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"I follow the practices of both the researcher and the experimenter, because the 'supports' I have managed to structure are a source of surprises and imponderables. I put light traps into play according to color behavior. In my works, nothing is left to chance; everything is anticipated, programmed and codified. Freedom and affection only matter when it comes to choosing and combining colors. I impose only one restriction on this task: to effectively communicate what I want to say. It is a combination of the rational and the emotional. I do not seek to be inspired: I reflect."

**Carlos Cruz-Diez**  
Paris, 2007



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This catalogue accompanies the exhibition *Carlos Cruz-Diez: Color Happens*, the first solo exhibition devoted to the work of Cruz-Diez at a Spanish museum or, to be more precise, two museums. Since the 60s, the works of Cruz-Diez have been featured in major exhibitions dedicated to Kineticism and in important group shows focusing on Latin American art and kinetic movements. However, as has happened with other key Latin American avant-garde figures and artists active in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, a Spanish institution had never before organized an exhibition entirely devoted to the artist. This, therefore, is the first one on the work of Cruz-Diez, who constitutes one of the most relevant and consistent examples of the Kinetic Art movement, a term that has perhaps been overly used.

The intensely systematical, reflective and organic character of Cruz-Diez's work made it possible to organize a representative exhibition of his oeuvre without it needing to be comprehensive, as is the case with this presentation. In fact, the two dozen works selected for this show span the entire range of his entire career and are displayed in chronological order. Simultaneously, the works are presented taking into account the series of which they originally formed part. These series not only structure the artist's body of work, but also reflect his line of thinking and the numerous and ambitious experiments behind it. Specific neologisms coined by the artist himself, such as "chromatic induction," "psychromie," and "chromosaturación" are the names given to these series and are ample proof of his originality and inventiveness.

Anyone perusing this catalogue will immediately realize that the artist's originality – the effective but difficult objectives that have guided and continue to guide his work – is not based on a subject, pictorial motif or artistic theme, but on a "medium." For Cruz-Diez, it is *the* medium, one that constitutes a real and originating event: color.

The exhibition also features some of his early works – including those realized during his stay in our country, in the town of Masnou, before settling in Paris, where he has lived and worked for several decades – as well as illustrations he produced as a graphic designer. In addition to "The Truth of Color," the main essay written by Osbel Suárez, which focuses on the reason behind Cruz-Diez's work, this catalogue also includes an extended and valuable interview with the artist by Gloria Carnevali as well as relevant exhibition and bibliographic entries.

The Fundación Juan March would like to express its gratitude to the people and institutions that have made this exhibition and its accompanying publications possible. First, we would like to thank Osbel Suárez, guest curator of this exhibition, which has benefited from his proven expertise and knowledge of the work of Cruz-Diez, the kinetic movement, and Latin American artists. Our gratitude also goes to the Allegro Private Foundation; Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges

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And, of course, our special thanks go to Carlos Cruz-Diez and his family, whose constant help, enthusiasm and truly contagious optimism were decisive in the development and successful outcome of this project.

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*Cruz-Diez in the Vaux-le-Vicomte gardens, Maincy, 1987*

# When

**Carlos Cruz-Diez** arrived in Paris for the first time in mid-1955, he sought out his friend and fellow Venezuelan, Jesús Rafael Soto, with whom he had completely lost touch in 1950, when Soto moved to the French capital. On the day of their re-encounter Soto invited Cruz-Diez to see an exhibition in which he was involved and which had the intriguing title of *Le Mouvement*.

The exhibition, conceived by Victor Vasarely, a young painter of Hungarian origin living in Paris since the early 1930s, took place at the Galerie Denise René from April 6-30, 1955, and is unanimously considered by art historians and critics to be the exhibition that heralded the beginning of Kinetic Art.<sup>1</sup> Artists who took part were Pol Bury, Alexander Calder, Yaacov Agam, Jean Tinguely, Marcel Duchamp, Egil Jacobsen, Victor Vasarely himself and Jesús Rafael Soto, the latter being the only Latin American featured in this inaugural event. Within the framework of the exhibition, and as part of the accompanying catalogue, the *Yellow Manifesto* was distributed (so-called because of the color of the paper on which it was printed), which reproduced texts written for the occasion by Pontus Hulten and Roger Bordier. "Notes for a Manifesto" was written by Victor Vasarely.

Cruz-Diez drew a conclusion from that first re-encounter with Soto (which so faithfully reproduces the classic voyage made by so many Latin American artists in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, first to Paris, then to New York) that would influence all the major decisions he would make over the next five years. He concluded that he was not alone in his intellectual adventure, that the so-called "death of painting" was a premise already in use to explain artistic creation and that it was Paris, and no other European city, that welcomed and showed the work of artists who saw in the possibilities of movement the last reason for creativity or what has been termed "the last avant-garde." The intention to take art into everyday life, its experimental nature, certain sensation of instability and profound exploration of the relationship between the viewer and the work of art, were some of the elements that would define the basic principles of Kinetic Art, to which Cruz-Diez would devote the rest of his life. His fundamental aesthetic, however, involves a particular facet that, while not completely unknown to other members of the movement, for Cruz-Diez became the *raison d'être* of his work, namely color as an evolving situation, or in his own words, understanding that *the chromatic phenomenon is a continuous, unstable event.*<sup>2</sup>

The first results of that trip can be traced to a very small series of works that Cruz-Diez carried out, for the most part, in Masnou, a small village on the Maresme coast and a former holiday resort of the Catalan middle-classes. Entitled *Signos vegetales* (Organic Signs), the series consists of paintings that reproduce the conventional sense of two-dimensionality in painting and that reveal an insistence on a demonstration



Mirtha Cruz-Diez, Denise René and Carlos Cruz-Diez in the Rue Pierre Sénard studio, Paris, 1975



Cruz-Diez and Jesús Soto, Caracas, 1992



of the painter's craft. Aside from these features, which would in themselves be sufficient to describe the series as characterized by a certain academic rigor,<sup>3</sup> what should be emphasized and understood is its attempt to extract more or less pure color from the superimposed webs represented on the canvas. The series can thus be considered the start of one of the most fascinating and long-lasting adventures in the history of art in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, an adventure that still continues today. An obsession, an assault on light and color, whose maximum expression and high point of intensity and involvement would be Cruz-Diez's *Physichromies* and *Chromosaturations*. This is the moment when Cruz-Diez grasps and explores the "chromatic body" as phenomenology itself and as a discourse independent of the historical and reductionist hegemony of form.

The year 1959 marks the outset of this "sabotage" of the way in which color had been tackled in the creation of 20<sup>th</sup>-century art.<sup>4</sup> In contrast to other artists who had previously experimented with planes of color, Cruz-Diez understands it from a more dynamic, functional and autonomous perspective, until he arrived at its reinvention, taking it to its maximum degree of maturity and turning it into a "profoundly affective" experience, in the artist's own words. Cruz-Diez offers what is probably the best and earliest definition to be found in the literature on the meaning and context of his *Physichromies*:

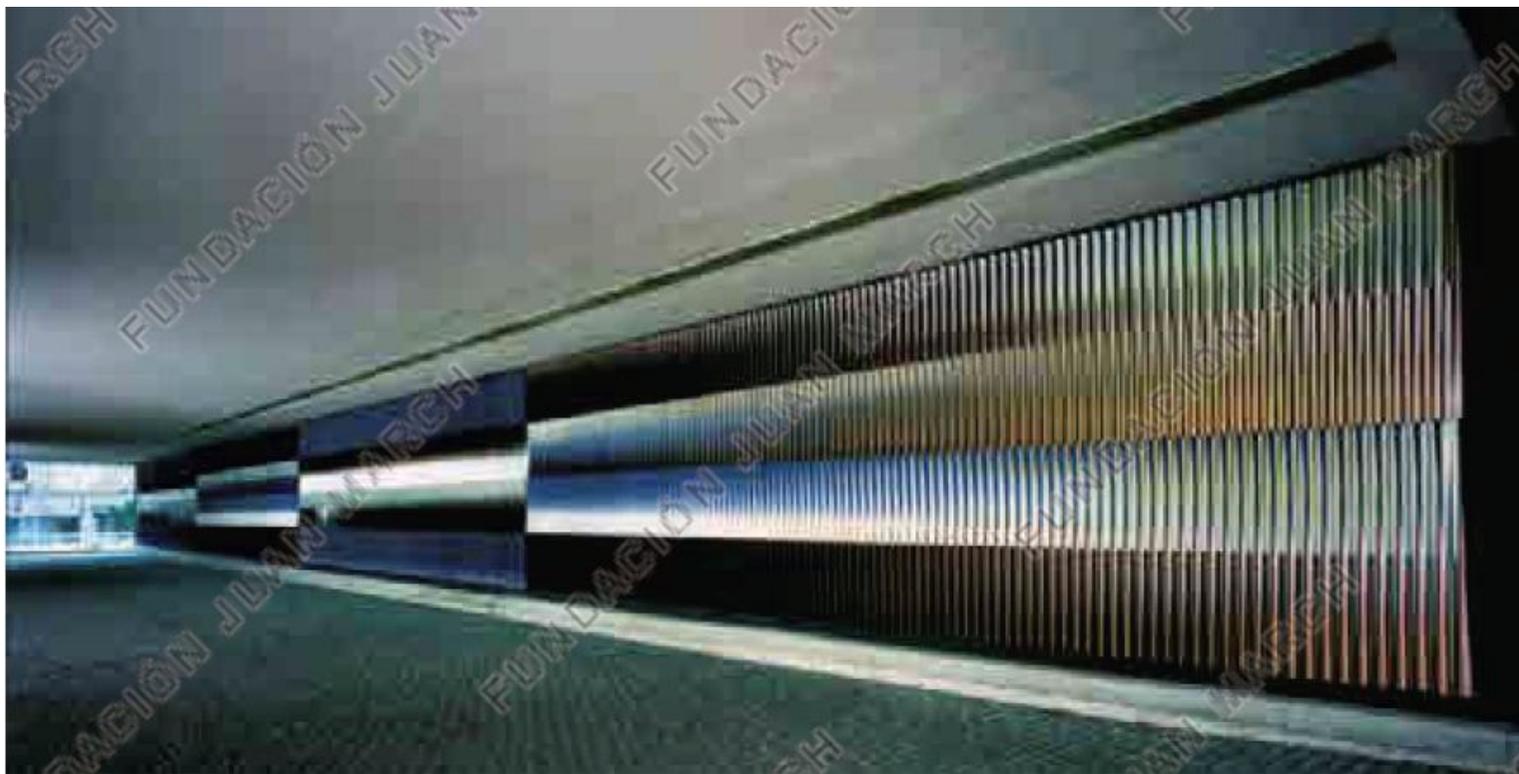
*Physichromies are a light trap; a space in which a series of webs of color interact in order to transform each other, to generate new ranges of color and to invade the surrounding space between the vertical sheets that cover the work. In addition, the movement of the viewer or of the light source also creates a series of chromatic variations that, like those that come about in the real space of landscape, endlessly repeat themselves with each revolution of the sun without ever being exactly the same, as the intensity and type of light that bathes them will never be identical. Hence the name *Physichromies*, from the fact of putting color, physical color, into play.<sup>5</sup>*

At the outset, Cruz-Diez works with "various groups of very fine and thin sheets, interwoven in regular sequences, whose principal function was that of offering a new chromatic sensation [...] and created on a flat surface from which the light slides off."<sup>6</sup> The "experience" of the *Physichromies* evolves when he succeeds in half-submerging some of the sheets while others stand out slightly, giving the work of art as a whole more nuances. The first works in the series only used black, white, green and red,<sup>7</sup> but this narrow color range expanded in the late 1970s, coinciding with the end of the completely manual production of the "*Physichromies*," which was replaced by other more technically sophisticated methods.

In his *Physichromies*, Cruz-Diez points out that color should not be accepted as something definitive, but rather that it



*Physicromie 1, Caracas, 1959*  
(front view, right view and left view)



Physicromie, Union des Banques Suisses head office, Zurich, 1975-79

creates a subtle chromatic mesh that is constantly renewed and re-energized with regard to scope and complexity in relation to the degree to which the viewer is able to interact with it. He also echoes one of Josef Albers' most innovative ideas, which explains how colors interact through contact or proximity to the point of modifying their appearance, undergoing a true metamorphosis before the human eye. With the arrival of his Chromosaturations, Cruz-Diez's exploration of mutating color and his investigations into optical phenomena achieve their optimum and most spectacular visual solution. Here, color is nothing less than an event that envelops and overwhelms, and one of which we are necessarily a part as it has already invaded the third dimension. The barrier of the two-dimensional, possibly the one feature that could still be identified with pictorial tradition, has now been surpassed.

The Chromosaturations emerge when Cruz-Diez had spent little more than five years living in Paris, and had as their accomplice and witness one of his unfinished Physicromies:

*[...] I was closely observing a Physicromie under construction. I looked attentively at one of the many bands produced by a sequence of transparent color strips that generate the continuous change of color in the work, what I call "chromatic event modules." A table lamp evenly lit these modules, causing the colors in the background to become saturated with green under a subtraction effect caused by the intensity of the lighting. The module had an atmosphere of*



Ángel Luque, Sergio de Camargo and Carlos Raúl de Villanueva in the Cruz-Diez studio, Rue des Dames, Paris, 1965

green light that virtually detached itself from the surface and shot out into space.<sup>8</sup>

The cabins that the artist built to isolate and dominate color offered the public a pure chromatic experience and allowed Cruz-Diez to enter into a universe that recovered the psychological possibilities of color. “How can one arrive at isolated, absolute color?,” Frank Popper asked in one of his famous books on the role and the new function of the artist in modern society, to which his reply was, “[by] isolating the phenomena of color in given spaces.”<sup>9</sup> The constructions that Cruz-Diez made for this purpose (cabins, showers) are merely the necessary technical support to capture the phenomenon, but the idea that the artist throws at us should not necessarily be understood as subject to a specific architectural structure and goes beyond any temporal impediment to which we are subjected by technology. Cruz-Diez goes much further in his aims when he assures us that:

[...] the original idea was to show color without the aid of a support or the means to which I am now forced to resort. When the laws of math and science manage to control magnetic fields, then we will be ready to project volumes of color into space, enabling spectators to perceive them, to experience them.<sup>10</sup>

With the Chromosaturations the physical support of the work matters less than its effects and resonances, as the overriding element here is the ambiguity of color and its absolute autonomy. In this sacrosanct encounter with color, the viewer particularly interacts with the work, which manifests itself in time and space. In other words, the work takes place as it unfolds.

The first of the Chromosaturations took place in 1968 within the context of the exhibition *Cinétisme*, organized by the Maison de la Culture de Grenoble, but it received more media attention in the context of the exhibition *Bonalumi, Cruz-Diez, Honneguer*, held the same year at the Museum am Ostwall in Dortmund, Germany. Ultimately, however, the exhibition that is best remembered and had the most repercussions (and which has given rise to various misinterpretations) was the one that took place in Paris on the Boulevard Saint-Germain at the exit of the Odeon metro station during Christmas 1969.<sup>11</sup>

The Chromosaturations are a felicitous re-encounter with many of the classic texts on physics and optics that nurtured the young Cruz-Diez’s formative years, from the Quaker Thomas Young’s experiments on the diffraction of light to Newton’s color theory, which was harshly criticized by Goethe in one of his most fascinating books.<sup>12</sup> To achieve these successive monochromatic situations of red, green and blue, it was essential to have read and absorbed the writings of Edwin Land and Ramón y Cajal. As a result, Cruz-Diez also formulated his own theories on this issue, which he explains in *Reflection on Color*, the book in which he set out his interests and concerns regarding color and reflection in relation to his own work:



Chromosaturations Showers. Bonalumi, Cruz-Diez, Honneguer, exhibition at the Museum am Ostwall, Dortmund, 1968

The retina is accustomed to perceiving a wide range of colors simultaneously, experiencing these monochromatic situations causes disturbances. This activates and awakens notions of color in the viewer, who becomes aware of color's material and physical existence. Color becomes a situation happening in space, without the help of form, or even a support, and free of cultural conventions.<sup>13</sup>

As in all of Cruz-Diez's series, the pathway embarked upon by the Chromosaturations is filled with modifications and adaptations to specific spaces. Initially, the compartments of color were separated by narrow passages of black, which functioned as transitional zones from one color to another. In another version, some walls of the rooms were constructed from transparent Plexiglas, producing an



Chromosaturación, Labyrinth for a Public Place. Art in the Street, exhibition organized by the Centre National d'Art Contemporain. Odeon metro station, Boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris, 1969

Induction of Chromatic Spectrum through a Change in Frequency and Chromosaturación. Lo[s] cinético[s], exhibition at the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, 2007. Photos by Joaquín Cortés



Transchromie. De l'art constructive au mouvement, *exhibition at the Galerie Denise René, Paris, 1965*



Transchromie. Cruz-Diez, *exhibition at the Galerie Denise René, Paris, 1969*



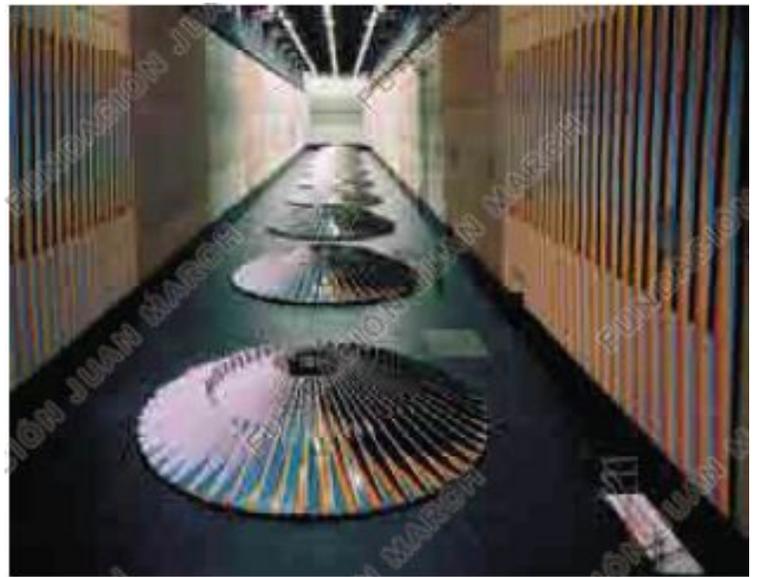
Random Transchromie, *Mechanical Work, Torre de la Cancillería, Caracas, 1973*

interesting relationship between those viewers who entered into the work and those who observed it from the outside. In other interventions, the chambers became opaque and all relationship with the outside world disappeared, thus increasing the sense of isolation and possibly the degree of meditation on the part of the person experiencing the space. Later, Cruz-Diez omitted the transitional zones and took the idea into the machine rooms of hydroelectric plants. A ballet performed in Caracas in 1975 “chromosaturated” the stage, with color acting as the entire scenery.

A parallel line of investigation can be observed in Cruz-Diez’s Transchromies (color transparencies). These consist of an interplay of superimposed, mobile sheets in which the color is substantially altered in the continual combinations and transparencies through which the viewer chooses to look. Chronologically, these works pre-date the Chromosaturations.

Cruz-Diez’s first works were directly associated with the world of advertising, newspaper and magazine illustration as well as the medium of photography. It is clear that his early professional activities were of great use to him when undertaking a synthesis of different formal devices and when establishing the correct proportions in his numerous interactions with the urban space. This particular ability to translate his ideas into public spaces, always achieving a perfect balance between the work and its surroundings (following a meticulous process of prior research), is what ultimately allowed for a sustained dialogue between the work of art and its architecture. As a result, Cruz-Diez’s insertion of his work into the urban space is among the most refined and judicious of all the kinetic artists.<sup>14</sup>

The lengthy and fruitful dialogue between Cruz-Diez’s work and architecture (with which it establishes a close relationship) began with the Transchromie designed for the entrance to the Phelps Tower in Caracas in 1967, and spans more than 40 years, up to his most recent creations of 2008. Within this context, his most spectacular works are *Additive Color Atmosphere (Machine Room n.º 1)*, the *Physichromie* and ten *Chromostructures (Machine Room n.º 2)* for the enormous hydroelectric plant in Guri, Venezuela, a project on which the artist worked for approximately ten years. Alongside these works, mention should also be made of *Planned Chromosaturated Atmosphere* for the José Antonio Pérez Hydroelectric Plant in Santo Domingo, Venezuela, of 1973; *Chromatic Environment* for the Simón Bolívar International Airport in Maiquetía (1974); the *Physichromie* for the headquarters of the Banco Consolidado in Caracas (1987–88); and the *Chromatic Induction Seats* recently created for the Organización de Orquestras Juveniles, also in the artist’s native city (2007). These can all be considered among the



Raul Leoni Hydroelectric Plant, Guri, 1977–86



Chromatic Environment, *Union des Banques Suisses* head office, Zurich, 1975. Various works installed on the six floors of the main hall.

most successful examples of Cruz-Diez's integration of art in urban spaces and architecture, which necessarily recalls the tradition begun in Latin America in the 1950s by the architect Carlos Raúl Villanueva. Following Bauhaus precepts, Villanueva created a remarkable synthesis of art and architecture of which the finest example is his masterpiece, the Ciudad Universitaria in Caracas, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

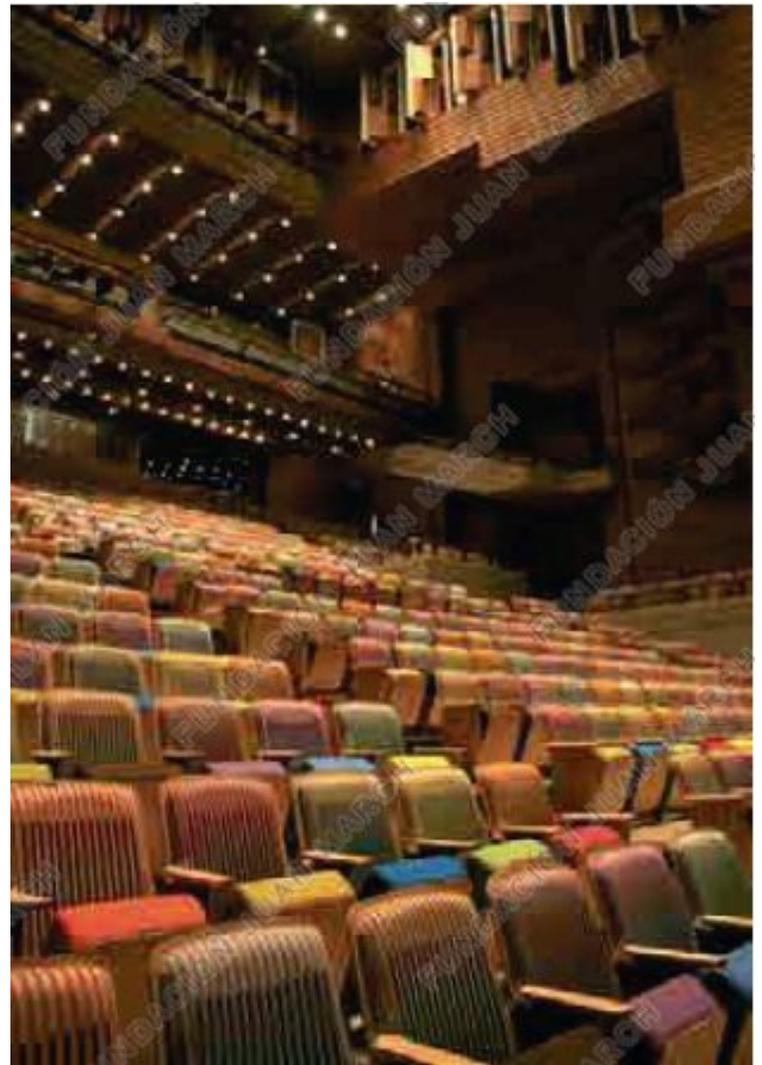
Outside his native country, *Chromatic Environment* and the *Transchromies* for UBS in Zurich (1975), the *Chromostructure* for the walkway ceiling in Saint Quentin station in Yvelines, France (1980) and 1980 *Vegetal Chromostructure* in Medellín, Columbia (basically a Physichromie but one in which traditional building materials are replaced by flowers and tropical plants), again reveal Cruz-Diez's close and ongoing relationship with the conception and use of space.

Despite the fact that the term "Kineticism" covers a wide range of artists with very different aims (making it impossible for the etymology that supports and gives name to this movement to remain suitable today), some of the precepts of this concept can be used to lend a certain unity to such a variety of disparate elements. One of these is the understanding of space as a dynamic element always subject to potential transformation. If the kinetic work reactivates the mechanisms of communication between the viewer and the work, and the latter – to the degree that it is consequently capable of suggesting new discursive possibilities – becomes more self-referential and omits any anecdotal element, we can say that Cruz-Diez's most important contribution (although not his only one) lies in grasping the true purpose of color as an autonomous and unstable body. This does not mean that it ceases to belong, in a historical sense, to what has come to be called Kinetic Art. The bases of his art and life lie in the vast possibilities of that constant movement and constitute one of the most rigorous intellectual adventures of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

1. In his essay "La utopía cinética," Emmanuel Guigon explores the co-ordinates between Kinetic Art and the utopia of taking art into life. See *La utopía cinética* [exh. cat.]. Palma: Centro Cultural Sa Nostra/Seville: Caja de San Fernando, 2006.
2. Interview with Carlos Cruz-Diez by Gloria Carnevali, which took place in Paris in 1981, for the catalogue of the artist's retrospective exhibition at the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Sofía Imber (MACSI), Caracas, May 1981. The interview is reproduced in the present catalogue (pp. 66-93).
3. In *Signos vegetales* (Organic Signs) (1954-56), we find an expression of the craft of painting, meticulousness and an emphasis on drawing that could associate this series with conventional painting, but the artist's choice of subject and ultimate intention distance the work from this aim.
4. The first of Cruz-Diez's Physichromies was created in Caracas in 1959.
5. *Cruz-Diez* [exh. cat.]. Caracas: Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, 1960.
6. *Cruz-Diez*. Caracas: Ernesto Armitano Editor, 1975. Cruz-Diez also designed the book.
7. The artist considered green and red to be exclusively primary colors, while white only interested him for its reflective capacity and black for its negation of light.
8. "History of Structuring a Discourse on Color," prologue to Carlos Cruz-Diez, *Reflection on Color*. Madrid: Fundación Juan March, 2009.
9. Frank Popper, *Arte, acción y participación*. Madrid: Ediciones Akal, 1989.
10. Interview with Carlos Cruz-Diez by Gloria Carnevali, op. cit. (pp. 66-93).
11. Critics have on occasion considered this to be the first version of these works, but in fact they preceded it. Almost all catalogue illustrations of Chromosaturations are of this one, not earlier ones.
12. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, *Zur Farbenlehre*. Tübingen: J. G. Cotta'sche Buchhandlung, 1810.
13. Carlos Cruz-Diez, *Reflection on Color*. Madrid: Fundación Juan March, 2009.
14. For more information on Cruz-Diez's relationship with architecture, see the interview with the artist by José María Salvador, which took place in Paris in May 2004, on the occasion of the exhibition organized by the Centro Cultural Consolidado in Caracas.



*Vegetable Chromostructure, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Caracas, 1994*



*Chromatic Induction Seats, Sistema Nacional de las Orquestas Juveniles de Venezuela, Caracas, 2007*



*Railroad Station Walkway, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, 1980*

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“The Series” is a brief text that serves as a glossary, gathering broad descriptions of the diverse series into which Cruz-Diez has organized his works: from the earliest of these – Additive Color – to the most recent, which he has termed Color into Space. The letters that appear alongside each of the series titles also accompany the captions identifying each work in the “Catalogue of Works in the Exhibition,” which is organized chronologically and not by series.

**Texts by Carlos Cruz-Diez and Ariel Jiménez**

## **A** Additive Color

These works present and isolate a particular phenomenon: the optical mix of two or more colors and their transformation into different ranges of color depending on lighting and the viewer’s position. It is a work – like all those by Cruz-Diez – in which our conception of the world becomes relative. What happens in them, takes place before them, exists in neither the work nor the human eye but between the two, in their essential interrelation. This elemental phenomenon manifests itself in Cruz-Diez’s work around 1959, and represents a point of departure, the revealing of a world that constitutes the fundamental basis of his work and an end never truly attainable: the total liberation of color.

## **B** Psychromie

These works are best defined in the artist’s own words: “the Psychchromies are a light trap, a space where a series of color strips interact and transform one another. They generate new ranges of color and invade the space that surrounds the vertical bands that cover the entire work. Moreover, the movement of the viewer and the light source create a series of chromatic variations, similar to those produced in a real landscape with each revolution of the sun. They will never be exactly the same because the intensity and nature of the light that is shed upon them will never be the same. Hence the name Psychchromies, because they put into play the color of light, a physical color.”

## **C** Chromatic Induction

Whereas the Psychchromies contain a complex range of optical effects, the Inductions manage to isolate one of the most interesting phenomena that result from the close relationship between color and the eye: the optical creation of a complementary color and its induction on “receptive” surfaces, such as a white sheet of paper. As we are experiencing a situation where reading the event becomes difficult due to the juxtaposition of a blue and black band on a white background, the eye creates the complementary color of the color that is opposed to the black band on the same background. It is interesting to observe how the Inductions manage to stabilize and make visible a phenomenon we can only perceive for an instant and under specific circumstances. The yellow that appears is in front of us, yet it is not; it exists virtually, but is as real as the pigments that have been used.

## **D Chromointerference**

The chromatic event modules that cover the plane are superimposed and engender a coloration that varies according to the spectator's viewpoint. By superimposing a series of mobile modules, either by mechanical means or through the viewer's interaction, a second transformation occurs, revealing colors different from those that appeared to be on the original surface. Undulating movements, which differ from the modules' actual movement, give these colors a brightness they would not be able to generate individually. Through this effect, what appeared to be a two-dimensional surface acquires an illusory volume.

