

Eduardo Costa

b. 1940, Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Eduardo Costa is an Argentine artist who lived twenty-five years in the US and four in Brazil. He started his career in Buenos Aires as part of the Di Tella generation and continued to work in NYC, where he made a strong contribution to the local avant-garde. He collaborated with American artists Vito Acconci, Scott Burton, John Perreault and Hannah Weiner, among others. In Brazil, he participated in projects organized by Hélio Oiticica, Lygia Pape, Antonio Manuel, Lygia Clark, and others from the school of Rio. His work has been discussed in *Art in America*, *Art Forum*, and in the main books on conceptual art: A. Alberro, MIT, 1999; P. Osborne, Phaedon, 2002; Mari Carmen Ramírez and Héctor Olea, Yale/Houston Museum of Art, 2004; Inés. Katzenstein, MoMA, New York, 2004, Luis Pérez- Oramas and others, San Antonio Museum of Art, 2004; Luis Camnitzer, University of Texas, 2007, among others. Eduardo Costa's work has been exhibited at the New Museum, New York; Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Museo Reina Sofía, Madrid; Queens Museum of Art, Queens, New York; List Art Center, Boston; Miami Art Museum, Walker Art Center, Minnesota, MOMA, Buenos Aires; Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, among others. A current project is to manufacture 30 Duchamp/Costa bicycles inspired by a 1980 model, for an exhibition on Duchamp-based work curated by Jessica Morgan (Tate Modern) for the Jumex Foundation in Mexico City.

Museum Exhibitions

The New Museum, New York
Museum of Fine Arts-Houston, Texas
The Queens Museum, New York
List Art Center, Boston, Massachusetts
Miami Art Museum, Miami, Florida
Walker Art Center, Minnesota
Jumex Foundation Collection, México DF
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
Museo Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid
Vienna Secession, Vienna, Austria
Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Museu de Arte Moderna, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Malba, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Public collections

The Museum of Modern Art, New York
The Metropolitan Museum, New York
Cisneros Collection, New York
Space Collection, Irvine, California
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Jumex Foundation Collection, México DF
Banco Mercantil, Caracas, Venezuela

Exhibitions

- 2018 *Eduardo Costa: Desmaterialización/Aplausos a la Materia*, María Calcaterra Moderno & Contemporáneo, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2018-2017 *Las relaciones mentales*, Eduardo Costa, Museo Tamayo, Mexico
- 2015 *Eduardo Costa, Five Museum Pieces*, Cosmocosa, Buenos Aires, Argentina
International Pop, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2014 *Eduardo Costa, Naturalezas*, Henrique Faria Gallery, Buenos Aires
Eduardo Costa, Moda ficción, naturaleza, joyas y bicicletas, Museo de Arte Moderno (MAMBA), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013 *Fussiform Gyrus*, Lisson Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2012 *Pop, realismo y Política*, PROA, Buenos Aires, Argentina; GAMEC, Bergamo, Italia; MAM Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2011 *Eduardo Costa*, Galería CG Arte, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2010 *Iman: Nueva York*, Fundación PROA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2009 Ideobox Art Space (solo), Miami, Florida
Art Basel/Miami Beach, Faría/Fábregas Galería, Miami, Florida
Bienal del Mercosul, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
The Death of the Audience, Vienna Secession, Vienna, Austria
ArteBA 09, Henrique Faria Fine Arts, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Feria de arte de Sao Paulo, Galeria Luisa Pedrouzo, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2008 Pinta 08, Feria de arte Latinoamericano, Enrique Faria Fine Arts & Ideobox, New York
The (Unruly) History of the Readymade (catalogue), Jumex Foundation Collection, México DF, México
Las entrañas del arte, Un relato material (Siglo XVII-XXI) (catalogue), Fundación OSDE, Buenos Aires, Argentina
A Retrospective (solo), Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires, Argentina
E. Costa, El Salto de la imaginación 2, Faría/Fábregas Galería (catalogue), Venezuela
E. Costa, El salto de la imaginación 2, (catalogue) Ruth Benzacar Galería, Buenos Aires, Argentina
A Show That Is... (with Dan Graham, William Anastasi, Stephen Kaltenbach), Galerie Jan Mot, Brussels (brochure)
Arte/vida, El Museo del Barrio (catalog), New York
ArteBA, Faría/Fábregas Galería, Buenos Aires, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York, Alejandra Von Hartz Gallery, Miami, Florida
- 2007 *Names of Friends: Poem for a Deaf-Mute*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires, Argentina
ArteBA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Pinta! La feria Latinoamericana en New York
- 2006 Arco, Madrid, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd.
Draw A Straight Line and Follow It, Bard College, (catalog), with La Monte Young, Nam June Paik, Yoko Ono, George Brecht, and others
- 2005 *Photo Art Buenos Aires*, Alejandra von Hartz Fine Arts. Buenos Aires, Argentina
Merrill Lynch Arteamericas, Alejandra von Hartz Fine Arts, Miami
Art Basel/Miami Beach, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd.
- 2004 *La Lección de Anatomía*, performance & solo exhibition, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires

