



LEO VILLAREAL

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1967
Lives and works in New York, NY

EDUCATION

- 1994 New York University, M.P.S.
Tisch School of the Arts, Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP)
1990 Yale University, B.A.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS

- 2016 *Spacetime*, fused space, San Francisco, CA
Buckyball, Exploratorium, San Francisco, CA
2015 *Leo Villareal*, NorthPark Center, Dallas, TX
2014 *Buckyball*, Sandra Gering Inc, New York, NY
2013 *Digital Sublime*, Miles C. Horton Jr. Gallery, Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech,
Blacksburg, VA
2012 *Buckyball*, Madison Square Park, New York, NY
New Works, Conner Contemporary, Washington, DC
2011 *Volume*, Gering & López Gallery, New York, NY
2010 *Leo Villareal*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA, traveling to: Nevada
Museum of Art, Reno, NV, Nerman Museum of Art, Overland Park, KS,
Telfair Museum of Art, Savannah, GA, Madison Museum of
Contemporary Art, Madison, WI
Recent Works, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL
2009 Galería Javier López, Madrid, Spain
2008 Conner Contemporary, Washington, DC
2007 Gering & López Gallery, New York, NY
2006 Conner Contemporary, Washington, DC
2005 Galería Javier López, Madrid, Spain
Marc Selwyn Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA
2004 Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY
Conner Contemporary, Washington, DC
2003 Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, TX
2002 Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY
Conner Contemporary, Washington, DC

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SITE – SPECIFIC COMMISSIONS

- 2016 *Volume (Frisco)*, Dallas Cowboys Headquarters, Frisco, TX
Light Matrix (Auckland Theatre Company), Auckland Theatre Company, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2015 *Light Matrix*, 3601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
Hexagonal Grid (OSU), Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Chemistry (CBEC) Building, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Threshold, The ART a Hotel, Denver, CO
Volume (Renwick), Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
- 2013 *The Bay Lights*, Bay Bridge, San Francisco, CA
Volume (Durst), 1133 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY
- 2012 *Cosmos*, Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Hive (Bleecker Street), MTA Arts for Transit, Bleecker Lafayette Station, New York, NY
Cylinder II, TEFAF Maastricht 2012 Art Fair, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Line, MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY
- 2011 *Radiant Pathway*, Rice University, Houston, TX
- 2010 *Sky (Tampa)*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa FL
Sky (El Paso), United States Federal Courthouse, El Paso, TX
- 2009 *Diagonal Grid*, Borusan Center for Culture and Arts, Istanbul, Turkey
Threshold, 1801 K Street, Washington, DC
- 2008 *Scintillator*, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada (temporary)
Multiverse, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- 2007-08 *Stars*, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY
- 2007 *Microcosm*, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
- 2006 *Chasing Rainbows (Perry Capital)*, Perry Capital, New York, NY
Untitled, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, Washington, D.C.
Chasing Rainbows (Perry Capital), Perry Capital, New York, NY
- 2005 *Light Matrix*, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2004 *Chasing Rainbows/New Haven*, Yale University, New Haven, CT (temporary)
- 2003 *Supercluster*, PS1/MoMA, Long Island City, NY (temporary)
Star (Toulouse), Le Printemps de Septembre, Toulouse, France (temporary)
- 2002 *Lightscape*, Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art, Palm Beach, FL (temporary)
Art Among The Stars, Grand Central Station, New York, NY (temporary)
Art In General On Canal, Art In General, New York, NY

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- 2001 *Untitled*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City, Mexico (temporary)
Massless Medium: Explorations in Sensory Immersion, Creative Time in The
Anchorage, Brooklyn, NY (temporary)
KMX Reenergize Zone, *Moby* tour, traveling video installation