## **E Transchromie**

Son obras basadas en el comportamiento del color por sustracción. Superponiendo una estructura de láminas de colores transparentes a diferentes distancias y determinado orden, se producen combinaciones sustractivas que se modifican por el desplazamiento del espectador, por la intensidad de la luz y por el color ambiente. El hecho de la transparencia permite observar la naturaleza a través de estas láminas, pero modificada por el fenómeno de la sustracción cromática que crea situaciones visuales ambiguas.

## **F Chromosaturation**

Chromosaturations are tied to the idea that all "culture" is based on a "primary event" that has always served as its starting point; a simple situation that, nonetheless, is transformed and generates patterns of thought that affect our sensitivity and create myths. As cultural conventions regarding notions of color have not changed throughout the centuries, perhaps by changing the support – by coloring space instead of form – one may perceive color as an evolving situation in time and space, and not necessarily as a colored anecdote of form.

This monochromatic situation, which has a disturbing effect on the spectator's retina, activates and awakens our awareness of color as a physical situation evolving in space, without the help of form or even any kind of support.

## **G Color into Space**

Carlos Cruz-Diez writes: "with the aim of making more evident the vital experience of color coalescing and dissolving in space, I isolated one of the shafts that form the chromatic event modules and separated it from the plane. In this way, the viewer can create a color spectrum that is not the background support. This spectrum evolves according to our shifting viewpoint and the natural light." The first Color into Space work dates from 1993.

**WORK**

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# WORKS (1954-2009)

*Proyecto para mural exterior*  
(Project for an Exterior Wall), Caracas, 1954  
Painting on wood  
71 x 55 cm  
Cruz-Diez Foundation, Houston, Texas





**Cat. 1**

*Primer proyecto para muro exterior*

(First Project for an Exterior Wall), Caracas, 1954

Painting on wood

70.5 x 55.5 cm

Musée National d'Art Moderne – Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris



**Cat. 2**

*El muro amarillo* (Yellow Wall), Caracas, 1956

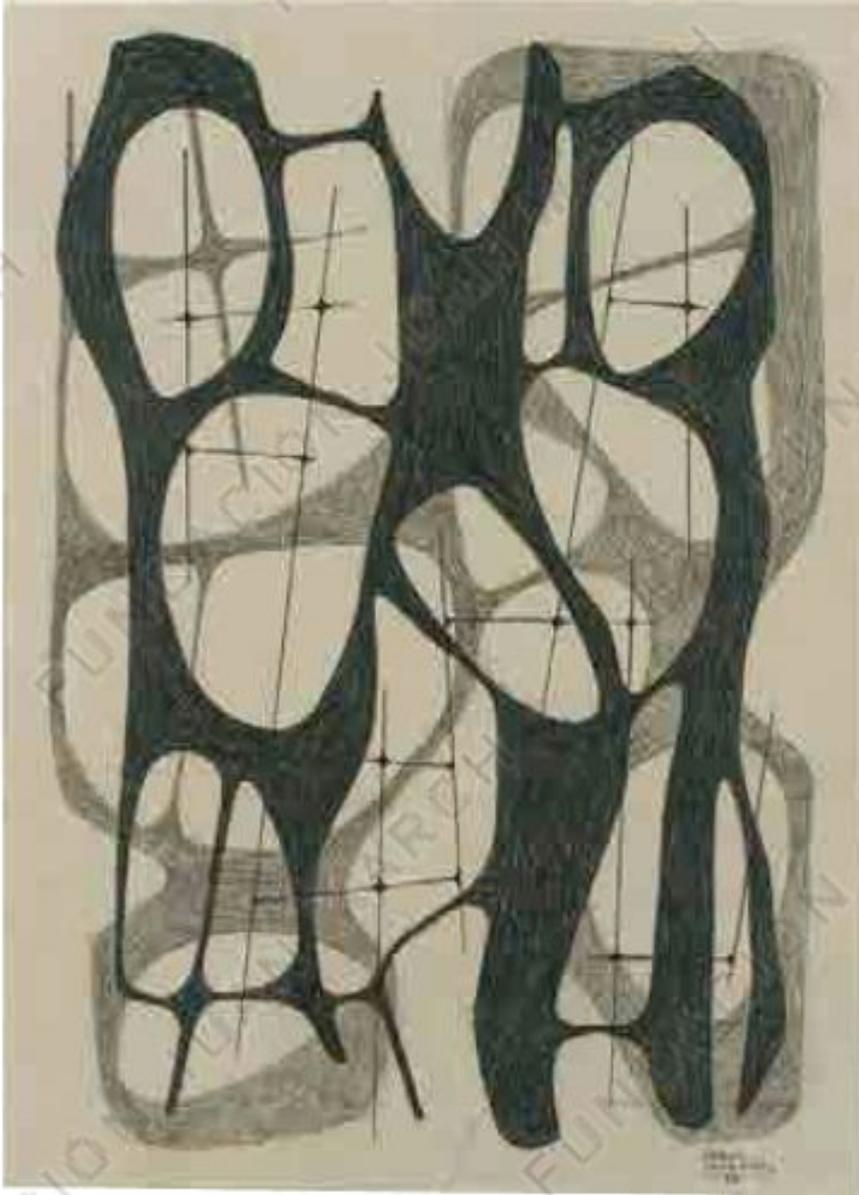
Oil on cloth

73.5 x 60 cm

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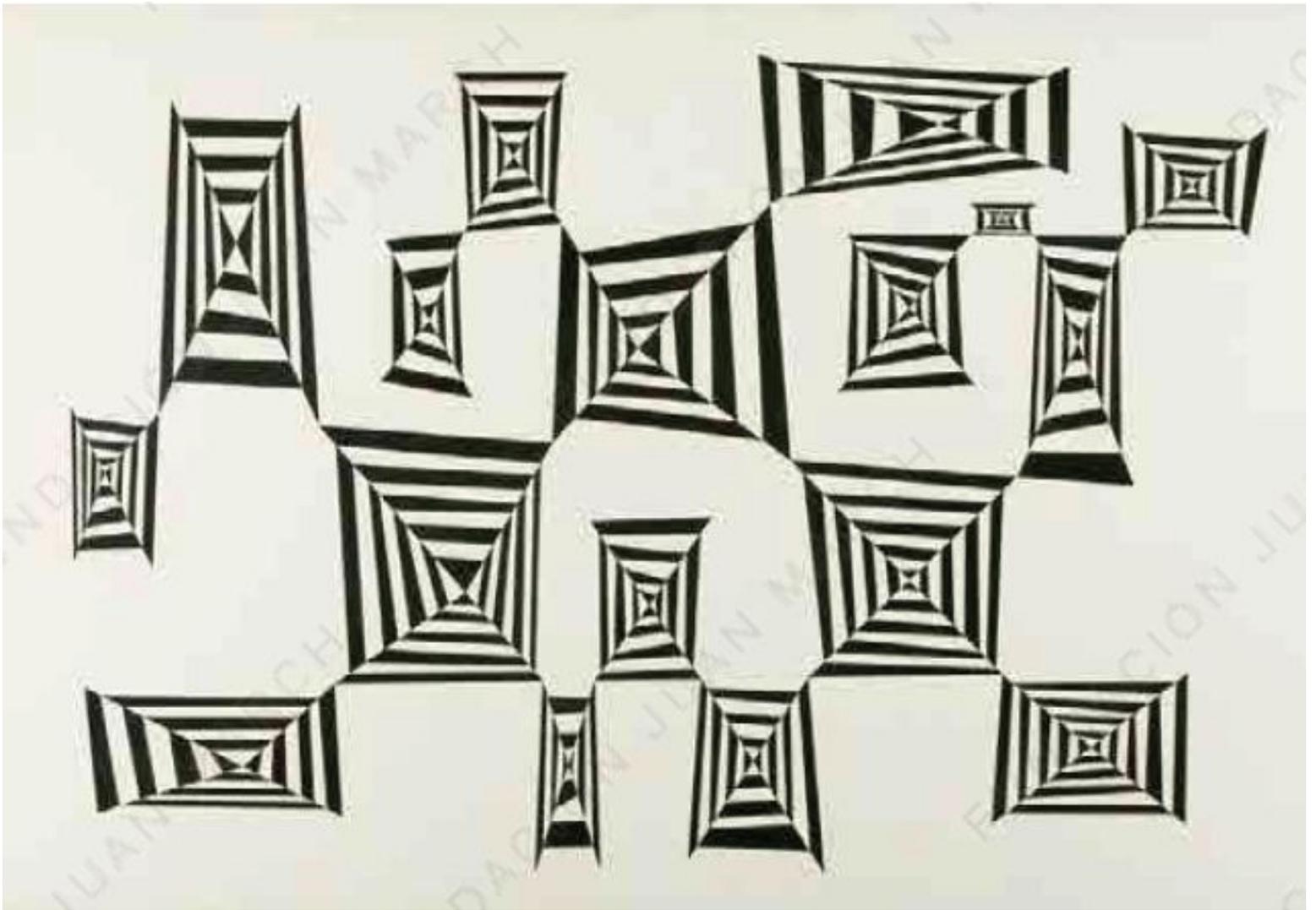
*El muro rojo* (Red Wall), Masnou, 1955  
Casein on cloth  
66.5 x 82.5 cm  
Cruz-Diez Foundation, Houston, Texas





**Cat. 3**

*Untitled*, Masnou, 1956  
Graphite, charcoal and ink on paper  
48 x 34 cm  
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*Construcción en el espacio*  
(Construction in Space), Caracas, 1957

Acrylic on wood

85 x 122 cm

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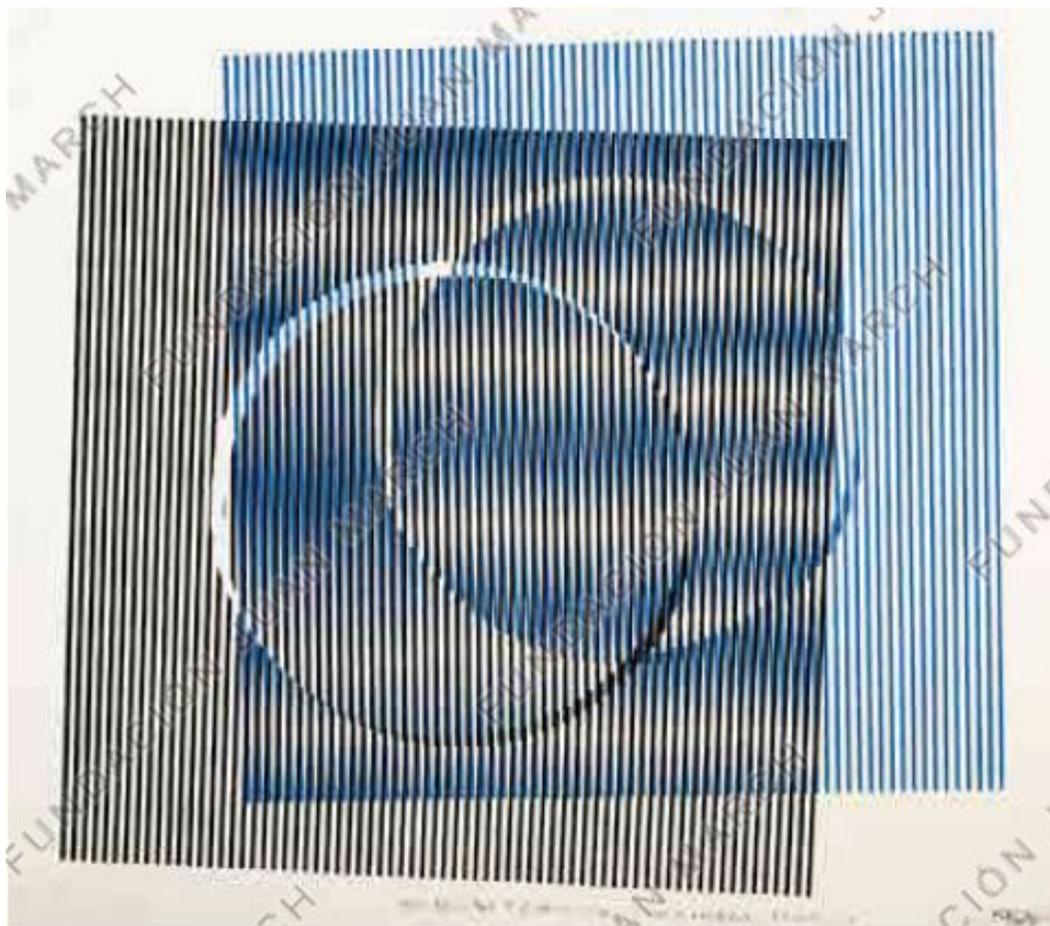
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*Amarillo aditivo* (Additive Yellow), Paris, 1959-84  
Silkscreen on paper  
74.5 x 74.5 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



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*Physichromie 103*, Paris, 1963  
Rhodoid, flash paint, cardboard and wood  
67.5 x 42 cm  
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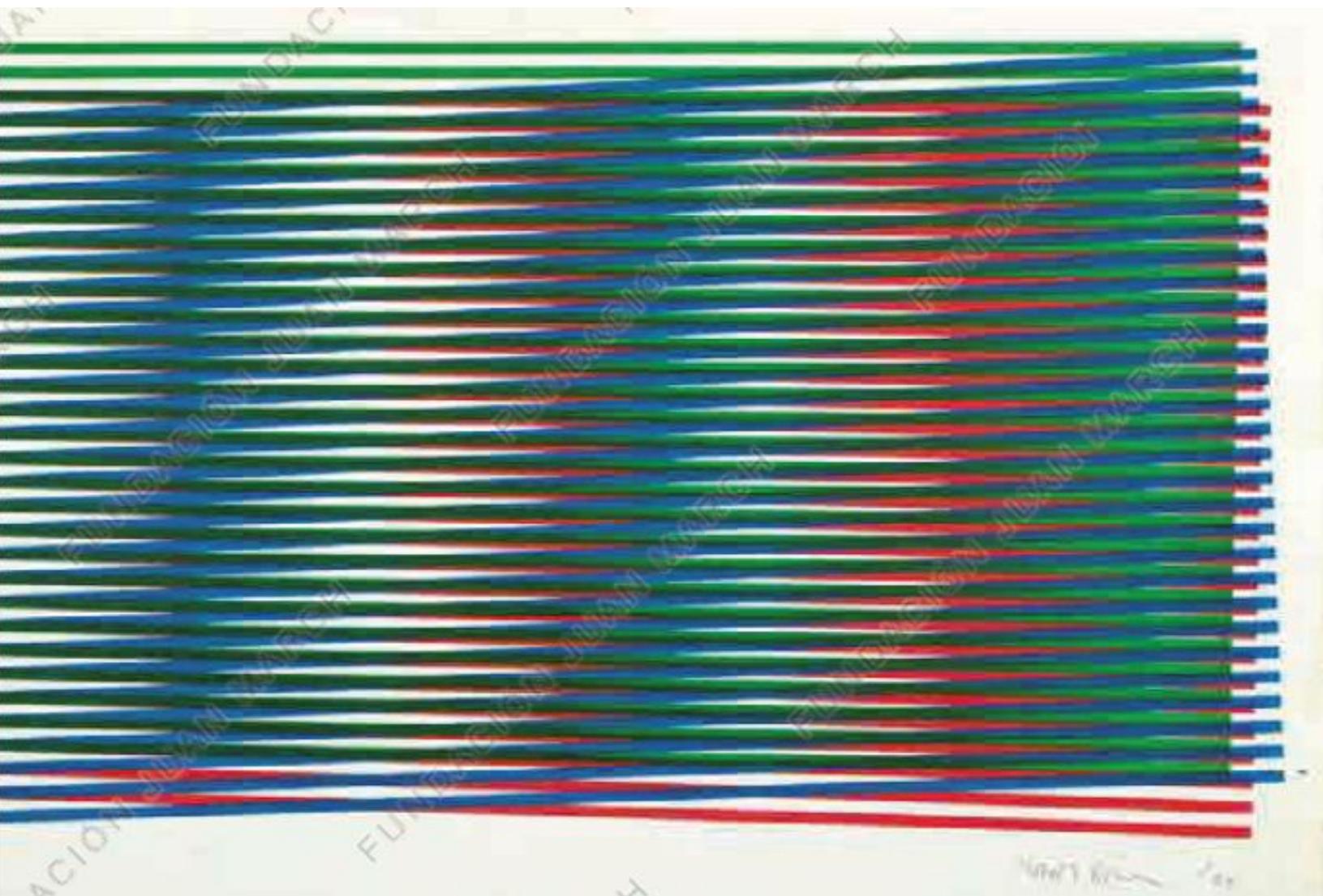


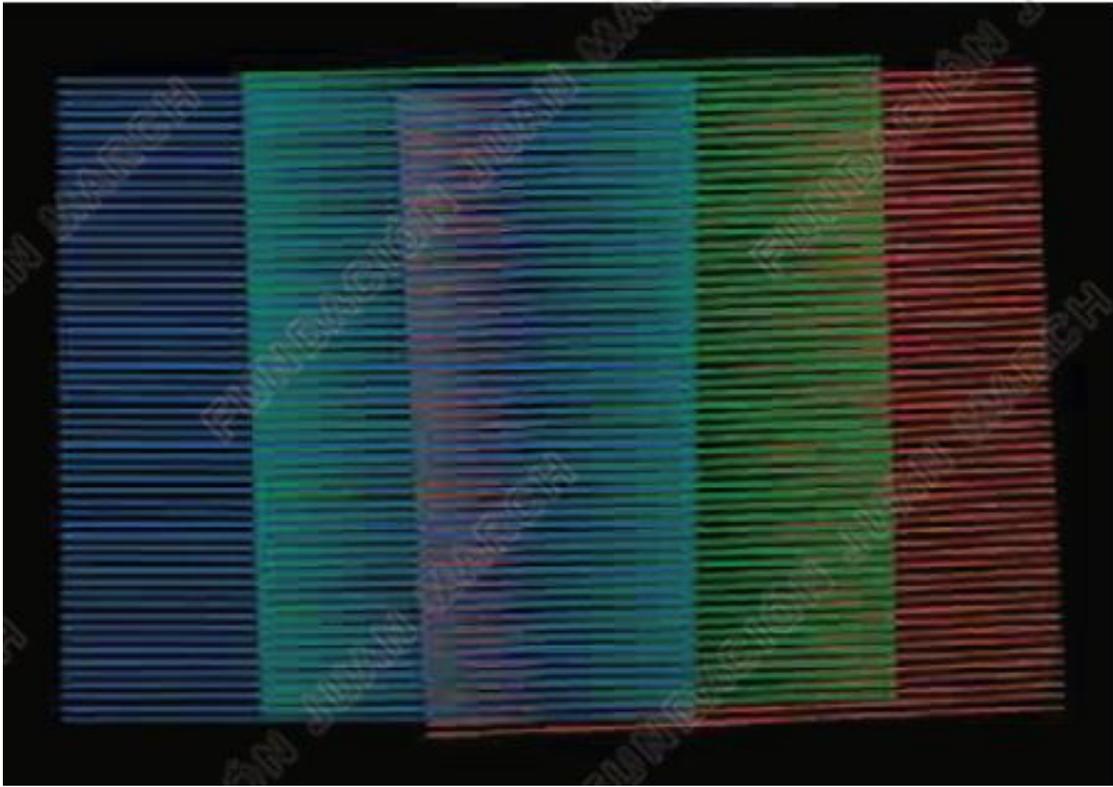
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*Inducción Cromática azul + negro = amarillo*  
(Chromatic Induction Blue + Black = Yellow), Paris, 1963  
Silkscreen on paper  
20 x 20 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



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(Additive Color SP), Paris, 1964  
Silkscreen on paper  
40 x 75 cm  
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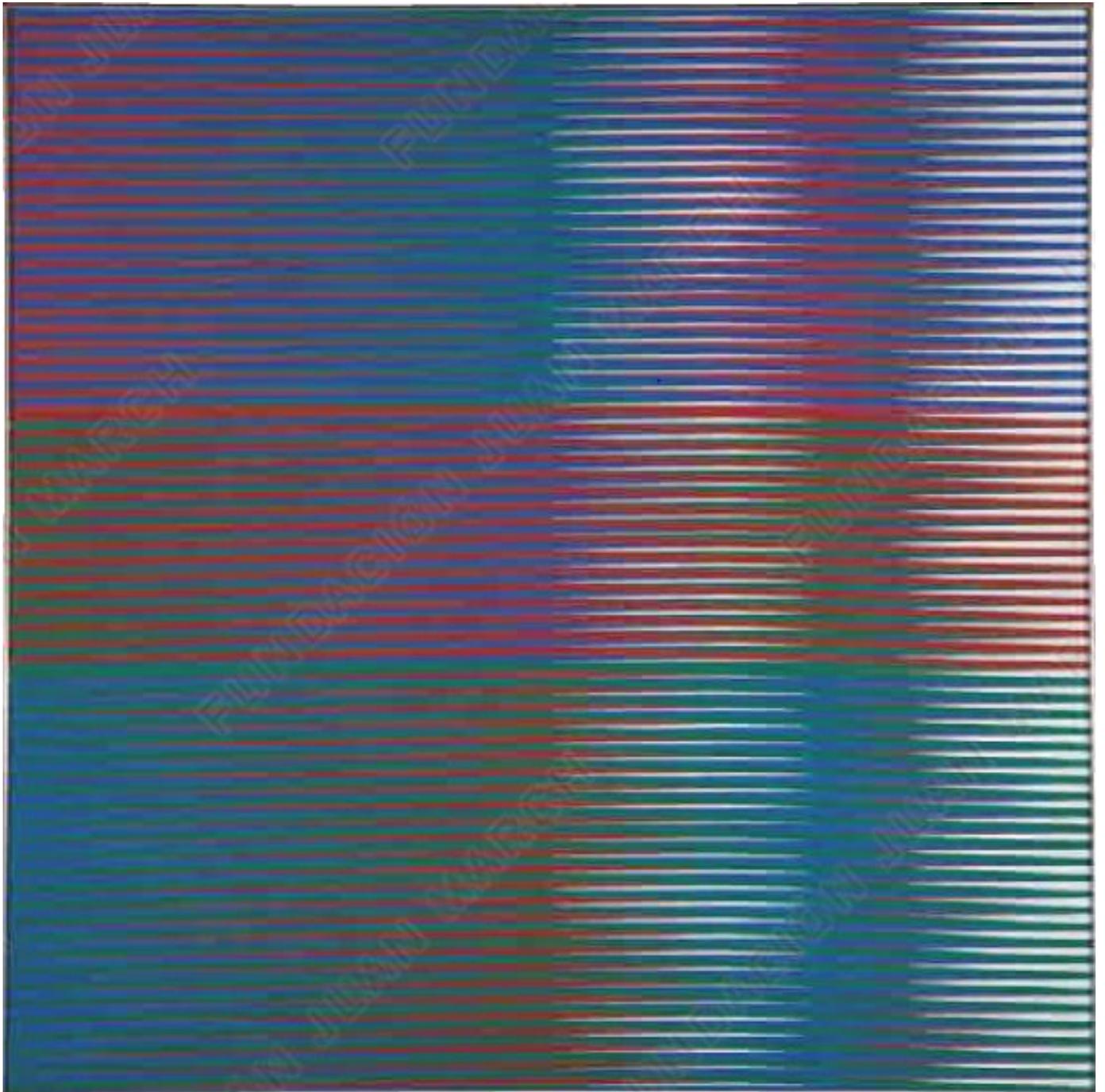


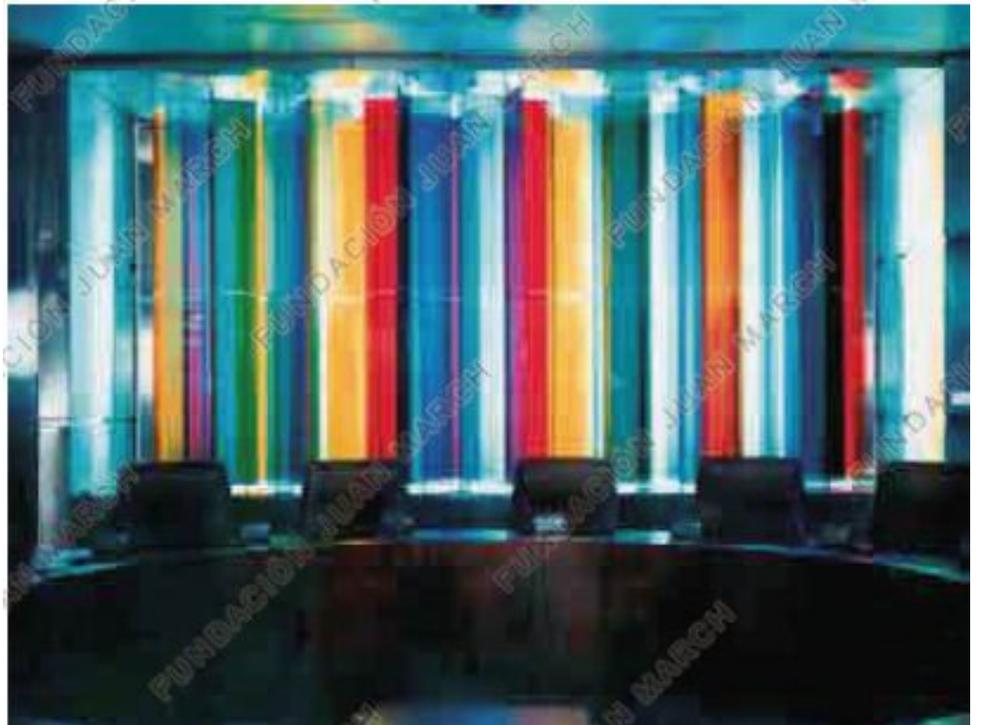
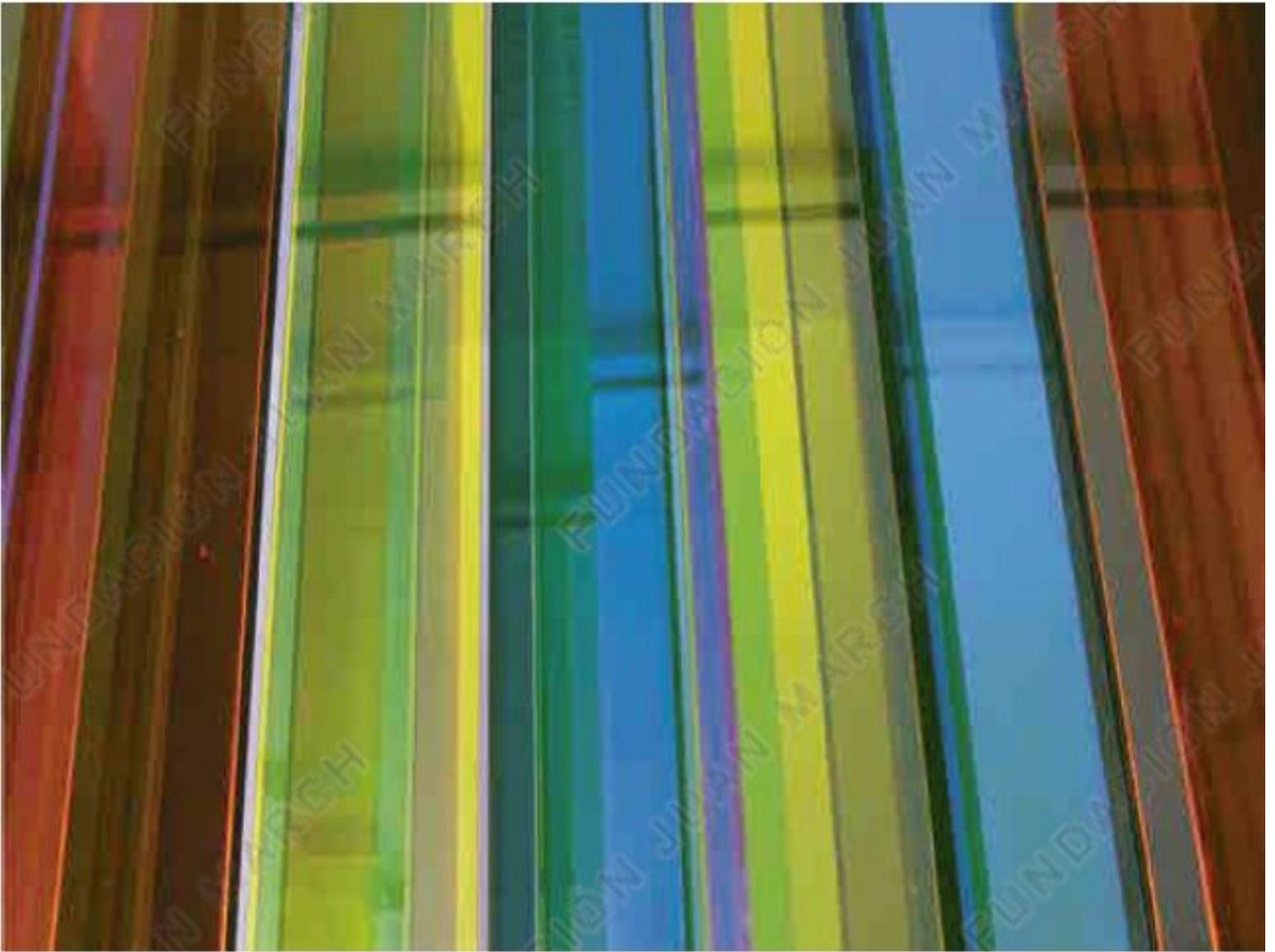


**A Cat. 11**

*Couleur additive ED'A* (Additive Color AP), Paris, 1970  
Silkscreen on paper  
48 x 68 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris

**A** Couleur additive (Additive Color), Paris, 1974  
Acrylic on canvas glued on panel  
80 x 80 cm  
Galería Guillermo de Osma, Madrid





