

# LEO VILLAREAL

b. 1967 - Albuquerque, NM  
Lives and works in New York, NY

## EDUCATION

1994 New York University, M.P.S.  
Tisch School of the Arts, Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP)

1990 Yale University, B.A.

## SITE SPECIFIC PROJECTS

- *Infinite Composition*, Brown University's Lindemann Performing Arts Center, Providence, RI (2023)
- *Astral Array*, New Mexico Museum of Art, Vadem Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM (2023)
- *Fountain (KCI)*, Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, MO (2023)
- *Light Matrix (Houston)*, University of Houston Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine, Houston, TX (2022)
- *Illuminated River*, River Thames, London, United Kingdom (2019-2021)
- *Point Cloud (ASU)*, Nelson Fine Arts Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (2020)
- *Light Matrix (BAM)*, BAM Fisher, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY (2020)
- *Buckyball (Stanford)*, Stanford Hospital, Stanford, CA (2019)
- *Volume (Omniturm)*, Omniturm, Frankfurt, Germany (2019)
- *Star Ceiling*, The Armory Show, New York, NY (2019)
- *Point Cloud*, Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA (2019)
- *Infinite Bloom*, Amorepacific Museum of Art, Seoul, South Korea (2017)
- *Light Matrix (Auckland Theatre Company)*, Auckland Theatre Company, Auckland, New Zealand (2016)
- *Volume (Frisco)*, Dallas Cowboys World Headquarters, Frisco, TX (2016)
- *Buckyball*, Exploratorium, Pier 15, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA (2016)
- *Light Matrix (MIT)*, Morris and Sophie Chang Building, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (2016)
- *Cylinder (Franklin)*, The Franklin, Chicago, IL (2016)
- *Light Matrix (3601 Market Street)*, Philadelphia, PA (2015)
- *Buckyball*, NorthPark Center, Dallas, TX (2015)
- *Volume (Renwick)*, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC (2015)
- *Hexagonal Grid (OSU)*, Ohio State University, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Building, Columbus, OH (2015)
- *Threshold*, The Art Hotel Denver, Denver, CO (2015)
- *The Bay Lights*, San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, San Francisco, CA (2013)
- *Volume (Durst)*, The Durst Organization at 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY (2013)
- *Buckyball*, Madison Square Park, New York, NY (2012)
- *Line*, MoMA PS1, Queens, NY (2012)
- *Hive (Bleecker Street)*, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, NY (2012)
- *Cosmos*, Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (2012)
- *Cylinder II*, TEFAF Maastricht Art Fair, Maastricht, The Netherlands (2012)
- *Radiant Pathway*, Rice University, Houston, TX (2011)
- *Sky (Tampa)*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL (2010)
- *Sky*, United States Federal Courthouse, El Paso, TX (2010)
- *Diagonal Grid*, Borusan Music House, Borusan Arts, Istanbul, Turkey (2009)
- *Threshold (1801 K Street)*, Washington, DC (2009)
- *Multiverse*, The National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC (2008)
- *Stars*, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY (2007)

- *Microcosm*, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS (2007)
- *Untitled*, Collection of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP, Washington, DC (2006)
- *Light Matrix*, Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, NY (2005)
- *Beckon*, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Temporary Installation on Governors Island, NY (2005)
- *Chasing Rainbows (Perry Capital)*, New York, NY (2005)
- *Sunroof*, The Core Club, New York, NY (2005)
- *Chasing Rainbows/New Haven*, New Haven Green, New Haven, CT (2004)
- *Supercluster*, MoMA PS1, Queens, NY (2003)
- *Star (Toulouse)*, Printemps de Septembre, Toulouse, France (2003)
- *Lightscape*, Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art, Palm Beach, FL (2002)
- *Art Among The Stars*, Grand Central Station, New York, NY (2002)
- *Double Hexad*, Art In General On Canal, Art In General, New York, NY (2002)
- *Untitled*, Arte Contemporáneo Internacional, Museo de Arte Moderno, Temporary Installation in Mexico City (2001)
- *Firmament*, Creative Time in The Anchorage, Brooklyn, NY (2001)
- *KMX Reenergize Zone*, Moby Tour, traveling video installation (2001)

