

Chechu Álava

Biography

Born in 1973 in Asturias, Spain. Lives and works in Paris.

Education:

- 1991-96 Diploma of Fine Arts at the Salamanca university.
- 1995 Erasmus scholarship for the Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam.
Seminar "Hypercritical Attitude" coordinated by the lecturer and art critic Fernando Castro Flórez.
Municipal , Foundation of Culture, Education and People's University of Gijón, Spain

Solo exhibitions :

- 2025 *The Secret Garden*, COB Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Circus of Life, Megan Mulrooney Gallery, Los Angeles, United States
Water is taught by thirst, Xippas Geneva, Switzerland
- 2024 *Expo Chicago*, Solo booth, Chicago, United States
- 2023 *Eros*, Galería Alegría, Barcelona, Spain
- 2022 *L'âme et la vie*, Xippas Paris, France
A Timeless Story, COB Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2021 *The Restless Muses*, BravinLee Programs, New York, United States
- 2020 *Rebeldes*, Thyssen Bornemisza Museum, Madrid, Spain
- 2019 *Primeros Retratos*, IES Bernaldo de Quiros, Mieres, Spain
- 2016 *Volver a pintar*, espacio Liquido gallery, Gijon, Spain
- 2013 *Souvenir*, Nueveochentat Gallery, Bogota, Colombia
Sisters, Galerie Utopia Parkway, Madrid, Spain
- 2012 *Arte Santander Art Fair*, solo show. Espacio Liquido gallery, Santander, Spain
- 2011 *The Romanov*, Triple Base gallery, San Francisco, United States
El Hilo de Ariadna, espacio Liquido gallery, Gijon, Spain
- 2010 *Next art Fair*, exhibition of Emerging Art, Espacio Liquido gallery, Chicago, United States
- 2009 *Le Temps Perdu*, Galerie Utopia Parkway, Madrid, Spain
- 2008 *Los Placeres e los días*, Espacio Liquido gallery, Gijon, Spain
- 2004 *La Vida Breve*, Espacio Liquido gallery, Gijon, Spain
- 1999 *No estaba muerta*, estaba de Parranda (Elogio de la pintura), Borrón show room, Oviedo, Spain
- 1995 *Paintings and drawings*, Municipal Cultural House of Aviles, Asturias, Spain

Group exhibition :

- 2025 *In Tandem*, Cob Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Terra*, Chevigny-en-Valière castle, Burgundy, France
Le Soleil des Morts, Cité Falguières, Paris, France
- 2023 *Fancy Selfies, self-mockery, confusion and unveiling*, Zoo galerie, Nantes, France
- 2022 ARCO International Art Fair, Galería Alegría, Madrid, Spain
Una Historia del Arte reciente. 1960-2020, A project of DKV Collection and Juan March Foundation, Museu Fundació Juan March, Palma de Mallorca.
- 2021 Estampa Contemporary Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
Unfair Weather, Lychee One Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Studiolo. Una mirada a la colección de Candela Álvarez Soldevilla, Lázaro Galdiano Museum, Madrid, Spain
Patterns of Nature, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Gijón, Asturias, Spain
- 2020 *Investec Cape Town Art Fair*, Smac Gallery, Le Cape, South Africa
Pintura en las venas, Museo Barjola. Gijón, Asturias, Spain
A show of solidarity, Smac Gallery, Le Cape, South Africa
X Contemporary Art Fair Oviedo, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Asturias, Spain
Las calles de los artistas, Noche Blanca Oviedo, Asturias, Spain
- 2019 *The female line*, Smac Gallery, Le Cape, South Africa
FNB Art Joburg, International Art Fair, Smac Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Las formas del alma, Instituto Cervantes, Rome, Spain
Justmad Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
Valhalla, Gallery Weekend Berlin, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Open Studio Festival, La Puerta Cuatro, Madrid, Spain
Las formas del alma, Instituto Cervantes, Belgrade, Serbia
Las formas del alma, Instituto Cervantes, Bucarest, Romania
Sobre mujeres artistas, Colegio de arquitectos, Oviedo, Spain
Viaje al manicomio, Galería La casa amarilla, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2018 *Las formas del alma*, Instituto Cervantes, Prague, Czech Republic
JustLX Lisboa Contemporary Art Fair, Stand Espacio Líquido Gallery, Lisbonne, Portugal
Nepotismo ilustrado 2, Centro Cultural de La Carolina, Jaén, Spain
En la hora azul, La Casa Amarilla Gallery, Zaragoza, Spain.
Las formas del alma, Instituto Cervantes, Palerme et Rome, Italy
- 2017 *Las formas del alma*, Instituto Cervantes, Madrid, Spain
Sense 4, Humanese, Medellín, Colombia
- 2016 *Rehabitar el espacio: presente, pasado y futuro*, DKV Collection, Lázaro Galdiano Museum, Madrid, Spain
Animalista. Representación, violencias y respuestas, La casa encendida, Madrid, Spain
Art on a postcard, Secret Auction for the Hepatitis C Trust, Maddox Gallery, London United Kingdom
Miscelánea, VALEY Centro Cultural de Castrillón, Asturias, Spain
- 2015 ESTAMPA Contemporary Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
Mirar en un espejo. 25 Years of Young Art in Asturias, Banco Sabadell Herrero Showroom, Oviedo, VALEY Centro Cultural de Castrillón and Centro de Cultura Antiguo Instituto de Gijón, Asturias, Spain
El bosque interior. Las formas del Alma, Juana Francés Gallery, Zaragoza, Spain
Videos domésticos de Artistas, DA2, Salamanca, Spain
Sútiles y convulsas ensoñaciones, César Monzonís Collection, Fine Arts Museum Castellón de la Plana, Castellón, Spain
- 2014 *100 painters of tomorrow*, Beers Contemporary Gallery, London, United Kingdom
ARCO, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
La edad de la inocencia, Festival Miradas de Mujeres, Cantabria Central Library. Santander, Spain

