Samuel Sarmiento

Born 1987, Venezuela.

Samuel Sarmiento is a Venezuelan artist who lives and works in Aruba. In 2010, he received a Master's in Artistic Production at the Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain. He has participated in various individual and collective exhibitions in The Netherlands, the United States, Spain, Greece, Aruba, Venezuela, Argentina, and China.

Sarmiento's body of work consists primarily of painted ceramics. His pieces evoke the functional tradition of ceramics through their forms, which often resemble plates and bowls; however, they are gilded, richly ornate with anthropomorphic molding and delicate drawn detail. Sarmiento is inspired by historical and allegorical narratives of identity, migration, and reproducibility. The artist explains: "My work is very connected to oral tradition, especially from the Caribbean and South America. I am fascinated by the symbols and archetypes used in these (hi)stories and how they can relate to other cultures. These stories return us to our roots."

Sarmiento has participated in artistic residencies such as The Bakehouse Art Complex Residency Program (Miami, USA), Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts Residency Program (Maine, USA), Caribbean Linked VI - Ateliers 89 (Oranjestad, Aruba) and BijlmAIR artist in residence program organized by CBK Zuidoost (Amsterdam, NL) with the support of Bradwolff Projects and Stedelijk Museum. In 2022, he was Yaddo Corporation's artist in residence (Saratoga Springs - NY, USA), a program with a long history that has had among its attendees Clyfford Still, Truman Capote, Philip Guston, Helen Frankenthaler and David Foster Wallace.

EDUCATION

2010

Master's in Artistic Production. Polytechnic University of Valencia, ES.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

Samuel Sarmiento: Relical Horn, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY (forthcoming)

2019

Los años milagrosos, UNOCA, Oranjestad, Aruba Fortuito, Atelier 89, Oranjestad, Aruba

2013

Samuel Sarmiento 2010-2013, Los Galpones Art Center, Parenthesis Gallery G12, Caracas, VE Are you talking to me?, Hartmann La Santa Gallery, Barcelona, ES Nuevas Natividades, Casa Natal Joan Miró - Artevistas gallery, Barcelona, ES

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

Instante-memória: Dashiell Manley & Samuel Sarmiento, Simões de Assis, São Paulo, BR Portals to Unwritten Time, Perrotin, Paris, FR

2024

FORM and form, ArtBo 2024, Galeria Elvira Moreno, Bogota, CO Ensaio Sobre a Terra, Simões de Assis. São Paulo, BR ARCO Lisboa, OPENING section, curated by Chus Martínez/Luiza Teixeira de Freitas, Lisbon, PT Myth Makers, HATCH Gallery, Milán, Italia, Pioneering Ceramics, Museum Prinsenhof Delft, Delft, NL

2023

TROPICALITIES, Vortic Art, (Digital platform), UK

2022

30 jaar Bijlmervliegramp, Amsterdam Museum, Amsterdam, NL A world of many words, CBK Zuidoost, Amsterdam, NL ZomerSalon Royaal, CBK Zuidoost, Amsterdam, NL We are looking to shake, UniArte, Willemstad, Curação

2021

Air in Zuidoost, CBK Zuidoost, Amsterdam, Países Bajos Open Call 6+, Uniarte. Willemstad, Curaçao Mykonos Biennale, Caribbean Ionic Blast, Mykonos, GR Atlantic World Art Fair, Sourgrass, St. George, Barbados PAN Expo, Atelier 89, Oranjestad, Aruba

2020

CATAPULT, Lockdown virtual Salon, FreshMilk Foundation, St. George, Barbados AwA y biento, Duo show, Cas di cultura Museum, Oranjestad, Aruba

2014

International Art Residency, Espacio Oculto, Madrid, ES Pan Rooms - L'Exaimple, Pantocrator Gallery, Barcelona, ES Artists by Nature, Los Galpones Art Center, G17, Caracas, VE Haciendo Barrio, Conde Duque Cultural Center, Madrid, ES Pool sessions, Campo de Cevada, Espacio POOL, Madrid, ES Ultrafast Project, Art & Lie Gallery, Madrid, ES Shandong Biennale, Pantocrator Gallery, Shandong, CN Sol de agua, Allegro Gallery, Panama City, PA DelicARTessen 13, Esther Montoriol Gallery, Barcelona, ES

2013

SWAB Art fair, Fira de Barcelona, Pantocrator Gallery, Barcelona, ES November, The Vyner Studio Gallery, London, UK Shanghai Art Residency Program, M50 Art District, Pantocrator Gallery, Shanghai, CN FIAAM 2013, Art Center Lía Bermudez, Maracaibo, VE FIA 2013, Tamanaco Hotel, Parenthesis Gallery, Caracas, VE

DelicARTessen 12, Esther Montoriol Gallery, Barcelona, ES

2012

Berliner Liste Art Fair, Muma, Pantocrator Gallery, Berlin, DE Summer Art Residency, Pantocrator Gallery, Barcelona, ES FIA 2012, Hotel Tamanaco, Parenthesis Gallery, Caracas, VE 3x Art Sale, Hartmann La Santa Gallery, Barcelona, ES DelicARTessen 11, Esther Montoriol Gallery, Barcelona, ES Summer Collective, Allegro Gallery, Panama City, PA Amsterdam Showroom, De Oude Kerk, Pantocrator Gallery, Amsterdam, NL Until 30, Los Galpones Art Center, Parenthesis Gallery, Caracas, VE In assembly, Los Galpones Art Center, Parenthesis Gallery, Caracas, VE Im boom des Fuchses, HBK, Braunsweig, DE Up to 50, Los Galpones Art Center, Parenthesis Gallery, Caracas, VE Solariegos, Angel Miguel de Arce Contemporary Art Museum, Sasamón, ES On the line, Los Galpones Art Center, Parenthesis Gallery, Caracas, VE Pedra and Fusta, Exhibition Hall of the City of Cullera, Cullera, ES 3rd AA Biennial, The Palau, Terrateig, ES