

Poética - Statement.

My work involves constructing poetry through photography, and like all poetry, it questions the codes and conventions of the language of its expression.

I refer to the technique I use as *direct action shots*: I light each scene manually in the dark, using light to create a subjective space that creates a story within the image.

The use of light and color has an artistic, conceptual meaning. Without light and shadow, nothing can be determined. The contrasts between the sudden flashes and darkness accentuate the mystery of mankind, emphasizing our beauty and at times, our own darkness.

Bio

Arturo Aguiar was born in San Juan, Argentina in 1963. He studied physics at the Universidad de Buenos Aires.

His first solo show was held in 2000. Over the past decade, his work has been shown in Argentina, France, Spain, Portugal, Mexico, the United States, Costa Rica, Colombia, Belgium and Germany. His photographs are included in important museums and private collections in Argentina and other countries of the world.

Solo Shows (A selection)

- 2011** “The Colors of the Obscured.” Praxis International Art - New York.
“The Poetics of Light.” Sala Rivadavia. Cadiz. Spain.
- 2010** “Argentine Light.” Praxis International Art. Bs. As. Argentina.
- 2008** “Limite Sud- South Limit.” ArteBA Foundation. Bs. As. Argentina
“Anniversary.” Jacob Carpio Galería. SJ de Costa Rica.
“Between Light and Darkness.” Galería Paz y Comedia. Valencia. Spain
“Dialogues.” Ernesto Cantena Contemporary Photography. Bs. As. Argentina.
- 2007** “At the Limits of Representation.” Photo Gallery of the Teatro Gral. San Martín.
Bs. As. Argentina.
“Between Light and Darkness.” Galería Sicart, Barcelona, Spain.
Photographs. Ernesto Catena Contemporary Photography, Bs. As., Argentina.
- 2006** “Light and Thought.” Museo de Arte Moderno de Cali, Colombia.
“Light and Time.” Espacio Temporal. Mexico City.
- 2005** “The Photographic.” El Borde Arte Contemporáneo. Bs. As. Argentina
“03 – 04.” Centro Cultural Recoleta. Bs. As. Argentina
- 2004** “Fantastic.” Centro Cultural Ricardo Rojas. Bs. As. Argentina
- 2003** “Glamour.” Sonoridad Amarilla. Bs. As. Argentina
- 2002** “Portraits.” Torre Monumental. Bs. As. Argentina
- 2000** “Self-Portraits.” Centro Cultural Ricardo Rojas. Bs. As. Argentina

Group Shows (A Selection)

- 2011** “The Change.” World Bank. Washington D.C. – Paris, France

2010 "Love in the Times of Cholera." Galeria Arte por Arte. Bs As. Argentina/ Fighting Twins: Eros- Tanatos. EcuNHi. Bs. As. Argentina/Photography in Argentina 1840-2010. Galeria Arte X Arte. CABA. Argentina.

2009 "Photographs of Buenos Aires." Galería Bruneau Munier. Paris, France /Stories to Keep you Awake. Fondo Nacional de las Artes. Bs As Argentina.

2008 "Shifts and Functions. Photographs and Color." Centro Cultural Recoleta. Bs. As. Argentina./"Scenic." Centro cultural Ricardo Rojas. Bs. As. Argentina.

2007 "Fugitive Reality." Galeria AgalmaArte Bs. As. Argentina. /"Self-Portraits of Photographers." Itinerant. Argentina/ArteBa Jacob Karpio Galeria Costa Rica/ArteBA. El Borde Arte Comtemporaneo. Bs. As. Argentina/ExpoImagen. Bs. As. Argentina.

2006 "Rembrandt Examined." Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes. Bs. As. Argentina/"Reality(i)Reality." XIV Open Photography Encounters. Centro Cultural Recoleta, Bs. As. Argentina./"15 x15 Photographs x Critics," Praxis-Winwood, Miami - New York./ArteBA. El Borde Arte Contemporáneo. Bs. As. Argentina./"Photo September 2006", Jacob Karpio Galería, S J de Costa Rica ./

2005 "15 x15 Photographs x Critics", Galería Praxis, .Buenos Aires, Argentina./"S/T On Male Homosexuality." Galería Elsi del Rio./"Contemporary Photography." La Casona de los Olivera./ArteBA. El Borde Arte Contemporáneo./Auction at Christie's Paris with proceeds donated to the ARSP. Paris, France.

Awards (Selection)

2009 Petrobras BsAs Photo Award. (First Acquisition Prize)

2008 "Platt, Isidro Miranda" Award./First Biennale of Photography. Galeria Arte X Arte. Petrobras BsAs Photo Award. (Fifth Acquisition Prize)

2007 "XI Award of the Klemm Foundation" (Special Mention) Bs. As. Argentina/Petrobras Award-BsAsPhoto. Palaise de Glace (*Finalist*) Bs. As. Argentina /Biennale AGA Klemm Foundation, Bs. As. Argentina. /"Platt, Isidro Miranda" Award. Galería Isidro Miranda, Bs. As. Argentina.

2006 "Argentine Visual Arts" Award. OSDE Foundation. (Third National Photography Prize) Bs As Argentina. /Petrobras Award (Finalist) - Buenos Aires Photo. Palaise de Glace. Bs. As. Argentina /Klemm Award. Klemm Foundation, Bs As Argentina/Platt Award, Galeria Isidro Miranda, Bs As Argentina/Art+Trust Award. (Third Mention) Bs As Argentina

2005 "AAGA" Award, Klemm Foundation. Buenos Aires, Argentina./"Argentine Visual Arts" Award. OSDE Foundation.

2002 "People from my City" Award, Banco Ciudad (Sixth mention). Centro Cultural Recoleta. Bs. As. Argentina.

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