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023

*Celestial Garden*, Guild Hall, East Hampton, New York

*Interstellar*, Pace Gallery, New York

*Nebulae*, Pace Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland

2022

*Nebulae*, Pace Gallery, Palm Beach, FL

2020

*Harmony of the Spheres*, Pace Gallery, Palo Alto, CA

*Leo Villareal*, Pace Gallery, London, UK

2019

*Instance*, The Armory Show 2019 (Presented by Pace Gallery), New York, NY

*Early Light*, El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX

2018

*Escape Velocity*, Pace Gallery, Hong Kong

2017

*Leo Villareal*, Pace Gallery, New York, NY

*Particle Chamber*, Moody Center for The Arts, Rice University, Houston TX

2016

*Spacetime*, Fused Space, San Francisco, CA

2014

*Buckyball*, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY

2013

*Digital Sublime*, Miles C. Horton Jr. Gallery, Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

2012

*New Works*, Conner Contemporary Art, Washington, DC

2011

*Volume*, Gering & López Gallery, New York, NY

2010

*Leo Villareal: Survey*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA, traveling to the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV, Telfair Museum of Art, Savannah, GA, and Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI

*Leo Villareal: Recent Works*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL

San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA

2009

Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid, Spain

2008

National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

Conner Contemporary Art, Washington, DC

2007

Gering and Lopez Gallery, New York, NY

2006

Conner Contemporary Art, Washington, DC

2005

Galeria Javier Lopez, Madrid, Spain

Marc Selwyn Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

2004

Sandra Gering Gallery, NY

Conner Contemporary Art, Washington, DC

2003

Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, TX

2002

Sandra Gering Gallery, NY

Conner Contemporary Art, Washington, DC

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS and PROJECTS**

2023

*FOG Design+Art Fair*, San Francisco, CA

*Artgenève*, Geneva, Switzerland

2022

*Drawing Together*, Museum Bellpark, Kriens, Switzerland

2021

*Remote Possibilities: Digital Landscapes from the Thoma Foundation Collection*, Harwood Museum of Art, Taos, New Mexico

2020

*Immaterial/Re-material*, UCCA Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

2019

*Kabbalah: The Art of Jewish Mysticism*, Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2018

*Blessed Be: Spirituality, Mysticism, and the Occult in Contemporary Art*, MOCA Tucson, Tucson, Arizona

2016

*Into the Ether: Contemporary Light Artists*, The Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

2013-16

*Light Show*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK. Traveling to: Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand; Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney, Australia; Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

2015

*Systems and Corruptions*, National Exemplar, New York, NY

*Wonder*, Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC

2014

The International Biennial of Contemporary Art of Cartagena de Indias, Cartagena, Colombia

*Tracking the Cosmos*, Simons Center Gallery, Stony Brook University, NY

*Luminous Flux, Digital & Geometric Art from the Thoma Foundation*, Thoma Foundation, Santa Fe, NM

*Spaced Out: Migration to the Interior*, Red Bull Studios, New York, NY

2012

*Extended Minimalism*, Javier Lopez Gallery, Madrid, Spain

*Motion and Emotion: Contemporary Art from Gerhard Richter to Chakaia Booker*, Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME

*Inquisitive Eyes: El Paso Art 1960-2012*, El Paso Art Museum of Art, El Paso, TX

2011

*Longitudes de Onda*, Espacio de Arte OTR., Madrid, Spain

*Red (Force Fields)*, David Richard Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM

*January White Sale, curated by Beth Rudin DeWoody*, Loretta Howard Gallery, New York, NY

*Altered States: Jose Alvarez, Yayoi Kusama, Fred Tomaselli and Leo Villareal*, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL

*Almost Tangible*, Arario Gallery, Beijing, China

2010

*Synesthesia*, Albuquerque Museum of Art, Albuquerque, NM

*Contemplating the Void: Interventions in the Guggenheim Museum*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York,