**E** *Transcromía aleatoria.*  
Obra mecánica (Random  
Transchromie. Mechanical Work),  
Cancillería Tower, Caracas, 1973

**E Cat. 9**

*Transchromie*, Paris, 1965–2007

Transparent acrylic sheets

200 x 240 x 60 cm

Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris

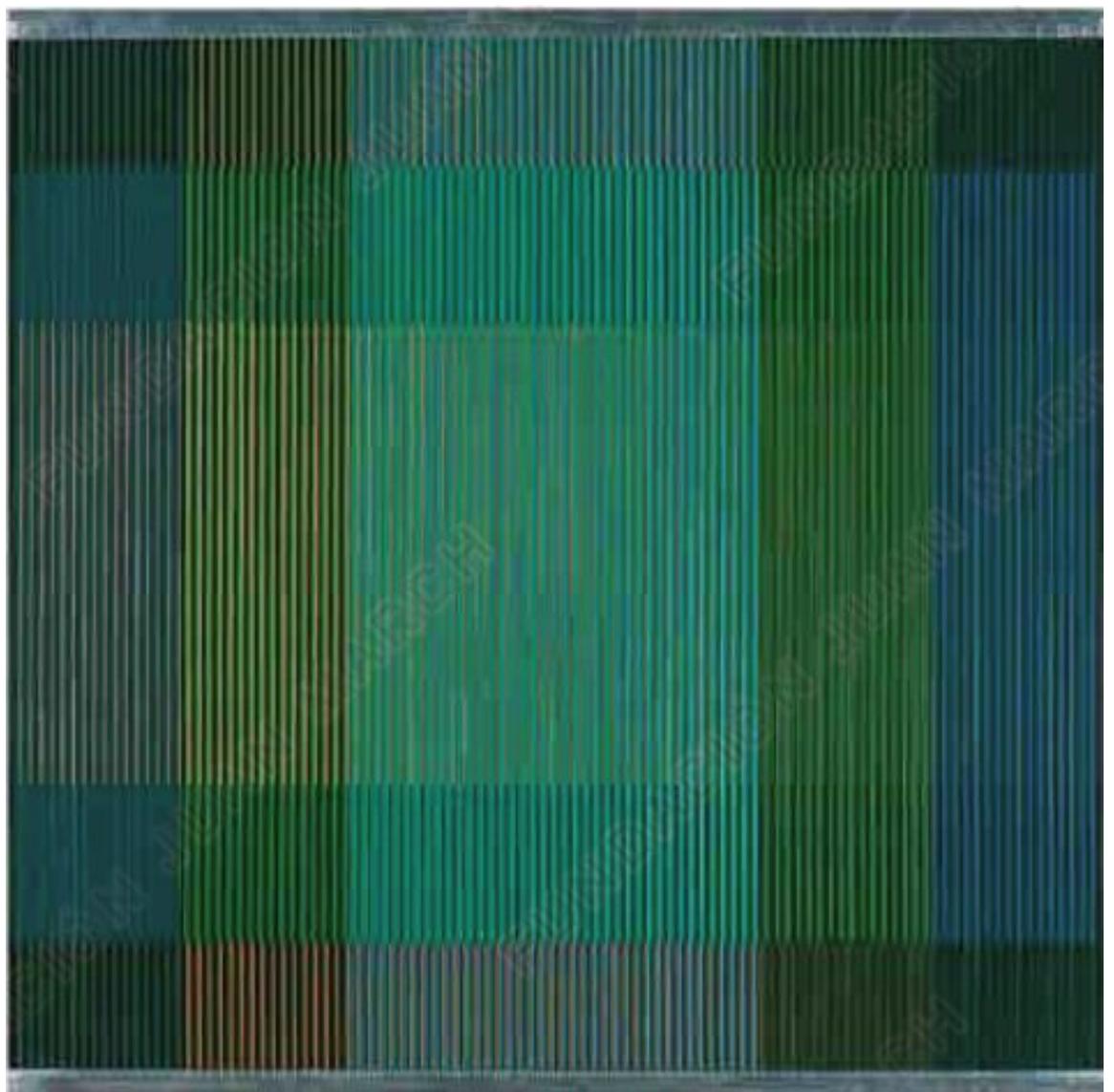
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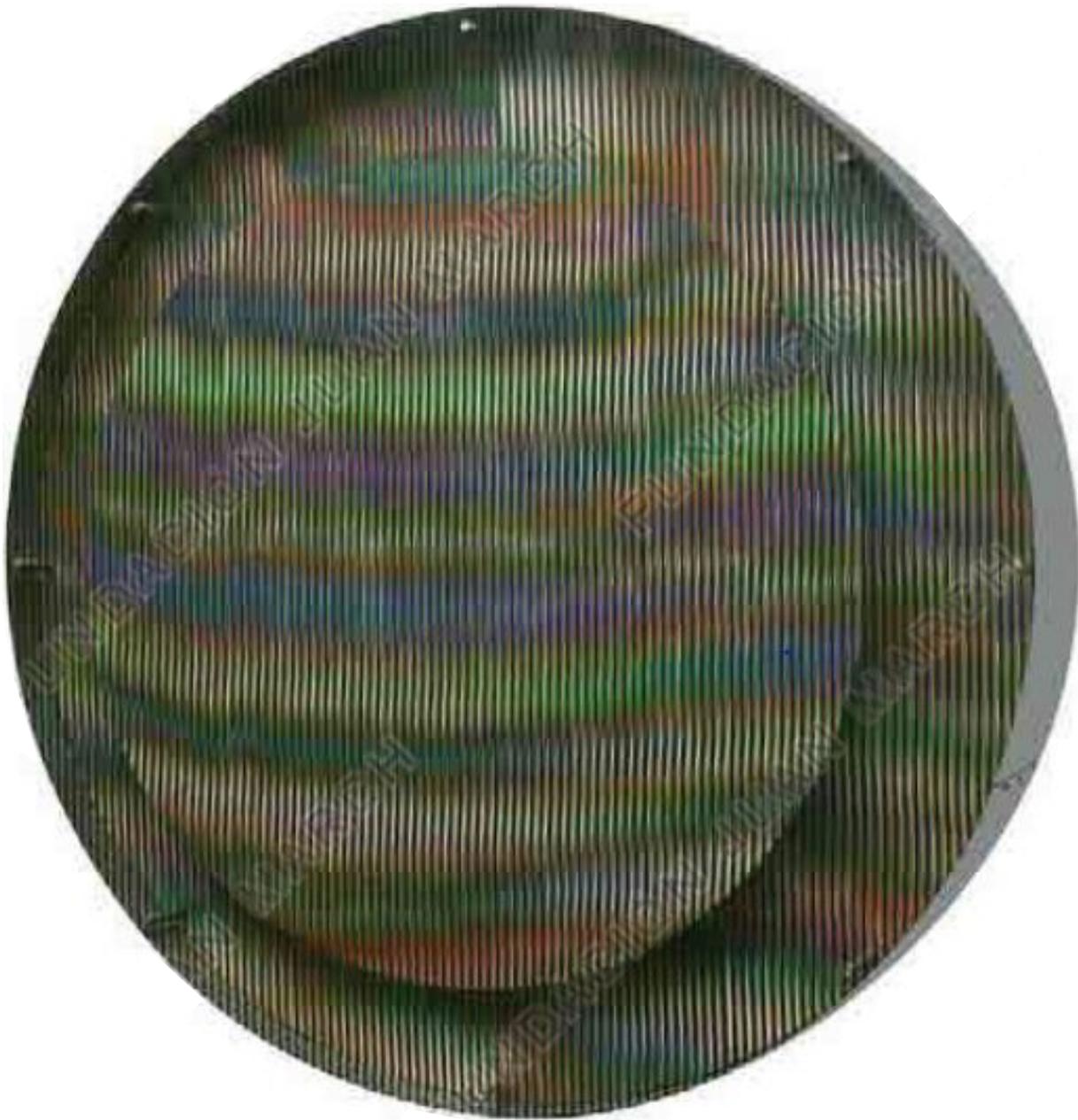
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Aluminum, acetate and acrylic paint

70 x 70 cm

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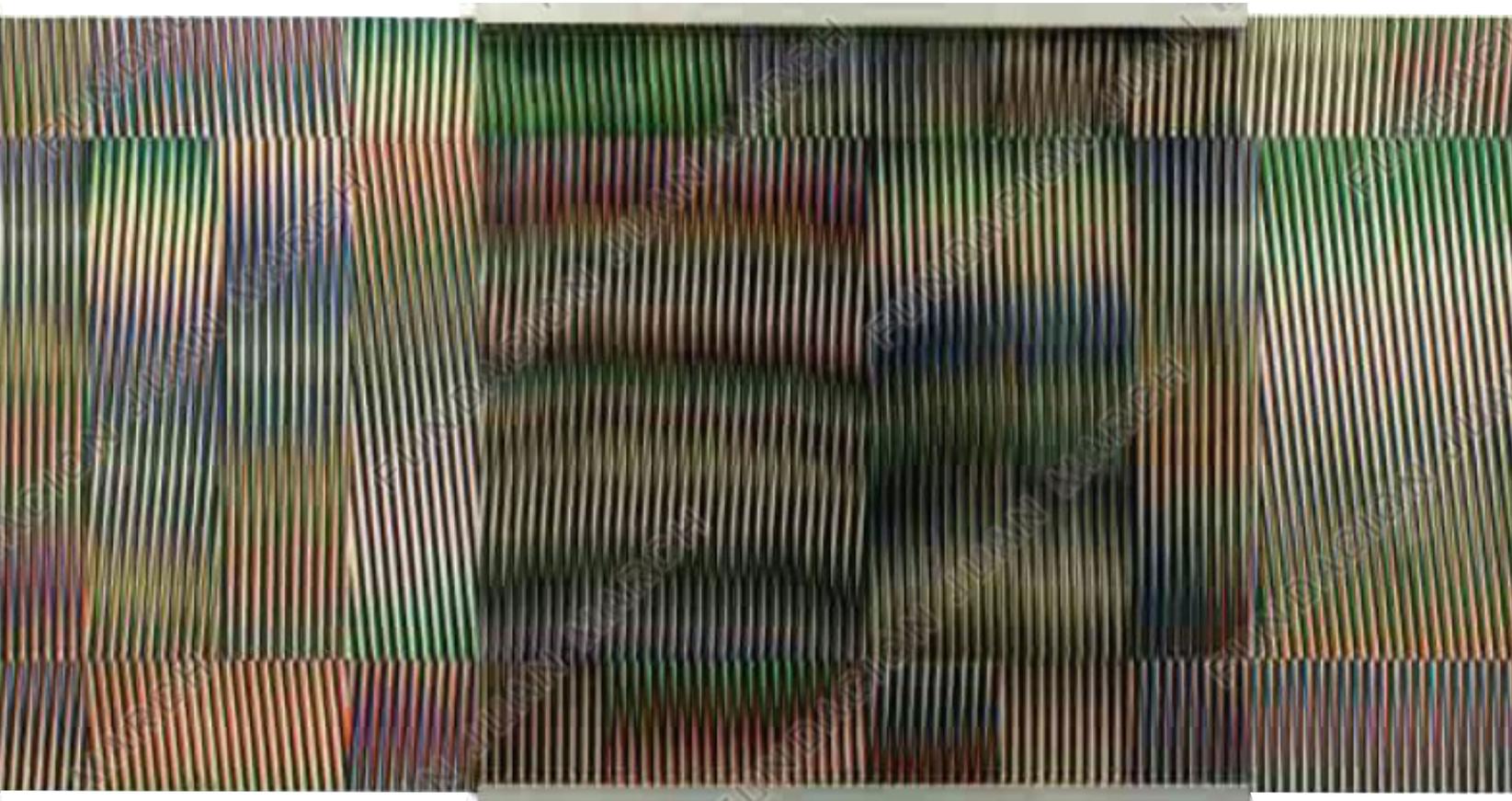
*Chromointerference Mecanique*  
(Mechanical Chromointerference), Paris, 1973  
Wood, Plexiglas and aluminum; mechanical motor  
Ø 100 x 15 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



**D**

**Cat. 10**

*Chromointerference Mecanique*  
(Mechanical Chromointerference), Paris, 1967  
Wood and acrylic paint; mechanical motor  
66 x 140 x 13 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris





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*Physichromie 589*, Paris, 1972  
Aluminum, acrylic paint, acetate  
120 x 100 cm  
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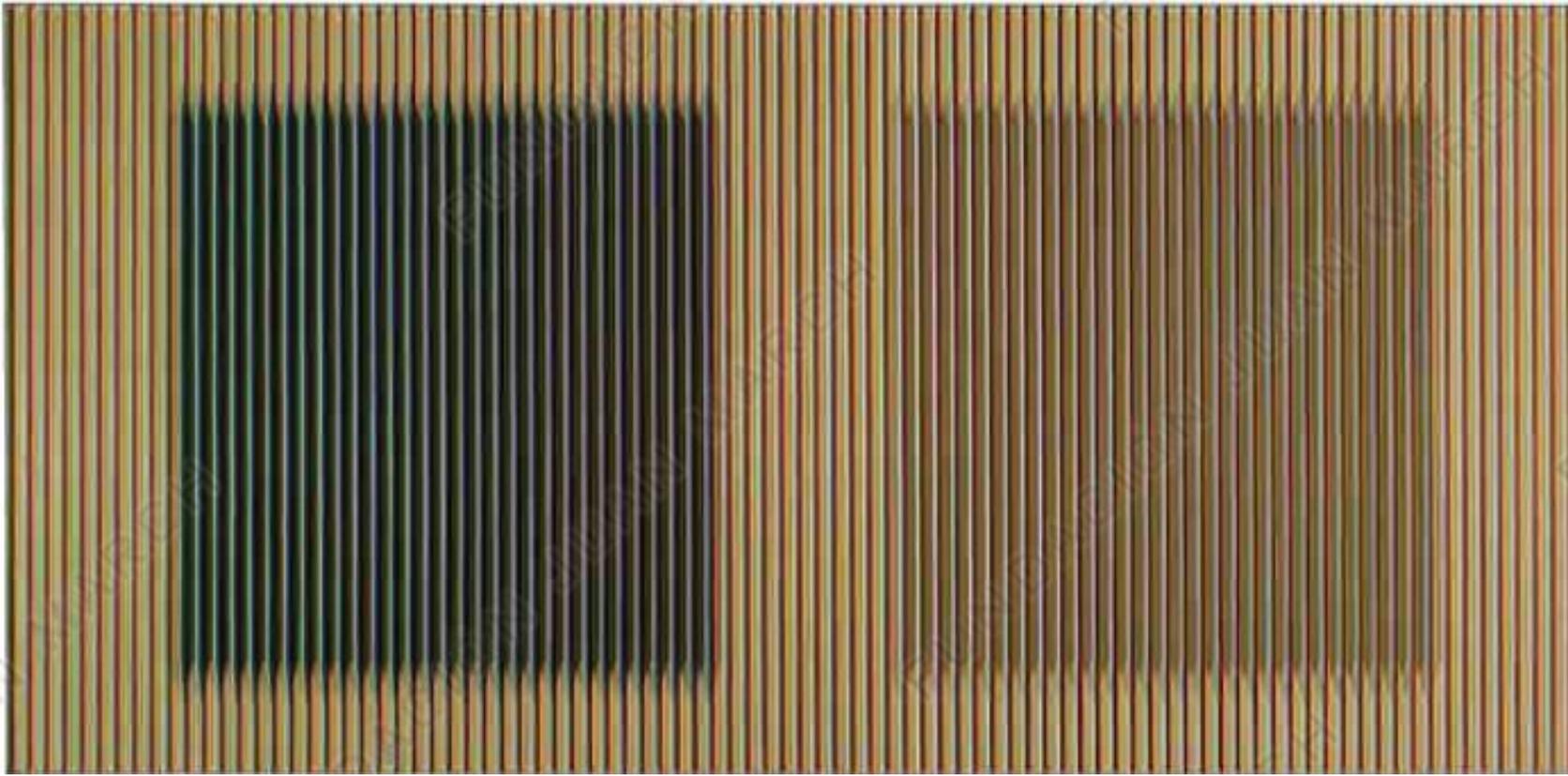
*Physicromie 587*, Paris, 1972

PVC, wood and aluminum

60 x 120 x 5 cm

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**A Cat. 18**

*Fisicromía 2235* (Physicromie 2235), Paris, 1988

Metal, acetate and acrylic paint

60 x 180 cm

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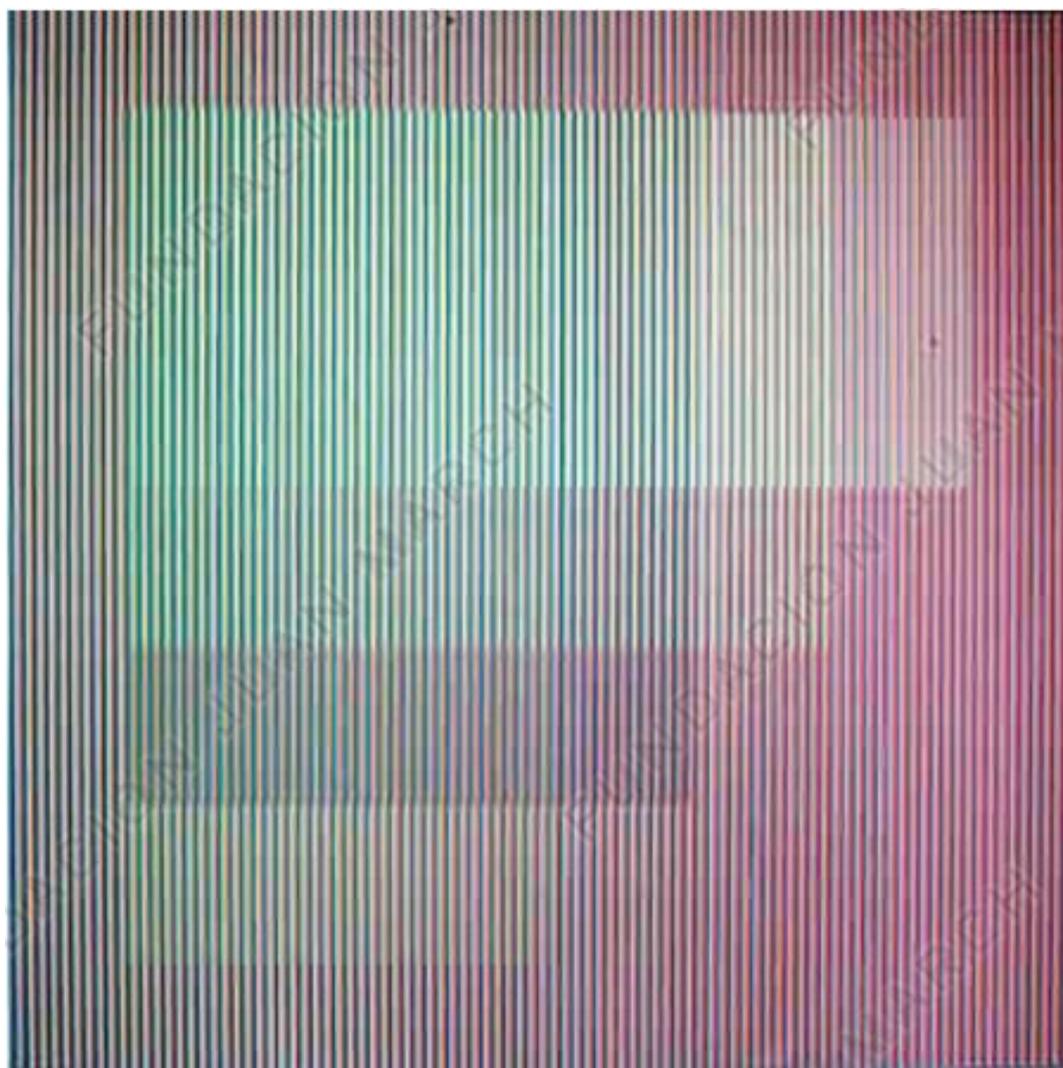
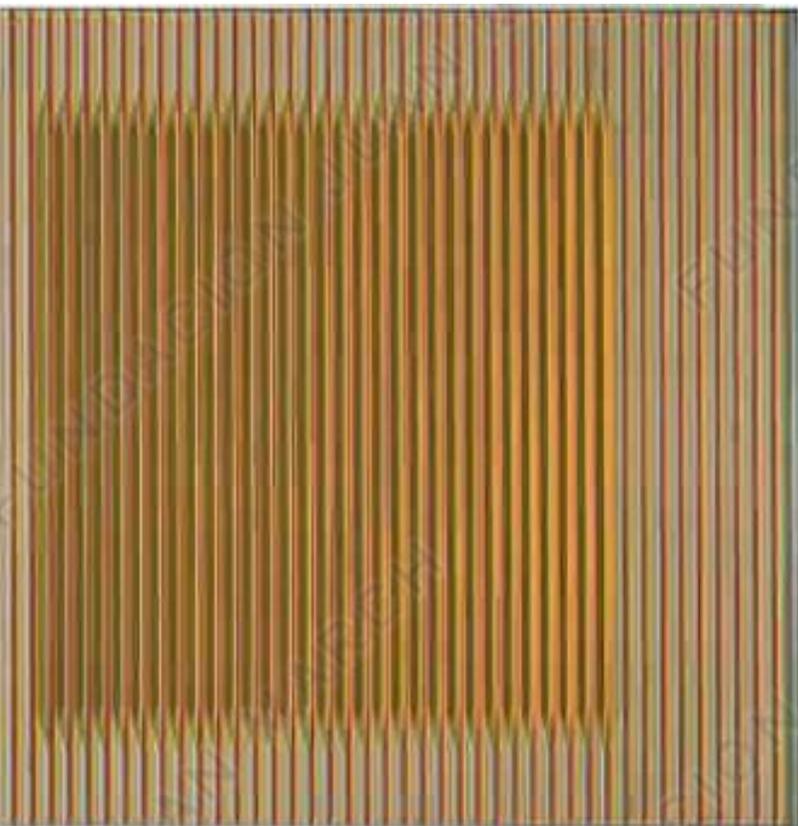
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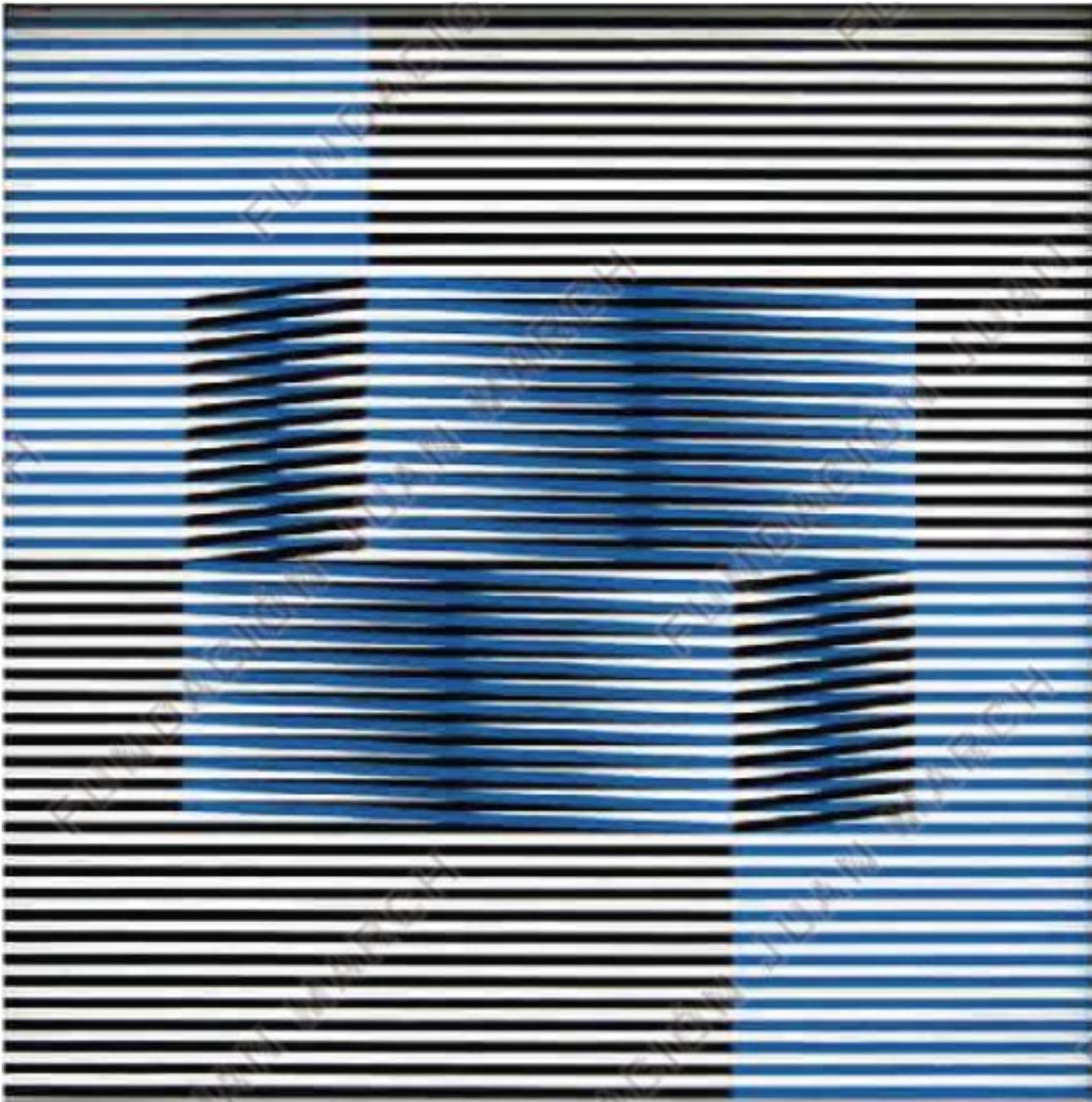
*Physicromie 756*, Paris, 1975

Steel plates and acrylic on wood

100 x 100 cm

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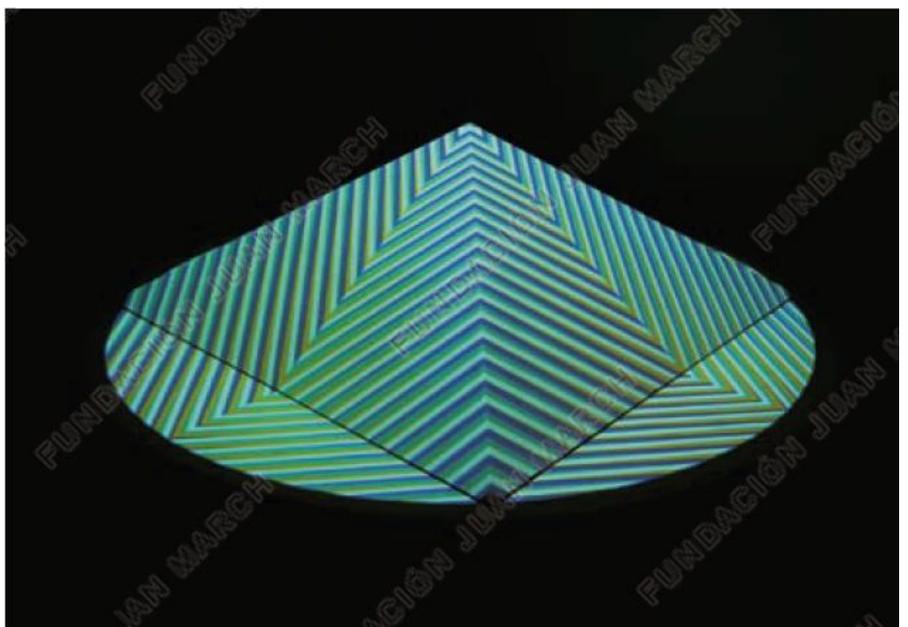
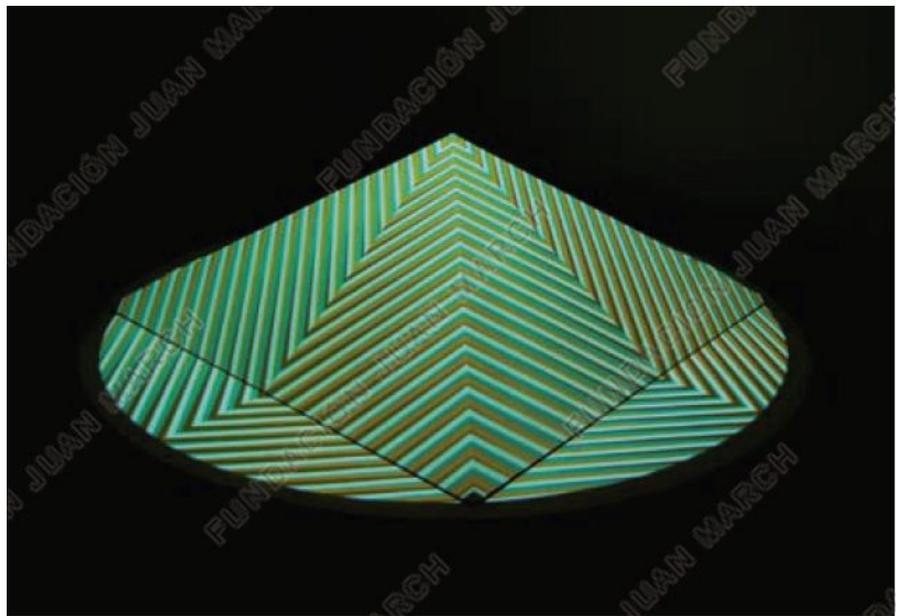