- Faro espiritual*, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Gijón, Spain
Utopía Union Ltd, Utopía Parkway Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 ARCO, International Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 JOBURG Art Fair, Smac Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
La metamorfosis del paisaje en el Arte, Caja Vital Foundation, Vitoria, Spain
Freestyle, Foundation CajaMurcia, Cartagena.
- 2012 *Face to Face*, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, United States
Fiction - Non Fiction, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, United States
 ArtBO International Art Fair Bogotá, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Colombia, ARCO
 International Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 11 Biennial Martínez Guericabeitia, Valencia, Spain
 Oviedo Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Oviedo, Spain
- 2011 ARCO International Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 AQUA ART MIAMI Contemporary Art Fair, Triple Base Gallery, Miami, United States
 Contemporary Art from the Fine Arts Museum of Asturias, Barjola Museum, Gijón, Spain
Retrato de Familia, VALEY Cultural Center of Castrillón, Asturias, Spain
Autorretratos, Nómada Gallery, Gijón, Spain
 SWAB. International Contemporary Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Barcelona, Spain
- 2010 *Now, it's about what you can't see*, Triple Base Gallery, San Francisco, United States
 ARTESANTANDER. XIX International Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Santander, Spain
La frontera de lo visible, Utopía Parkway Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2009 PULSE MIAMI Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Miami, United States
 International Exhibition of Fine Arts. Valdepeñas, Ciudad Real, Spain
- 2008 PULSE MIAMI Art Fair, Espacio Líquido, Miami, United States
¿Qué arte? Discursos sin fronteras, Oviedo University, Banco Herrero Showroom, Oviedo, Spain
La pintura en los tiempos del Arte, Veinte pintores españoles para el siglo XXI.
 Muralla de Baluarte showroom, Congress Palace, Pamplona, Spain
Diamond Dogs, Casado Santapau Gallery, Madrid, Spain
BigCityUnlimited, Utopía Parkway Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 HOT ART. BALELATINA Art Fair. Espacio Líquido Gallery, Basel, Switzerland.
 ARTESANTANDER Art Fair. Espacio Líquido Gallery, Santander, Spain
Uno más uno multitud, Doméstico 09, Madrid, Spain
Women Painters of Asturias, Cajastur Showroom. Mieres, Avilés, Gijón, Spain
- 2007 CIRCA, Puerto Rico International Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Puerto Rico.
 ARCO Art Fair. Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 Collectif 6BIS Galerie Municipale Vitry-sur-Seine, France
ENTREARTE II, Revillagigedo Palace, Gijón, Spain
Extensiones-Anclajes, l'll be your mirror, Laboral Foundation, Cudillero, Asturias, Spain
Polylogue 1789, Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité, Carré de Baudouin, Paris, France.
- 2006 ARCO International Art Fair. Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 IV International Biennale of Fine Arts of Alcorcón, Madrid, Spain
 EXPLUM, Contemporary Art Contest, Puerto Lumbreras. Murcia, Spain
 ARTESANTANDER Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Santander. Spain
 Collectif 6BIS, Galerie Municipale Vitry-sur-Seine, France.
 XVIII Painting Biennale City of Zamora. Espacio Líquido Gallery. Zamora. Spain
 Salamanca Art Fair 06. Espacio Líquido Gallery. Salamanca, Spain
 Depósito abierto, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Gijón, Spain
- 2005 Becarios Colegio de España en París, Cervantes Institute, Paris, France.
 ARCO Art Fair, Spanish Minister of Culture Stand, Madrid, Spain
El fin del paisaje, Iglesia de la Encarnación y Museo Etnográfico de Castilla y León,
 Zamora, Spain
El hombre delgado, Moriarty Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2004 ARCO Art Fair, Luis Adelantado Gallery, Madrid, Spain
 FIAC Art Fair. Luis Adelantado Gallery, Paris, France.

