US
- 1994 "The image of theatre"(The Theatrical Image), Fine Arts Museum, Maracaibo, Venezuela.
- 1994 "Photographic Essay Prize", Casa de las Américas, Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 "Ephemeral Ghosts and other images", Fototeca of Cuba, Havana, Cuba.

## COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 "Iba yo por un camino...", Villa Manuela, La Habana.
- 2019 "summertime", Jenkins Johnson Gallery, SF
- 2019 This is Cuba: documentary photograph, Royal Holloway, University of London.
- 2019 La Ciudad que Habito, Muestra Colateral XIII Bienal de la Habana, Sede teatro Ciervo EncantadoLa Habana
- 2019 "Poetics and Diversity", Pittsburgh, EU
- 2019 Street life o la belleza en las calles, Fototeca de Cuba, La Habana
- 2018 Size Matter III, Espacio Altamira, Nov Fotografico
- 2018 "DE LO REAL INANIMADO" colectiva de fotógrafos cubanos, Fototeca de Cuba, La Habana
- 2018 "Relocated" El Barrio ArtSpace, NY
- 2018 S/T Fototeca de Cuba, La Habana
- 2017 The AIPAD Photography Show New York, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, EU
- 2017 "summertime", Jenkins Johnson Gallery, SF
- 2017 "Doble play". Fotografía cubana, Foto Museo Cuatro Caminos de la ciudad de México.
- 2017 "Humanity Today", Jenkins Johnson Gallery, SF
- 2016. Expo Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, SF



- 2016 "La madre de todas las artes" Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Wifredo Lam, La Habana
- 2016 "Six women, two men, eight views on photography". Vero Beach's Art District gallery, Miami.
- 2016 "Landscape o Miradas al entorno " La Pared Negra FAC, La Habana
- 2015 Through the Women's Eyes. second edition of the Miami Photo Salon Festival, Spectrum Art Fair ,EU
- 2015 "The light in cuban eyes" Jenkins Johnson Gallery, SF,EU
- 2015 The AIPAD Photography Show New York, Robert Mann Galery,EU
- 2015 The Light in Cuban Eyes, Robert Mann Gallery, NY.
- 2014 Reality of Placement, contemporary art from Latin America, Fordham University's Lincoln Center, NY
- 2014 Acquivo 2, Cuban America Phototheque Foundation, Miami, EU
- 2014 Absolut Kuba!, The Carriage Barn Arts Center, Connecticut, US
- 2013 – 2014 Femenine voices and Poetics, female contemporary art from Cuba, Cara and Cabezas Contemporary Gallery. San Francisco, CL. US
- 2013 "Reality of Placement" Contemporary Art from Latin America, Atrium Art Gallery, NY
- 2013 Fábrica de Arte, Proincial Centre of Plastic Arts and Design, Havana
- 2013 "Water, what is femenine and masculine", Charles Chaplin Cultural Centre, Havana
- 2012 In the Light of Cuban Eyes, The Madeleine P. Plonsker collection of Cuban photographs, Sonnenschein Gallery/Albright Gallery, US
- 2012 "Water, what is femenine and masculines", National Museum of Arts, Havana, Cuba
- 2012 Fábrica de Arte, "Fototeca de Cuba, La Habana
- 2012 "Reality of Placement" Contemporary Art from Latin America, SALEM ART WORKS, NY
- 2012 "Borderless", Biennale of Havana, La Cabaña, Havana
- 2012 "Borderless 2", Biennale of Havana, Galería Larramendi, Havana
- 2011 Vivid Shadows / Obscure Illuminations, Cara and Cabezas Gallery, Contemporary, Kansas, US
- 2010 "Black is a color", Punto Cero Gallery, Mexico, D.F.
- 2009 "Irrational Relationship" Cultural Centre in San Pancho, Mexico
- 2008 "Homo Nudi" (nude images), Fototeca de Cuba.
- 2008 "The body is a body", photos and video), Jesús León Gallery in Guanajuato, Mexico.
- 2008 "Gathering", 22 Cuban Photographers, Villa Manuela Gallery.
- 2008 "Ten Years of Contemporary Cuban Photography", Fair of Art, Chicago, US
- 2007 "HABITAT", Centre for Spanish-American Culture, Havana, Cuba.
- 2007 "Insular Look", Gran Angular Gallery, Mexico, Photo Septiembre.

