

### RAFAEL SERRANO

b 1954 Havana, Cuba. Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.

#### **VITA**

#### **Education**

1980 Bachelors of Fine Arts, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach 1982 Masters of Fine Arts, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2016

Lake Of Secrets And Other Living Things - Fab Gallery - Venice Beach - USA Lagoon Of Unrepentant Memories Plus Other Living Things - Neutra Institute - Los Angeles - USA 2014

Space Gallery - Pomona - USA

Downtown Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

2013

York K Studio - Los Angeles - USA

2011

Orange Door Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

1998

Bigoudi International - Los Angeles - USA

1997

Gallery Isabelle - Los Angeles - USA

1995

Gallery Andy Jillien - Zurich - CH

1991

Marquardt Gallery - Venice Beach - USA

1990

Jan Baum Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

1989

Anthropological Poetic Fantasies - B1 Gallery - Santa Monica - USA

### **Group Exhibitions**

2019

M.A.D.S. Critics Award - MAD Gallery - Milan - IT

2018

The Pearly Gates Collection - Yucca Valley Visual & Performing Arts Center - Yucca Valley - USA 26 Contemporary Artists by Enter Art Foundation - Stockholm - SW

2017

Pacific Standard Time - Robert Berman Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

The Pink Pop Up Show - Castelli Art Space - Los Angeles - USA

46 Artists by Enter Art Foundation - Kant Garagen - Berlin - USA

2014

Art Share Los Angeles - Los Angeles - USA



2012

Ground Space Projects - Los Angeles - USA

2009

Attack of the Cyclops - Daydream Republic - Los Angeles - USA

Last Picture Show - DRKRM Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

30th Year Anniversary Show - Robert Berman Gallery - Santa Monica - USA

Love Me - DRKRM Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

2003

Absolute Biennial - Los Angeles - USA

1999

Group Show - Downtown Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

1994

Kunst Aus Den USA - Galerie M - Berlin - DE

1993

The Art Speaks for Itself VIII - DGA Building - Los Angeles - USA

1991

Marquardt Gallery - Venice Beach - USA

1990

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1989

Frailty of Power - Cypress College - Cypress - USA

1988

Viewpoints - The Museum of Photographic Arts - San Diego - USA

1987

Poetic Injury - Alternative Museum - New York - USA

Myth Ritual - San Francisco Camerawork Gallery - San Francisco - USA

Avant Garde in the Eighties - LACMA - Los Angeles - USA

1986

Members Juried Show - LACPS Gallery - Los Angeles - USA

Artist for the Homeless - Eilat Gordon Gallery - Los Angeles

Three Person Show - BC Space Gallery - Los Angeles

All California Biennial - Riverside Art Museum - Riverside - USA

1985

Exaggerations LACPS Gallery, Los Angeles

Outspeak, LACPS Gallery, Los Angeles

Alumni Group Show, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles

1981

Fix-it-Up, LACE Gallery, Los Angeles

## ARTIST STATEMENT

I consider myself a neo-surrealist, shaped by influences such as Man Ray, Max Ernst, Dada and Dali. Most of my work is the product of my subconscious. ☐ I'm interested in the soul of humanity and the inner workings of



the mind enhanced by a poetic vision. Since I am both a painter and photographer, I like to combine both mediums. I start by making a small painting that I collage over. Then I photograph the work, and put it into Photoshop and manipulate the palette, the contrast, and I pick out the colours I want to play with. I blow theses images up to 20 x 24 inches, then repaint or collage over the print. Sometimes I photograph them, yet again. My final pieces often move through six generations of paint, collage and photography.

# Instagram

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