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**BIO** Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA  
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#### **EDUCATION**

1993 – 97 National School of Fine Arts “Prilidiano Pueyrredon”, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
1994 Seminar “Literature and Painting – Comparative Avant Gardes” at Peterhouse College,  
University of Cambridge, England  
1993 University of Massachusetts at Amherst, specializing in Painting and Drawing

#### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *On the Verge*, Museum of Art- DeLand, DeLand, FL  
*Fractured Geographies*, Bakersfield Museum of Art, Bakersfield, CA  
2023 *Escape-Route*, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA  
*On the Verge*, Hilliard Art Museum, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA  
2022 *Road Trip*, Casa Argentina en Italia, Rome, Italy  
*On the Verge*, Laband Art Gallery, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
2019-21 *A Letter to the Future*, Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)  
2019 *Coffin*, Window Dressing Series, curated by James MacDevitt, Cerritos College Art Gallery,  
CA (catalogue)  
2016-17 *Water Cities*, Los Angeles International Airport, Terminal 3, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)  
2012 *Into the Blue*, CO Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)  
*Nest*, Asa Packer Campus, Lehigh University, PA  
2011-12 *Underwater Series*, Los Angeles International Airport, Terminal 3, Los Angeles, CA  
2009 *A Mid-Morning Garden Dream*, Apama Mackey Gallery, Houston, TX  
2005 Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Flow, Blue*, Rockford College Art Gallery, Rockford, IL  
*Into the Blue*, 180 Grados de Arte Contemporaneo, Buenos Aires, Argentina (catalogue)  
2004 *Still Chambers*, Mackey Gallery, held in conjunction with FotoFest, International Biennial of  
Photography, Houston, TX (catalogue)  
*Silent Structures*, Naomi Silva Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
2003 Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Liquid*, Mackey Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Swimming Rooms*, Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs, Miami, FL  
2001 *Visual Fields*, Cityplaza- TaiKoo Place, Island East, Hong Kong (catalogue)  
Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL (catalogue)

#### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *Nature on Notice: Contemporary Art and Ecology*, LACMA at Charles White Elementary  
School Gallery, Los Angeles, CA Presented during PST ART: *Art & Science Collide*  
2024 *Tall Shadows in Short Order*, Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY  
*Aesthetica Art Prize*, York Art Gallery, York, UK

- 2023 *How Swift - How Far*, Wonzimer Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*SUR: Biennial*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA  
*In Tandem*, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Dennis, MA  
*Seer-Seen*, Durden and Ray Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Intertwined/Unraveled*, Nooks Art Space, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2022 *Garden* (online exhibition), Ladies' Room, LA  
*Adopted Landscapes*, curated by Dina Mitrani and Marina Font, Collective 62, Miami, FL  
*Re Encuentro Binacional de Arte Contemporaneo*, Museo Sol del Nino, Mexicali, Mexico  
*Aesthetica Art Prize 2022*, York Art Gallery, York, UK  
*Imaginary Dwellings*, curated by Marvella Muro and Natalie Godinez, 18th Street Arts Center, Santa Monica, CA  
*Kipaipai*, Melissa Morgan Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA  
*Endless Summer*, Cufflink Art, Fort Worth, TX  
*This Reality*, Art Girl Rising, SubjectMatterArt and Repaint History (virtual exhibition)  
*As the Earth Wanes: Considering Climate Change*, ReflectSpace, Glendale Central Library, Glendale, CA  
*Nature, Nurture*, Brea Gallery, Brea, CA  
*Landscape Through the Eyes of Abstraction*, California Museum of Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks, CA  
*Mapping the Sublime*, Brand Library, Glendale, CA
- 2021 *Force of Nature*, Cufflink Art, Fort Worth, TX  
*One in a Year*, The Painting Center, New York City, NY (virtual exhibition)  
*Nomad*, presented by Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
- 49th Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper*, Brand Library and Art Center, Glendale, CA (catalogue)  
*Arte en la Naturaleza/ Art in Nature*, Cantabria Museum of Nature, Cantabria, Spain (catalogue)  
*ULTRA!*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA  
*The Anthropocene Epiphany*, Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana, CA  
*I Shot An Arrow*, Irvine Arts Center, Irvine, CA  
*DIVERSEartLA*, LA Convention Center, curated by Marisa Caichiolo, Los Angeles, CA  
*Refuge-Refugee*, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, Dekalb, IL
- 2020 *Home* (virtual exhibition), Acogedor Space, Los Angeles, CA  
*Drive-By-Art*, Outdoor public art exhibition, curated by Warren Neidich and Anuradha Vikram, Renee Petropoulos and Michael Slenske, Los Angeles, CA  
*We are Here/Here we Are*, Durden and Ray Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Left Coast*, Marin Museum Contemporary Art, Novato, CA  
*Las Hijas De Los Dias. 7 Female Views from the Margins*, curated by Begona Torres and Frida Cano, 18<sup>th</sup> Street Arts Center, Airport Complex, Santa Monica, CA
- 2019 *Coalesce*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (catalogue)  
*The Motion of Light in Water*, Dubois Gallery, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA  
*What Climate?!*, HOTE Gallery, Alhambra, CA  
*Metamorphosis*, Palm Springs Museum of Art, Palm Desert, CA (catalogue)  
*Like there's no tomorrow*, curated by Pilar Tompkins Rivas, ESXLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 *Geographies of the invisible line*, Building Bridges Art Exchange, Santa Monica, CA (catalogue)  
*Power*, California Museum of Art Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks, CA (catalogue)

