



OSWALDO VIGAS

(Valencia, Venezuela, 1923 - Caracas, Venezuela, 2014)

Oswaldo Vigas is one of the most prominent Venezuelan artists in Latin American Art History. Vigas' work merges avant-garde formal concerns with the modern recovery of American identities. While his Latin American contemporaries in Paris found in movement and optical phenomena the answers to the meaning of Modern art, Vigas turned to Surrealism and Figuration.

The self-taught artist rooted his work on Venezuelan visual culture and primitivist aesthetic. In that sense, Abstraction turned into a way of representing invisible and spiritual worlds, and in a way to establish connections between divergent times and contexts, using folklore as the key of the universal experience shared by humanity.

Vigas' oeuvre is a counterpart to the nineteen fifties Latin American Art movements born in Paris. Nevertheless, his work still maintains shared traditions common to other contemporaries who aimed to reinterpret Modern art from a regional/national angle, such as Roberto Matta, Wifredo Lam or Rufino Tamayo.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2019 *Oswaldo Vigas: Poéticas de la abstracción*, Galería RGR, Mexico City, Mexico
Oswaldo Vigas: Transformations, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, Florida, USA
- 2018 *Oswaldo Vigas: Transformations*, Grand Rapids Arts Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
- 2016 *Oswaldo Vigas. Antológica 1943 – 2013*, Museu de Arte Contemporânea da Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- 2015 *Donación Oswaldo Vigas*, Musée d'Angers, Angers, France
Oswaldo Vigas. Antológica 1943 – 2013, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago de Chile, Chile
Oswaldo Vigas. Antológica 1943 – 2013, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, Colombia
- 2014 *Oswaldo Vigas. Antológica 1943 – 2013*, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, Bogota, Colombia
Oswaldo Vigas. Antológica 1943 – 2013, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Lima, Perú
- 2013 *Homenaje a Oswaldo Vigas*, Galería de Arte Nacional, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2012 *El dibujo en la obra de Oswaldo Vigas 1940-2012*, Gabinete del Dibujo y la Estampa de Valencia, Venezuela
- 2011 *Oswaldo Vigas. Mérida, Paris, Caracas. Peintures*, Centre d'Art Villa Tamaris, La Seyne-sur-mer, France
- 2010 *Oswaldo Vigas. De brujas a curanderas*, Parque Fernando Peñalver, Valencia, Carabobo, Venezuela
- 2009 *Mujeres, mujeres y mujeres*, Alianza Francesa La Castellana, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2006 *Oswaldo Vigas: Sortilèges des tropiques*, Museo Jean Lurçat et de la Tapisserie Contemporaine, Angers, France
- 2003 *Ideografías de París, 1952-1957*, Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Aplicadas, Lyon, France
- 1952 *Oswaldo Vigas: 1946-1952*, Museo de Bellas Artes, Caracas, Venezuela

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2016 *Nouvelles Acquisitions/Artothèque*, Musée Jean Lurçat et de la Tapisserie Contemporaine d'Angers, France
- 2013 *Síntesis de las artes mayores. Seis décadas 1953-2013*, Ciudad Universitaria de Caracas, Fundación BBVA Provincial, Venezuela
- 2012 *Exposición de arte iberoamericano*, Suprema Corte de España, Madrid, Spain
- 2009 *Latin American Art*, Sotheby's, New York, USA
Latin American Art, Christie's, New York, USA
- 2008 *Artistes de l'Atelier 3*, Musée Jean Lurçat et de la Tapisserie Contemporaine, Angers, France
- 2006 *Iberoamérica*, University of St. Francis, Chicago, USA
Le Musée de la Tapisserie a 20 ans, Musée Jean Lurçat et de la Tapisserie Contemporaine, Angers, France
Documentaria. 30 años en el arte venezolano, Galería de Arte Nacional, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2004 *Caracas à Paris*, French Alliance Paris IleDe-France, Paris, France
- 2003 *La Megaexposición 1900-2000*, Galería de Arte Nacional, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2002 *The Latinamerican & Caribbean Art Today*, Miura Museum of Art, Miura, Japan
Abstracción geométrica en Venezuela, Galería de Arte Nacional, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2000 *Un cœur, un monde*, Maison de la Culture du Japon, Paris, France
- 1962 31th Venice Biennale, Italy
- 1955 Bienal de São Paulo, Brazil

COLLECTIONS (SELECTION)

The Museum of Fine Arts Houston (MFAH), Texas, USA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), California, USA

University of Michigan Museum of Art, Michigan, USA

The OAS Art Museum of the Americas, Washington D.C, USA

Musée des Beaux-Arts d'Angers, Angers, France

Musée Jean Lurçat et de la Tapisserie, Angers, France

Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá (MAMBO), Bogotá, Colombia

Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Bogotá (MAC), Bogotá, Colombia

Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Lima (MAC), Lima, Perú

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Santiago de Chile, Chile

Museo Ralli, Punta del Este, Uruguay

Museo Municipal de Arte Moderno de Cuenca, Cuenca, Ecuador

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