NY

2009

*Conversations in Lyrical Abstraction: 1958-2009*, Conner Contemporary Art, Washington, DC

2008

*That Was Then... This is Now*, PS1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY

2007

*Digital Stories*, Centro Galego de Arte Contemporánea (CGAC), Santiago, Spain

2006

*Lightworks*, Galería Javier López, Madrid, Spain

*Backdrop*, Bloomberg SPACE, London, England

*All Digital*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH

*Summer Light*, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY

*Art in America*, Arario Gallery, Seoul, Korea

2005

*Visual Music*, LAMoca, Los Angeles and Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC

*Extreme Abstraction*, Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY

*Greater New York*, PS1 MoMA, New York, NY

*Set and Drift*, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Governors Island, NY

2004

*Optimo*, Ballroom Marfa, Texas curated by Alexander Gray

*Fiction Love- Ultra New Visions in Contemporary Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei

2003

*High Desert Test Sites*, Joshua Tree, CA organized by Andrea Zittel

*Winter Light*, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY

*In the Gloaming*, The Fields Sculpture Park, Ghent, NY

*Afterimage*, Wood Street Galleries, Pittsburgh, PA

*Complexity*, Federal Reserve, Washington, DC

2002

*Sculpture Now: Works by Seven Contemporary Artists*, Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art, Palm Beach, FL

*Light x 8*, The Jewish Museum, NY

*Interstate*, Texas Fine Arts Association, Austin, TX

*I Just Can't Pretend*, Derek Eller Gallery, NY

*Optical Optimism*, Galerie Simone Stern, New Orleans, LA

*Complexity*, Texas Fine Arts Association, Austin, TX

*Shine02.org*, Online art project sponsored by Amnesty International, organized by Downtown Arts Projects

2001

*Tirana Biennale*, Tirana (curated by Miltos Manetas)

*Eye Candy*, Scott White Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA

*Synth*, organized by Leo Villareal, White Columns, New York

*The Next Perfect 10*, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York (traveling)

*Perfect 10: Ten Years in Soho*, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York

*Art in the Anchorage 18: Massless Medium: Explorations in Sensory Immersion*, Brooklyn Bridge Anchorage, Brooklyn, NY

2000

*rooms\_for\_listening*, CCAC Institute, San Francisco, CA

*Collectors Choice*, Exit Art, New York

*City of Lights*, curated by Simon Watson and Downtown Arts Projects, Hermes Boutique, New York

*Exposure: The Future of Film Festival*, USA Network and Scfi Channel, New York

*Optical Optimism*, Galerie Simone Stern, New Orleans, LA

*The Bunker Project*, MTV, New York

1997

*Elsewhere*, Thread Waxing Space, New York

### **DIGITAL PROJECTS**

*Cosmic Reef*, Art Blocks, 2022

*Cosmic Bloom*, Outland, 2022

### **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

The Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Arario Museum, Seoul, Korea

Borusan Music House, Istanbul, Turkey

Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY

Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

IFEMA, Madrid, Spain

Jack S. Blanton Museum, Austin, TX

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Washington, DC

Margulies Collection, Miami, FL

Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum, Kagawa,

Japan National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art,

Overland Park, KS Perry Capital, New York, NY

The Related Companies, New York, NY

Rochester Institute of Technology,

Rochester, NY Somerset Partners, New York, NY

Time Warner Center, New York, NY

### **SELECT AWARDS/HONORS**

*Illuminated River*, 2021 Civic Trust Award Winner

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City of London, Freedom of the City of London, 2020

*Illuminated River*, BCIA Awards 2020 – Best Small Project

*Illuminated River*, New London Architecture Award 2019 – Cultural category

*Illuminated River*, Planning Resource, Award for best use of arts, culture or sport in placemaking, 8 September 2020

San Jose Museum of Art, Artist Honoree, 2019

*Illuminated River*, New London Architectural Award for Culture, 2019  
Texas Cultural Trust, Texas Medal of the Arts Honoree for Visual Art, 11 January 2017