- 2015 *Incognito*, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA  
 2014 *Departures-Arrivals-1999/2014*, curated by Francine Birbragher. ACSF, Miami Beach, FL  
 2013 *Wild*, Jean Albano Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 2012 *All About Art*, Frost Art Museum, Miami, FL  
*Postcards from the Edge*, Cheim and Read, New York, NY  
*Latin American Visions of LA*, Building Bridges Art Exchange, Santa Monica, CA  
 2011 *Sur, Biennial 2011*, Rio Hondo College, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)

## **PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

- 2023 MANAR, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, *Agua* projection  
 Culture Fest, City of Ontario, CA, *The Glass Wall*, immersive video projection, 46 x 138 feet  
 Oolite Arts, Miami Beach, FL. *Interstate*, installation of large scale photography in 2  
 windows, 4 ft x 50 ft each  
 Napa Lighted Art Festival, Napa, CA. *Agua* projected onto Native Sons Building  
 2022-23 Grand Avenue Augmented, Music Center LA, Augmented Reality project with *Agua* video  
 2022 Boston Court Pasadena, Pasadena, CA. *The Maps that Failed Us Too*, Paper map  
 installation, 9 x 28 feet  
 Luminex 2.0, Los Angeles, CA. *The Glass Wall*, immersive video projection, 46 x 138 feet  
 2021 LUNA Fete, New Orleans, LA. *Agua* projected onto exterior of City of New Orleans  
 Convention Center  
 Ecoartspace Billboard, Brooklyn, NY. *Red Sky*, Mixed Media printed on billboard, 14 x 48  
 feet  
 ULTRA!, curated by the Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA. *Fire I*, public art installation at  
 Torrance City Hall, mixed media on adhesive vinyl, 103 x 91 inches  
 The Art of Recovery, Santa Monica Cultural Affairs, Santa Monica, CA. *Mattress*,  
 photograph printed on vinyl, installed at 18<sup>TH</sup> Street Arts Center, Airport Campus, 12 x  
 10 feet  
 Luminex, Dialogues of Light, Los Angeles, CA. *Agua*, immersive video installation projected  
 onto the Petroleum Securities Building, 34 x 32 feet  
 Projecting Possibilities, Culver City Arts Foundation, Helms Bakery District, Culver City, CA.  
*Road Trip*, video Projection of 24 still images, repeated on a loop, 12 x 30 feet  
 2020 The Billboard Creative, Hollywood, CA. curated by Chris Vroom, *Bridge*, mixed media  
 printed on billboard, 14 x 48 feet  
 2014 Los Angeles International Airport, Terminal 3, Los Angeles, CA. *Aquarium, Red*, photographs  
 on Duratrans, metal structure, fluorescent lights, 8 feet x 12 feet  
 2011-12 Los Angeles International Airport, Terminal 1, Los Angeles, CA. *A Mid-Morning Garden  
 Dream*, installation comprised of 21 two-dimensional pieces from Mixed Nature Series  
 (mixed media on canvas) and *Ivy* installation (mixed media on wood cuts), 12 x 80 feet  
 2003 Miami-Dade Art in Public Places, Crandon Park Golf Course, Key Biscayne, FL. *Vistas*, glass  
 tile mural, 8 x 33 feet  
 2002 Art in Public Places, Miami, FL. *Flamingos on the Beach*, fiberglass flamingo painted with  
 artist's design, 8 x 6 feet  
 2001 Art in State Buildings Program, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. *Golf*, set of 9  
 pieces, acrylic on canvas, 30 x 30 inches each

