CARLOS AIRES
Ronda, Spain, 1974
Lives and Works in Madrid (Spain)

STUDIES

1992-1997 Bachelor in Fine Arts. Faculty of Fine Art Alonso Cano. Granada, Spain.
1997-2001 Master in European Arts and Cultures. Leicester University (UK) and AVB, Tilburg, The Netherlands.
2000-2001 De Pont Atelier. De Pont Museum. Tilburg, The Netherlands.
2001-2003 HISK. Hoger Institute Schone Kunsten. Antwerp, Belgium.
2004-2005 MA in Photography. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio, USA.
2004-2008 PhD in Arts. Faculty of Fine Art Alonso Cano. Granada. Spain.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selection)

2025 Permanent installation MACAM, Museu de Arte Contemporânea Armando Martins. Lisbon, Portugal (cat).
The End.Fundación DIDAC. Santiago de Compostela, Spain (cat.).
Blind. Sabrina Amrani Gallery. Madrid, Spain.(cat.)
2023 El Mundo. Sabrina Amrani gallery, Madrid, Spain.
Temporal Echoes. Carlos Aires & Omar Barquet. Zilberman gallery, Miami, USA.
2022 I will die … as will you. Zilberman Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey (cat.)
Cry me a river, Ani Molnar Gallery, Budapest, Hungary.
2020 Nothing new. ADN gallery, Barcelona, Spain.
2019 Centre d'Art et de Photographie /Maison de Saint-Louis, Lectoure, France.
2018 Summertime, and the livin' is easy, SPECTA Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark.
Sweet dreams are made of this. Aeroplastics Contemporary-The Chapel, Brussels, Belgium.
2017 Mar Negro, CDAN. Huesca, Spain.
2016 Sweet dreams are made of this. El Tanque, Tenerife, Spain.
2015 Sweet dreams are made of this. Mauroner gallery, Vienna, Austria.
2014 This is not just fucking business. AND gallery. Barcelona, Spain.
2013 Luto. Centro de Arte Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain (cat).
Bilis Negra. MAS. Museo de Bellas Artes de Santander, Santander, Spain (cat).
2012 Es Pain. Casal Sorrellic, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (cat).
Love is in the air (remix). CDA Projects, Istanbul, Turkey. (cat).
Opening Night. CAC. Contemporary Art Museum, Malaga, Spain (cat).
2011 Let's get Physical. Galería ADN. Barcelona, Spain.
I´ve got you under my skin. Aeroplastics Contemporary. Brussels, Belgium.
2010 Pena, Penita, Pena. Alvaro Alcazar gallery. Madrid, Spain.

COLLECTIVE SHOWS (selection)

2025. Coming soon
Collection MACAM. Museu de Arte Contemporânea Armando Martins. Lisbon, Portugal (cat).

2024. VEM. Videoarte Em Movimiento. Itinerant. Different locations in Spain and Portugal.
MAS Collection. Museo de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo de Santander y Cantabria, Spain.
Heritage. Fundación Valentín de Madariaga. Seville, Spain.
Malas Hierbas. Casabanchel, Madrid, Spain.
This is tomorrow. Paisaje doméstico, Madrid, Spain.
Radicale 1924. Saint Cirq Lapopie, France.
Estigmata. Imagina Mas Gallery. Madrid, Spain.

2023 Neighbours V. CAC Museum. Malaga, Spain
I am another you, you are another me. Mediations Biennale Instanbul, Turkey.
Landscape of Memories. Zilberman gallery, Miami, USA.
Madrid desde el baile. Centro Centro. Madrid, Spain.
Radicale 1924. Saint Cirq Lapopie, France.
Encounters, Art Basel, Hong Kong, China.
Stayin´alive. Discover the collections. BPS22, Charleroi, Belgium
MeRode. Patric Tuytens collection art space. Ronse, Belgium
Benveniste Contemporary, Madrid, Spain.