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Into the Ether: Contemporary Light Artists*, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH
Tech-né-color, Sandra Gallery Inc, New York, NY
- 2015 *Wonder*, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
Luminous Flux, Art House, Santa Fe, NM
Systems and Corruptions, The National Exemplar Gallery, New York, NY
Intervenciones, Proyecto AMIL, Centro Comercial Camino, Lima, Peru
- 2014 *Tracking the Cosmos*, Simons Center Gallery, Stony Brook University, NY
Luminous Flux: Digital & Geometric Art from the Thoma Foundation,
Thoma Foundation, Santa Fe, NM
Spaced Out: Migration to the Interior, Red Bull Studios, New York, NY
- 2013 *Light Show*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK. Travelling to; Auckland Art Gallery,
Auckland, New Zealand; MoCA Australia, Sydney, Australia; Sharjah Art
Foundation, Sharjah, UAE; CorpArtes, Santiago, Chili.
- 2012 *Extended Minimalism*, Javier López Gallery, Madrid, Spain
Motion and Emotion: Contemporary Art from Gerhard Richter to Chakaia Booker,
Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, ME
Inquisitive Eyes: El Paso Art 1960-2012, El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX
- 2011 *Longitudes de Onda*, Espacio de Arte OTR, Madrid, Spain
Almost Tangible, Arario Gallery, Beijing, China
RED (Force Fields), David Richard Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
January White Sale, curated by Beth Rubin DeWoody, Loretta Howard Gallery,
New York, NY
Altered States, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2010 *Small is Beautiful*, Galerie Seomi, Seoul, Korea
Illuminations (After Arthur Rimbaud), LTMH Gallery, New York, NY
Multiple Pleasures: Functional Objects in Contemporary Art, Tanya Bonakdar
Gallery, New York, NY
Love in Vein: Editions Fawbush projects & artists 2005-2010, Gering & López
Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008 *Claiming Space*, Stanley & Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, University of
Texas, El Paso, TX
That Was Then... This is Now, P.S.1/MoMA, New York, NY
- 2007 *Digital Stories*, Centro Galego de Arte Contemporánea (CGAC), Santiago, Spain
New Wave Art, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, NY
- 2006 *Lightworks*, Galería Javier López, Madrid, Spain
Backdrop, Bloomberg SPACE, London, England
All Digital, Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH
Summer Light, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY

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- 2005 *Art in America*, Arario Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Set and Drift, Governors Island, NY
Op-ish, Samson Projects, Boston, MA
Extreme Abstraction, The Albright-Knox Museum of Art, Buffalo, NY
Visual Music 1905-2005, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden,
Washington DC and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Greater New York, PS1/MoMA, Long Island City, NY
- 2004 *Fiction.Love-Ultra New Vision in Contemporary Art*, Museum of Contemporary
Art, Taipei, China
Editions Fawbush: A Selection, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY
Summer group show, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY
The Ballroom, Marfa, TX
Innovate, Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, GA
Collector's Cabinet, Mark Selwyn Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA curated by Simon
Watson
- 2003 *High Desert Test Sites*, Joshua Tree, CA organized by Andrea Zittel
Winter Light, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY
In the Gloaming, The Fields Sculpture Park, Ghent, NY
Woodstreet Galleries, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2002 *Sculpture Now*, Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art, Palm Beach, FL
Light x 8, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
Interstate, Texas Fine Arts Association, Austin, TX
I Just Can't Pretend, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY
Optical Optimism, Galerie Simone Stern, New Orleans, LA
Complexity, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz, NY
Shine02.org, Online art project sponsored by Amnesty International, organized
by Downtown Arts Projects
- 2001 *Tirana Biennale*, Tirana (curated by Miltos Manetas)
Eye Candy, Scott White Contemporary Art, La Jolla, CA
Synth, organized by Leo Villareal, White Columns, New York, NY
The Next Perfect 10, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY (traveling)
Perfect 10: Ten Years in Soho, Sandra Gering Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 *rooms_for_listening*, CCAC Institute, San Francisco, CA
Collector's Choice, Exit Art, New York, NY
City of Lights, curated by Simon Watson & Downtown Arts Projects, Hermes
Boutique, New York, NY
Exposure: The Future of Film Festival, USA Network & Scfi Channel, New York,
NY
The Bunker Project, MTV, New York, NY

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SELECTED COLLECTIONS

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IFEMA, Madrid, Spain
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Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Washington, DC
Margulies Collection, Miami, FL
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum, Kagawa, Japan
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
Perry Capital, New York, NY
The Related Companies, New York, NY
Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
Somerset Partners, New York, NY
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