



VILLA MAGDALENA

Alejandro Garmendia (San Sebastián, 1959 - 2017) possessed a subversive attitude and an ingenious approach to the aesthetic structure and formal aspects of landscape and architecture. He commandeered them to a point of departure where a plethora of images manifested themselves in a variety of ways, documenting the non-existent and creating the physically impossible. Phantasmagorical objects shift, transforming what we are looking at into a world where scale and plane are mixed together until gravity ceases to exist. Scenes that do not necessarily conform to one particular style, ultimately present a distanced metaphysical vision of an emotional character filled with solitude and melancholy; that brings us into a new painted irreality.

Alejandro Garmendia (1959-2017) lived and worked in numerous cities including San Sebastián, Madrid and New York. He studied Fine Art at the Universidad del País Vasco (UPV/EHU) in Bilbao. Significant solo exhibitions have taken place at Galería Masha Prieto (1988, Madrid, Spain); Galería Antonio Machón (1994, Madrid, Spain); Galería Colón XVI (2000, Bilbao); Generous Miracles Gallery (2001, New York City, United States); McClain Gallery (2007, Houston, United States). In 2007 he exhibited alongside Andreas Gursky, Jan Fabre, Per Barclay and Man Ray at the Museo Reina Sofía in Madrid in the group exhibition *Perceptions*. In March 2018, a year after his death, Alejandro Garmendia was honored through the retrospective, *Alejandro Garmendia: Paisajes, enigma y melancolía* at the Sala Kubo Museum in San Sebastián, Spain. An attempt to reevaluate his life trajectory. In 2023 Garmendia was included in the group exhibition *Años 90* at the San Telmo Museum (San Sebastian), a survey of the various artist collectives that were active in the Basque Country in the late 80's, 90's and the beginning of the 2000's. His work is included in the permanent collections of the Reina Sofía Museum (Madrid) and the San Telmo Museum (San Sebastian).



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LIVED AND WORKED IN NEW YORK AND HENDAYE, FRANCE

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023

Alejandro Garmendia: El ingenio revolucionario, Villa Magdalena, Donostia-San Sebastián, España

2018

Alejandro Garmendia: Paisajes, enigma y melancolía, Kubo-Kutxa Fundazioa, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

2017

Alejandro Garmendia, KUR, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

2008

Alejandro Garmendia, McClain Gallery, Houston, TX, USA

2005

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Antonio Machón, Madrid, Spain

2004

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Marina Miranda, Porto, Spain

2003

Alejandro Garmendia, Generous Miracles, New York, NY, USA

2002

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Antonio Machón, Madrid, Spain

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2000

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Colón XVI, Bilbao, Spain

1999

Alejandro Garmendia, Generous Miracles, New York, NY, USA

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Antonia Puyó, Zaragoza, Spain

1998

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Antonio Machón, Madrid, Spain

1996

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Antonia Puyó, Zaragoza, Spain

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Vanguardia, Bilbao, Spain

1995

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Dieciséis, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain



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1994

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Antonio Machón, Madrid, Spain

1993

Alejandro Garmendia, Museo San Telmo, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

1992

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Masha Prieto, Madrid, Spain

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Alejandro Sales, Barcelona, Spain

1991

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Rita Garcia, Valencia, Spain

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Dieciséis, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

1990

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Masha Prieto, Madrid, Spain

1988

Alejandro Garmendia, Galería Masha Prieto, Madrid, Spain

1986

Alejandro Garmendia, Aula de Cultura de la C.A.P., Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

1985

Alejandro Garmendia, Aula de Cultura de la C.A.M., Bilbao, Spain

1983

Alejandro Garmendia, ARTEDER, Bilbao, Spain

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2023

Los años 90, San Telmo Museoa, Donostia-San Sebastián, España

2020

Some Tendencies in Spanish Painting Now, Villa Magdalena, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

2016

Unknown, curated by Julian Schnabel, Ludwig Museum im Deutschherrenhaus, Koblenz, Germany

2008

Group Show: Valdia Cruz, Emanuela Gadner, Alejandro Garmendia, Domiziana Giordano and Pierre Sernet, Untitled 2114 Gallery, Miami, FL, USA



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2007

Percepciones, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

2006

Blanco y Negro, Galería Antonio Machón, Madrid, Spain

2003

Incubator, curated by Vito Schnabel, 250 Hudson Street, New York, NY, USA

2002

Pintura de cámara. Koldo Mitxelena Kulturunea, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain
Galería Antonio Machón, Madrid, Spain

2001

Galería Antonio Machón, Madrid, Spain

2000

Monstruos del Paraíso, Sala Amarica, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

1996

Galería Vanguardia, Bilbao, Spain

1995

31 artistas. 3 Museos, Bayona, San Sebastián, Biarritz, France

1994

Uztaro. Becas de creación plástica en Arteleku, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

1992

Inlontanze, Galería Il Serpenti, Rome, Italy
Immaginate Euskadi 1 edición, Banco Hispano Americano, Bilbao, Spain

1991

Homenaje al "Chino," Baraja de artistas vascos, Galería Vanguardia, Bilbao, Spain
Las 48 horas de Póker con Morquillas y "EL RUSO," Madrid, Spain

1988

Joven Pintura Española IV (Tradición y Modernidad), Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores (traveling exhibition)
Cure Artea, Artistas Vascos en el Museo San Telmo, Museo San Telmo, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

1987

9 Pintores Guipuzcoanos, Museo San Telmo, Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain

1985

Una corbata para el domingo, C.A.M., Bilbao, Spain



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1984

7 Pintores 7, Aula de Cultura, C.A.M., Bilbao, Spain

Umeentzako Artea, C.A.M., Bilbao, Spain

Proyectos para una exposición, G. Windsor, Bilbao, Spain

1983

Homenaje a Kafka, Palacio de Torre Villela, Mungia, Spain

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Colección Banco de España, Spain

Colección Caja Madrid, Spain

Colección Banco Hispano Americano, Bilbao, Spain

Colección de Arte Contemporáneo Fundación Amigos de Arco, Spain

Colección Diputación de Bilbao, Spain

Colección Testimoni La Caixa, Spain

Colección Unión Fenosa, Spain

Colección Kutxa Gipuzkoa, Spain

Diputación Foral de Gipuzkoa, Spain

Fundació Amigos del Museo Reina Sofía, Spain

Fundació Caixa de Pensiones, Spain

Museo de BBVA de Alava, Spain

Museo de Logroño, Spain

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain

Museo San Telmo, Spain