

Luis López-Chávez is a contemporary Cuban painter exploring the visual dimensions of sculptural form and logical space. Based on the frictions between geometrical forms of representation with the socio-historical context, he proposes a visuality contained between a conceptual methodology and an unconscious pulse, between arithmetical and philosophical image.

His paintings address themes such as space, emptiness, and different notions of death. By repeating elementary forms, the artist emphasizes their fundamental value and, thus, their link to metaphysical concerns. Thereby, the antagonism between form and intention, matter and mind – body and soul – is dissolved and opened for a general investigation. According to the artist, a work of art is generated by the process it informs, implying a movement or even synthesis of ideas and forms.

Luis López-Chávez (b. 1988, Manzanillo, CU) graduated from the Academia Profesional de Artes Plásticas in Manzanillo, CU in 2007 and, from the Instituto Superior de Arte in Havana, CU in 2013. In 2012, he received a scholarship from the Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm, SE. In 2015, he participated at the 12th Havana Biennial in the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Havana. López-Chávez' work have been featured in several solo exhibitions at Unión Nacional de Arquitectos e Ingenieros de la Construcción de Cuba, Havana, CU; Cementerio Colón, Havana, CU; Galería El Apartamento, Havana, CU; Galería Servando, Havana, CU; Museo Droguería Johnson, Havana, CU; Galería Evolución, Lima, PE, among others. He has participated at numerous group shows, including at Bode, Havana, CU and Berlin, DE; Galleria Continua, Paris, FR, Havana, CU, São Paulo, BR; Palazzina dei Bagni Misteriosi-Teatro Franco Parenti, Milan, IT; Le CENTQUATRE-PARIS, Paris, FR; UNAICC Unión Nacional de Arquitectos e Ingenieros de la Construcción de Cuba, Havana, CU; Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales, Havana, CU; Galería Evolución, Lima, PE; Centro Hispanoamericano de Cultura, Havana, CU and The Royal Institute of Art in Stockholm, SE. Luis López-Chavez lives and works in Havana, CU.