

DIEGO VELAZCO SUÁREZ

Born in Montevideo in 1967, Diego Velazco has been a photographer for over twenty years. He has been awarded several prizes both in Uruguay and abroad, for his independent photographs as well as for his work in documentary, advertising and editorial photography.

He has participated on several occasions at national exhibitions, biennales and exhibitions for independent and collective photographers.

He has exhibited in Brazil and the United States. He has participated several times at the Photo Plus NYC and Photo Paris. His photographs can be seen in private collections in Uruguay, Spain, Argentina, The Netherlands, England and Germany.

He has recently been awarded the 1st Prize of Visual Arts 2014 and has been selected to represent Uruguay at the II Biennale of Art in Montevideo.

He lives happily in Montevideo with his wife María Benzano and his children Candela, Juan Diego and Lorenzo.

EXHIBITIONS AND AWARDS /DIEGO VELAZCO - Montevideo 1967

- Selected by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay (MEC) – One of the six black & white photographers at a collective exhibition. Curator: Cecilia Bertolini. September 2015.
- Together with photographer Santiago Epstein he opens **GALERIA ABIERTA**, the first *fine-art* photography gallery which is located in Palermo District in Montevideo. April 2015.
- Exhibition with Fidel Sclavo at Galería del Paseo in Pueblo Garzón locality. January 2015.
- Wins the **1st Prize at the 56th National Prize of Visual Arts – José Gamarra**. 2014.
- Selected to participate at the **2nd Biennale of Montevideo**. September 2014.
- Selected together with other 12 artists for a collective exhibition for the project **Ciudad en Construcción** (City under Construction) - **Ciclo de Muros** (Walls Cycle) **2014**.
- Individual exhibition of “Acuática” Series at **Galería del Paseo** in Manantiales, Punta del Este. November 2014.
- Selected to participate at the **Bienal de Arte de Salto** 2013. (Art Biennale of Salto, Uruguay)
- Selected to represent Uruguay at **Fotoweeek DC** - Washington DC, United States of America.
- Exhibitor at **Expone Colectiva at Art Carrasco Exhibition**. Curator: Jaqueline Lacasa. April 2013.
- Member of the Jury (selected by the ‘Centro de Fotografía-CdF’ - Photography Centre) of ‘Independent Photography books’ 2013 [CdF Publishers] together with Argentinean author Julieta Escardó (selected by the CdF as jury for Latin America) and Gustavo Wojciechowski (representing the participants).
- Selected for the **55^o Salón Nacional de Artes Visuales ‘Wilfredo Díaz Valdez’** (55th National Visual Arts Hall). 2012.
- Exhibitor at **‘Contemporary Uruguayan Artists’** Exhibition. Washington, DC March – June 2012 - BID Headquarters, Cultural Centre.
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- Collective Exhibition at Espacio INNOVA, Manantiales, Punta del Este, Uruguay, January 2012
- Exhibitor at **ABOUT CHANGE Exhibition - Series LOS ÚLTIMOS CINES** (THE LAST CINEMAS) - at World Bank Seat as 'emerging artist' - Washington and New York. 17th May 2011.
- Selected for the **54º Salón Nacional de Artes Visuales 'Carmelo Arden Quin'** - (54th National Visual Arts Hall). Uruguay 2010.
- Exhibition for the 70th Anniversary of the 'Foto Club Uruguayo'. 2010
- Awarded 1st Prize at the Contest '**Mural 25 de la Universidad Católica del Uruguay**' (Wall Paintings for the 25th Anniversary of the Catholic University of Uruguay). Uruguay 2010.
- Exhibitor at the Fundación Atchugarry together with painter Santiago Velazco and sculptor Octavio Podestá.
- Exhibitor together with painter Gastón Izaguirre at the Headquarters of the Alliance Française. Montevideo. 2009.
- Exhibitor at the Salón Municipal de Artes Visuales 2007. (Arts Hall of Montevideo Municipality).
- Exhibitor at the art gallery 'Galería del Paseo' together with Mateo Gutiérrez. 2006.
- Participates in the book 'Una forma de ver - 25 fotógrafos Uruguayos'. ('A way of seeing - 25 Uruguayan Photographers').
- 1st Mention from the Jury at a Photographic Contest sponsored by Posdata. 2000.
- Participates at the **V Salón Municipal de Artes Plásticas**. (5th Plastic Arts Hall - Municipality of Montevideo). 1999.
- Mention from the Jury at the 'Bielal de Arte de Montevideo'. (Art Biennale, Montevideo)
- Selected for the 56th Anniversary Hall Exhibition of the 'Foto Club Uruguayo'.
- Awarded 1st Prize at the **Salón Portafolio 1992 'Foto Club Uruguayo'**.
- Awarded 1st Prize, 2nd and 3rd Mentions from the Jury '**Cine Universitario/El país/ICI/Foro**'. 1991
- Awarded 1st Prize at contest carried out by **Cine Universitario and newspaper El País**. 1990.