2022 Un point rouge dans la nuit, Le Bel ordinaire, Billere, France.
I only have eyes for you, Specta Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Prado y Colección Alcobendas, Centro de Arte de Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain.
Parade, Radicale 1924, village of Saint-Cirq Lapopie, France.
My One and Only, Galerie Mam - Mario Mauroner Salzburg, Austria.
What's in an artwork?, Gosset Site, Brussels, Belgium.
(Un)common values. Banco de España y Banque Nacional de Bélgica. Two Corporate collections of Contemporary Art, Brussels, Belgium.
The Circus We Are, Musée Félicien Rops y Museo Le Delta, Namur, Belgium.
Palimpsesto Barroco, Museo de Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain.
Overdose, Desing Museum Holon, Holon, Israel.
4x4. WARP, Contemporary Art Platform. Sint-Niklaas, Belgium

2021 Malaga Contemporanea, MUPAM, Malaga, Spain
Dialecto CA2M, CA2M, Móstoles, Madrid, Spain.
Résistances. Ateliers Les Arques, Les Arques, France.
Come what may. Aeroplastics Contemporary New Space, Brussels (Belgium).
The Eyes Have it. Lehman College Art Gallery/The City Universtity of New York. New York, USA.(cat.)
Art on Video, Saint Apolonia's Chapel, Salerno, Italy.
Rivum Pro Me Plora (performance in collaboration with La Rioja's Vocal Ensemble), Sala Amós Salvador, Logroño, Spain
Estado de sitio. Sala Amós Salvador. Logroño. Spain. (cat.)
Takeover España. Marion Art Gallery. San Francisco, California (USA)
Canciones para la revolución. Centros Culturales de España. El Salvador (cat.)
Bajo la Superficie (miedos, monstruos, sombras). Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain.

2020 Foto no Foto. PhotoEspaña 2020. CAA, Centro de Arte de Alcobendas. Madrid, Spain.

El sueño de la razón. Goya´s influence in Contemporary Art. Kubo-kutxa, San Sebstian, Spain.
X Encontro de Artistas Novos EAN10,Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
El sueño de la razón. Goya´s influence in Contemporary Art. Kubo-kutxa, San Sebstian, Spain.
Vu(e)s de dos. Le Delta.Namur, France
Passion Obsession collection, POC, Brussels, Belgium.

2019 5994 is just a number. ADN gallery, Barcelona, Spain.
Antwerp Queer Arts Festival, Antwerp, Belgium
El sueño de la razón. La Larga sombra de Goya en el arte contemporáneo. Fernán Gómez Center. Madrid, Spain.
Picasso and the Exodus. Sweet dreams!! Les Abattoirs museum. Toulouse, France (cat.)
Black Mirror, Mario Mauroner gallery, Wien, Austria
Bailar de arquitectura. Fernán Gómez Center. Madrid, Spain (cat.)
Spain is Art. Residence of the Embassy of Spain, Brussels, Belgium.
Más allá de la imagen. Colección de fotografía Alcobendas. PhE19 Santander. Palacio de la Magdalena, Santander, Spain.
Hisk @ Tick Tack , Antwerp, Belgium
A la manera de. Galería Rafael Ortiz, Sevilla, Spain.
Die Farbe Blau, Mario Mauroner gallery, Salzburg, Austria

2018 A short century: MACBA Collection. MACBA, Barcelona, Spain. (cat.)
XXV años de la Colección Alcobendas. Centro de Arte Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain (cat.)
Proyector. Different locations, Madrid, Spain.
Historia. Miradas de artistas. Club Matador, Madrid, Spain.
Schilling, mark, dollar, euro and... money in art. Galerie im Traklhaus, Salzburg, Austria.
Black Mirror. Mario Mauroner gallery, Salzburg, Austria.
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin. Cité Inernationale des Arts, Paris; Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
En plan travesti (y radical) . Tabacalera, Madrid (cat.)
Le Beau, La Belle et La Bête. Château et Jardins du Rivau, Lémeré, France.
Extraña Varsovia. Centro Cultural Maria Victoria Atencia. Málaga, Spain. (cat.)
Otra Puta Bienal. Galería 6mas1. Madrid, Spain.
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin. Forum des images, Centre Pompidou, Le Carreau du Temple, Luminor Hôtel de Ville, Cité internationale des arts. Paris, France.
Cartografías Líquidas. Instituto de México en España. Madrid, Spain.
Abierto-Abierto. Estudios Los Guayabamos, Guadalajara, México.
Black Disguises. MMSU, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka, Croaciaa.
Issues of Uncertainty. Ani Molnár gallery, Budapest, Hungria.