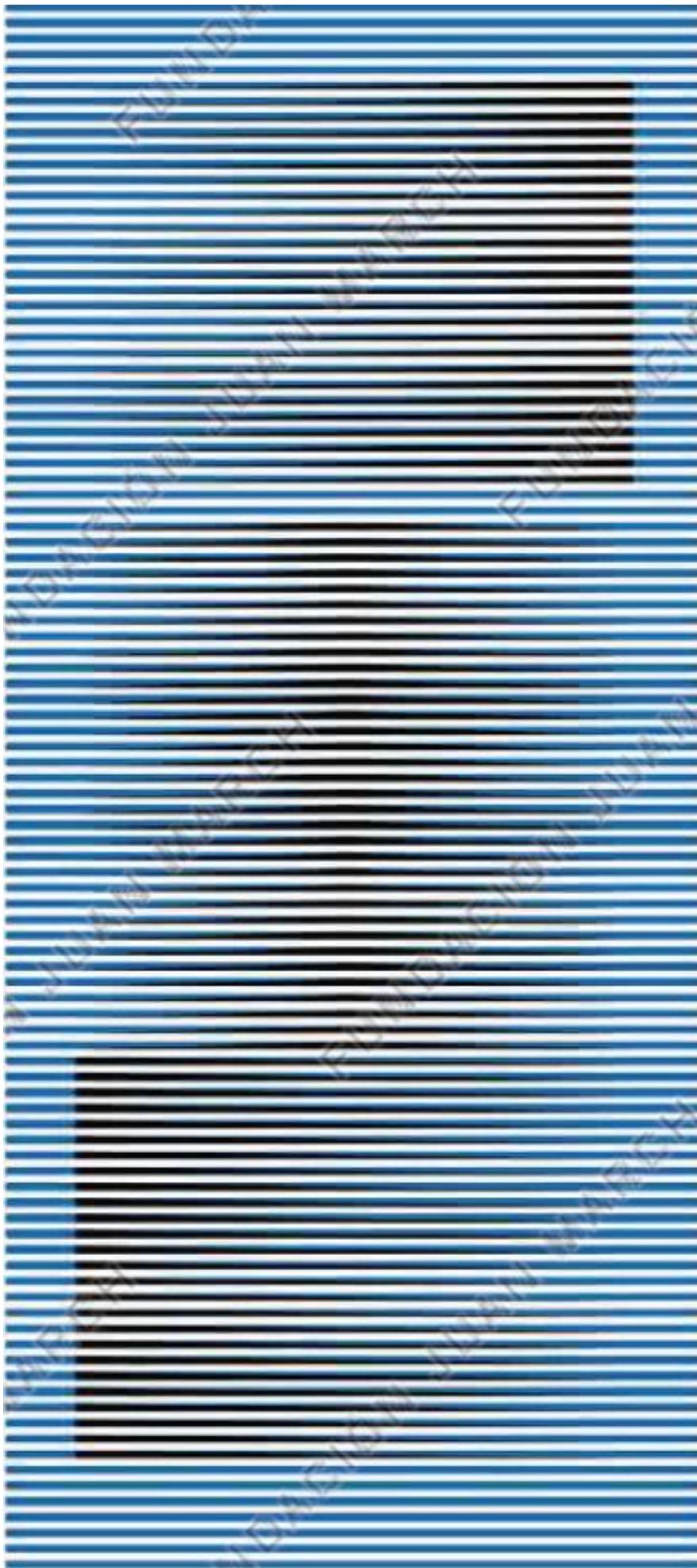
**C** **Cat. 16**  
*Induction Chromatique 63*  
(Chromatic Induction 63), Paris, 1974  
Acrylic on cloth on wood  
60 x 60 x 4 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris

**G** **Cat. 22**  
*Couleur à l'espace Série Ligia A 1 ED'A*  
(Color into Space. Ligia A 1 Series AP),  
Paris, 1993-2008  
Color print  
120 x 20 x 8 cm  
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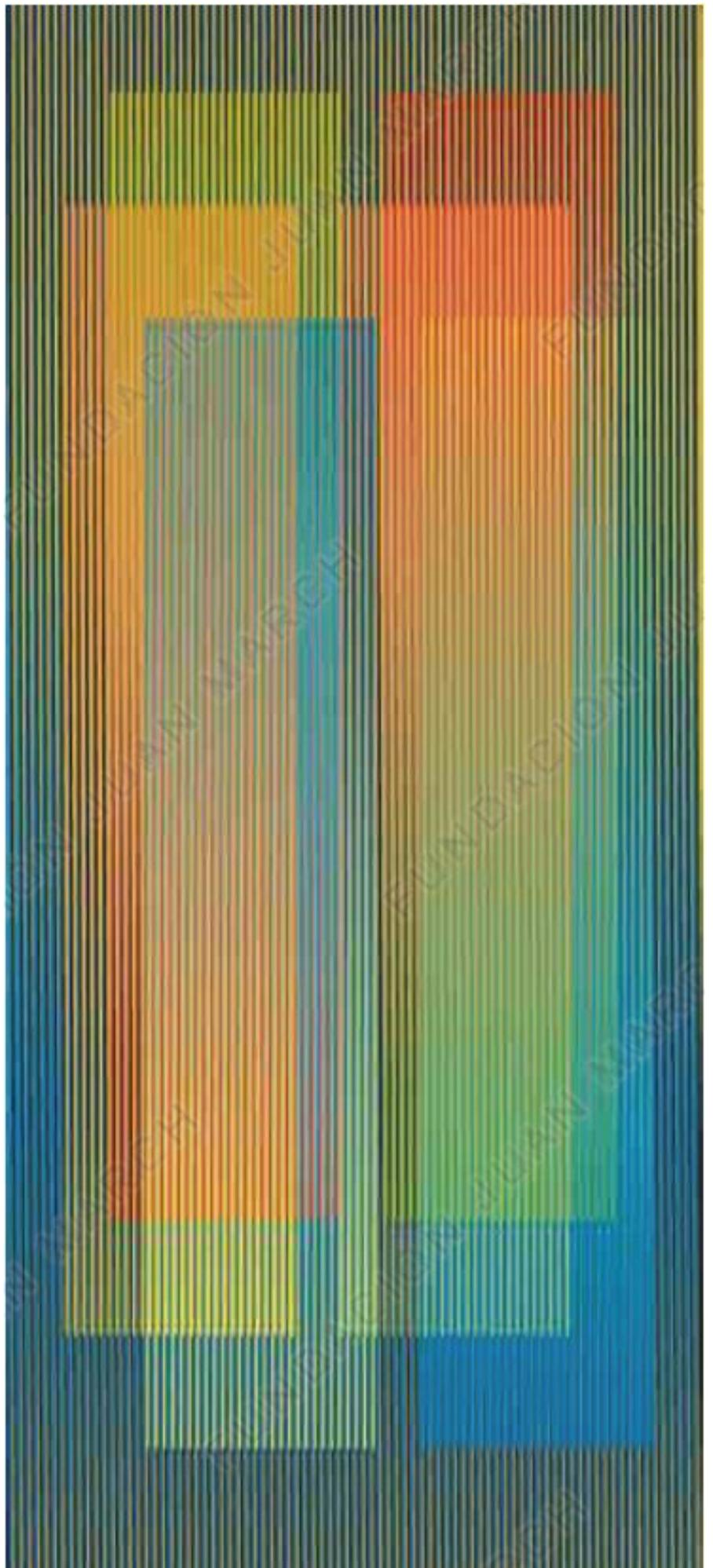


**D** **Cat. 19**  
*Pirámide Cromointerference*  
(Chromointerference Pyramid), Paris, 2006  
Projection on a pyramid  
100 x 100 x 40 cm  
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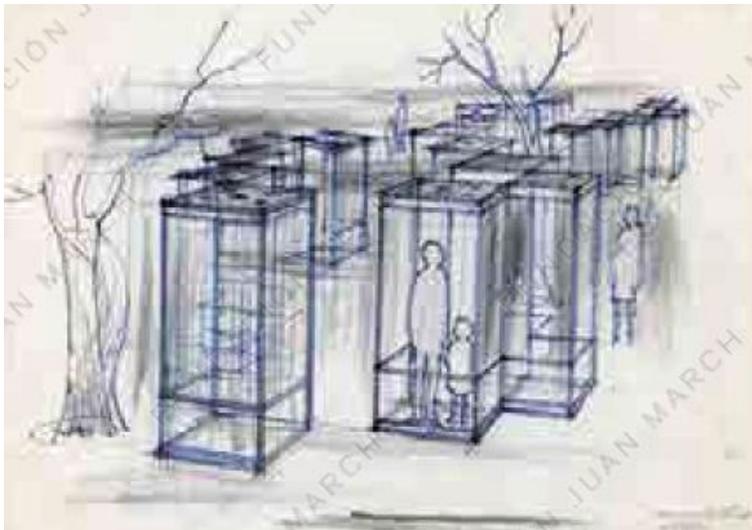
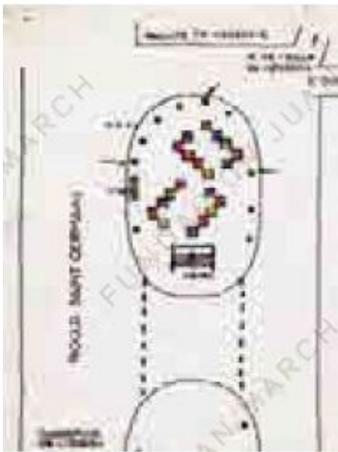




**C** **Cat. 20**  
*Induction du Jaune. Denise. ED'A I/III*  
(Induction of Yellow. Denise. AP I/III), Paris, 2007  
Color print on paper on aluminum  
180 x 80 x 2.4 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



**A** **Cat. 21**  
*Couleur Additive Denise C ED'A I/III*  
(Additive Color. Denise C AP I/III), Paris, 2007  
Color print on paper on aluminum  
180 x 80 x 2.4 cm  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



Sketches and installation view of *Chromosaturation, Labyrinth for a Public Place*. *Art in the Street*, exhibition organized by the Centre National d'Art Contemporain. Odeon metro station, Boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris, 1969



Chromosaturación. Exhibition *Carlos Cruz-Diez, la vida en el color*. Galería Fundación La Previsora. Caracas, 2006

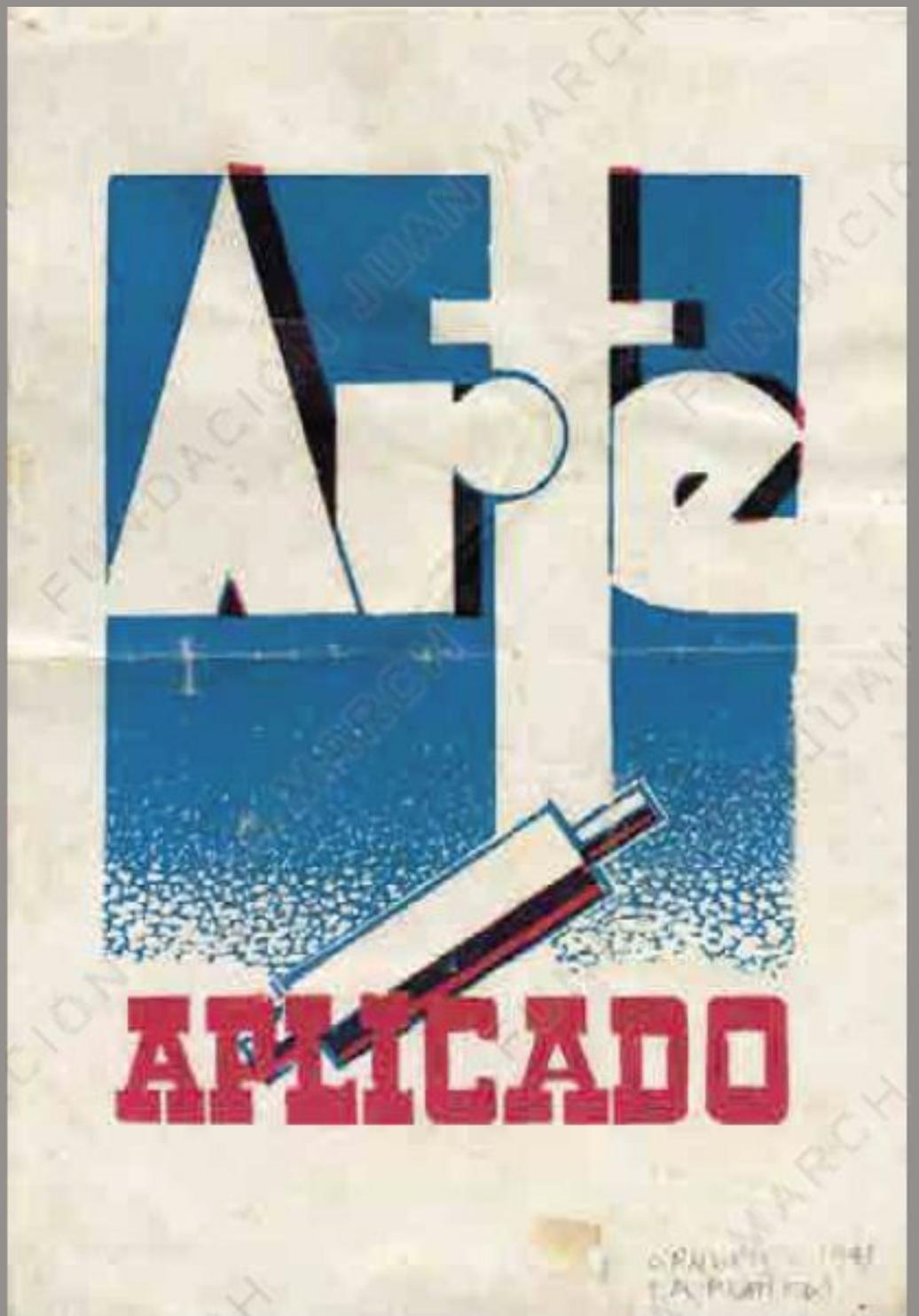
**F** **Cat. 23**  
*Cromosaturación y  
Ambientación cromática*  
(Chromosaturación and  
Chromatic Atmosphere),  
1965-2009

# SELECTION OF GRAPHIC WORKS: BOOKS AND MAGAZINES (1941-1974)

From 1953 to about 1959, Carlos Cruz-Diez occasionally worked as an illustrator for the Department of Culture and Fine Arts at the Ministry of Education of Venezuela. On a monthly basis, the Ministry published monographs on poetry, almost entirely dedicated to Venezuelan poets. The exception was the January 1959 issue, devoted to the Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, though it presented solely a selection of his poems on Venezuelan subjects, such as the chants to Bolívar, the Orinoco and his letter to Miguel Otero Silva. Among the poets featured in these monographs were Rodolfo Moleiro, Vicente Gerbasi, Félix Armando Núñez, Manuel Villanueva, Jean Aristeguieta, Ramón Sosa-Montes de Oca and Pedro Rafael Gilly.

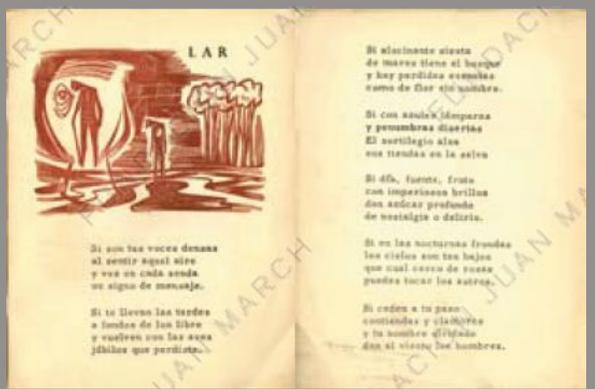
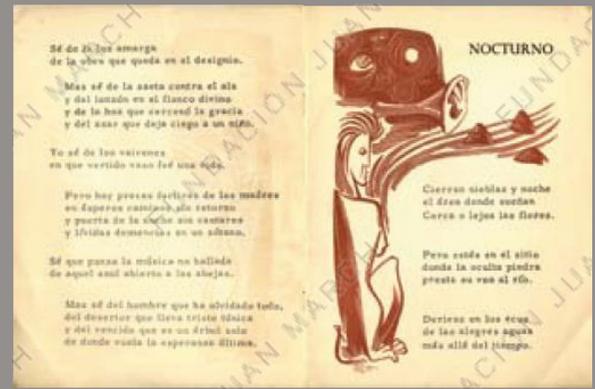
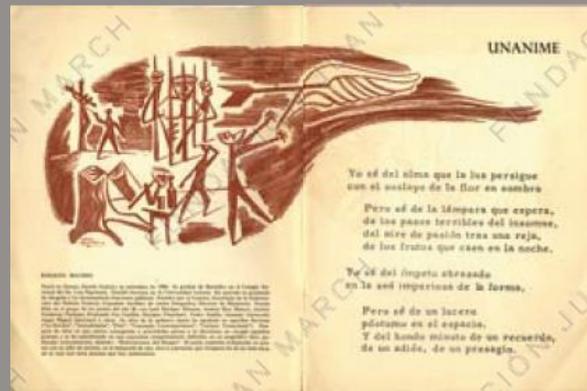
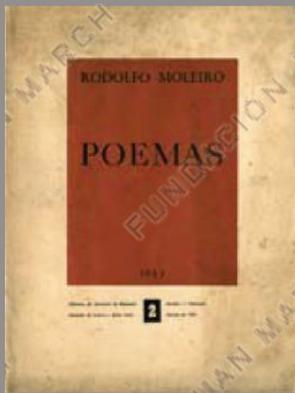
In any case, attention should be drawn to the illustrations in these volumes, as they reveal Cruz-Diez's transition from figurative painting – committed to social issues – to abstract painting, with a slight emphasis on geometric form. They also establish a connection with the Signos Vegetales (Organic Signs) series he began in Catalonia in 1954. Exhibited here for the first time, these illustrations are unique examples of his artistic production, conveying the moment he left behind all figurative practice in search of new means of representation, an aesthetic journey that would reach its climax in his affiliation with Kinetic Art.

**Osbel Suárez**



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*Arte Aplicado* (Applied Art), 1941  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris

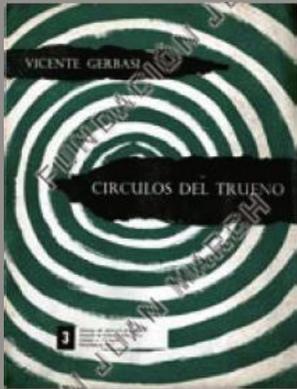


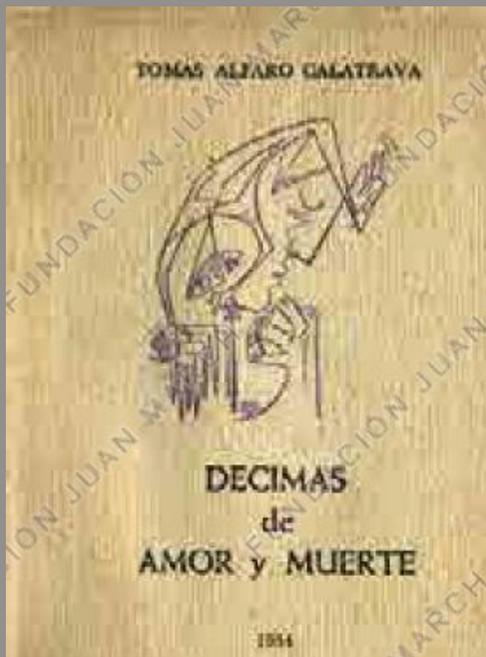
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Rodolfo Moleiro, *Poemas*. Caracas:  
Ministerio de Educación, 1953.  
Cover and illustrations by Cruz-Diez.  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris

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Vicente Gerbasi, *Círculos del trueno*. Caracas: Ministerio de Educación, 1953. Cover and illustrations by Cruz-Díez. Atelier Cruz-Díez, Paris





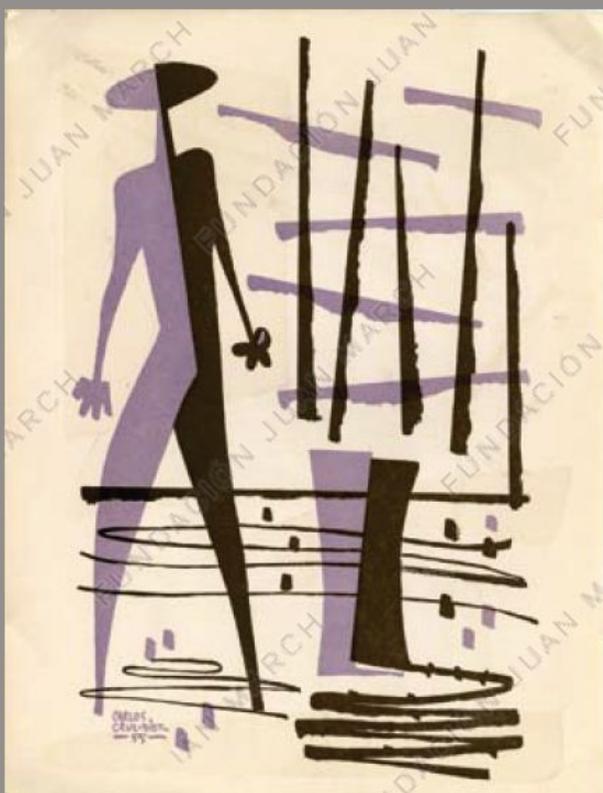
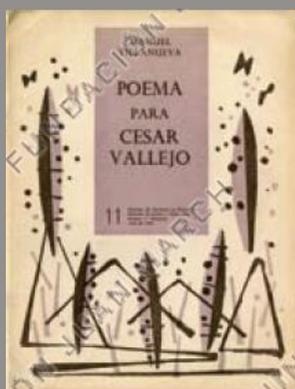
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Tomás Alfaro Calatrava, *Décimas de amor y muerte*.  
Caracas: Voluntad, 1954. Vignette by Cruz-Diez.  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



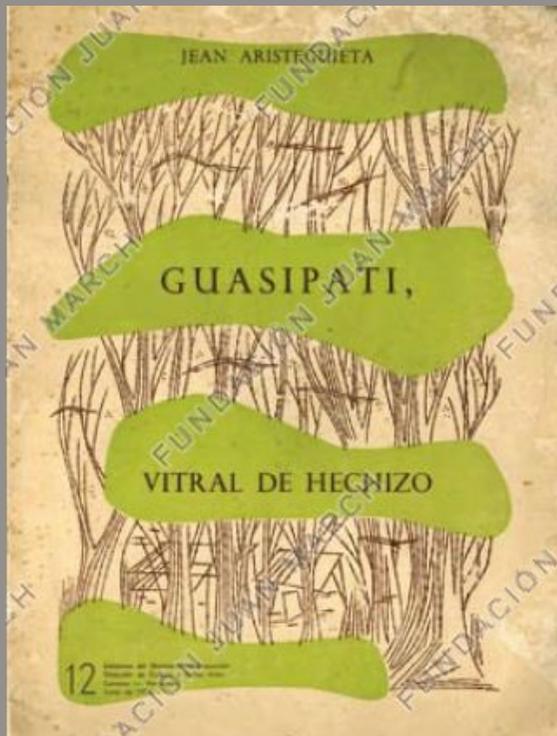
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Félix Armando Núñez, *Poema Filial*.  
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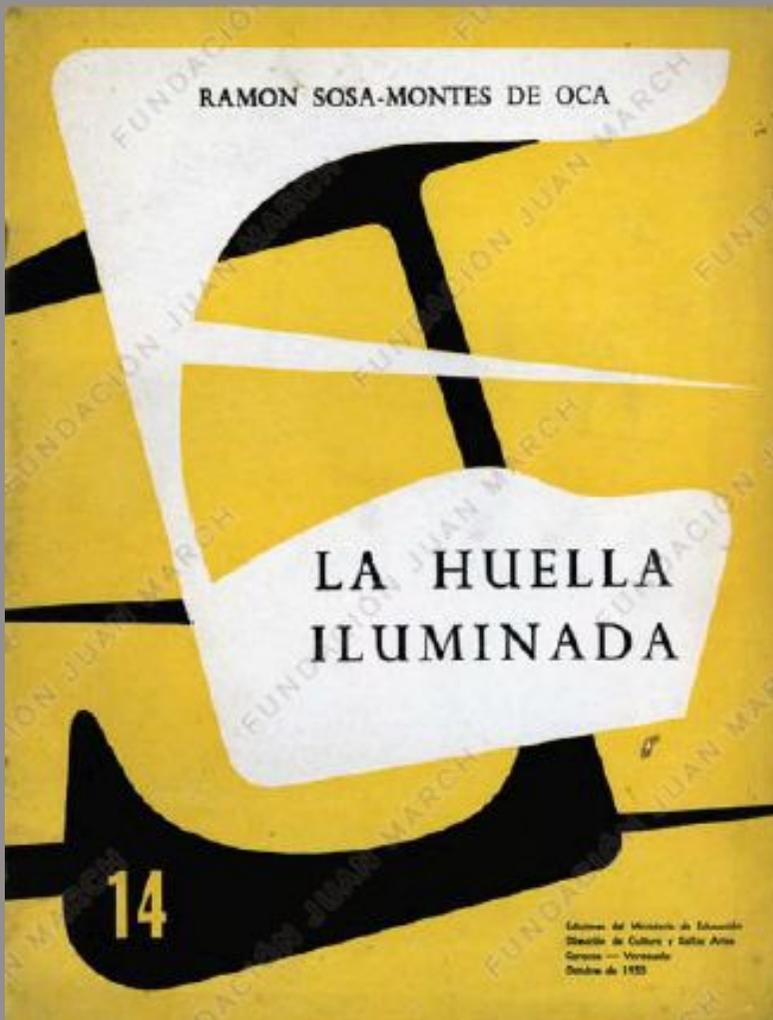
Manuel Villanueva, *Poema para César Vallejo*.  
 Caracas: Ministerio de Educación, 1954.  
 Cover and illustrations by Cruz-Diez.  
 Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



**Cat. 30**

Jean Aristeguieta, *Guasipati, Vitral de hechizo*.  
 Caracas: Ministerio de Educación, 1955.  
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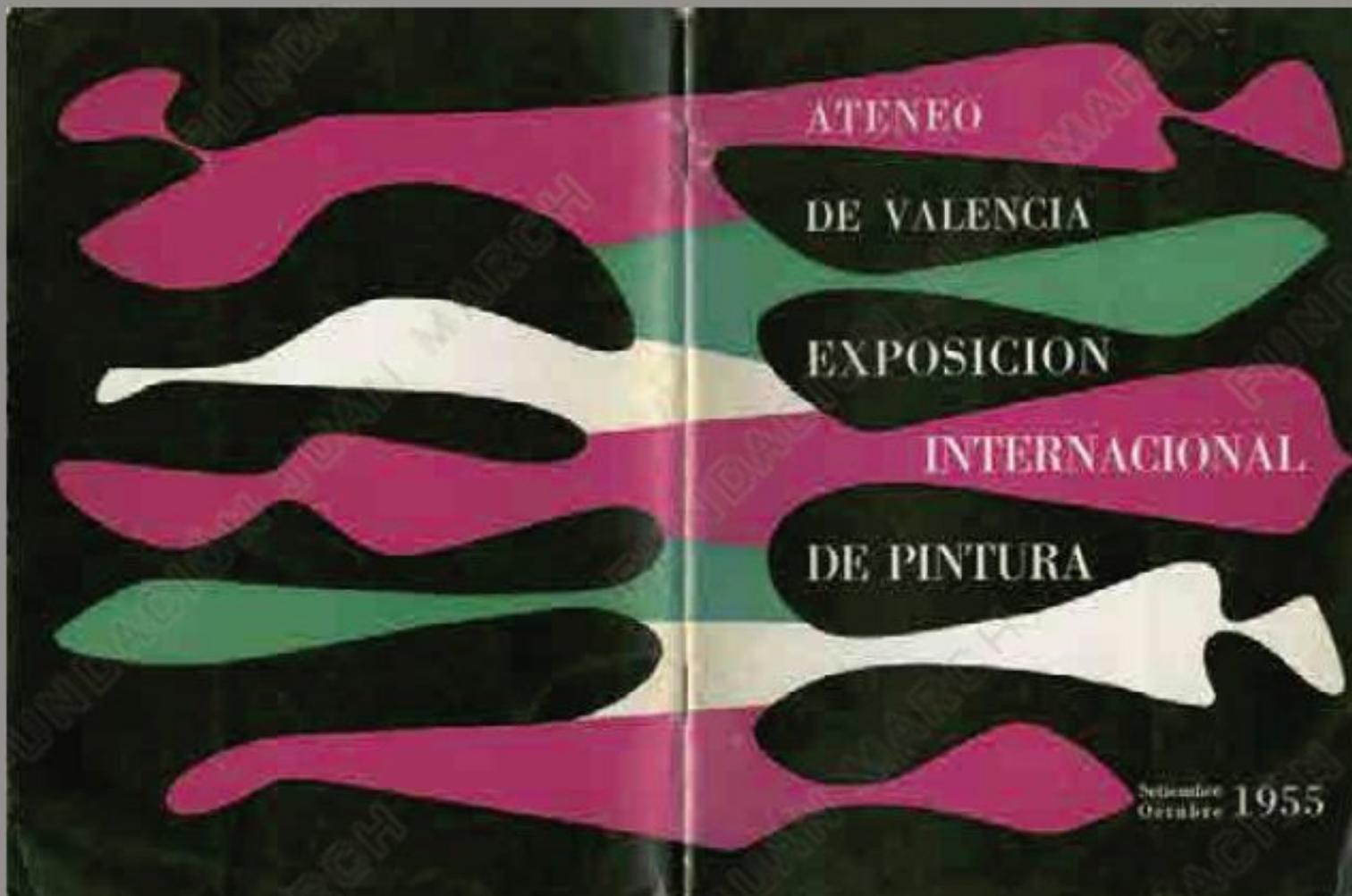