- Becarios Colegio de España en París, Royal Academy of San Fernando, Madrid, Spain
International Alternative Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Köhln, Germany
Artissima, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Turin, Italy
Ziel 1= Kunst = Ziel 1, Eisenstadt Landesgalerie, Spain
- 2003 Go!, Liquidación total Project, Madrid, Spain
FIAC International Art Fair, Luis Adelantado Gallery, Paris, France
V Young Artists' Show, Luis Adelantado Gallery, Valencia, Spain
Spanish Artists, Cultural Center of Le Pecq, France
cm3, Cité Universitaire Internationale, Paris, France
- 2002 *Doméstico 01*, Painting Room Project. Madrid, Spain
European Artists, Cité des Arts, Paris, France
- 2001 *Objective 1 Regions*, European Artists, Eisenstadt, Austria.
Lloro porque me da la gana, Love me tender, Amadis Showroom, Madrid, Spain
- 2000 *Primavera de Pintura*, FEVESA Showroom, Salamanca, Spain
- 1999 *1999 Painters*, Convento Showroom, Badajoz, Spain
- 1998 SUBTEC, Laser photocopy art, Columbia Campus (Deutsches Haus) and Taranto Gallery, New York, United States
Living memory of Asturian art, CAMCO Center of Modern Art "Ciudad de Oviedo", Asturias, Spain
The beach and its echoes, Piedras Blancas Cultural House, Asturias. Spain
- 1997 Fine Arts Exhibition of Castilla y León, Spain
Fine Arts Exhibition of Asturias, Spain
The boundaries of painting, FEVESA Showroom, Salamanca, Spain
- 1996 Contemporary Art Fair of Porto FAC 96. Spatium Gallery, Portugal
22 International Artists, Spatium Gallery, Tavira, Portugal
Tomás Luis de Victoria Contest, Casa de las Conchas, Salamanca, Spain
24 Hours of Performances. *Jack the performer*, University of Fine Arts of Salamanca, with the performance *Le sexe des Arts*, Spain
- 1995 *A white and pure smile*, FEVESA Showroom, Salamanca, Spain
- 1994 Fine Arts Exhibition of Asturias, Spain
Tomás Luis de Victoria Contest, Casa de las Conchas, Salamanca, Spain

Prizes, Grants & Residencies:

- 2020 Ganadora del galardón "En recuerdo de Kely". X Feria de Arte Contemporáneo del Principado de Asturias
- 2008 First Prize in VIII Painting Contest of the Government of the Principality of Asturias, Spain
- 2003 Fellowship given by the Spanish Minister of Culture as an artist-in-residence program at the Colegio de España. Cité Universitaire. Paris. France
- 2001 Fellowship as an artist-in-residence program at "Workshop with Artists from Objective 1 Regions". Eisenstadt, Austria
- 1996 Fellowship as an artist-in-residence program at "International Course of Art". Spatium Gallery Tavira. Portugal
- 1995 Erasmus Fellowship to study at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy of Amsterdam.
First Prize and golden medal in the XXV National Painting Contest of Lluçenya. Asturias. Spain
- 1994 Fellowship to attend the National Courses of Artistic Creation at Valdeñas de Jaén. Spain

Public collections:

Fine Arts Museum of Asturias.

Spanish Minister of Culture.

Government of the Principality of Asturias.

Government of Castilla y León.

City Council of Castrillón (Asturias).

City Council of Jaén.

City Council of Luarca (Asturias).

Private Collections in Mexico, Germany, South Africa, Colombia, Portugal, USA. France, Italy, UK, South Korea and Spain.