



## JESÚS RAFAEL SOTO

(Venezuela, 1923- France, 2005)

Jesús Rafael Soto was one of the pioneers of kinetic art, having participated in the group exhibition *Le mouvement* (1955), at the Denise René Gallery in Paris, one of the foundational moments of the style. Throughout his career, he was prominent for the redefinition of the social role of art, grounded upon ample research about the spatio-temporal unity of the artistic object.

Having studied Fine Arts in Caracas, he moved to Paris in 1950, where he joined The Dissidents, a Venezuelan collective of artists that sought to renovate artistic practices back in their country of origin. Even though he has been commonly associated with Op Art, Soto's work is rather characterized by the continuous study of movement and the dematerialization of the form, producing kinetic constructions in which the active participation of the spectator is key.

In 1958 he began *Vibraciones*, a series consisting of the overlap, in various levels, of grids and mobile objects that create infinite possibilities of vibrations and variations. Soto achieves the creation of works that are accessible to any and all public, without distinction of age or cultural capital, appealing to the very experience of the subject in relation to the artistic object.

- 2019 *Soto. The Fourth Dimension.* The Guggenheim Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain
- Soto: Vibrations, 1950-1960,* Hauser & Wirth, New York, USA
- 2015 *Jesús Rafael Soto, Une Rétrospective,* Musée Soulages, Rodez, France
- 2014 *Jesús Rafael Soto: Houston Penetrable,* Museum of Fine Arts (MFAH), Texas, USA
- 2013 *Soto dans le collection du Musée national d'art moderne,* Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2010 *Soto: Les harmonies combinatoires,* Galerie Denise René, Paris, France
- 2006 *Soto Virtual,* Trasncho Cultural, Caracas, Venezuela
- Virtualidad Vibrante,* Centro de Arte La Estancia, Caracas, Venezuela
- Visión en movimiento,* Fundación PROA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Visione en movimento,* Galleria d'Arte Moderna é Contemporaneo, Bergamo, Italy
- 2005 *Visión en movimiento,* Museo Tamayo Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City, Mexico
- Soto. A gran escala,* Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas Sofía Ímber, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2003 *Soto. A gran escala,* Centro Cultural Metropolitano, Quito, Ecuador
- Soto. Le mouvement,* Galerie Denise René, Paris, France
- 2001 *Jesús Soto, Retrospectiva,* Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2000 *Jesús Rafael Soto,* Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- Jesús Rafael Soto,* Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (MARCO), Monterrey, Mexico

- 1998 *Jesús Rafael Soto*, Museu de Arte Moderna da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil
- Jesús Rafael Soto*, Museo Nacional de Artes isuales, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Jesús Soto*, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1997 *Jesús Rafael Soto*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Universidad de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- Jesús Rafael Soto*, Hyundai Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 1993 *Re-pensar lo visible*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Maracay Mario Abreu, Maracay, Venezuela
- Jesús Soto*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Pau, France
- 1992 *Soto actual*, Altamira Fine Art; Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1990 *Jesús Rafael Soto*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Kamakura, Japan
- Jesús Rafael Soto*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Saitama, Japan
- Jesús Rafael Soto*, Iwaki City Art Museum, Iwaki, Japan
- Jesús Rafael Soto*, Itami City Museum of Art, Itami, Japan
- 1982 *Jesús Rafael Soto: Obres recents*, Fundación Joan Miró, Barcelona, Spain
- 1979 *Soto, Oeuvres actuelles*, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1977 *Soto*, Centre International de Création Artistique, Sénanque, France
- 1974 *Soto, Retrospectiva*, Musée Boymans-van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Soto, Retrospectiva*, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C, USA
- 1971 *Jesús Rafael Soto*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, USA
- Penetrable de Bogotá*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Bogotá, Colombia

- 2019      συν χρόνος, Galería RGR, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Outlines*, Leon Tovar Gallery, New York, USA
- 2018      *Kinesthesia: Latin American Kinetic Art, 1954-1969*, Palm Springs Art Museum, California, USA  
*Todo es movimiento, Op Art y Arte Cinético en la colección Würth*, Museo Würth, La Rioja, Spain  
*The other transatlantic Kinetic & Op Art in Central & Eastern Europe and Latin America*, Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw, Poland  
*The other transatlantic Kinetic & Op Art in Central & Eastern Europe and Latin America 1950s-1970s*, Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia  
*Latinoamérica: volver al futuro*, Museum de Arte Contemporáneo de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*Vapor and Vibration: The Art of Larry Bell and Jesús Rafael Soto*, Tampa Museum of Art, Florida, USA
- 2017      *The urge to create visions 1929-2017*, Museum of Contemporary Sculpture, Oronsko, Poland  
*IMMA Collection: Coact-lines*, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016      *Transmissions: Art in Eastern Europe and Latin America, 1960-1980*, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, USA  
*Pan American Modernism Avant-Garde Art Latin America and the United States*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, North Carolina, USA  
*The illusive eye*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, USA  
*Eye attack*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark  
*Un musée imaginé. Trois collections européennes: Centre Pompidou, Tate, MMK*, Centre Pompidou-Metz, Metz, France
- 2015      *Superposiciones: Arte latinoamericano en colecciones mexicanas*, Museo Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico  
*La línea continua*, Blanton Museum of Art, Universidad de Texas, Texas, USA