2017 EDGY. International video exhibition. Galerija Umjetnina. Museum of Fine Arts, Split, Croatia.
Private Choice. Centrale for Contemporary Art, Brussels, Belgium.
Shit, it´s Christmas again (from Jesus to Santa Claus). Gabrielle Maubrie galerie. Paris, Francia.
Cartografías Líquidas. Artium, Vitoria Spain.
The Raft. Art is (not) Lonely Different locations. Mu.ZEE, Ostende, Bélgica.
Algo más que palabras. Feria del Libro de Guadalajara. Guadalajara, México.
B3. On Desire. Biennial of Moving Image. Frankfurt Main. Germany.
Me duele España. Espacio Dörffi, Arrecife, Lanzarote, Spain.
Transition. Mario Mauroner Contemporary Art, Salzburg, Austria.
COMM / ALT / SHIFT. Aljira, A Center for Contemporary Art, New Jersey, USA.
Nuestro deseo es una revolución. Centro Centro, Madrid, Spain.
Abstracted # 2. Aeroplastics Contemporary. Brussels, Belgium.
The Chapel, Aeroplastics Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium.
React, Peanut Gallery, NY, USA.
El borde de la herida. Centro Centro. Madrid, España y CDAN. Huesca, España.
To Die Out Laughing. 23rd International Biennial of Humor and Satire in Art, "House of Humor and Satire", Museum Gabrovo, Bulgaria.
Cartografías Líquidas, Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, Mexico DF, Mexico.

2016 WePorn, Galerie Levy-Deval. Brussels, Belgium (cat).
Pavilion de L'Exile. Paris, France.
The Act of Seditio, WhiteBox, NY. New York, USA.
PIGS.Galeria Municipal do Porto, Portugal (cat).
Mundos (im)possibles. Centre d'Art la Panera, Lleida, Spain.
El impacto de lo viejo. Fundación Cajasol. Seville, Spain.
Quién es ese hombre? TEA, Tenerife Espacio de las Artes. Tenerife, Spain (cat).
PUNK. MACBA, Barcelona,Spain (cat).
Forever, BuBox, Kortrijk, Belgium.
PIGS. Artium. Basque Museum-Center of Contemporary Art. Vitoria, Spain. (cat)
Partner/You. Performance/collaboration with choreographer Chantal Yzerman. MUKHA. Antwerp, Belgium.
Solo es Sexo. Galería Fernando Pradilla., Madrid, Spain.
InterraCtion. Centre dárt de Cugnaux, Toulouse, France.