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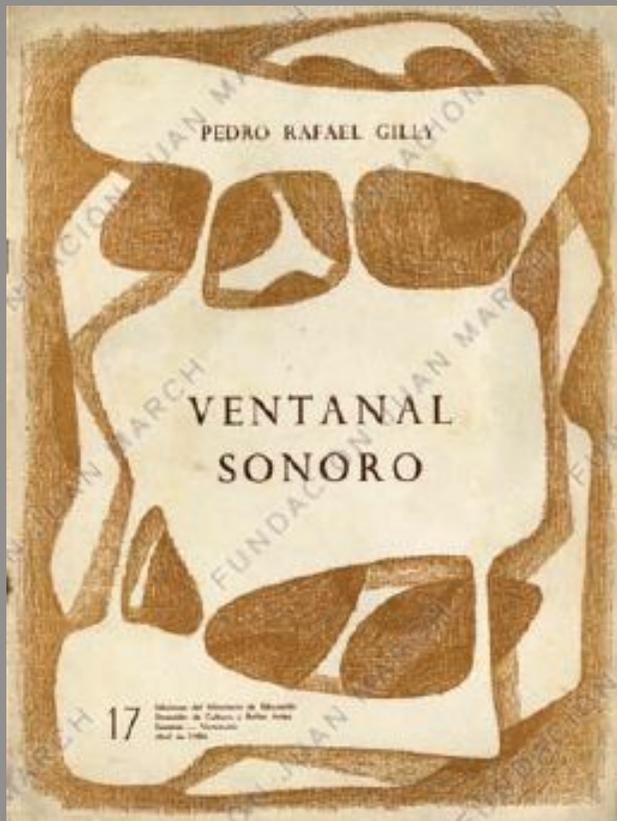
Ramón Sosa-Montes de Oca, *La huella iluminada*.  
 Caracas: Ministerio de Educación, 1955.  
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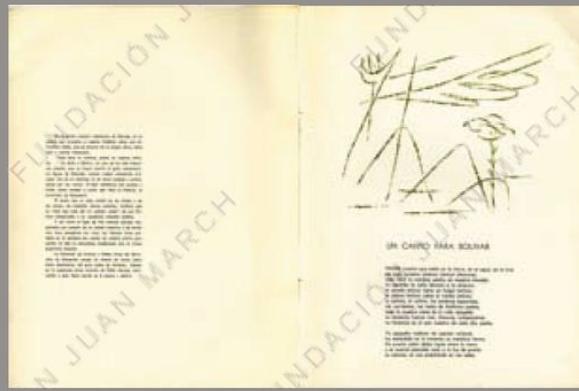
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*Exposición internacional de pintura,*  
Ateneo de Valencia, 1955.  
Illustrations by Cruz-Diez.  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



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Pedro Rafael Gilly, *Ventanal sonoro*.  
Caracas: Ministerio de Educación, 1956.  
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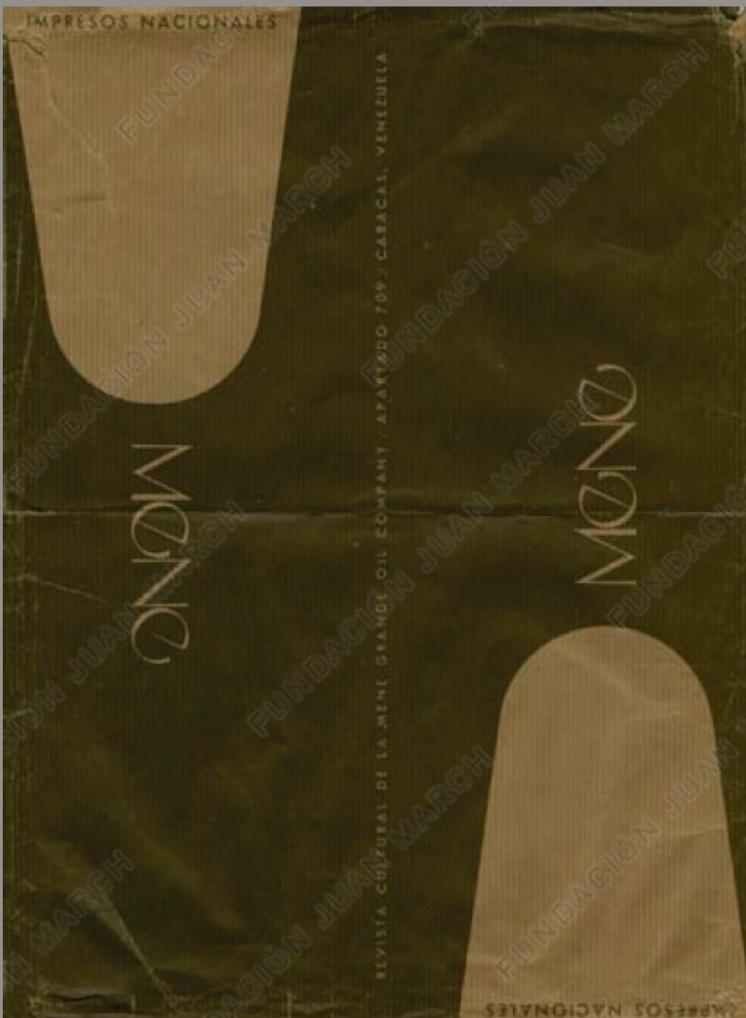


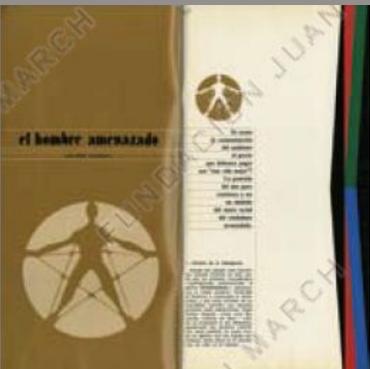
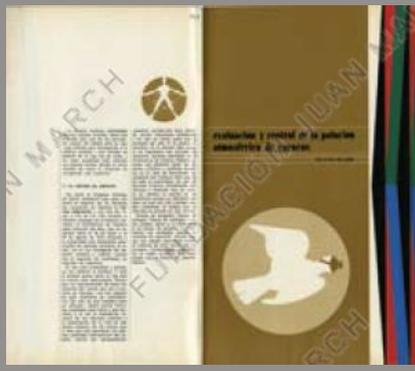
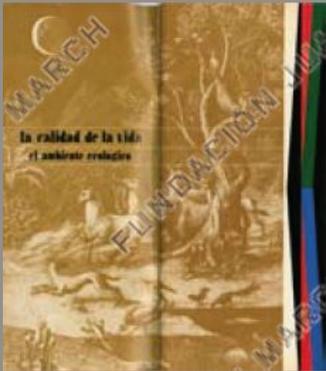
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Pablo Neruda, *Todo lleva tu nombre*.  
Caracas: Ministerio de Educación, 1959.  
Cover and illustrations by Cruz-Diez.  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris

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*Mene. Revista Cultural de la Mene Grande Oil Company.*  
Caracas, 1962. Cover and illustrations by Cruz-Diez.  
Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris





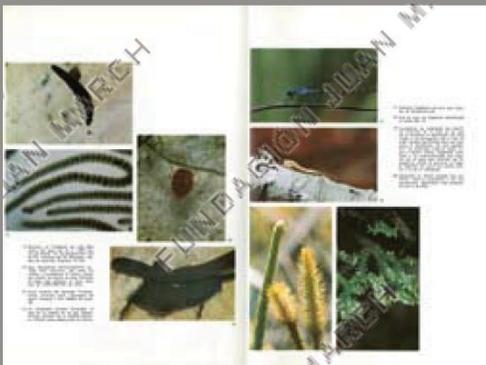
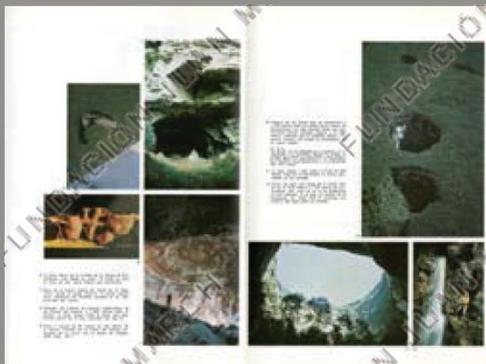
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*El farol. La calidad de la vida.*

Caracas: Creole Petroleum Corporation, 1974.

Art Director: Cruz-Diez.

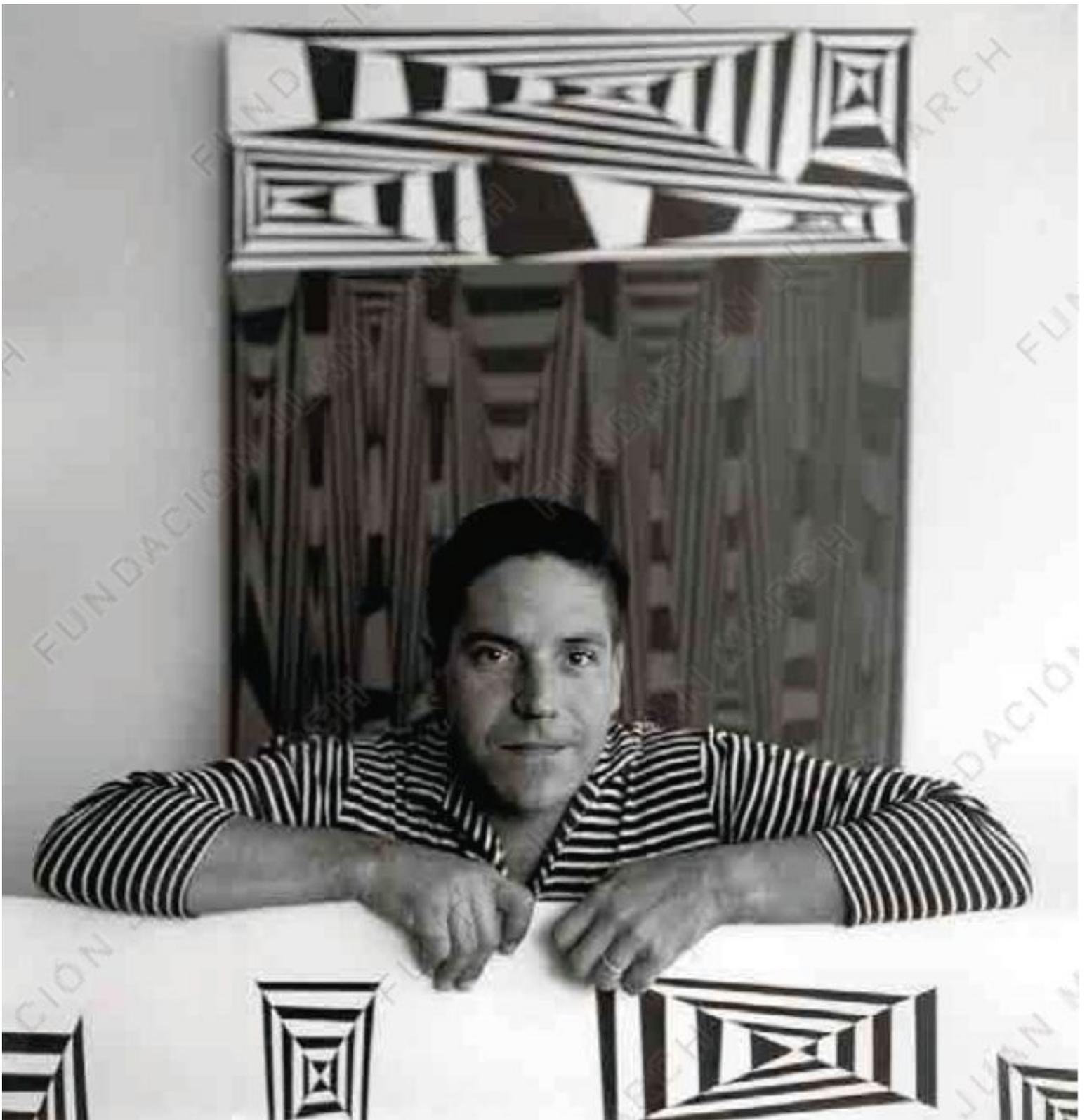
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*Cruz-Diez in Caracas, 1959*

**Gloria Carnevali** There are those who maintain that your approach to light and colored atmosphere is basically impressionist. Do you agree with this opinion? Do you share the impressionists' concerns?

**Carlos Cruz-Diez** *I believe my work is coherent with its time, and as such obeys a historical pattern. My entire generation was influenced by Impressionism and the movements that followed. These tendencies were marked by fast-paced historical events, which resulted from constantly questioning the meaning of new concepts. This is the great difference between modern painting and historical painting. But my conceptual platform is based on more than just the impressionists' experiments. It also takes from Malevich's Suprematism, Cubism and Gabo, who in 1920 incorporated real movement into art. Analyzing the impressionists and Malevich's approach to art, I came to the conclusion that there was an anomaly within the basis of their thought, a contradiction that could not be resolved through the artistic means they had used. In that sense, my work is a logical consequence of their research and, for that precise reason, it refutes it.*

**GC** Which brings us to two questions: What contradiction do you see in Impressionism and Malevich's painting, and in what sense does your work follow or refute theirs?

**CD** *The impressionists saw things differently. By revealing the behavior of light and how it reflected on objects, they took painting to a phenomenological level. Yet, they continued to use representational practices rooted in traditional painting. Light, and its colors, create unstable situations that are constantly evolving and changing. Transposing these situations, which take place in time and space, to a stable support, such as the canvas, exposes a contradiction of purpose. A long process of transposition is needed to recreate a landscape. By the time one has observed, come to conclusions, mixed the colors on the palette and applied the first brushstrokes, a number of chromatic events have happened before one's eyes, alterations that cannot be frozen. In their quest for truth, the impressionists took their easels out of doors and confronted nature. In spite of their inquisitive attitude about the principles of academic painting, they did not change their technique. We could even say the result of their work was less authentic in the end. The academics spent hours examining and trying to represent a subject that, unlike light, remained stable. Impressionism has left us with an extraordinary way of seeing things, a vision that is filtered through memory, subjectivity and emotion. Yet, it does not represent reality. The outcome of their work led to a new type of painting that would take different paths in the years to come. A similar contradiction occurs in Malevich's White on White, where real, variable space is transposed to a stable support and space. This work follows two courses: one metaphysical and the other artistic. Although they both led to new concepts in art, the first could never materialize and the second reflects the same contradiction seen in the impressionists' work. I was*



Cruz-Diez in Masnou, 1955

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*\*Interview conducted for the catalogue of the artist's exhibition at the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Sofía Imber, Caracas, May 1981. We thank Gloria Carnevali and Carlos Cruz-Diez for generously granting permission to reprint the interview in the present catalogue.*

**“I cannot say that my approach to color was purely instinctive or emotional. From the very beginning, I knew that [...] it would require an in-depth knowledge of the past, of what artists before me had done in this field. I had to ask myself if I could still do something interesting and unprecedented.”**

*influenced by these enthralling contradictions, which derived from an urgent desire to apprehend the ephemeral dimension of reality. And so I decided my work should be based on situational, phenomenological and non-transposable concepts.*

**GC** You enrolled at the School of Fine Arts as a child. One could say you have devoted half your life to studying color, which has also been the main subject of your work. Would you say you are a natural-born colorist, or is your approach to color more conceptual than instinctive?

**CD** *I have asked myself that same question many times. Remembering my years at the School of Fine Arts, I still recall how much I wanted to paint. I now wonder if my fascination with being an artist was really founded on how much I enjoyed combining colors. However, there is an event that may have influenced my decision to study color. I always tell this story, and take the opportunity to pay my respects to Rafael Ramón González, our landscape painting teacher, for whom I felt great affection. Back then we would paint outside every afternoon. One afternoon we went to Calvario, where I began to paint a street, a little street of Calvario. I painted the street gray, the houses white and the lawn green. When Rafael Ramón came to review my work he said: “Why are you painting the sidewalk gray? Can’t you see the shades of pink and violet? That gray is not made of black and white, you must try to see what’s before your eyes...”. I was taken aback by his remark because I could not see any of those colors, all I could see was gray. After a week it came to me like a revelation: I discovered the pinks, violets, yellows in the sidewalk’s monotonous gray; and the greens I had used were no longer green, there were shades of purple and blue in them. With time, I realized what Rafael Ramón was trying to tell me: I was using cultural, conventional colors to paint. He suggested I try a typically impressionist experiment: blending surface colors, enhancing them, making them substantive. It was not a matter of painting the colors that were truly there, it was about inventing color, reconstructing it in your own eye and chromatically magnifying things. After this experience, I began to use all sorts of colors until achieving a tone similar to gray. I no longer painted the sky blue, but green and ochre. In short, I understood colors were a pretext for invention. Feeling blind when my teacher told me to “look at colors” motivated me and would eventually become one of the main concerns of my work. But I cannot say that my approach to color was purely instinctive or emotional. From the very beginning, I knew that creating a platform that could validate research on color would require an in-depth knowledge of the past, of what artists before me had done in this field. I had to ask myself if I could still do something interesting and unprecedented.*

**GC** And what conclusions did you reach?

**CD** *I realized color has always had a fundamental role in painting, but has not always served the same ends. Artists of the past and present have used color in different situations. However, it has always been expressed as a stable and permanent concept subjected to representational techniques.*

**GC** In which situations, for example?

**GD** *I have given this much thought throughout the years and have come to identify nine different situations. By this I do not mean that other situations do not exist, these are simply the ones I have found. I consider them to identify the main objectives established by artists throughout different periods. In some cases, color has simply been considered an auxiliary part of a two-dimensional surface along with design, perspective, composition, subject and chiaroscuro. At the time, form had a predominant role, color was attached to it, which leads to the common conception of color as an element that is inserted into something else. Abstract art, specifically the work of Albers and Vasarely, presents color-form relationships that balance and reinforce one another. Applying brown and green on a canvas to paint a tree, for example, does not truly represent these colors as a chromatic event. Instead, they have been used to transfer that tree, which was in the landscape, to a two-dimensional surface. Thus, the artist has used color as an auxiliary aid in transposing nature. When looking at Cézanne's apples, we see that color expresses volume and reveals the nuances that light is capable of generating. Artists of the Middle Ages, Renaissance and contemporary painters such as Herbin organized color according to strict symbolic structures and depicted situations that had little to do with color's true nature. By juxtaposing contrasting colors, Delacroix and the impressionists made the painting surface vibrate. Colors can be strategically placed so as to give the pictorial space life; abstract artists followed this path. And from Tintoretto to Tachism, color has been used for its own material qualities, as a way of obtaining texture. But, as I said, in all of these situations color was simply applied to a support, it constituted an element of a static and permanent object. None of the aforementioned artists ever suggested color could be an unstable situation continuously transforming.*

**GC** Is that the innovative aspect of your work, the idea of changing color?

**GD** *This is how I have codified color phenomena in its unstable condition. This phenomenon is older than man himself, for it is based on light, which is inherent to all individuals. I even use humans' own physiological traits to prove this fact. When studying color, I became aware that a work could not be created on the basis of simple, unrelated ideas. I needed a broader, more coherent concept to perform as the core of my research: color as an evolving situation in time and space, a real event that cannot be transposed.*

**GC** Doesn't the core of your research imply the existence of other sub-concepts?

**GD** *A changing situation of color can only take place in time and space, therefore my work also takes place in a real environment. The idea behind Chromosaturations, for example, is to materialize color in space. Although we are not aware of it, we live immersed in this type of space. Anyone living in Caracas can see the way the city becomes a chromatic spectacle of great beauty between five and seven in the evening, the way colors change by the minute as a consequence of the diffraction of sunlight, wind and*

*humidity. But people don't see it. I call attention to it, through simplified means, so that people will discover it once again. Who stops to look up at the firmament nowadays? Can you imagine the display the Universe put on, when cities were dark and the only light they had came from the stars? But at present, the concept poses a different problem, it has gone beyond its own physical qualities and cannot be completed. In order to create colored space, I had to recur to simple means, such as electric lamps. However, my original idea was to show color without the aid of a support or the means to which I am now forced to resort. When the laws of math and science manage to control magnetic fields, then we will be ready to project volumes of color into space, enabling spectators to perceive them, to experience them.*

**GC** Did you encounter the problem of generating space as a consequence of your research, or is it an artistic concern in itself?

**GD** *Given the way ideas evolve, I consider the possibility of integrating time and space in the work to be one of the fundamental advances of contemporary art. When I visited Europe for the first time I found Las Meninas stunning. I had seen reproductions of this painting before but had never paid much attention to it, for I had mistakenly regarded Velázquez as an academic. I was confronted with a fictitious pictorial space that was so effective I felt I was part of it. I realized the notion of transposed space, though insinuated, had already reached its highest level. Velázquez and David's work at the Louvre confirmed this. New solutions were needed. And so I began to observe and analyze Cézanne and the cubists, who had given us the freedom to destroy and construct pictorial space, and showed us the relativity of things. Mondrian, on the other hand, proposed conceiving the picture plane as a flat surface and disposing of ambiguous volumetric forms. Thanks to Malevich, I understood space was something that could be handled and tamed. And there are several more reflections and conclusions that gradually gave shape to my conceptual platform, where I would establish what painting ought to be.*

**GC** Would you say the destruction of form is also a necessary consequence of your research on color's changing properties?

**GD** *I undertook the task of researching color, along with the problems that came along with it. Both form and color are present in each one of my works, in spite of the means I choose in the end. But the "destruction of form" is an attractive and controversial phrase that emerged in the 60s and has been used quite freely. No one has considered its real meaning. If a support still exists, we cannot speak of the destruction of form, because any type of support is form in itself. By using monochrome painting, Yves Klein also believed he was destroying form. However, the monochrome painting's support, with its rounded edges, is an elaborate form in itself. I believe it is more appropriate and logical to define this objective as the denaturalization of form, atomization of form, "dematerialization" or mutation. These are the true achievements accomplished by artists, like myself, who have examined this problem. Only those of us who have treated light can speak of "destruction of form."*

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*My Chromosaturations, for example, are empty colored spaces, freed from support, form, volume and references; what is significant here is the event taking place, the “situation.” In Psychromies, Inductions and Additive Colors a continuous transformation of color and complex color behavior take place. Consequently, color is transferred into space and separated from its formal meaning. This process is the first step in creating a work of art. The juxtaposition of planes, circles, squares and rectangles in the aforementioned works is reminiscent of traditional principles. However, these shapes do not have an emotional or symbolic meaning, as in Constructivism or Abstract Art; they simply obey the mechanical function of a work of art connected to chromatic phenomenon. This phenomenon becomes obvious when two color planes confront one another. Since these planes are integrated in the work, they experience different transformations. First, they are denaturalized and fractioned. This system turns them into autonomous elements of a repetitive module, a process I explain in Didactic and Dialectic of Color (1980).*

**GC** Allow me to comment further on that last point: It seems your work is based on three notions. And if there happened to be a contradiction between them, the outcome would no longer be a Cruz-Diez. In other words, your work meets the following requirements: color must be presented as an unstable situation, space is not incorporated in the work, and forms should not have an expressive or decorative role. Is that right? But are these the only unbreakable rules?

**CD** *I would add at least two more: a dialogue between the spectator and the work, and the fortuitous and unpredictable effects caused by light. My works happen in sequence, they are produced in their entirety when the viewer has made certain decisive movements in front of them at different times and under different light conditions. And of course, the viewer’s movements are also influenced by his ludic instinct and creative energy. For example, the idea behind Psychromies is to create a monochrome situation that experiences a wide spectrum of color and finally evolves into a different monochrome. The spectator can only appreciate the nuances of color as it evolves by moving along with the light in front of the work. Thus, we are obeying the time-space relationship. If this process is not completed, only a partial view of the Psychromie is achieved.*

**GC** This notion of a dialogue being established between the work and the spectator is present in the art of many kinetic artists...

**CD** *Indeed, Kinetic Art is one of the most significant movements in contemporary art, precisely due to the idea that the spectator should actively and physically engage with the work of art. This premise shook conventional notions of art, just as Cubism, Constructivism, Dada and Surrealism did beforehand.*

**GC** Before proceeding to a discussion of the historical development of your work, I would like to enquire a bit more about the conceptual platform your work is based on, and how it came about in the exhibition *Psychromies and Additive Color* held at the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas in

1960. My question is the following: Other than your pictorial analyses, do you turn to any other disciplines in search of information on color?

**GD** *Let's say that three sources of information make up my conceptual platform: one of them is art history; a second, philosophical and scientific research of optical illusions; and finally, the practical knowledge that my experience as a typographer, photographer, and film enthusiast has provided me.*

**GC** Do you study these sources at the same time or separately?

**GD** *The first thing I do is analyze previous forms of art. I am a painter and painting is my area of study, therefore, it is also a common thread in my research.*

*Although artists of the past have not shown much interest in coloration and the problem it poses, I try to study the works and writings produced by the few exceptions who did. In general terms, there have been two main approaches to color in the past, on the one hand it was linked to the artisan, and on the other, it was attributed a symbolic or religious meaning.*

**GC** Which of these artists are the "few exceptions"?

**GD** *The impressionists, of course. But even before them, Delacroix was very intrigued and motivated by scientific theories of color, by Chevreul's recent discoveries for example. Seurat and Signac condensed the accomplishments and failures of several generations. I also read Delaunay's writings on his chromatic painting and the obstacles it presented, Léger and Del Marle's reflections on monochrome cities, as well as Itten's famous educational essays, written while he was at the Bauhaus. I also studied Albers' Interaction of Color and Homage to the Square. Only Albers' contributions have provided original solutions to color theory in recent times.*

**GC** To what extent did Albers' *Interaction of Color* influence your work?

**GD** *I have never been interested in how other painters resolve specific problems; but I am interested in their work, in its underlying concepts, and in taking my own conclusions a bit further. Albers studied how large colored surfaces interacted and altered one another when placed side by side. By studying these processes, Albers drew attention to the issues associated with perceiving painting. Although the impressionists and post-impressionists had foreseen this phenomenon, they believed it was just part of a different problem. Albers, on the contrary, gives these issues force and autonomy. In that sense, his text has been interesting and inspiring.*

**GC** You mentioned you have also devoted time to philosophers and authors' writings on color. Why?

**GD** *Because important paintings are always underpinned by a specific vision of the world, by a philosophical doctrine.*

*However, with time, these ideas disappear, whereas material evidence remains. I wanted to know if other disciplines had provided grand ideas concerning color. And reading confirmed my ideas: chromatic phenomenon is in fact an unstable event. Aristotle, for example, conceives color as "a battle between light and darkness," as a never-ending conflict. Goethe also reflects this idea in Theory of Colors. For him, colors "are not produced unless there is light, clarity and darkness."*

**GC** Goethe refuted Newton's color theory. Although it was simple and easy to understand, it was almost impossible to apply. Auguste Herbin did not base his visual language on Newton, but on Goethe. Did these theories influence your research in any way? Which did you find more useful?