- (The Biology of Painting), available DVD
Inverted Utopias, The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Texas (catalogue)
 Arco, Madrid, Curated Section, Cecilia de Torres Ltd.
- 2003 *Opening the Fruits*, a performance with show (solo) Galeria Ruth Benzacar, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Paralelos: Selecciones de la colección Patricia Cisneros (group), MALBA, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
 Funky Fine, Chelsea Museum, NY
El Salto de la Imaginación, (solo) Galería Ruth Benzacar, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2002 *The Biology of Painting*, (solo) The Artist's Network, New York
- 2001 *Volumetric Paintings: The Geometric Works* (solo) Cecilia de Torres Ltd., New York
Re: Duchamp, Bienal de Venezia, 450 Broadway Gallery, and others
- 2000 *Heterotopías, 50 años sin lugar*, Museo de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid
Square Roots, Cecilia de Torres Ltd., New York
- 1999 *Global Conceptualism: The Queens Museum*, New York; The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis; List Center for the Arts, Cambridge; Miami Art Museum, Miami, FL
En Medio de los Medios, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes; Group Show, Elga Wimmer Gallery, New York; Soho Biennial, 450 Broadway Gallery, New York
- 1998 *La Pintura Dura, Pura*, (solo) ICI, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1994 *Talking Paintings*, IBEU Copacabana and Dreams, IBEU Madureira, created with Marta Chilindron, Río de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1992 *The Art Mall: A Social Space*, The New Museum, New York
The Latin American Spirit, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, New York
- 1987 *Fashion and Surrealism*, FIT, New York
- 1986 *Eminent Immigrants*, Snug Harbor, S.I., New York
- 1984 *Fashion Fiction IV*, in Harper's Bazar, 1/84, The New York Times magazine, New York
- 1982 *Fashion Fiction II*, in Vogue, 9/82, New York
- 1981 *The Usable Art Show* (group). Queens Museum, San Diego Museum of Art, Danforth Museum, and others
Fashion Fiction III, en Vogue Brasil, 5/81, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 1980 *Esquenta pro Carnaval* organized by Helio Oiticica, Río de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1977 *Homenaje a Marcel Duchamp*, Galería Arte Nuevo, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1970 *Art in the Mind*, a exhibition/catalogue, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio
You See a Dress en "Four Theater Pieces" with Scott Burton, Vito Acconci y John Perreault, Wadsworth Atheneum, Connecticut
- 1969 *Street Works, I, II, III y IV* (group), various street locations and at The Architectural League, New York
Six Absences, en "Theatre Works" at Hunter (group), New York
The Fashion Show Poetry Event, with Hannah Weiner and John Perreault, The Americas Society, New York
Tape Poems, edited by Costa and Perreault with work by the editors and Vito Acconci, Scott Burton, and others
- 1968 *Fashion Fiction I*, in Vogue, p.170, 2/1/68, New York
- 1966 *Fashion Fiction I*, with Juan Risuleo, in *Confirmado* and other publications, Buenos Aires, Argentina
First Mediatic Art Work with R. Escari y R. Jacoby, in *El Mundo* and other publications, Buenos Aires, Argentina
First Work Made of Oral Language, with R. Jacoby y J. Risuleo, Instituto Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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