2015 Andante Giocoso. Mario Mauroner gallery, Viena, Austria.
Dark Ages. Aeroplastics Contemporary. Brussels, Belgium
TIME is love 8. International video art program. Itinerary for different countries.
From Madonna to Madonna. M100. Centro Cultural Matucana. Santiago, Chile.
El llano en llamas. Festival de Arte Cotemporaneo de Saltillo, Mexico.
PUNK. Sus rastros en el arte contemporáneo. Artium. Vitoria (Cat).
5th Thessaloniki Biennale of Contemporary Art. State Museum of Contemporary Art, Greece (cat).
Les Mondes Inverses. B.P.S. 22, Charleroi, Belgium.(cat).
Nel Mezzo del Mezzo. Palazzo Riso, Contemporary Art Museum of Sicil, Italy.
The Trick in the Smile. Artium collection. Artium, Vitoria, Spain.(cat).
Cine X. Me gusta Mirar. M100. Centro Cultural Matucana 100. Santigo, Chile.
Tomorrow Today "It´s Money Jim, but not as we know it". Mario Mauroner gallery, Vienna, Austria.
Imago Mundi. Luciano Benetton Collection. Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy.
Éros c'est la vie. Javier Lopez gallery. Madrid, Spain.
Wild Open Space/ Les moissons de la cité. Grand Curtius, Liege, Belgium.
Icône(s). Maison Particulière, Bruselas, Bélgica (cat).
PUNK. CA2M, Centro de Arte Dos de Mayo, Mostoles, Madrid. Curated by David G. Torres.(cat).
Flatlander. Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, Colorado, USA.
Engagements: collectionner /partager. Musée Sainte-Croix, Poitiers, France.

2014 The Remarkable Lightness of Being. Aeroplastics Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium.
Neighbours II. CAC, Contemporary Art Museo Malaga, Spain.
Relatos de Bellas Cosas Falsas. Arts Santa Monica, Barcelona, Spain.
Tiempo de progreso, Museo Barjola. Gijón, Spain.
BB6. Bucharest International Biennal for Contemporary Art, Bucarest, Rumania. (cat).
V Bienal de Arte Contemporáneo Fundación ONCE. Centro Centro, Madrid. (cat).
Fernelmont Contemporary Art Festival. Fernelmont, Bélgica. (cat).
Partner/You. Collaboration with choreographer Chantal Yzermans. Extra City, Antwerp, Belgium.
Flatland. The Guadalupe Cultural Art Center, San Antonio, Texas, USA (cat).
Colonia Apócrifa. MUSAC, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León, León, Spain (cat).
50 years of Hell. Art Elite vs Power Elite. Positive Propaganda Art Space, Munich, Germany.
Confirmación de la Alternatica. Tendido 11, Plaza de toros de las Ventas de Madrid.

2013 Inner Journeys. Maison Particulière, Bruselas, Belgium (cat).
Relats de Belles coses falses, Lo Pati, Centre d'Art de les Terres de l'Ebre, Spain.
De Madonna a Madonna. DA2, Domus Artium, Salamanca, Spain (cat).
Din A33. Galería Louis 21, Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
Matar al Mensajero. Galería Fernando Pradilla, Madrid, Spain.
Viaje de vuelta a Flandes. La Naval, Cartagena, Murcia, Spain.

2012 Nuevas Adquisiones 2009-2012. Centro de Arte Alcobendas. Madrid, Spain.
SChriftuur/Scripture. De Bond museum, Brugge, Belgium.
Die Erfindung des Jenseits. Residenzgalerie Salzburg, Mario Mauroner gallery, Salzburg, Austria.
Mundos Propios. Fundación Madariaga (Sevilla) y CAF (Almeria), Spain.
Intersections on paper. Galería Sherin Najjar. Berlin, Germany.
GOLD. Exposición colectiva. Belvedere Palace ,Vienna, Austria (cat).
Knives for dark nights. Iselp, Brussels, Belgium (cat).
Struggle(s). Maison Particulière art center. Brussels, Belgium (cat).

2011 Humanos: acciones, historia y fotografía. Centro de arte Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain (cat).
Espiritu de época. MIAC. Museo Internacional de Arte Contemporáneo. Lanzarote, Spain (cat).
Space collection.Halle aux Viandes. Liege. ´T Brandweer. Masstricht, The Netherlands.