- 2006 "Reencounter", Fototeca de Cuba 20th Anniversary, San Francisco de Asis Convent, Havana, Cuba.
- 2006 "Light and shadows", Casa Frela Gallery, N.Y.
- 2006 "...two wings of the same bird", Casa Escuete Carolina, Puerto Rico.
- 2006 "The Real...is marvellous", René Portocarrero Workshop (Taller de Serigrafía), IX Biennale of Havana, Havana.
- 2006 "The City and the Photography 1900-2005", José Martí National Library, IX Biennale of Havana.
- 2006 "Only Women", San Francisco, US.
- 2006 "Descartes", Espacio Abierto Gallery, Havana, Cuba.
- 2006 "Woman´s vision", Autonomous University of Madrid.
- 2005 "Che in Cyprus", Cyprus.
- 2005 "Che Forever", Milan
- 2005 "From Havana, the beautiful things", Casa Simon Bolivar, Havana.
- 2005 "Dialogues", Gallery of the International Press Centre, Havana.
- 2005 "Glances", Cuban Photography Exhibition in Napoles, Italy
- 2005 "Panorama of Cuban Photography", Kuala Lumpur, Malasia.
- 2005 "Shared Vision", Eliseo Osorio Gallery in Baracoa, Cuba.
- 2005 "Shared Vision: Images of Baracoa", Galería Larramendi, Old Havana, Cuba.
- 2005 "Celebration for the Third Anniversary of ADAVIS", Havana, Cuba.
- 2005 "Shared Vision", Capitol Building, Tallahassee, US
- 2005 "Shared Vision", Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, US.
- 2005 "Shared Vision", Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art, US
- 2005 "Shared Vision", Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida, US.
- 2004 "Shared Vision", Brevard Museum of Art & Science, Melbourne.
- 2004 "The Mysteries of Santeria", Paterson Museum, New Jersey.
- 2004 "Photo September", Cuban Photography, Mexico.
- 2004 "Month of the Phtography in Guanza", Harare, Zimbabwe.
- 2003 "The history of Cuba through photographic images", National Museum, Malasia.
- 2003 "Cuban Photography", Benham Gallery, Seattle, Washington, US.
- 2003 "Interior space", Fototeca de Cuba, VIII Bienal de la Habana
- 2003 "Cuba-Canada"one hundred years view", Fototeca de Cuba, Havana, Cuba.
- 2003 "Havana Images", Development Centre for Visual Arts, Havana, Cuba.

- 2003 "Havana in my heart ", Proud Galleries, London.
- 2002 "Women", Gallery of the Alianza Francesa de Cuba, Havana, Cuba.
- 2002 "Latin Atmospheres", The Gallery, Milan, Italy.
- 2001 "One Photograph, Two Photographs", Hall of Contemporary Cuban Photography, Fototeca de Cuba.
- 2001 Exhibition at "La Llorona Gallery" in Chicago
- 2001 "Dawn of the 21st Century", O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, USA.
- 2001 "Cuban Photography", Contemporary Art Festival, Seattle, US.
- 2001 National Contemporary Photographic Salon, Havana, Cuba.
- 2001 "A Winter in Havana", Morro-Cabaña Complex, Havana, Cuba.
- 2000 "Dialogue with the Photography", collection Art of our America, Casa de las Américas, Galería "Haydée Santamaría".
- 2000 4th IIPC, (Internet International Photo Contest): the photo "Coincidences".
- 2000 "The Cuban Photo in the Fifties up to the present". Photographic Museum in Israel.
- 1999 II Salón Combinatorio "Body Art", Galería de Arte HER-CAR", Havana.
- 1999 3rd IIPC (Internet International Photo Contest): the photo "My dreams".
- 1997 "Fotonoviembre", hosted by the Caguayo Foundation, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.
- 1995 Exhibition at the Latin-American Studies Centre "Rómulo Gallegos", Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1995 Exhibition in Pachuca, Hidalgo, México.
- 1995 Exhibition in Techo Peón Contreras, Mérida, Yucatán, México.
- 1994 "The photo of my mother", Edimbourg, London
- 1994 "Prize for Photographic essay", Casa de las Américas, Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 "Salón de la Ciudad", Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 "Minifoto (1,2 y 3)", Journalists Union of Cuba, Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 "Expo-Salón", Journalists Union of Cuba, Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 "Por el camino", Universal Art Gallery, Cienfuegos, Cuba.
- 1992 "Made in Cuba", House of Culture Flora, Havana, Cuba.
- 1992 "America & Americhe", Casina Grande, Milan, Italy.
- 1992 "Per Cuba", Ciudad Matera, Italia.
- 1992 "Imagen", Wilfredo Lam Gallery, Havana, Cuba.