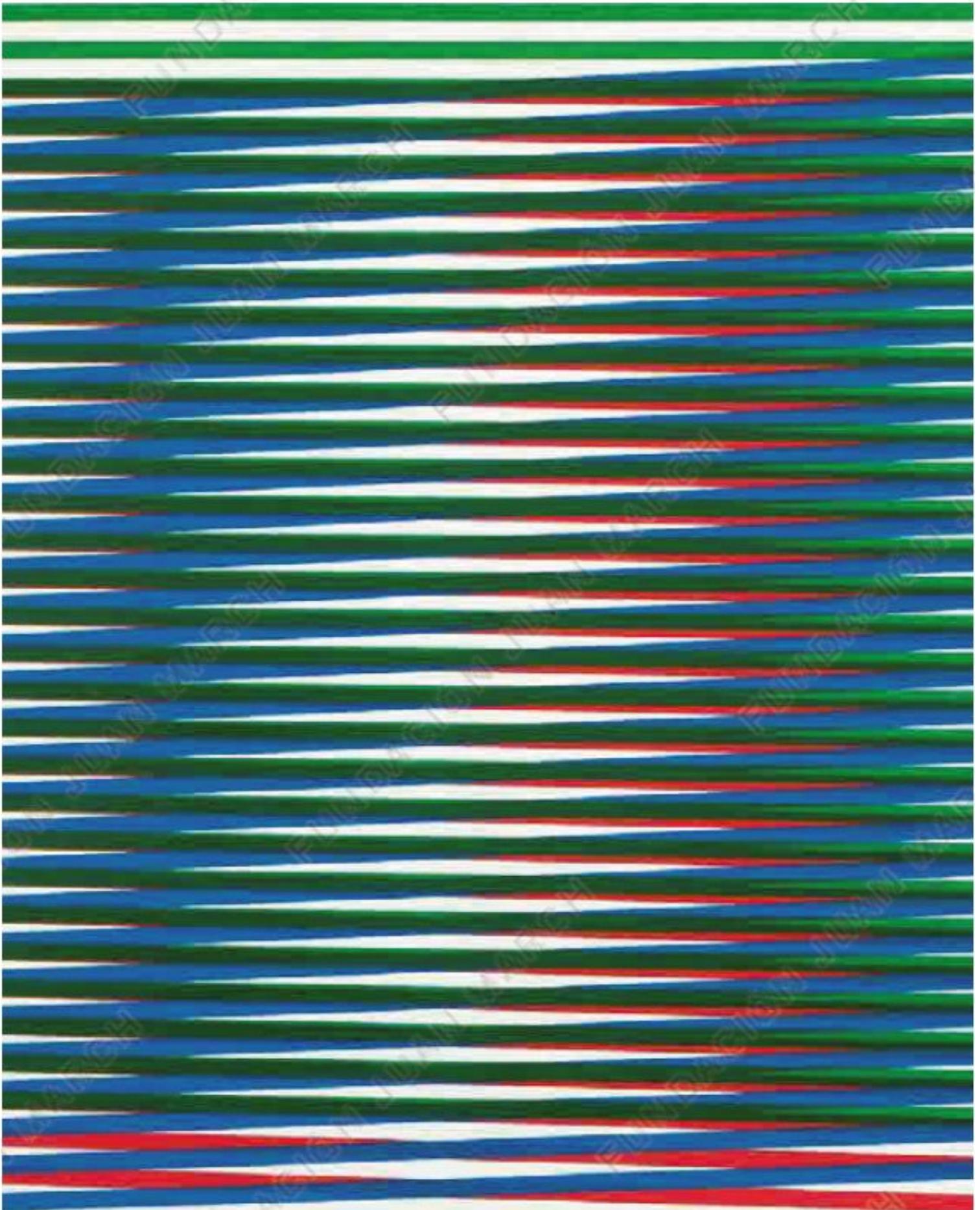
**GD** *The controversy between Goethe and Newton encouraged me to study Newton's experiments with white light and simultaneous contrast with complementary colors. I do not think I was immediately influenced by his theories. But years later, while working on Additive Colors in Paris, I placed a red and green surface by a blue and black one and saw an intense yellow emerge. Now I know this was an effect of simultaneous contrast. As Newton established in his color wheel, yellow complements blue. In that case, my knowledge of Newton's theories enabled me to recognize an apparently fortuitous incident, study it, codify it and find better ways of applying it in the future.*

**GC** So reading Newton did not directly inspire you to introduce simultaneous contrast in your work?

**GD** *Chromatic Inductions were the result of a combination of factors: concept, information, research and, to some extent, chance.*

**GC** Did you read the studies of any other scientists besides Newton?

**GD** *I was mainly interested in Thomas Young's experiments with light interference and his theory of trichromatic color vision. He established that colors are formed by receptors that capture blue, red and green. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Heilmholtz reintroduced and elaborated upon this theory by indicating that the retina has three types of cone photoreceptors that are sensitive to red, green and blue wavelengths. The photoreceptors transmit signals to the brain, where the wavelengths are combined and produce different colors. Furthermore, he divided the spectrum into four color bands, violet, blue, green and red; and explored the properties of the reflected colors. On the other hand, I also read about the experiment Maxwell carried out in 1860, on which modern photography is based. He managed to produce color images through additive synthesis, whereas Ducos de Hauron achieved this a few years later by means of subtractive synthesis. Ramón y Cajal's investigations concerning two types of photoreceptive cells – cones that perceive color and rods that modulate light's intensity – also drew my attention. These are some of the ideas I assimilated between 1954 and 1959; they not only refer to color, but to perception, light and its inevitable relationship with space. But the final push came from reading an excerpt from Edwin*



Detail. Couleur additive P.T. (*Additive Color SP*). Paris, 1964

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*Land's article, "Experiments in Color Vision." Thanks to the conclusions inferred from this article, originally published in Scientific American in 1959, I decided to take a practical stance.*

**GC** Before I forget, did you read Chevreul?

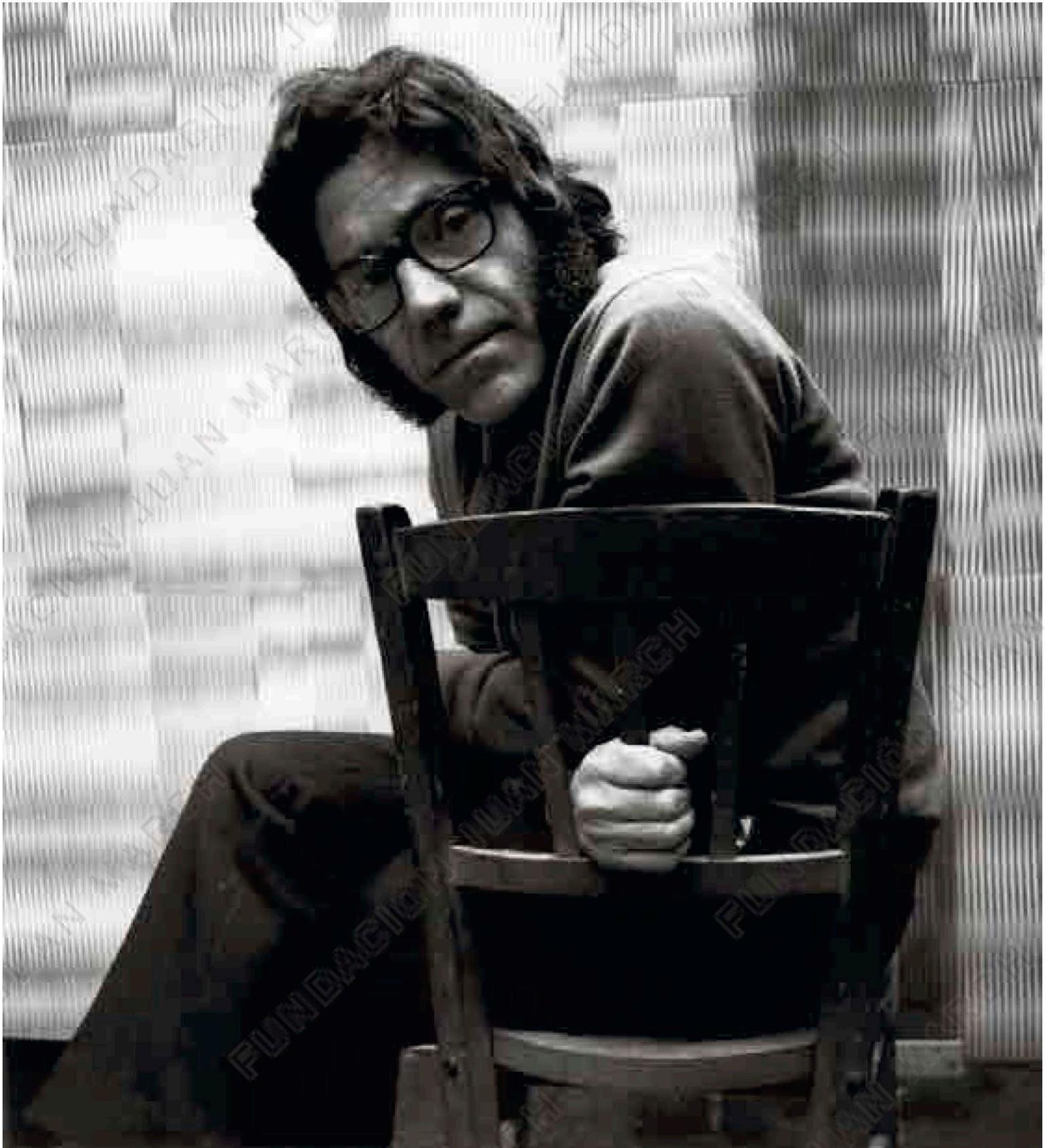
**CD** *I was never able to get a hold of Chevreul's book, I think it was simply out of print. I came to know the fundamental principles of his work through references and fragments that had been published elsewhere, but I never read his theories first hand. I would like to point out that I conduct research from the artist's point of view. If I had devoted my time to thoroughly studying Newton's theories, the mathematical problems related to light transmission, etc., I would have been a physicist or a chemist, not a painter. Therefore, I look for information only to a certain extent, for I am not a scientist, I have no intention of being one nor do I have the training to be one. I am interested in acquiring knowledge and certain conceptual guidelines that allow me to direct my work. Considering the way ideas have evolved, an artist cannot risk being naïve or intuitive.*

**GC** All right, let's go back to Land.

**CD** *In his article, Land describes several experiments. Among them is a scene created by juxtaposing two identical black and white slides, one was projected through a red filter, and the second used only white light. When experimenting with the first image, he placed a red filter before the lens; and with the second, he placed a green filter before the lens. When Land projected the images he expected them to reproduce red, white and some shades of pink. However, the image reproduced the original colors quite realistically; in fact it was an accurate representation of reality. But regardless of the importance these experiments had on future notions of color, what impresses and stimulates me is the simplicity of the experiment. I imagined the possibility of working with only two colors, red and green, without mechanical help, without electronic help, by simply painting the support and generating other colors through additive synthesis. Additive synthesis is well-known process, used by both scientists and impressionist painters. Yet, not a single artist had analyzed this phenomenon, which ultimately is pictorial and can even be employed to give color autonomy. The exhibition Physichromies and Additive Color, which took place at Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas in 1960, used these reflections as a basis.*

**GC** And not to mention your experience as a graphic artist, photographer and amateur film director.

**CD** *I used to take photographs back then, and I still do. I read plenty on reproduction processes, filters, photographic techniques and photomechanics. I was also interested in subjects related to film production and film systems, as seen in Lumière, Dufay Color, Technicolor, Kodachrome, etc. Reading information on color's physical qualities, physiology of vision and exchanging opinions and points of view with friends was a way of expanding my range of vision. Among these friends was Fernando Álvarez, whose writings were included in the introduction of the*



*Carlos Cruz-Diez in the Rue des Dames studio, Paris, 1975. Photo by Alfredo Boulton*

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*catalogue for Physichromies and Additive Color. Álvarez worked with industrial color and color applied to television and photography. He even invented a lens that could project black and white films in color. Then there were my typographer and photoengraver friends, Cromotip, Hans Weiss, Segundo Eizmendi and Jaime Catán. And also Sapkowski, who was an expert on optics and television transmission at a time when no one even thought of buying a television in Venezuela. On the other hand, thanks to the work I carried out as a typographer and graphic designer, I gained practical experience. Since I was a child, and even since elementary school, I had a vocation for typography and photography. I know how to handle a printing press and a photoengraver, and am fascinated by photomechanics. While working at El Nacional, I chose the colors for the illustrations, and gradually acquired knowledge of the technical and industrial aspects of color.*

**GC** What definitive solutions do you find in graphic art?

**CD** *I would say the ability to plan ahead, work methodically and develop a practical system for my ideas. I will tell you a brief anecdote that helped me understand things. In spite of having things before our eyes, we only become aware of them by chance, because sometimes chance and research go hand in hand. One day, while working on a pamphlet for the New York Philharmonic, I placed a red page next to a white one and observed that the red coloring tinged the white page. I envisioned a new technique: instead of painting a surface that was to be read frontally, I could turn this idea around. Thus, the surface would be read indirectly and lead to an immaterial, ephemeral result. Since my studio was in the same building as Cromotip's, I used the printing press to cut two-centimeter wide cardboard strips and painted one side green, the other red, and used one color for the edges. My first Physichromie was born from this experience in 1959. I gave it this name because it produced physical colors, in spite of being made of chemical coloring. This resulted from the atmosphere of color that was induced by light. I was finally close to achieving what I had pursued for so long: an unstable, arbitrary, evolving chromatic environment that changed according to the conditions of light and the spectator's viewpoint.*

**GC** You are a strange case in Venezuelan painting. Although you belong to the same generation as the *Disidentes* and Soto, you joined their line of action, initiated in the 50s, almost ten years later. Your work was figurative until 1955, you traveled to Europe once in the 60s but did not visit Paris, where other artists had settled, instead you stayed in Spain, a country that was still recovering from a civil war... Why? What made you act so differently from your fellow painters?

**CD** *Sometimes we hesitate and make mistakes. I decided to become a painter even before finishing high school. But back then my excitement soon turned into social awareness, I realized I was Venezuelan and lived in a society with several problems, plagued with contradictions and conflicts. As a painter, I felt it was my duty to address these problems. On the contrary, my fellow painters understood that being a painter meant “living as a painter” and confronting painting, and so they discussed Cézanne, Braque, Picasso, and*

Mondrian. I eventually realized I would not be able to solve labor and social problems by painting. Different problems require different solutions. But at the time I was very fond of my country, of its folklore tradition, music, geography, streetscape; and so I decided my work should depict all these things. I looked for information in narrative painting, in Flemish and Gothic art, in Brueghel. I figured these painters had witnessed their time, and by following their example I believed I could also be a painter and a witness of my time. Looking back, I realize my analysis of these paintings was superficial; I was dumbfounded by the detail of the work and its narrative and artisan qualities. Yet, I did not stop to think why they had painted a certain subject, or why narrative was so important to them. Otherwise, I would have understood that depicting reality no longer makes sense in our age. More effective means have been invented for that same purpose. I would have realized painting follows a logical path and looking back is only justified if one is searching for information or wants to know what ideas were proposed, which were carried out and which can be taken a step further. One should not return to the past to repeat, copy or imitate what other artists have already done.

**GC** There is a great amount of detail in your figurative painting. How did you achieve this effect? Did you paint outdoors or in your studio?

**CD** I used to go to a certain location, take notes or photographs, and then paint in the studio. But I was always very disappointed and unsatisfied with the results. I admired my colleagues who drew quite well, Otero, Guevara, Pascual Navarro... But I continued to look for sources of information, I studied Japanese painting and, for a brief period, favored gestural painting over drawing. I abandoned my studies in pure painting in 1942, but carried on with my courses to qualify as an art teacher. I was also in publicity, and worked as an illustrator for El Nacional for a few years, where I also made comic strips. And in a short period of time I found myself immersed in a work routine, while my friends were leaving for Paris. Soto sent a beautiful letter recounting how he had discovered Mondrian; Alejandro Otero and Mateo Manaure returned from France; I discovered Narciso Debourg's paintings, Miguel Arroyo and Arlirio Oramas' work at the Universidad Central de Venezuela and Cuatro Muros. I was also impressed by Carlos Raúl Villanueva's extraordinary work at the university campus and the artists with whom he had collaborated.

**GC** Besides other painters, what other sources of information did you have?

**CD** The publications I could get hold of in my country. I subscribed to several magazines and had a growing collection of books.

**GC** What magazines did you read?

**CD** Art d'Aujourd'hui, Art News, Domus, Du, I bought everything that reached Venezuela or at least leafed through the magazines at the De Moulines bookstore on Sábana Grande. I went there every Saturday and never missed a date.

**GC** What kind of information did these publications contain?

**CD** Mainly information on Abstract Art, which was in its heyday at the time. It takes many years for an artist to find his work analyzed in a magazine. Same thing goes for galleries and museums. With the exception of painters, most people who visit museums and galleries are provided outdated information, for they only know the work of well-established artists. In order to see the latest tendencies, one must visit the artist's studio, his laboratory.

**GC** Did any other readings on art, other than those already mentioned on color, have a special impact on your work during this period?

**CD** Before setting out for Europe in 1955, I read a few books on the Bauhaus and Walter Gropius. I was intrigued by the idea of incorporating art into architecture and began my own mural projects, which were manipulatable, and cast shadows depending on the sunlight. I submitted these projects to the Official Salon in 1954 and heard comments such as, "Cruz-Diez has turned into an abstract artist." However, I was not breaking from the past. My work was simply the logical result of a process that had been many years in the making.

**GC** Why didn't you consider Paris when you first moved to Europe?

**CD** I thought of going to Paris. Not only had my generation settled there, so had the following generations of artists, Angel Hurtado, Oswaldo Vigas, Omar Carreño, Humberto Jaimes Sánchez, Hugo Batista... But I decided to go to Spain in the end, with the idea of moving to France afterwards. Instead of settling in a big city like Barcelona, I chose a town in Catalonia so I would have time to think, read and arrive at conclusions.

**GC** What were you reading then?

**CD** Artists' reflections on their own work, from Leonardo to Mondrian, including Vantongerloo, Malevich, Maholy-Nagy, Van Doesburg and Albers. I am very interested in what other artists think. Also, a peculiar thing happened during my stay in Masnou. I met two artists, Eduardo de Gregorio, a sculptor from the Canary Islands, and Miguel Villa, a post-cubist painter from Catalonia. We became good friends and met every afternoon at a café to discuss art, the only subject we ever talked about. I was amazed by the fact that they made a living out of art, whereas I had to do several non-related jobs to support my family in Caracas. I knew I was limited, and I believe any artwork is the result of acknowledging one's own limitations. I was 33 years old and still had not made anything that satisfied me, but there was still time to start over. For a long time, I had wondered why periods in art are defined by certain artists, when other first-class, or even superior, artists were also painting at the time. There were several painters contemporary to Goya and Velázquez. But why Picasso? Why Mondrian, if there are similar painters? Although posing this question may seem naïve, it was fundamental in my growth as an artist. From the academy, I inherited the belief that one had to paint well and be a painter. No one conceived the artist as an inventor who had

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*to find his own language and create painting. Artists are usually on the lookout for new trends and movements, they try to improve them or develop them, and achieve different results depending on their talent and skill. The work had to respond to established aesthetic criteria, otherwise it would not be accepted or even considered art. I found the true starting point for my work when I realized art was invention and I required my own language to build it.*

**GC** Do you think there is gap between your current ideas and the work you produced during that period?

**CD** *I moved to Spain after completing my manipulatable murals in Caracas, and intended to continue my research using different materials with the aim of finally disposing of oil and canvas. But Spain was under great social strain, so obtaining non-traditional materials proved to be difficult. Hence, I returned to the picture plane and painted plant-like designs, which I called Parenchymas and Organic Signs. Although these paintings reveal signs of color vibration, I still had to elaborate a structure or method capable of presenting color in an unstable situation.*

**GC** Do you consider Parenchymas and Organic Signs abstract works of art?

**CD** *Do not forget I come from a long tradition of figurative and naturalist painting. I produced these organic forms because I still believed my obligation was to represent nature. Nevertheless, by using contrasting colors, I was able to create unstable forms and a virtual relief on the picture surface.*

**GC** You went to Paris several times that year. Did anything there have a special impact on you?

**CD** *The famous exhibition featuring the first kinetic works by Vaserey, Soto, Agam, Tinguely, Bury, Jacobsen, etc., had taken place at the Denise René gallery, which I visited. But all I can see and what truly has an impact on me is Soto’s kinetic work, which was unknown to me. I felt very happy and optimistic to see he was inventing and developing his own language, because this confirmed we were on the right path. The next step involved individual growth and in-depth research. Nonetheless, art’s role in society continued to be one of my main concerns. I believed it should reach as many people as possible and could not be kept in the privacy of a collection. Architecture began to appeal to me, and with this in mind I returned to Venezuela. I spoke with a number of architects, Julián Ferris, Fruto Rivas, but the country was not ready for the designs I proposed nor did it have the means to apply them. In that sense, the university campus was an exception. I had to go back to working as a graphic designer to subsist, but I also opened a Studio of Visual Arts and proceeded to carry out research. I began to polish my language and explore the eye’s imperfections and the ambiguous visions it generated, in the hope of discovering an original and innovative technique. Thanks to these preoccupations, in 1959, I found a way of materializing the changing properties of color, which would serve as the basis of my future work.*

**GC** You presented the first results of your investigations at the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas in 1960, and almost immediately returned to Europe. What influenced your decision to leave Venezuela this time?

**GD** *My first solo exhibition Physichromies and Additive Color was received with indifference, but I knew I had finally found the platform that would enable me to develop my work. And if I had come to these conclusions in Caracas, quite surely other artists around the world had reached the same conclusions through different methods. I was afraid my effort would be in vain if another artist presented these ideas in a more receptive environment. I made the decision to leave Venezuela in August 1960. In 27 days, I shut down my Studio of Visual Arts, my home, sold all my personal belongings and left Venezuela to settle permanently in Paris.*

**GC** What was the cultural atmosphere like there?

**GD** *I was very optimistic upon my arrival, but found my work was received with the same indifference as in Caracas. Tachism and Art Informel were in vogue at the moment, Fautrier, Tàpies, Hartung were the vedettes of the time. The Denise René gallery was the only place where new ideas were well received. New concepts opposed to the latest trends also emerged in artists' studios.*

**GC** What sort of concepts?

**GD** *Just as I had proposed new investigations on color, other artists had set forth new forms of expression, such as collective art, the end of the romantic artist, programmed art, street art, movement incorporated into the work of art, new techniques to engage the spectator with the work, interaction as part of the work of art, phenomenology as a source of information, the application of electronics, mechanics, cybernetics and other technological and industrial inventions, etc. What all these concepts had in common was their rejection of the latest romantic display of art, which Art Informel represented. These artists and I would eventually go on to form part of a movement that was known as Nouvelle Tendance. This name was coined in 1963, during an exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Zagreb, where the work of more than 50 artists was on display.*

**GC** How did you meet these artists?

**GD** *Getting in touch with people in Paris is quite easy. My old friend Soto and Aimée Batisttini also introduced me to friends and gallery owners. I became acquainted with many artists who also wanted to change things. Julio Le Parc, Francisco Sobrino, Françoise Morellet, Yvaral and Joel Stein arrived shortly after I did and proposed I join their association Groupe de Recherche d'Art Visuel (GRAV). However, I declined their offer because I did not agree with their idea of collective work. Nonetheless, we kept in touch and continued to encourage, prepare and participate in group exhibitions and demonstrations across Europe. Denise René, whose exhibition Le Mouvement had caused sensation in 1955, liked our work and took us in.*

**GC** Did the artists of the Nouvelle Tendance meet frequently?

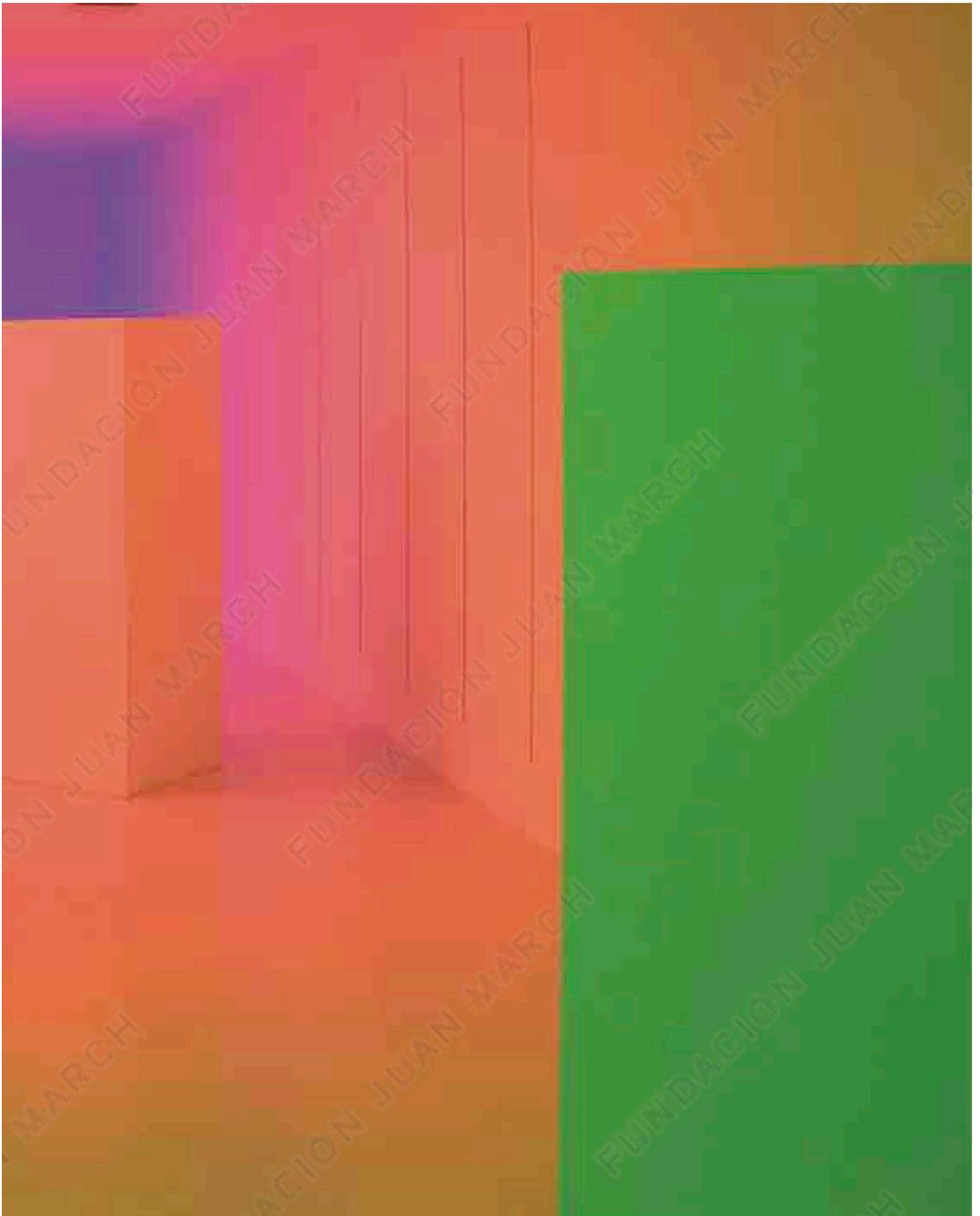
**GD** *We met quite often. On occasions, we got together when new artists arrived from abroad, we would meet either at a café, a studio, or even at the Groupe de Recherche d'Art Visuel's studio. We discussed the causes that had led to our inquisitive spirit, and questioned our work with the intention of radicalizing concepts, not criticizing one another, in a joint effort to dismantle once and for all the scaffolding that held traditional art together. We believed traditional art was going around in circles and did not provide any new means of expression, whereas we had established the basis of a new language conveying elements and circumstances of our time. We prompted young artists, or anyone who had contributed to this new language, to express their ideas. Among other things, we agreed that only the artist should define and describe his own work. Hence, the artists themselves produced their own writings and catalogues. This caused indifference among critics, with the exception of Umbro Apolonio, Umberto Eco, Jean Clay, Frank Popper, Cyril Barret and Guy Brett. The emergence of Pop Art in the United States may explain the critics' lack of interest in Kinetic Art. Pop Art was closer to tradition, easier to understand, and therefore suited literary criticism.*

**GC** Can you further explain what kind of critical analysis you carried out?

**GD** *Our main objective was to move away from Surrealism, Art Informel, Constructivism, Abstract Art and its means of expression. We had to eliminate all traces of romanticism or sentimentalism. The work had to be precise and defined, a clear and simple interpretation of the perceptive problem proposed. It was important that the work be a rigorous, mathematical and programmed experiment, so as to avoid imitating what had been done by previous movements.*

**GC** Isn't this desire to break with previous forms of expression one of the main characteristics of 20<sup>th</sup>-century art?

**GD** *We could say this desire to radically change previous forms of expression began at the end of the century, and continued to surface in the works of Gabo, Moholy-Nagy, Duchamp and Calder. Toward the end of Abstract Art it exploded and gave way to a coherent movement between 1955 and 1965 called Kinetic Art, Op Art or Environment. By 1951, artists from different countries had experimented with mathematics, serial art and transformable works. Among these artists were the Paris-based Venezuelans Soto, Debourg, Guevara, Carreño and Valera. A few years later, between 1957 and 1958, new groups emerged in Spain, Italy, Germany and France, with the objective of establishing the principles of a new language. I would like to point out Venezuela's significant contribution to renovating contemporary art's non-figurative language, especially when compared to the rest of Latin America. Naming artists such as Soto, Alejandro Otero, Debourg, Omar Carreño, Guevara Moreno, Mateo Manaure, Juvenal Ravelo, Francisco Salazar, Asdrubal Colmenares and Victor Lucena fails to do justice to the long list of artists who contributed to this project.*



*Chromosaturación. Inverted Utopias: Avant-Garde Art in Latin America, exhibition at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, 2008*

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**GC** Besides meeting artists with concerns similar to yours, did living in Paris influence your work in any other way?

**CD** *Thanks to the industrial materials I had access to there, I was able to develop techniques and find solutions to the problems I encountered in my work. Under specific circumstances, material can be the key to solving a problem; and technical difficulties may take research in new directions. For example, I began the Physichromies by using cardboard, then combined it with plastic and wood and now they are assemblages made of aluminum, acrylic, stainless steel and other materials.*

**GC** Your studios in Caracas and Paris are full of machines of all shapes and sizes. Do these industrial materials require a long process of transformation before being incorporated into your work?

**CD** *I have not only focused on technical difficulties, design problems and material behavior. I have also invented machines and instruments to make my work easier. When I began the first Physichromies, I encountered problems related to surface finish, time use and visual effects. Hence, I was forced to find a new direction. When a new possibility arises, I try to tackle the problem as a whole. Preparing an infrastructure to modify the materials provided by the market does not suit my purposes. I have to transform the materials, and this requires analyzing them and developing various techniques, including equipment. A traditional painter only needs to go to the shop to buy his canvas and pigments. My machines and equipment are to me what a palette and paintbrush are to the painter. My studio is full of special machines that silkscreen modules, cut and bend aluminum bands, split open dies, color them with a small amount of paint and high precision... Sometimes I find these machines quite fun. A friend of mine says I build old machines using modern materials. The more elaborate the machine and process behind the work are, the less obvious the difficulties seem. This is precisely what appeals to me: the spectator should only perceive the spectacle of changing colors. If I had not proceeded in this manner, the defects would have been more obvious than the effects. On the other hand, problems of a different nature emerged in my architectural projects, as I had to find materials appropriate for public places and resistant to weather conditions. These limitations test your imagination and lead to new results.*

**GC** You mentioned materials can modify the concept behind a work of art. Can you think of an example in your own work?

**CD** *This is exactly what we were talking about earlier. You see, when I replaced the colored cardboard strips for U-shaped modules in Physichromies, I obtained a narrow plane instead of an isolated strip, which enabled me to print both diagonal and parallel strips. Stronger ranges of color could be used for each module and produce effects by interference.*

**GC** Are you always ready to control the unpredictable elements that may arise in the Physichromies' color environments?



