

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, Spai,

Solo exhibitions :

- 2023 *Eros*, Galería Alegría, Barcelona, Spain
- 2022 *L'âme et la vie*, Xippas Paris, France
A Timeless Story, COB Gallery, London, UK
- 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 :

- 2023 "Fancy Selfies, self-mockery, confusion and unveiling", Zoo galerie, Nantes, France
- 2022 ARCO International Art Fair, Galería Alegría, Madrid.
"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.
 “Unfair Weather”, Lychee One Gallery, London.
 “Studiolo. Una mirada a la colección de Candela Álvarez Soldevilla”, Lázaro Galdiano Museum, Madrid.
 “Patterns of Nature”, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Gijón, Asturias, Spain.
- 2020 Investec Cape Town Art Fair”, Smac Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.
 “Pintura en las venas”, Museo Barjola. Gijón, Asturias, Spain. *
 “A show of solidarity”, Smac Gallery, Cape Town, 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, Cape Town, South Africa.
 FNB Art Joburg, International Art Fair, Smac Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.
 “Las formas del alma”, Instituto Cervantes, Roma, Italy.*
 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, Lisbon, 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, Palermo and Roma, 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.
 “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 Antigo Instituto de Gijón, Asturias, Spain.*
 “El bosque interior. Las formas del Alma”, Juana Francés Gallery, Zaragoza, Spain.*
 “Vídeos domésticos de Artistas”, DA2, Salamanca, Spain.
 “Sutiles 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.
 Utopia 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, USA.
 “Fiction - Non Fiction”, Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, USA.
 “ArtBO” International Art Fair Bogotá, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Colombia, ARCO International Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid, Spain.

- “11 Biennial Martínez Guerricabeitia”, Valencia, Spain.
- 2011 “Oviedo Art Fair”, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Oviedo, Spain *
ARCO International Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Madrid.
“AQUA ART MIAMI Contemporary Art Fair”, Triple Base Gallery, Miami, USA.
“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. *
- 2010 SWAB. International Contemporary Art Fair, Espacio Líquido Gallery, Barcelona, Spain.
“Now, it’s about what you can’t see”, Triple Base Gallery, San Francisco, USA.
“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, USA.
International Exhibition of Fine Arts. Valdepeñas, Ciudad Real, Spain.
- 2008 PULSE MIAMI Art Fair, Espacio Líquido, Miami, USA.
“¿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. I’ll be your mirror » Laboral Foundation, Cudillero, Asturias, Spain.*
- 2006 “Polylogue 1789” Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité, Carré de Baudouin, Paris, France.
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.*
- 2004 “El hombre delgado”, Moriarty Gallery, Madrid, Spain.*
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, Köhl, Germany.
Artissima. Espacio Líquido Gallery, Turin, Italy.
Ziel 1= Kunst = Ziel 1. Eisenstadt Landesgalerie, Austria.
- 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.

- 2002 “cm3” Cité Universitaire Internationale, Paris, France.
“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 “. Amadís 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, USA.
“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.1994First Prize and golden medal in the XXV National Painting Contest of Luarca. 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.

*Catalogue

Press articles

- 2022 Laurent Deglicourt, "Chechu Álava : Larvatus prodeo", Diacritik, December
Damien Aubel, "Plus vague et plus soluble dans l'air", Transfuge, November
Elena Fernandez-Pello, "Paris espera a Chechu Alava y "El alma y la vida"", La Nueva
España, October 25
Isabelle Sakelaris, "5 artistes sur notre radar en mars 2022", Artsy, March
Chechu Alava - interview by Christiana Spens, studio international, February
- 2021 Alexandra Dodd, "La vie de rêve de Chechu Alava", Liminul, Février
"Les muses agitées de Chechu Alava", SPAIN arts & culture
- 2020 Juan Carlos Gea, "Chechu Alava: présences en rébellion", El cuaderno, March
Saioa Camarzana "Les héroïnes de Chechu Alava", El español, January
"En el taller con Chechu Alava", El Salto, June
David Alarcon, "rebeldes: el homenaje pictórico al género femenino impulsado por
Chechu Alava", Vein, March
Hector San José, "les muses et les héroïnes de Chechu Alava au Musée Thyssen", ARS
magazine, January
"Chechu Alava: rebelles", Exit Express, January
- 2017 "Chechu Alava, fichados", Masdearte, June
Elena Fernandez Prada, "Chechu Alava", La Gran, mujer.NODO
- 2016 Santiago Martinez, "l'artiste et son oeuvre: "Blonde" de Chechu Alava", La Escena,
November