GRANTS & AWARDS (selection)

- 2016 / Fellowship for Artistic Excellence. OMI residency, NY, USA.
- 2015 / Spain´s Public Agency for Cultura Action (AC/E). 5th Thessaloniki Biennale of Contemporary Art , Greece.
- 2015 / 1st Award Generación. Caja Madrid, Spain.
- 2008 / 1st Award Young Andalusian Artists Awards. Instituto Andaluz de la Juventud, Spain.
- 2005 / Edith Fergus Gilmore Award. Department of Art of The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA.
- 2004 / Fulbright Fellowship. Master in photography. The Ohio State University. Ohio, USA.
- 2004 / Walter Debrock Price. AZ-VUB. Brussels. Belgium.
- 2003 / Fulbright Fellowship to study in USA. Ministerio de Educacion y Ciencia, Madrid, Spain.
- 2003 / 2º Price Young Belgian Artist Awards (Prix de la Jeune Peinture Belge) Palais des Beaux–Arts, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2001 / 1st Award Photography. Muestra de Jóvenes Creadores Malagueños. Área de Cultura del Ayuntamiento de Málaga, Malaga, Spain.
- 2001 / Art Premier. Annual prizes of European artists. Dodrecht, Netherlands.
- 2001 / First Prize Young Artist 2001. San Fernando Bank, Spain.
- 2000 / Manuel Rivera grant. Diputacion de Granada, Spain.
- 2000 / CERA Bank Subsidy for Art Projects. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2000 / Artistic Production. Nord Brabant Fonds. Breda, Netherlands.
- 2000 / De Pont Prize. De Pont Museum. Tilburg, The Netherlands.
- 2000-2002 / Studentenfinanciering. Scholarship for accomplishment of studies in Holland, Dutch government, The Netherlands.
- 1998 / 1st Award Arts. Muestra de Jóvenes Creadores Malagueños. Área de Cultura del Ayuntamiento de Málaga. Malaga, Spain.
- 1998 / Artistic production. Nord Brabant Fonds. Breda, Netherlands.
- 1998 / 1st Price Jóvenes Creadores Malagueños (Young Malaga Artists). Malaga, Spain.
- 1997 / Master in European Arts and Cultures. Fontys Academie. Tilburg, Netherlands.
- 1997 / Fulbright Fellowship Sculpture Alfonso Ariza. La Rambla, Córdoba, España.

WORKS IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- 21c Museum collection, USA.
- ARTIUM. Museo Vasco de Arte Contemporáneo. Álava, Spain.
- Ayuntamiento de Málaga, Spain.
- BPS22. Musée d'art de la Province de Hainaut. Charleroi, Belgium.
- CA2M. Centro de Arte Dos de Mayo, Mostoles, Spain.
- CAAC. Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporáneo. Sevilla, Spain.
- CAC. Centro de Arte Contemporáneo. Malaga, Spain.
- Caja Madrid Collection, Spain.
- Caja Sol. Sevilla, Spain.
- CCA Andratx. Mallorca, Spain.
- Centro de Arte de Alcobendas. Madrid, Spain.
- Red Cross Spain
- Cultural Narratives Foundation, Libano.
- Diputación de Huelva, Spain.
- Diputación de Málaga, Spain.
- DKV Collection, Spain.
- Fondazione Benetton. Treviso, Italy.
- Foundation Francès. Senlis, France.
- Frans Masereel Centrum. Belgium.
- Fundación Hortensia Herrero.Valencia, Spain.
- Galila´s P.O.C. Brussels, Belgium.
- IAJ. Instituto Andaluz de la Juventud, Spain.
- Iniciarte. Junta de Andalucía, Spain.
- Les Abattoirs, Museum- FRAC Occitanie, Toulouse, France.
- MACBA. Barcelona, Spain.
- MACAM. Museu de Arte Contemporànea Armando Martins. Lisbon, Portugal.
- Maison Particuliere Art Center. Brussels, Belgium.
- MAK. Vienna, Austria.
- MAS. Museo de Arte Moderno y Contemporáneo de Santander, Spain.
- Ministerio de Cultura de España, Spain.
- Museum Art.Plus. Donaueschingen, Germany.
- National Belgium Bank. Belgium.
- Ömer Koç Collection. Istanbul, Turkey.
- Progress Art, Saudi Arabia.
- Space Collection. Belgium.
- Spanish National Bank
- Unicaja Bank Collection, Spain.