*Carlos Cruz-Diez with journalist Abilio Suárez, Caracas, January 1960*

**“Above all, what interests me is effectively communicating what I want the viewer to see. My “aesthetic” can be summed up in a few words, the effectiveness of evidence. [...] Maurice Denis was referring to this phenomenon when he said that a square centimeter of green on a red surface was more significant than a square meter of green with no contrasts at all.”**

**CD** *I can predict what is going to happen to a certain point. Several alterations occur between the strips of color. In addition to the dark diagonal that is cast on the additive color field – depending on whether it appears or not, certain strips of color vibrate – the color also reflects on the lateral aluminum bands and creates such a complex chromatic situation that I feel I am always in for a surprise. I cannot anticipate these phenomena beforehand, but I can imagine them happening, just as a musician can imagine hearing certain chords and sounds. When the chord is struck, he will experience pleasant or unpleasant surprises and know if his imagination was in keeping with reality. Once I have analyzed, rationalized and structured these surprises, I use them to improve my work, as well as my platform. Otherwise, they are just mere coincidences, a product of the past, a work without continuity.*

**GC** *I would like to take a close look at any of your Physichromies where the diagonal resource is used. How does the diagonal affect the parallel strips and bands? Does it necessarily have to be black?*

**CD** *They could be a different color, but I use black for a stronger effect. Above all, what interests me is effectively communicating what I want the viewer to see. My “aesthetic” can be summed up in a few words, the effectiveness of evidence. But going back to the diagonal mechanism, after several years of experience, I can confirm color vibration is inverted when applied on a surface. Maurice Denis was referring to this phenomenon when he said that a square centimeter of green on a red surface was more significant than a square meter of green with no contrasts at all. When a diagonal is superimposed on a series of four different colored bands bordering each other, the relationship between these colors intensifies. An interfering strip gives this relationship between colors even more dynamism and complexity. Let’s look at a blue strip, an orange strip and their diagonal. As the oblique line covers the orange strip, its surface shrinks and consequently the color brightens. Since the orange is now more active, it influences the blue by modifying or reducing its intensity. But the diagonal follows its course, forgets the orange and gradually intensifies the blue, which, at the same time, alters its neighboring color, which will now vibrate with less intensity. This example applies to two strips, but in reality each band has four, which vary depending on the sequence of the colored surfaces. But as I mentioned earlier, we must also take into account the disappearing effect each lateral relief – which is either opaque or transparent – has on the four strips of additive color and the diagonal that modifies them. What’s more, varying light’s intensity or direction will also alter the result. Each one of my works is like a light trap that changes depending on light’s intensity.*

**GC** *Can we take an even closer look at the “disappearing effect” the lateral reliefs produce on a band of four additive colors?*

**CD** *A lateral structure is really a vertical monochrome plane that changes according to the spectator’s viewpoint and conceals part of its horizontal elements. Let’s look at a band composed of a blue, green, red and ochre strip, in that*

specific order; and a gray lateral structure. If observed from the left, only a monochrome gray is perceived. But moving to the right will reveal that the gray zone has been tinged with blue. This occurs because the lateral structure exposes the blue strip that was previously concealed behind the surface. The more one moves, the bluer the gray appears. Subsequently, the green strip enters our span of vision, and from that moment on the blue and green together modify the gray. Nonetheless, the degree of alteration will depend on the surfaces one perceives. If at a given moment the green exceeds the blue, the result is a bluish-green; but if the opposite occurs, the blue emerges in full force. This is a consequence of the principle I mentioned earlier, color vibration is inverted when applied on a surface. The chromatic situation will change from gray to blue or green, but ultimately red will make its appearance and modify the gray, blue and green. If we move from right to left, the gray will be tinged with ochre first, then red modifies the grayish-ochre climate. Hence, the effect occurs in the opposite direction. If the spectator stands in front of the work, he will see all the colored strips and perceive the work as a whole.

**GC** Your lateral structures are made of polished steel, painted aluminum and transparent colored Plexiglas, which are all polished surfaces. Why did you choose this type of surface, and how does it affect the general outcome of a work?

**CD** The lateral structure reflects on each band's strips and is also reflected on its neighboring bands. A colored atmosphere floating above the strips is then created and modifies the spectator's perception. The combination of a real image and a virtual image reflected on the polished surface generates an additional effect related to double vision and eye focus. Since we cannot tell which lines are reflected and which are in the background, the eye perceives a sheer, transparent vision. It appears as if the two planes were separate and the one in the background were in front. Due to these color and spatial relationships, the Physichromies involve a complex process of metamorphosis. Each strip, each band, is a fascinating world in itself. Imagine what it is like when there are 60 of them, joined together to create a colored atmosphere. These phenomena are subtle and delicate, but we live in a crude, violent world, where we are constantly bombarded by color television and the polychrome universe of publicity.

**GC** We discussed your approach to color as having two main aspects, one emotional and the other analytical. Does this influence the creative process in any way?

**CD** I use colors based on their effectiveness; I choose colors that conflict with one another, producing a more powerful and noticeable effect of changing colors. Experience has shown me thin strips help create this effect, for they act more aggressively than large uniform surfaces. When different colors come into contact they are in tension, they vibrate and they cancel each other out. Additional research may involve studying which color associations are more effective. Varying the 56 or more colors I use is not enough; further selective criteria are necessary. I also have to choose between certain ranges and combinations of colors. This decision is based on a strict, functional method and my

own sensibility. Although I reject personal taste because it contradicts the principles of research, I must admit I am fond of certain colors. We recognize painters' work by the particular color ranges they use, Van Gogh and Cézanne's colors are unmistakable, as are certain shades of blue that only Picasso could have painted. As any other painter I feel inclined toward certain tones of color, in spite of the rigorous method I have imposed on myself.

**GC** Do you use colors you are not fond of?

**CD** In almost all of my works, there are color surfaces that deeply satisfy me and others that leave me indifferent, but I keep those I don't like because without their presence I would be unable to put into play the dynamic of the work, what I want to communicate.

**GC** Have you ever gotten rid of a work that did not meet your expectations?

**CD** When I replace one color for another and forget about applying a method, the event of transformable color may not occur. In that case, the work would not meet my standards and I would dispose of it.

**GC** Do you work with all colors of the spectrum?

**CD** I use all colors until approximately the sixth degree. A degree is the unit a color lightens when it is mixed with white, black, or any other color.

**GC** Would you say artists usually aspire to achieving the best results with a minimum amount of resources? In other words, is there an unwritten law that says an artist's method should be simple?

**CD** That depends on the artist's personality, his emotions and his state of mind. Some artists have a baroque temperament and others are attracted to synthesis. However, these differences do not affect the final outcome and the work's effectiveness, which is what really counts.

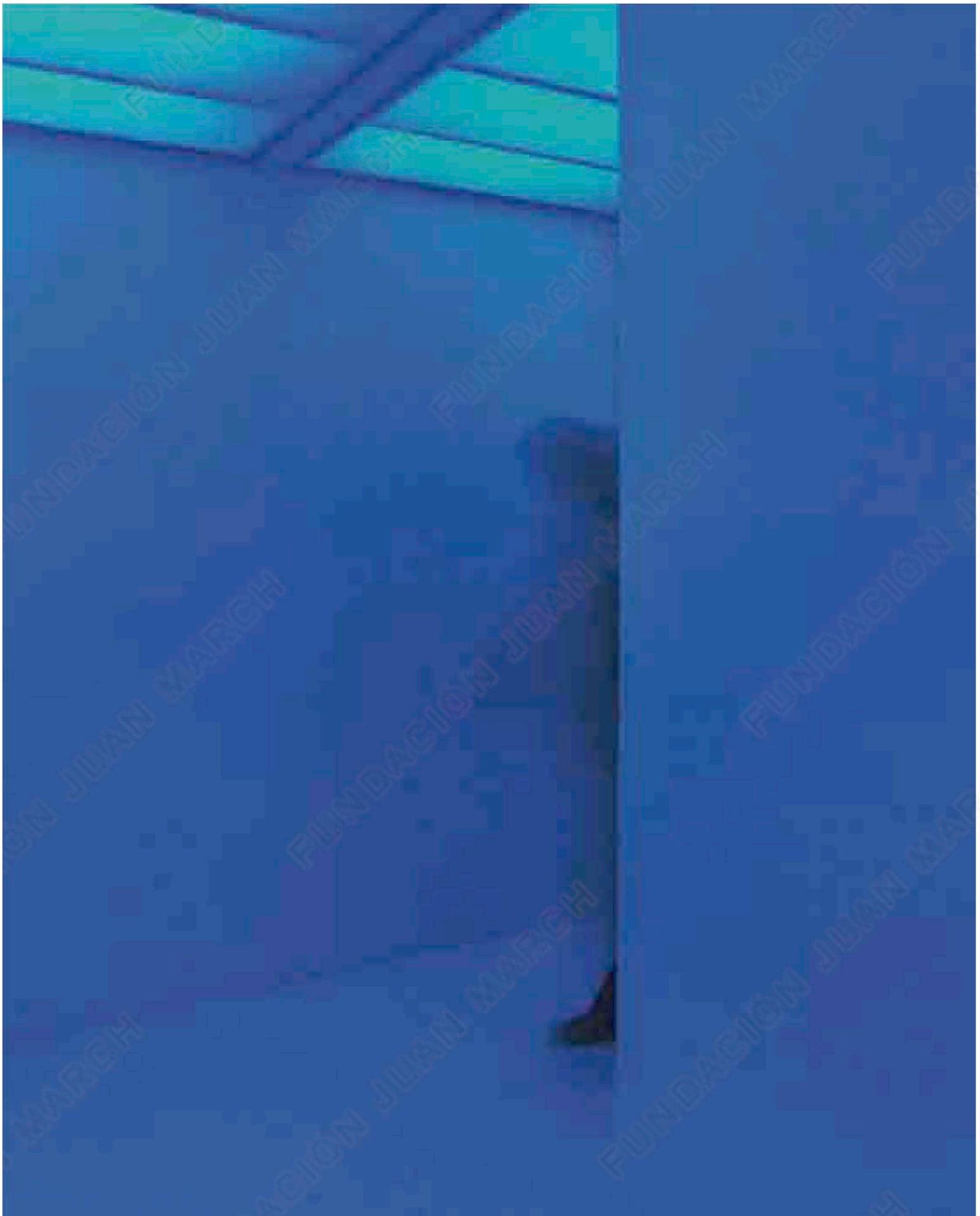
**GC** What about your temperament?

**CD** There are different ways of presenting and developing ideas. My method consists in starting at the most complicated stage and reaching the easiest one. I discard different options and select the ones I believe will be more effective once they have materialized.

**GC** We were discussing how a Physichromie is a monochrome situation that evolves toward another monochrome. Couldn't you construct a Physichromie where, instead of one evolving color, there were two or three?

**CD** A Physichromie is a complex work in itself. Adding unnecessary elements to it could be counterproductive.

**GC** When describing your work, you tend to use words such as "scientific" and "research" with a positive meaning. Do you also feel this way toward the scientific and technological aspects of present-day society?



*Chromosaturación. XXXV Venice Biennial, Venezuelan Pavilion, Venice, 1970*

**“Anyone living in Caracas can see the way the city becomes a chromatic spectacle of great beauty between five and seven in the evening, the way colors change by the minute as a consequence of the diffraction of sunlight, wind and humidity. But people don’t see it.**

**I call attention to it, through simplified means, so that people will discover it once again.”**

**“In almost all of my works, there are color surfaces that deeply satisfy me and others that leave me indifferent, but I keep those I don’t like because without their presence I would be unable to put into play the dynamic of the work, what I want to communicate.”**

**CD** *Science and technology have been decisive in our century, for good or for bad, whether we like it or not. Some artists reject the importance of this impact and their work reflects this attitude. Others accept it and believe the future of humankind lies in science, which will inevitably change the course of history. I certainly belong to the second group.*

**GC** So you are not of the opinion that science and technology could lead to man’s self-destruction?

**CD** *No, I do not agree with that opinion. The one thing that will last in the world is humanity’s sense of self-preservation. Thanks to common sense and the will to survive, human beings will not self-destruct or destroy their environment. The machine’s dehumanizing role was a popular theme some time ago, however mechanization has resolved several of man’s problems and has not destroyed him.*

*Computer science and telematics have already begun to shape our immediate future.*

**GC** Do you think a better world awaits us?

**CD** Yes, why wouldn’t I?

**GC** What is the basis for your belief?

**CD** *I can tell from the information I hear and read everyday regarding world events, and from my own experience and knowledge of history, which allows me to draw conclusions. Circumstances, cultural contexts and the main aspects of each generation may vary; but I believe the true essence of humanity has not changed throughout history. Man forms part of the universe and is constantly looking for a sense of meaning and balance, which is closely linked to his sense of self-preservation, which I mentioned earlier. Each generation thinks it is in possession of some form of absolute truth, which is a logical way of thinking. But when compared to previous generations, it becomes obvious they all follow the same forward and backward process. The fundamental aspects of life do not vary: we move from one crisis to the other with the hope of finding balance. Although humanity may not be moving in a straight line, it is ineluctably moving toward a better ending.*

**GC** Let’s say art history represents a subset of the universal history of humanity. Would it also be affected by the same ineluctable, if imperfect, process of advancement toward a better ending?

**CD** *Yes, the history of painting may have zigzagged, but it has never moved backwards.*

**GC** How would you describe “moving forwards”? Does this conception of art history imply that artistic expression can only follow one path? Must one belong to an avant-garde movement in order to be considered part of the official history written by those who have contributed to painting?

**CD** *Allow me to take a small detour in response to your questions. I have detected three variables in the history of painting that vary depending on the circumstances. The*

first is artistic invention, the second is a tendency toward self-expression and the third is a desire to establish direct communication through representation. The methods used by painters to depict the world were constantly developing, and by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, these techniques bordered on perfection in the work of Ingres, Géricault and David. On the other hand, the first two variables disappeared and deteriorated at certain points, as they were subjected to the artist's vision of the world. During the Renaissance, all three held an equally predominant place; Mannerism perfected its representational techniques but could not develop pictorial invention. When representational art came to an end in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, more appropriate ways of reproducing reality were finally emerging. The artist finally realized painting had found its true meaning: pure invention and communication based on the individual's ability to renew his notions of painting. As for whether painting could have followed a different path, I find this difficult to imagine because my work is part of this process. I had spent 20 years searching for the true meaning of art. So for me, finding different means to express color – a basic component of painting that few artists had taken advantage of – was a logical and necessary step to take. I found some solutions in my own research method. However, there were and continue to be methods different from mine. On the other hand, I also believe the factors leading to the development of painting were so diverse, that if one had been missing things would be different today.

**GC** In what way were these factors diverse?

**CD** There are three types of factors: external and circumstantial factors, such as political, economic, social or cultural conditions. A second would be the artworks themselves and the forms of thinking they represent. Finally, we would have to consider the artist's individual ability to react to these external and internal stimuli and apply creative techniques to his own work. I wonder if Cubism would have existed if all those ideas on relative vision had not been circulating; or if Surrealism would have prospered without Freud's writings. Scientific and mathematic progress led to the birth of Kinetic Art, for it revealed the ephemeral qualities of our world. We no longer paint as Gothic artists do, contemplating eternity, because our world is inexorably ephemeral.

**GC** Do you think you might run out of problems to solve within your own field of research?

**CD** Since I began to work under the concept of changing color I have applied diverse solutions to different works of art. Each solution has led to new problems with higher levels of difficulty. Until 1963, for example, the color climates in my work depended on the spectator's viewpoint, the position of light and certain physiological qualities of human vision. Under the same premise of engaging the viewer with the work, I considered incorporating mechanical and moveable structures. Some works are not completed unless they can be moved and manipulated, and a motor proved to be a suitable means for communication. Other factors unrelated to research also influence one's work, such as new technology, materials, etc. At present, electronics have opened a new

field of possibilities and presents questions I have not posed in previous works.

**GC** Do you evaluate the impact of your work?

**CD** I have always believed that my profession as a painter requires constant research. For this reason, I consistently revise my previous work, as it may contain the starting point for a new idea. I also pay close attention to another aspect of my work, which requires evaluating the efficacy of the dialogue between the spectator and the work. Being able to confirm, determine and even explain how the viewer receives a message has been a constant guideline and reference throughout my research.

**GC** What is the contemporary painter's role in our society? What is his social function, and to what extent is his work linked to humanity's basic concerns?

**CD** There is a tendency to believe that artists must show some sort of commitment with the preoccupations and events of their time. This commitment eventually is reflected in their work, as they are expected to give their opinion on certain subjects that have nothing to do with painting. Kinetic Art has been accused of turning its back on social problems and limiting itself to optical, sensory and ludic matters. But I wonder what society really gains when an artist uses images to illustrate an event. All this does is slow down the natural evolution of pictorial ideas, taking us back to forms of thinking Géricault had already overcome in *The Raft of the Medusa*. These images will not bring back the dead or free the oppressed. On the contrary, they cause great harm to the history of humanity, for they hold back painting's conceptual progress, which has nothing to do with political activity. One can be revolutionary when it comes to politics and reactionary when it comes to art. The artist is especially sensitive to ideas that are crucial to his time. He feeds from different sources, takes from different disciplines and consistently applies new information to his work. Instead of simply incorporating data, he processes it and transforms it into an issue that will play a specific role within the artistic field. Under certain circumstances, the artist fulfills a certain prophetic function, ahead of his time – by several generations – and incorporating variables that, until then, no one had ever dreamed possible.

**GC** Do you believe researching the properties of color may reflect certain preoccupations of our era?

**CD** Chromatic phenomena may be one of man's preoccupations, along with a number of other activities and interests. To a certain extent, everything is important, but there are no absolute truths. Artistic expression forms part of a cultural context, of humanity's desire to improve, of society's evolving and changing properties. Color is an unstable and dynamic world. In this respect, it is similar to human beings, who are in a continuous state of transformation. But if research on color's changing properties has any sort of humanistic significance, it is thanks to its contribution to the field of art. Color experiments have increased awareness of the surrounding world and perceptive phenomena in general.

**“Under certain circumstances, the artist fulfills a certain prophetic function, ahead of his time – by several generations – and incorporating variables that, until then, no one had ever dreamed possible.**

**GC** Earlier you mentioned something related to my following question, and I was hoping you could elaborate on this subject. By saying color cannot be apprehended as a whole, aren't you suggesting natural phenomena cannot be apprehended either?

**CD** *Through my work I prove that color cannot be perceived as a permanent element. When I reveal that a certain color climate is not really red and can actually transform into any other color climate, I am suggesting, by means of an artistic discourse, that our surrounding world shares that red's unstable quality. Artistic means of expression are extremely subtle and touch different levels of sensibility. For that reason, they are didactic and teach us things at various levels.*

**GC** It is unusual for an artist to define his work as didactic. What connotations does this word have for you?

**CD** *The definition that is in the dictionary: the art of teaching and revealing situations that had not been apprehended before. Although a work of art may be extremely complex, it can still be didactic. For instance, Renaissance painting, despite the richness of its manifestations, demonstrates in an extraordinarily coherent way a concept that had been forgotten in Europe since the Greco-Roman era: the capacity of perceiving beauty in nature and man. My work responds to those same needs, which have been present in art throughout the ages. It is didactic in the sense that it shows individuals things they cannot perceive due to their lack of interest or competence. We become alert and awaken our perceptive abilities.*

**GC** Aren't these didactic works meant to reach a larger number of people? Wouldn't they perform their real social function as elements integrated with architecture?

**CD** *I would rather not speak of "integration," this term leads to many misunderstandings. The aims of architecture and visual arts are incompatible: one serves useful ends – in the good sense of the word – and the other responds to more spiritual needs. I would rather speak of "the artist's intervention in architecture," which is a function that is needed in contemporary society.*

**GC** Why is that?

**CD** *Because architecture is at risk of losing the humanistic qualities that characterize it. The contemporary architect tends to be more and more technical, who applies rules within a massive construction system based, above all, on economic profitability. This implies an alarming decrease in the quality of the work, an absence of creativity. The artist does not have knowledge of the rules and criteria followed by architecture. Nevertheless, it is his mission to create surprising and vivid structures within this context, transforming locations into something more than mere living and work spaces. In order to avoid mistakes and inconsistencies, a team of architects and artists must be formed before the constructive problem is resolved. When both professional criteria come together, then we can speak of art's intervention in architecture. We are very far from the*

*methods used by traditional sculptors and muralists when they “intervened” in architecture by decorating walls or filled in constructed space. The kinetic artist cannot maintain a passive or contemplative attitude if he wishes to intervene in architecture. For this reason, he has generated a dynamic conception of space and has broadened his field of action. His work encompasses all types of architectural elements: the floor, ceiling, doors, walls, space itself, etc. These elements have the potential to become a perceptive event, an inclusive event, that will envelope, voluntarily or involuntarily, those who happen by.*

# **CHRON**

**(1923-2009)**

**OLOGY**

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*Carlos Cruz-Diez, 1925*

**1923** Carlos Cruz-Diez is born in Caracas on August 17, the only child of Carlos Eduardo Cruz and Mariana Diez.

**1940–45** He studies at the Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Aplicadas in Caracas where fellow-students include Jesús Soto, Narciso Debourg, Mateo Manure and Alejandro Otero, among others. In 1942, he changes his major and studies to become a Teacher of Crafts and Applied Arts. At the same time, he earns money drawing comic strips and illustrations for Caracas newspapers. In 1944, he works as a graphic designer for the publications department of the Creole Petroleum Corporation (Exxon). One year later, after graduating, he starts work as a professor of painting and art history at the Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Aplicadas in Caracas.

In 1941, the Rumanian artist Sandú Darié arrives in Havana. In 1944, in Buenos Aires, Gyula Kosice creates *Röyi*, a semi-articulated wooden sculpture that can be considered the first proto-kinetic work of art. Death of Kandinsky and Mondrian. Denise René opens her first gallery in Paris. Alejandro Otero visits Paris in 1945.

**1946** Cruz-Diez is appointed artistic director of the McCann-Erickson advertising agency, a position he occupies until 1951. His artistic output during these years is characterized by the use of Social Realism. George Rickey produces his first mobile works. The Madí group is founded in Buenos Aires around the movement's two key figures, Gyula Kosice and Arden Quin.

**1947** Cruz-Diez holds his first solo exhibition at the Instituto Venezolano-Americano in Caracas. Having lived in Palestine for ten years, Abraham Palatnik returns to Brazil and settles permanently in Rio de Janeiro. Narciso Debourg visits Paris.

**1948** Gyula Kosice begins his investigations into Hydro-Kinetic sculpture. Eusebio Sempere makes his first trip to Paris.

**1949** Sandú Darié's first solo exhibition is held at the Lyceum in Havana. Sempere makes his second trip to Paris, where he lives until 1960. Francisco Sobrino moves to Buenos Aires, remaining there for ten years. Josef Albers begins his major series *Homage to the Square*.

**1950** Cruz-Diez designs the magazine *Taller* and is a member of the editorial board. Only two issues are published. In Paris, Alejandro Otero and a group of Venezuelan artists and intellectuals found the group *Los Disidentes* and the magazine of the same name.

**1951** Cruz-Diez marries Mirtha Delgado. Abraham Palatnik's first Cine-chromatic device is shown at the I São Paulo Biennial on the condition that it not be considered for a prize as it did not conform to the prevailing artistic canon. In the end it is given a special mention.



Cruz-Diez and Mirtha, Paris, 1980

**1952** Birth of Cruz-Diez's son Carlos.

**1953** Birth of Jorge, their second son. Cruz-Diez works as an illustrator for the daily newspaper *El Nacional* in Caracas. Yaacob Agam exhibits his manipulatable reliefs at the Galerie Craven in Paris.

**1954** Cruz-Diez starts to question his own output within the context of figuration and begins focusing on the phenomenology of color. He works on various projects for exterior murals in which he plays with shadow and reflection. The Greek artist Takis moves to Paris. Eusebio Sempere and the Cuban painter Loló Soldevilla exhibit at the Club Universitario in Valencia. The Ciudad Universitaria is partially inaugurated in Caracas, an example of modern architecture in Latin America based on Bauhaus principles. Its architect, Carlos Raúl Villanueva, personally selected the artists involved in the project. The impressive roll call of names includes Alexander Calder, Victor Vasarely, Mateo Manaure, Alejandro Otero, Víctor Valera, Wifredo Lam, Jean Arp and Antoine Pevsner, among many others.

**1955** In October, the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas (MBA) holds the solo exhibition *Carlos Cruz-Diez. Obras de 1949 al 55*. The artist lives for a year in Masnou (Barcelona) and from there travels to Paris, visiting his fellow Venezuelan Jesús Soto, who that year had taken part in the legendary exhibition *Le Mouvement* at the Galerie Denise René. Invited by the architect Carlos Raúl Villanueva, Alexander Calder arrives in Caracas to work on the ceiling of the main hall of the Ciudad Universitaria. A retrospective of Calder's work is held at the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas. The Argentineans Marta Boto and Gregorio Vardanega investigate color in spatial contexts with the use of electronic devices. The Cuban painter of Rumanian origins Sandú Darié embarks on his "transformable structures."

**1956** A solo show of Cruz-Diez's work is held at the Galería Buchholz in Madrid. Michel Seuphor organizes the exhibition *Mouvement* in Marseille. Antonio Asís arrives in Paris. Eusebio Sempere creates his first Luminous Reliefs. Victor Vasarely publishes the text *From Invention to Recreation*. Sandu Darié exhibits his "transformable structures" in the Social Sciences Pavilion at the University of Havana.

**1957** Cruz-Diez returns to Venezuela and sets up his own graphic arts and industrial design studio. He becomes interested in the phenomena of optical perception and the color research undertaken by Isaac Newton, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Josef Albers, Piet Mondrian, Kasimir Malevich and others. Luis Tomasello moves to Paris. Gregorio Vardanega represents Argentina in the IV São Paulo Biennial. Gyula Kosice travels to Paris, where he lives for seven years. Death of Kupka. In July, the Galerie Denise René opens an exhibition on Equipo 57. Alejandro Otero exhibits his *Color-*

*Carlos Cruz-Diez in El Nacional, 1952.*  
*Photo by Martínez Pozueta*





Carlos Cruz-Diez in his Casa de las Mercedes, Caracas, 1959

*rhythms* at the Galería de Arte Contemporáneo in Caracas. Grupo Zero is founded in Düsseldorf, with original members Heinz Mack, Otto Piene and Günther Uecker.

**1958** Cruz-Diez is appointed associate director and professor of the Escuela de Artes Plásticas in Caracas. Gyula Kosice exhibits at the Galerie Denise René. Julio Le Parc is awarded a grant by the French Cultural Service, allowing him to move to Paris. Vasarely holds an exhibition at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de Buenos Aires that subsequently travels to Montevideo and São Paulo.

**1959** Cruz-Diez produces his first Additive Color work and his first Physichromie. During this phase, his color range is limited to just four tones: red, green, black and white. Hugo Demarco executes his first works on optical vibration. Gruppo N is founded in Padua. The sculptor Alexander Archipenko visits Caracas and gives a lecture at the Sala Mendoza. Arturo Uslar Pietri publishes *Materials for the Construction of Venezuela*. An exhibition of paintings and drawings by Vasarely is held at the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas. Gregorio Vardanega and Marta Boto decide to move to Paris, as do Francisco Sobrino – who leaves Buenos Aires for that city – and Horacio García-Rossi. Gruppo T is founded in Milan.

**1960** A solo exhibition of works by Cruz-Diez is held at the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas, which includes the first presentation of his Physichromies. In the catalogue, Cruz-Diez notes: “Starting from the additive process, I have taken red and green as the only primary colors, white as a source of light or color with more reflective power and black as the negation of light. This range applied to a single plane produces an additive mixture of colors that have not actually been applied. The result is thus a virtual or subjective color.” Cruz-Diez moves to Paris where he settles permanently. Kosice exhibits with Denise René. François

Cruz-Diez in the galleries of the first exhibition of his Physichromies in the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas, 1960



Molnar, Hugo Demarco, Morellet, Horacio García Rossi, Julio Le Parc, Vera, Francisco Sobrino, Moyano, Yvaral, Stein and Servanes found the Groupe de Recherche d'Art Visuel (GRAV) in an old garage on the Rue Beautreillis in Paris. Following her decision to permanently abandon painting, Lygia Clark exhibits her *Bichos* (Creatures) at the Galería Bonino, comprised of metal sculptures made from cut-out aluminum sheets with hinges allowing for changes in their shape and that required the involvement of the viewer. *Homage to New York* by Jean Tinguely self-destructs in the garden of The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York. Jesús Soto is awarded the National Painting Prize in Caracas. Carlos Raúl Villanueva publishes *La integración de las artes* (The Integration of the Arts). From April 5 to 30, April Gyula Kosice holds a solo exhibition of reliefs and hydraulic sculptures at the Galerie Denise René. The Chilean artist Matilde Pérez goes to Paris on a grant from the French government.

**1961** Sergio Camargo moves to Paris.

**1963** Cruz-Diez's daughter Adriana is born in Paris. Carlos Raúl Villanueva is awarded the National Architecture Prize. The director Enrique Pineda-Barnet makes a film of Sandú Darié's work for the Instituto Cubano de Arte e Industria Cinematográfica (ICAIC). Entitled *Cosmorama. Experimento visual y sonoro* (Cosmorama: An Audio and Visual Experiment), it is based on the principles of Kinetic Art. Hugo Demarco travels to Paris on a grant from the French government.

**1964** Cruz-Diez embarks on the Chromointerferences series. From December 15 to February 28, 1965, Cruz-Diez participates in *Mouvement 2*, a group exhibition that takes up the title of the legendary exhibition of 1955, and presents itself as a form of second edition. The other participants are: Yaacov Agam, Josef Albers, Alexander Calder, Hugo Demarco, Equipo 57, Horacio García Rossi, Julio Le Parc, Gerstner, Mack, Mari, Morrellet, Mortesen, Schöffner, Sobrino, Soto, Stein, Tinguely, Uecker, Vasarely and Yvaral. Alfredo Boulton publishes the first part of his *Historia de la pintura en Venezuela* (History of Painting in Venezuela). Otero returns to Venezuela. Lygia Clark returns to Paris where she visits Soto and Sergio Camargo. That same year, she exhibits in the collective exhibition *L'Aujourd'hui de demain* (The Today of Tomorrow) together with Cruz-Diez, Camargo and Jesús Soto, among others.

**1965** Cruz-Diez embarks on the Random Transchromies series. He takes part in the legendary exhibition *The Responsive Eye*, organized by New York's MoMA in collaboration with the City Art Museum of Saint Louis, the Seattle Art Museum, the Pasadena Art Museum and the Baltimore Museum of Art. Cruz-Diez explores the concept of space through the so-called *Sensory De-conditioning Box*.

