

Alejandro Thornton

b. 1970 (Buenos Aires)

Alejandro Thornton's work includes a variety of practices, including painting, drawing, visual poetry, and installation. His work is a form of abstract expressionism yet remains highly conceptual.

Thornton's work is based on the origin of language and loving achievement of the word and image together throughout history. In much of Thornton's drawings and paintings, A – the origin of the alphabet – is spread over empty paper and canvas. Thornton also creates drawings and paintings that employ simple and playful curvilinear brushstrokes in an all-over fashion. Such works are on the complete opposite end of the spectrum in comparison to the artists highly conceptual "A" paintings. In conjunction with each other, these two types of works nod to the inherent issues with abstract expressionism, which is decorative and highly accessible, yet infinitely less conceptual.

The artist lives and works in Buenos Aires.

Education

Thornton graduated from the National School of Fine Arts "Prilidiano Pueyrredón."

Awards

2013 Premio Videoarte Bienal Nacional de Bahia Blanca 2013. Buenos Aires

2013 Premio Nacional de Puntura UADE, Uade Art Institute, Buenos Aires

2012 SiTA Premio Nacional para Intervenciones en Espacios Públicos, Convocatoria Sitios Tangentes, Buenos Aires

2011 Mention of the Jury at Manuel Belgrano Awards, Museo Sivori

2008 First Prize COPIME Biennial

2004 Mention of the Jury Prize, Arte al Dia Internacional Magazine

2002 First Prize, Bollini Foundation Award

2001 First Mention, St. Paul's College Award

2000 First Prize, Pabellón4 National Salon, Pabellón 4 Art Center

1999 Prize Palermo Viejo Awards

1998 First Prize Prilidiano Pueyrredón Awards, Borges Art Center

1995 Painting Fellowship by National School of Fine Arts, Buenos Aires

Public Collections

World Bank, USA

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Barcelona MACB, Spain

Sakima Art Museum, Japan

Florea Museum, Romania

Kosmos Kultur Foundation, Switzerland

Kansas City Art Institute, USA

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Bahia Blanca MACBB, Argentina

Embassy of Holanda in Buenos Aires, Argentina

ACE Foundation, Spain

Gobierno de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Laboratorios Gador, Alpargatas S.A., Argentina

Solo Exhibitions

- 2014** *I wright / I draw*, Charno Gallery, Kansas City
- 2013** *Sobrescrito*, Mock Gallery, Buenos Aires
Serie A, Centro Cultural San José, Olavarria
- 2012** *Enciclopedia Gráfica*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo MAC de Cañada de Gómez, Santa Fe
- 2011** *Unthinkable*, Pabellon 4 Arte Contemporaneo, Buenos Aires
- 2010** *Before the words*, Angel Guido Art Project, Buenos Aires
- 2008** *Faces*, Angel Guido Art Project, Buenos Aires
Forever, Elsi del Rio, Buenos Aires
- 2007** *Hi*, Matthei Gallery, Santiago
Kylie, Crimson Gallery, Madrid
- 2004** *I will not be your mirror*, Pabellon 4, Buenos Aires
- 2000** *Welcome to me*, Pabellon 4, Buenos Aires

Group Exhibitions

- 2014** *La mirada Ocultta*, Rolf Gallery, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *Lecturas Abstractas*, Central Newbery, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *Salón de Poesía Visual Movimiento Inútil*, La Paternal Espacio Proyecto, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *Valor agregado*, Galeria Perotti, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *Skate Art*, Espacio Cetol, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *FASE 6.0, Encuentro de Arte, Ciencia Y Tecnología*, Centro Cultural Recoleta, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *Arte por la paz*, Fundacion Rossi, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *TYPO*, Universidad de Palermo, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *Indisciplinas Visuales*, Espacio Cultural FM La Tribu, Buenos Aires
- 2014** *Crossover / Buenos Aires-Kansas*, Kansas City Artist Coalition, Kansas City
- 2013** *Epistolar- Dialogues with the Collection: Zoe DiRenzo, Pablo La Padula, Romina Orazi and Alejandro Thornton*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Rosario, Santa Fé
- 2013** *8vo. Premio Nacional UADE de Pintura*, UADE Art Institute, Buenos Aires
- 2013** *Bienal Nacional de Bahia Blanca*, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Bahia Blanca
- 2013** *Premio Nacional de Pintura Sanatorio Finocchetto*, Borges Cultural Center, Buenos Aires
- 2013** *Salon Colegiales*, Galeria Perotti + Casa Matienzo, Buenos Aires
- 2013** *Bienal Nacional de Pintura Rafela*, Museo Provincial de Bellas Artes Urbano Poggi Rafaela, Santa Fé
- 2013** *LVIII Salón de Artes Plásticas Manuel Belgrano*, Museo Sívori, Buenos Aires
- 2013** *Estampa*, Galería Mundo Nuevo, Buenos Aires
- 2013** *Vivir-Sobrevivir. Territorios de la precaridad*, Centro Cultural Recoleta, Buenos Aires
- 2013** *Proyecto Crossover Buenos Aires-Kansas*, ACE FOUNDATION, Barcelona
- 2013** *Cuentos infantiles y otros relatos*, Centro Cultural Recoleta, Buenos Aires

- 2013** *Imagen y palabra2*, Espacio Cultural BCN, Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación, Buenos Aires
- 2013** *Maxima Corona*, La Paternal Espacio Proyecto, Buenos Aires
- Encuentros de Arte y Politica*, La Paternal Espacio Proyecto, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *Premio Internacional de Poesía Visual - Juan Carlos Erguillor*, Centro de Escritores de Euskadi, Spain
- 2012** *Contra La violencia de genero*, Galería No Lugar, Quito, Ecuador
- 2012** *101 Salón Nacional de Artes Visuales*, Palais de Glace, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *LVII Salón de Artes Plásticas Manuel Belgrano*, Museo Sívori, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *Retratos*, Galeria Perotti, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *Yo-Yo intervenidos*, Centro Municipal de Exposiciones de San Isidro, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *Proyecto Pampa del Indio, Subasta Fundación Artistas Solidarios + Un techo para mi país*, Centro Cultural Caras y Caretas, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *Caballada*, Centro de Exposiciones Costa Salguero, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *Muestra Homenaje a la Bandera*, Angel Guido Art Project, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *Colorama, Ricardo Crespo, Milo Locket, Alan Berrys Alejandro Thornton*. Blvd. Store, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *5 Poetas Visuales*, Galería Pasaje17, Buenos Aires
- 2012** *XIII Remate Anual Asociación Amigos del Museo Sívori*, Museo Sívori, Buenos Aires

Residencies

- 2015** Kosmos Kulttur Foundation, Lucerna, Switzerland
- 2014** Kansas City Artist Residency at KCAO, Kansas City, USA
- 2013** Fundación ACE, Buenos Aires