## **PUBLIC, CORPORATE & PRIVATE PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

Art in Embassies, U.S. Department of State  
Arte al Limite, Chile  
Digital Brand Architects, Los Angeles  
Baker Hostetler, Orlando, FL  
Colonial Bank, Miami Beach, FL  
Federal Reserve, Washington D.C  
Flint Art Institute, Flint, MI  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
Four Seasons, Miami, FL  
Freshfields, Hong Kong  
King and Spalding, Houston, TX  
Lehigh University Museum, Bethlehem, PA  
Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, Time Capsule 2019, Fort Moore Memorial, Los Angeles, CA  
Miami-Dade Art in Public Places, ArtBank, Miami, FL  
Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation, Miami, FL  
Miami-Dade Public Library System, Miami, FL  
Nassau Investments, Miami Beach, FL  
NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, NY  
Quantum, Terra Group, Miami, FL  
Related Group, Boynton Beach, FL  
Ritz Carlton, Chicago, IL  
The Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY  
The Neiman Marcus Permanent Art Collection, Coral Gables, Boca Raton and Palm Beach, FL  
Sprint Corporation, Kansas City, MO  
Swire Properties, Cityplaza, Hong Kong  
University of Miami, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, McKnight Building, Miami, FL  
West Collection, Oaks, PA  
White & Case, Miami, FL  
Private collections in U.S., Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Holland, Italy, France, Hong Kong, U.K., Germany, Switzerland, Hungary and New Zealand

## **LECTURES & PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

2024      Artist Talk, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA  
            Artist Talk, Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY  
            Culture Summit 2023, Guest Speaker, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
2023      "Proximity and Art in the Public Sphere", with Maisa Al Qassimi, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi  
            Project Director, and artists Nadia Kaabe-Linke and Samia Halaby. Manarat Al Saadiyat  
            – MAS Theatre, Abu Dhabi  
            "Art and Environmental Justice", College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia  
            "Acts of Engagement: Artists Respond to Climate Change," Huntington Beach Art Center,  
            Huntington Beach, CA  
2022      "Landscape Through the Eyes of Abstraction", California Museum of Art Thousand Oaks,  
            Thousand Oaks, CA  
            Art and Science in Conversation, Brea Art Gallery, Brea, CA

- Artist Talk, KaleidoLA Guest Artist Speaker Series, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
- "As The Earth Wanes, Considering Climate Change", Artist and Activist Talk, ReflectSpace, Glendale Public Library, Glendale, CA
- 2021 "Artist Talk: Luciana Abait and Sarah Cifarelli," Special artist walkthrough for "A Letter to the Future", Los Angeles International Airport, CA (virtual event)

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2024-25 L.L. Stewart Fellowship, Oregon State University, OR
- 2023 Counter Image printing grant, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 ArtNight Mini-Grant, City of Pasadena, CA
- 2021 *Art Lives Here*, Geffen Playhouse, Los Angeles, CA  
*Projecting Possibilities Grant*, Culver City Arts Foundation, Culver City, CA  
*Quick Grant*, Center for Cultural Innovation, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 *Shares*, Grant for Limited Edition, Oolite Arts, Miami, FL  
*Quick Grant*, Center for Cultural Innovation, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 *Santa Monica Individual Artist Fellowship - Year 2016*
- 2005 *ArtBank*, Purchase Award/Grant, Miami- Dade Art in Public Places, Miami, FL
- 2000 *Florida Individual Artist Fellowship Program*, Honorable Mention, Tallahassee, FL  
*Spin – National Theme Show*, First Prize, Broward Community College, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 1999 *Electrowave Shuttle Project*, Art in Public Places, Miami Beach, FL

## ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2013-24 *Artist Residency Program*, 18<sup>TH</sup> Street Arts Center, Santa Monica, CA
- 2018 *Summer Residency*, Building Bridges Art Exchange, Santa Monica, CA (Aug. 15- Nov. 30)
- 1999-2005 *Artist Residency*, Oolite Arts Center (formerly ArtCenter South Florida), Miami Beach, FL

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- Marrie Stone, "*Escape – Route* at the Laguna Art Museum: Luciana Abait's exhibition offers a hopeful and nostalgic journey through the American West", *Stu News Laguna*, November 2023
- Paul Von Blum, "The Beautiful and Disconcerting Climate Art of Luciana Abait", *TruthDig*, August 11, 2023
- Carita Rizzo, "A message of hope through art," *Wartsila*, February 15, 2023
- Victoria Looseleaf, "Luciana Abait. Dedicated to the Environment," *ART NOW LA*, December 2022
- Steven Vargas, "Car-Free L.A art-hopping and this week's best events," *Los Angeles Times*, November 30, 2022
- Bryan Smith, "Luciana Abait's Thought Provoking Art Reflects Upon the Relationship of Man and Nature", *San Francisco Post*, September 5, 2021
- Sarah Marie, "Luciana Abait Battles Climate Change through Thought-Provoking Art, *New York Weekly*, September 4, 2021
- Dilpreet Bhullar, "Luciana Abait's exhibition "A Letter to the Future" is a call to save the planet earth," *Stir World*, July 29, 2021
- "Luciana Abait: A Letter to the Future," *The Eye of Photography*, May 7, 2021
- Brown, Betty Ann, "Icebergs, Climate Change & Migration: The Amazing Art of Luciana Abait," Catalogue essay for *A Letter to the Future*, April 2021