**1966** Cruz-Diez wins First Prize at the III Art of the Americas Biennial in Córdoba, Argentina. Carlos Raúl Villanueva publishes *Caracas en tres tiempos* (Caracas: Three Eras) and Arturo Uslar Pietri publishes *Petróleo de vida o muerte* (Petroleum: Life and Death). Julio Le Parc is awarded and accepts the International Grand Prix for Painting at the



Lygia Clark, Mirtha Cruz-Diez and Carlos Cruz-Diez in the Cruz-Diez studio, Paris, 1969. Photo by Jorge Cruz Delgado



Carlos Cruz-Diez, Jesús Rafael Soto and Narciso Debou, Bern, 1966

XXXIII Venice Biennial, distancing himself from the founding precepts of GRAV and consciously opposing that group. Grupo Zero makes their last appearance at the Städtisches Kunstmuseum in Bonn. Equipo 57 disbands.

**1967** Cruz-Diez shows *Psychromie 22* in the exhibition *Lumière et mouvement* at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris (May–August 1967). Cruz-Diez participates in the group exhibition at the Galerie Denise René opening on December 15 and titled *From Mondrian to the Scientific*, along with Getulio Alviani, Martha Boto, Narciso Debou, Francisco Sobrino, Jesús Rafael Soto, Luis Tomasello, Gregorio Vardanega and Victor Vasarely. In Paris, Frank Popper publishes *La naissance de l'art cinétique. L'image du mouvement dans les arts plastiques depuis 1860* (published in English as *Origins and Development of Kinetic Art*. Greenwich, CT: New York Graphic Society, 1968).

**1968** Cruz-Diez exhibits his *Chromosaturations* for the first time within the context of the exhibition *Cinetisme* at the Maison de la Culture, Grenoble. He also exhibits *Chromosaturation Shows* and *Chromatic Induction* at the Museum am Ostwall in Dortmund. Monte Ávila Editores is founded. GRAV disbands. Bridget Riley is awarded the International Prize for Painting at the XXXIV Venice Biennial. On June 25, Denise René opens a new gallery at 196, Boulevard Saint-Germain.

**1969** Édition Denise René in Paris publishes Jean Clay's book *Cruz-Diez et les trois étapes de la couleur moderne* (Cruz-Diez and the Three Phases of Modern Color). Cruz-Diez holds his first solo exhibition at the Galerie Denise René. Having won the Centre National d'Art Contemporain competition, he creates the maze of *Chromosaturations* on Boulevard Saint-Germain in Paris at the entrance to the Odéon metro station. A retrospective of Jesús Soto is held at the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam and at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris. Salvador Dalí exhibits a group of drawings and jewelry at the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas. Matilde Pérez founds the Grupo Cinético in Chile. Gego (Gertrud Goldschmidt) brings her exhibition *Reticulárea* to the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas. The critic and art historian Jean Clay proposes the basic principles for distinguishing Kinetic Art and Optical Art.

**1970** Le Parc makes his second trip to Cuba for his solo exhibition at the Casa de las Américas. Lygia Clark, Soto, Takis and Jean Clay travel to Carboneras in Almería. An individual exhibition of the work of Getulio Alviani is held at the Galería Conkright in Caracas.

**1971** Cruz-Diez is awarded the National Visual Arts Prize of 30,000 *bolivares*. The prize replaced the Official Arts Salons. The award also includes the organization of a retrospective exhibition and the publication of a monograph on the prize-winning artist. From November 17 to December 4, Cruz-Diez, along with Francisco Sobrino, exhibits for the

first time in New York at the Galerie Denise René, showing 36 works. (Denise René had opened the new gallery in New York on April 29 with a solo exhibition of Yaacov Agam entitled *Transformable Transformables*.)

**1972** Cruz-Diez teaches kinetic techniques at L'Unité d'Etudes et Recherches d'Arts Plastiques de l'Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I). Marta Traba, the *bête noir* of Soto, Cruz-Diez and all Latin American Kinetic Art, moves to Caracas and begins to write for *El Nacional*.

**1973** From November to December, Cruz-Diez again exhibits at Denise René's New York gallery in the exhibition *Color Evolution*. The Museo de Arte Moderno Jesús Soto is established in Ciudad Bolívar following a donation of works by that artist.

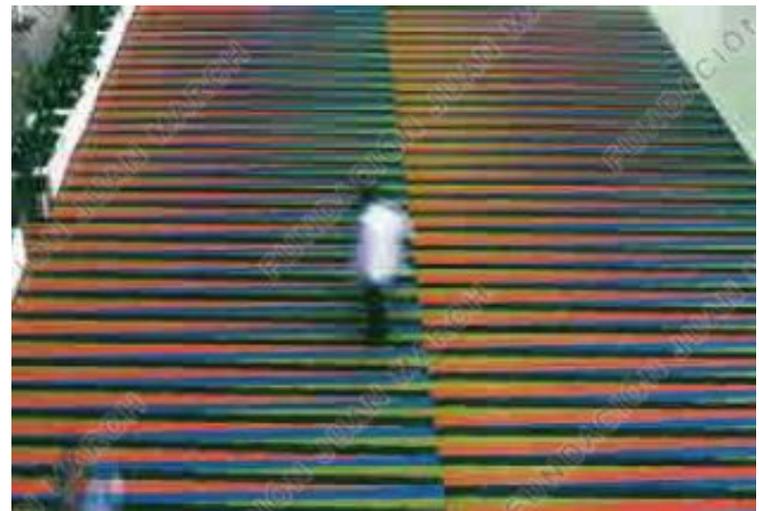
**1974** Cruz-Diez's *Additive Color Atmosphere* occupies the lobby of the new Simón Bolívar International Airport in Caracas. In Caracas, he embarks on the *Chromointerferences Environments* series. The Museo de Arte Contemporáneo is founded in Caracas with Sofía Imber as director. In her publication *Mirar en Caracas* (Looking in Caracas. Monte Ávila Editores), Marta Traba attacks Venezuelan Kinetic Art. A Jesús Soto retrospective is held at the Guggenheim Museum in New York. Denise René brings a selection of her artists to the Galería Contacto in Caracas. She also holds an exhibition on Latin American art at the now-defunct Galería Aele in Madrid, featuring work by Cruz-Diez, Julio Le Parc, César Paternosto, María Simon, Jesús Soto and Luis Tomasello.

**1975** On May 29, two exhibitions open at Denise René's two Paris galleries: *Oeuvres Récentes* (at 124, Rue de la Boétie), and *Intégrations à l'architecture. Réalisations et projets*, at 196, Boulevard Saint-Germain. Cruz-Diez executes the project *The Artist and the City* in Caracas. This project involves a series of temporary and permanent works, including the design for a street crossing and the decoration of city buses. That year, he also creates his *Additive Color Wall* and *Chromatic Induction Silos* on the Guaire river. Cruz-Diez opens a studio in Caracas. Death of Carlos Raúl Villanueva. Matilde Pérez establishes the Kinetic Visual Research Center at the University of Chile. The Galerie Denise René in New York presents a second showing of the legendary Paris exhibition *Le Mouvement* of 1955, an event that many critics believe heralds the end of the kinetic movement.

**1976** Fondation Vasarely opens in Aix-en-Provence. Death of Josef Albers.

**1977** Museo de La Asegurada in Alicante opens with the donation of Eusebio Sempere's private collection.

**1978** Cruz-Diez, Soto, Gego and Mercedes Pardo execute various serigraphs on silk. They are exhibited at the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo in Caracas with the title *La mano, la seda, el color – Taller Cobalto* (Hand, Silk, Color



Additive Color Environment, Simón Bolívar International Airport, Caracas, 1974



Additive Color Wall and Chromatic Induction Cylinders, Silos of the port of La Guaira, 1975



Carlos Cruz-Diez and Sofía Imber, Caracas, 1980s



Otero, Cruz-Diez, Bocaranda and manager in Machine Room n.º 2, Raul Leoni Hydroelectric Plant, Guri, 1986

– Cobalt Workshop). Cruz-Diez exhibits at the Galería Aele in Madrid.

**1979** Soto's work is exhibited at the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris. Marta Traba leaves Caracas and moves with her husband, Ángel Rama, to Washington. Francisco Sobrino designs the Banca Cinética in Guadalajara, Spain (offices of the Banco Exterior de España, subsequently demolished).

**1980** Exhibition *Didáctica y dialéctica del color* (Didactic and Dialectic of Color) opens at the Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas.

**1981** On May 7, the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas opens a retrospective of Cruz-Diez's work. A Julio Le Parc retrospective is held at the Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas.

**1982** Around 150 works by Jesús Soto are exhibited at the Palacio de Velázquez in Madrid, the artist's first major exhibition in Spain.

**1983** The critics Marta Traba and Ángel Rama are killed in a plane crash on the outskirts of Madrid.

**1985** A Luis Tomasello retrospective (1957-1984) is held at the Museo Español de Arte Contemporáneo. Eusebio Sempere dies in Onil (Alicante).

**1986** Cruz-Diez participates in the II Havana Biennial as Special Invited Artist, showing five works (four Physichromies and a Color Additive). He is awarded the Order of Arts and Letters in France.

**1988** Alfredo Boulton's *Art In Guri* is published, with graphic design and layout by Cruz-Diez. Lygia Clark dies at her home in Copacabana. Sandú Darié retrospective at the Museo de Bellas Artes de La Habana.

**1989** The first edition of *Reflexión sobre color* (Reflection on Color) is published in Caracas.

**1990** Death of Sergio Camargo and Alejandro Otero.

**1991** Cruz-Diez executes *Physichromie for Madrid*, a 2 x 40-meter sculpture for the Recinto Ferial Juan Carlos I, Madrid. Death of Jean Tinguely in Bern on August 30. Death of Sandú Darié in Havana on September 2.

**1994** Death of Gego on September 17. Family members set up the Fundación Gego with the aim of preserving her legacy.

**1995** With *Random Chromatic Interactive Experience*, Cruz-Diez begins to use digital technology in his works. Death of Hugo Demarco in Paris.

**1997** Cruz-Diez is appointed president and member of the governing board of the Fundación Museo de la

Estampa y del Diseño Carlos Cruz-Diez in Caracas. Death of Victor Vasarely in Paris on March 14.

**1999** Installation of Cruz-Diez's first and only sculpture in Havana, entitled *Chromatic Induction for Havana*, to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Casa de las Américas. Retrospective of the work of Abraham Palatnik at the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo in Niterói.

**2000** On November 30, the Ciudad Universitaria in Caracas is declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

**2002** Cruz-Diez is awarded the Order of Commander of Arts and Letters of France. Death of Yvaral.

**2004** Death of Cruz-Diez's wife in Paris on September 10. Matilde Pérez publishes her autobiographical book *Visiones geométricas* (Geometrical Visions) in Santiago de Chile. Death of Marta Boto in Paris on October 13.

**2005** Death of Jesús Soto in Paris on January 14.

**2006** Cruz-Diez is made an Honorary Doctor by the Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas.

**2007** Between March 27 and August 20, the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía (MNCARS) presents *Lo[s] Cinético[s]*, an exhibition that offers a trans-historical vision of Kinetic Art and emphasizes the contribution of Latin American artists. Cruz-Diez presents a Chromosaturation, Chromatic Induction and Mechanical Chromointerference on the Museum's plaza. The exhibition travels to the Instituto Tomie Ohtake in São Paulo, where it receives the Critics' Grand Prix, awarded by the Association of Art Critics.

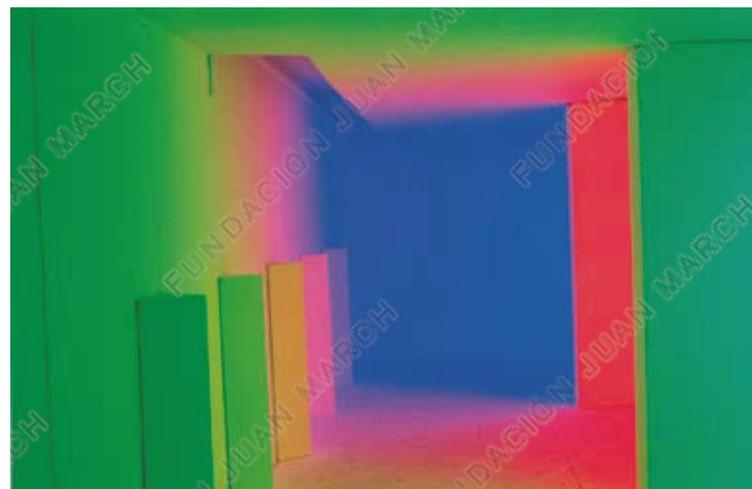
**2008** Cruz-Diez holds a solo exhibition at the Americas Society in New York, with the title *(In)formed by Color*.

**2009** From March to November, the Fundación Juan March holds the first monographic exhibition in Spain on Cruz-Diez at two of its venues, the Museu d'Art Espanyol Contemporani in Palma, and the Museo de Arte Abstracto Español in Cuenca. It includes works from all periods of his career. The Fundación Juan March publishes a second, revised edition of *Reflection on Color* (1<sup>st</sup> ed. Caracas, 1989), as well as the first English edition, to coincide with the exhibition.

Havana Chromatic Induction,  
Havana, 1999



Madrid Psychromie, Recinto Ferial Juan Carlos I, Madrid, 1991



Chromosaturation, Casa de las Américas, Havana, 1999.  
Photo: Courtesy Casa de las Américas, Havana



# **EXHIBI**

## **(1947-2009)**

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## Solo Exhibitions

### 1947

- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Caracas, Instituto Venezolano-Americano, 1947

### 1955

- *Carlos Cruz-Diez: Obras de 1949 al 55*. Caracas, Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas, 1955

### 1956

- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Madrid, Galería Buchholz, 1956

### 1960

- *Cruz-Diez. Fisicromías*. Caracas, Museo de Bellas Artes de Caracas, 1960
- *Cruz-Diez. Fisicromías*. Caracas, Facultad de Arquitectura y Urbanismo, Universidad Central de Venezuela, 1960

### 1965

- *A Decade of Psychromies by Carlos Cruz-Diez*. London, Signals Gallery, 1965
- *Cruz-Diez*. Turin, Galleria Il Punto Arte Moderna, 1965
- *Cruz-Diez*. Genoa, Galleria La Polena, 1965
- *Psychromies de Cruz-Diez: œuvres de 1954 à 1965*. Paris, Galerie Jacques Kerchache, 1965

### 1966

- *Cruz-Diez*. Essen, Galerie M. E. Thelen, 1966
- *Fisicromías de Cruz-Diez*. Caracas, Sala Mendoza, 1966

### 1967

- *Carlos Cruz-Diez de 1964-1967*. Caracas, Galerie Konkright, 1967
- *Psychromien von Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Cologne, Galerie Art Intermedia, 1967

### 1968

- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Cologne,

- Galerie Art Intermedia, 1968
- *Physicromies*. Brussels, Galerie Accent, 1968
- *Cruz-Diez*. Oslo, Galerie Kaare Bertnsen, 1968
- *Environment Tafelbild Licht und Bewegung Umgebung*. Dortmund, Museum am Ostwall, 1968

### 1969

- *Cinq propositions sur la couleur*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, Rue de la Boétie, 1969
- *Multiples*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, Rive Gauche, 1969
- *Fisicromías, transcromías y cromointerferencias*. Caracas, Galería Konkright, 1969
- *Cruz-Diez et les trois étapes de la couleur moderne*. Paris, Editions Denise René, 1969

### 1970

- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Frankfurt, Galerie Ursula Lichter, 1970
- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Macerata, Artestudio, 1970
- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Venice, Galleria Paolo Barozzi, 1970
- XXXV Venice Biennial. Venice, Venezuelan Pavilion, 1970

### 1971

- *Psychromies/ Couleur Additive/ Induction Chromatique/ Chromointerférences*. New York, Galerie Denise René, 1971
- *Cruz-Diez, Color Evolution*. New York, Galerie Denise René, 1971
- *Couleur additive*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, 1971
- *Color aditivo*. Caracas, Galería Konkright, 1971
- *Cruz-Diez*. Caracas, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, 1971

### 1972

- *Cruz-Diez*. Munich, Galerie Buchholz, 1972

## 1973

- *Cruz-Diez*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, Rive Gauche, 1973
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez: fisicromie, cromosaturazioni, induzioni cromatiche, cromointerferenze*. Milan, Galleria Falchi, 1973
- *Cruz-Diez*. Turin, Galleria Christian Stein, 1973
- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Caracas, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, 1973
- *Serigrafías*. Caracas, Galería Konkright, 1973

## 1974

- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Rome, Galleria Trinità, 1974
- [Carlos Cruz-Diez]. Caracas, Galería Konkright, 1974
- *Cruz-Diez*. Caracas, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, Sala Cadafe, 1974

## 1975

- *Cruz-Diez, integrations à l'architecture – réalisations et projets*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, Rive Gauche, 1975
- *Cruz-Diez*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, Rue de la Boétie, 1975
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez: Obras sobre el muro – gráficas de integración arquitectónica*. Bogotá, Museo de Arte Moderno, 1975
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez: Obras sobre el muro – gráficas de integración arquitectónica*. Cali, Museo de Arte Moderno La Tertulia, 1975
- *Cruz-Diez*. Maracaibo, Galería Gaudí, 1975
- *Cruz-Diez: Obras sobre el muro – gráficas de integración arquitectónica*. Barcelona, Galería Barbie, 1975
- *Cruz-Diez: Obras sobre el muro – gráficas de integración arquitectónica*. Madrid, Galería Aele, 1975
- *El artista y la ciudad: Cruz-Diez*. Caracas, Palacio de la Gobernación del Distrito Federal, 1975

- *Maquetas y fisicromías*. Madrid, Escuela de Arquitectura, 1975
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Caracas, Galería Adler-Castillo, 1975
- *Cruz-Diez, integrations à l'architecture – réalisations et projets* Düsseldorf, Galerie Hans Mayer, 1975

## 1976

- *Cruz-Diez, integrations à l'architecture – réalisations et projets*. New York, NY, Galerie Denise René, 1976
- *Cruz-Diez*. Bilbao, Galería de Arte Mikeldi, 1976
- *Fisicromías (Cromocinetismo)*. Mexico D.F., Museo de Arte Moderno, 1976
- *Cruz-Diez*. Pamplona, Pabellón de Arte de la Ciudadela, 1976
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Paris, Musée de la Chaux-des-Fonds, 1976

## 1977

- *Couleur événement*. Arras, Centre Culturel Noroît, 1977
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez Psychchromien*. Kreuzlingen, Galerie Latzer, 1977
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Caracas, Alianza Francesa, 1977
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Caen, Atelier de Recherches Artistiques, 1977
- *Cruz-Diez Paintings & Drawings*. New York, Galería Venezuela, 1977
- *Art dans la rue*. London, Imperial College, 1977
- *Cruz-Diez*. Madrid, Galería Aele, 1977

## 1978

- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Wolfsberg, Ausbildungszentrum U.S.B., 1978
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Caracas, Graphic CB2, 1978
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Zurich, Werd Pavilion, S.B.G., 1978
- *Cruz-Diez, Umjetnik i grad*. Zagreb, Galerija Suvremene, 1978
- *Cruz-Diez Chromo-Kinetische/Integration*

*in die Architektur*. Berlin, Ibero-amerikanisches Institut, 1978

- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*, *Architectural Integration/ Art in the Street*. Berkshire, University of Reading, 1978
- *Cruz-Diez*. Valencia, Centro Arte El Parque, 1978

## 1979

- *Inducción-aducción*. Caracas, Galería Arte Contacto, 1979
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Sarajevo, Zgraf, 1979

## 1980

- *Cruz-Diez: Didáctica y dialéctica del color*. Caracas, Universidad Simón Bolívar, 1980
- *Art in the Street*. Liverpool, University of Liverpool, 1980
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Havana, Casa de las Américas, 1980
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez sérigraphie*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, 1980
- *Cruz-Diez*. Puerto La Cruz, Galería Municipal de Arte Moderno, 1980

## 1981

- *Cruz-Diez: Didactique et dialectique de la couleur*. Caen, Triennale de Caen, 1981
- *Cruz-Diez: Didattica e dialettica del colore*. Pordenone, Centro Iniziative Culturali, 1981
- *Intervenciones arquitectónicas*. Caracas, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, Sala Cadafe, 1981
- *Cruz-Diez: inducción cromática*. Caracas, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, Sala Postel, 1981
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Düsseldorf, International Market of Contemporary Art, 1981
- *Cruz-Diez*. Lyon, Galerie Municipale, Saint-Priest, 1981
- *Cruz-Diez: Didáctica y dialéctica del color*. Havana, Casa de las Américas, 1981

- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Stockholm, Galeria Konstruktive Tendens, 1981.
- *Cruz-Diez*. Mérida, Venezuela, Galería de Arte Ing. Rolando Oliver Rugeles, 1981
- *Cruz-Diez: Didáctica y dialéctica del color*. Maracay, Corpindustria, 1981

## 1982

- *Cruz-Diez: Didáctica y dialéctica del color*. Mexico D.F., Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, 1982
- *Cruz-Diez: Didactique et dialectique de la couleur*. Arras Centre Noroît, 1982
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Ferrara, Palazzo dei Diamanti, 1982

## 1983

- *Cruz-Diez en la arquitectura*. Caracas, Facultad de Arquitectura y Urbanismo, Universidad Central de Venezuela, 1983
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Barquisimeto, Galería Lea, 1983
- *Didactic and Dialectic in Colour*. London, University of Reading, 1983

## 1984

- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Tokyo, Satani Gallery, 1984
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Cali, Museo La Tertulia, 1984
- *Cruz-Diez*. Barranquilla, Galería Jairo Quintero, 1984
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Valencia [Venezuela], Galería Centro Arte El Parque, 1984

## 1985

- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Medellín, Museo de Arte Moderno, 1985
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Bogotá, Museo de Arte Moderno, 1985
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Medellín, Galería Arte Autopista, 1985
- *Cruz-Diez*. Frankfurt, Interstoff Art Gallery, 1985
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Castres, Hôtel de Ville, 1985

## 1986

- XLII Venice Biennial. Venice, 1986
- *Cruz-Diez*. Paris, Galerie Denise René, 1986
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Roldanillo, Museo Rayo, 1986
- *Cruz-Diez: Didactic and Dialectic of Colour*. Belgrade, Bibliothèque Nationale de Serbie, 1986
- *Cruz-Diez: Didactic and Dialectic of Colour*. Krakow, Galerie Krzystofory, 1986
- *Cruz-Diez: Didactic and Dialectic of Colour*. Athens, Centre Culturel, 1986

## 1987

- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. São Paulo, Gabinete de Arte Raquel Arnaud, 1987
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Stockholm, Galerie Konstruktiv Tendens, 1987
- *Didactic and Dialectic of Colour*. Copenhagen, Frederiksberg Raadhus, 2000, 1987
- *Cruz-Diez, Autonomie der Farbe*. Düsseldorf, Galerie Schöeller, 1987
- *Cruz-Diez y el color*. Caracas, Alianza Francesa, 1987
- *Cruz-Diez. Didáctica y dialéctica del color*. El Tigre, Complejo Cultural Simón Rodríguez, 1987
- *Cruz-Diez*. Ciudad Guayana, Sala de Arte Sidor, 1987

## 1988

- *Cruz-Diez, Autonomie der Farbe*. Kaiserlautern, Galerie Wack, 1988
- *Cruz-Diez, Autonomie der Farbe*. Bottrop, Quadrat-Josef Albers Museum, 1988
- *Cruz-Diez*. Valera, Ateneo de Valera, 1988
- *Cruz-Diez*. Táchira, Ateneo del Táchira, 1988

## 1989

- *Carlos Cruz-Diez, Bilder als chromatische ereignisse*. Zurich, Stittung für Konstruktive und Konkrete Kunst, 1989

- *Cruz-Diez*. Munich, Galerie Hermanns, 1989
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. São Paulo, Gabinete de Arte Raquel Arnaud, 1989

## 1990

- *Cruz-Diez*. Châteauroux, Abbaye des Cordeliers, 1990
- *Cruz-Diez*. Munich, Galerie Hermanns, 1990

## 1991

- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Valencia [Venezuela], Espacio Simonetti, 1991
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez en la arquitectura*. Caracas, Centro Cultural Consolidado, 1991
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Düsseldorf, Galerie Schöeller, 1991
- *Couleurs additives*. Otterndorf/Cuxhaven, Museum Moderner Kunst, 1991
- *Color-acontecimiento*. San José, Museo de Arte Costarricense y Galería de Arte Contemporáneo, 1991

## 1992

- *La visión del color*. Maracay, Museo de Arte de Maracay, 1992
- *Cruz-Diez: Didáctica y dialéctica del color*. Caracas, CONAC, 1992
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Venice, Galleria Verifica 8+1, 1992

## 1993

- *Cruz-Diez: l'avvenimento-colore*. Milan, Galleria Vismara Arte, 1993
- *Cruz-Diez: l'avvenimento-colore*. Turin, Galleria Narciso, 1993
- *Carlos Cruz-Diez*. Mannheim, Galerie Lauter, 1993
- *35 años de gráfica*. Valencia [Venezuela], Espacio Simonetti, 1993
- [*Carlos Cruz-Diez*]. Mérida [Venezuela], Consejo Nacional de la Cultura CONAC, 1993
- *Cruz-Diez: Colours Vision*. London, Bolivar Hall, 1993
- *Cruz-Diez: Colours*

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**8.** *Couleur additive P.T.* (Additive Color SP), Paris, 1964. Silkscreen on paper. 40 x 75 cm. Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



**9.** *Transchromie*, Paris, 1965-2007. Transparent acrylic sheets. 200 x 240 x 60 cm. Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



**14.** *Physicromie 587*, Paris, 1972. PVC, wood and aluminum. 60 x 120 x 5 cm. Atelier Cruz-Diez, Paris



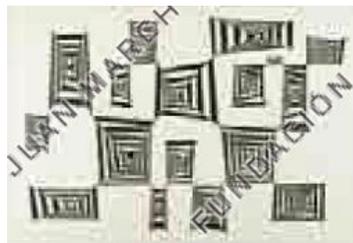
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**4.** *Construcción en el espacio* (Construction in Space), Caracas, 1957. Acrylic on wood. 85 x 122 cm. Allegro Private Foundation



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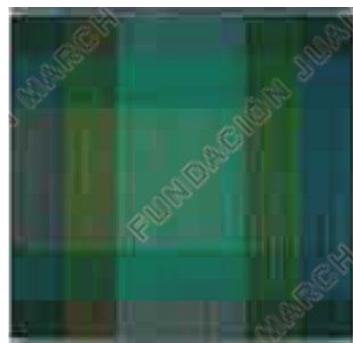
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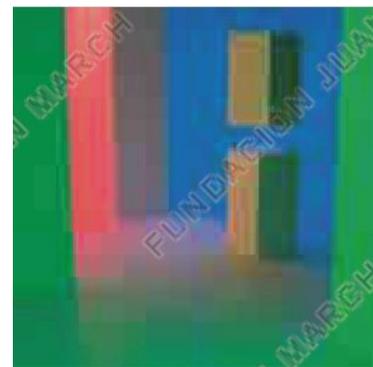
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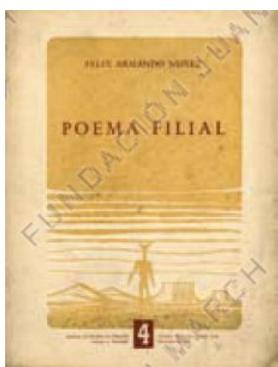
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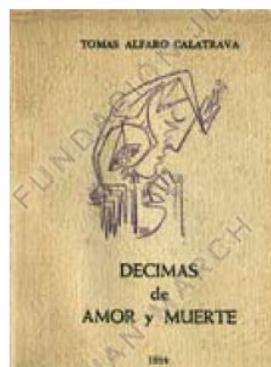
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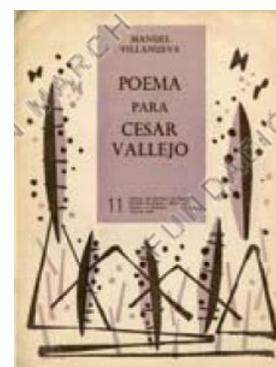
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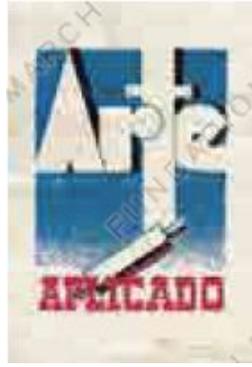


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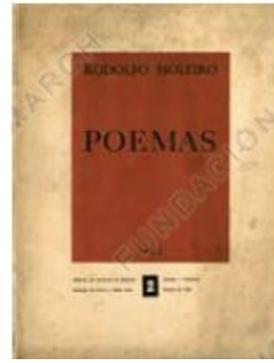


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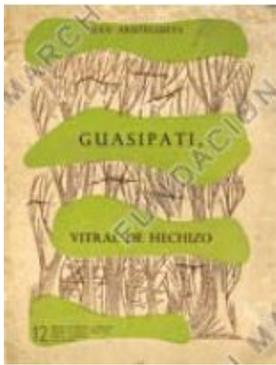
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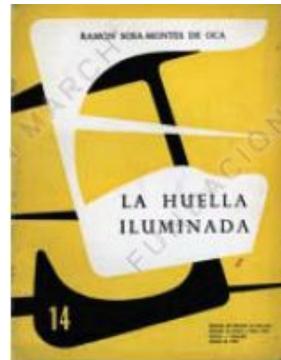
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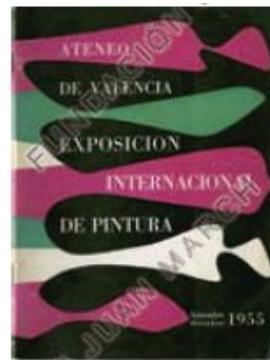
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