- 2015 *Libertad de expresión: The Art Museum of the Americas and Cold War Politics*, Art Museum of the Americas, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C, USA
- 2013 *Schwarz-Weiss*, Kleines Museum, Kultur auf der Peunt, Weissenstadt, Germany
- La invención concreta: Colección Patricia Phelps de Cisneros*, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- Myth and Materiality: Latin American Art from the Permanent Collection, 1930-1990*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California, USA
- Intersections: MoLAA's Permanent Collection*, Museum of Latin American Art (MoLAA), California, USA
- 2011 *Ejercicios ópticos*, Museum de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela
- Suprasensorial: Experimentos en luz, color y espacio*, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Los Angeles, USA
- Musée national d'art moderne Collections contemporaines (des années 1960 à nos jours)*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, Francia
- 2010 *Embracing Modernity: Venezuelan Geometric, Abstraction*, The Patricia & Philip Frost Art Museum, Florida, USA
- 2009 *North Looks South. Building the Latin American Art Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH), Texas, USA
- 2008 *Revolución Cinética*, Museo de Arte Nacional de Chiado (MNAC), Lisbon, Portugal
- 2007 *The Geometry of Hope, Latin American Abstract Art from the Patricia Phelps de Cisneros Collection*, Blanton Museum of Art, Texas, USA
- L'CEil Moteur. Art Optique et Cinétique. 1950.1975*, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporaine, Strasbourg, France
- 2006 *Zero, Internationale Künstler Avantgarde des 50er/60er Jahre*, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2004 *Inverted Utopias: Avant-Garde Art in Latin America*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, USA
- Beyond Geometry: Experiments in Form 1940s-70s*, Los Angeles Country Museum of Art, California, USA
- 2002 *Paris: Capital of the Arts, 1990-1968*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK

- 2000 *Heterotopías. Medio siglo sin-lugar 1918-1968*, Museo Nacional, Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- 1998 *Zero Internacional*, Musée d' Art Moderne et d' Art Contemporain de la Ville de Nice, Nice, France
- 1967 *Lumière et Mouvement*, Musée d' Art moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France
- 1963 *Venezuela del paisaje a la expresión plástica. 10 artistas contemporáneos*, Museo Nacional de Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid, Spain

## COLLECTIONS (SELECTION)

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Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Sammlung Lenz Schönberg, Munich, Germany

Josef Albers Museum, Bottrop, Germany

Kaiser Wilhelm Museum, Krefeld, Germany

Sprengel Museum Hannover, Hannover, Germany

Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany

Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany

Museum Wurth, Künzelsau, Germany

Ulmer Museum, Ulm, Germany

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium

Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de la Universidad de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Museo de la Solidaridad Salvador Allende, Santiago de Chile, Chile

Museo de Arte Moderno La Tertulia, Cali, Colombia

Ho-Am Art Museum, Seoul, South Korea

National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, South Korea

Museo de La Asegurada, Alicante, Spain

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

Fundación ARCO, Madrid, Spain

Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland

Musée d'Art Contemporain, Lyon, France

Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France

Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nantes, Nantes, France

Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Turin, Italy  
Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna Contemporanea di Roma, Rome, Italy  
Museum of Modern Art, Hokkaido, Japan  
Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan  
Itami City Art Museum, Itami, Japan  
Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City, Mexico  
Museo de Arte Latino Americano Contemporáneo de Managua, Managua, Nicaragua  
Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Basel, Suiza  
Reflex Miniature Museum of Contemporary Art, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Muezul de Arta Universala Burcuresti, Bucarest, Romania  
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden  
Tate Gallery, London, UK  
Oklahoma City Art Museum, Oklahoma City, USA  
The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, USA  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C, USA  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA  
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas Sofía Imber, Caracas, Venezuela  
Museo de Arte Moderno - Fundación Jesús Soto, Ciudad Bolívar, Venezuela  
Museo de Arte Moderno de Mérida Juan Astorga Anta, Mérida, Venezuela  
Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela  
Fundación Galería de Arte Nacional, Caracas, Venezuela

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