

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

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### Education:

Advertising Art Technician, Javeriana University, 1973.

Graphic Arts, National Academy School of Fine Arts, New York, 1979-1981.

Art Students League, New York, 1981-1983.

Sculpture II, National University of Colombia, 1993.

Graphic Designer, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, 2001.

### Career:

Graphic Design, Leo Burnett Nova Advertising Agency, 1973-1976.

Professor, Faculty of Arts, National University of Colombia, 1995.

Professor, Graphic Design Program, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, 1984-2015.

### Professional memberships:

Collective of Illustrators of Science and Nature-Members, Mexico

International Jury, Ilustraciencia, Barcelona, Spain

### Artwork medium:

Oil

Etching

Pencil

Pen and ink

Watercolor

Gouache

Scracht

Digital

### One-Person Exhibition(s):

- Illustrations of Nature, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Bogota, Colombia, 2008.
- Illustrations of Nature, National Archive of Colombia, Bogota, Colombia, 2008.
- Illustrated ecosystems, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University Arts Building, Bogota, Colombia, 2017.

### Group Exhibition(s):

- 24 National Hall of Colombia Artists, National Museum of Colombia, 1973.

- 25 National Hall of Colombian Artists, National Museum of Colombia, 1974.
- 10 Photographic Art Room, Colombian American Center, 1975.
- Sixth Annual Scholarship, National Arts Club, New York, USA, 1981.
- 22/35, Professors of the Graphic Design Program, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Bogota, 2003.
- 5 Illustrators, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Bogota, 2005.
- Biennial of Scientific Illustration, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2007.
- IV Graphic Design Competition Room OP GRAFICAS, Modern Art Museum, Bogota, 2007.
- Professors and Graduates, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Museum of Graphic Art, Bogota, 2009.
- Professors and Graduates, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Museum of Graphic Art, Bogota, 2010.
- Professors and Graduates, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Museum of Graphic Art, Alternate Room, Bogota, 2014.
- Word Image, 5 room illustration, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Central Library, Bogota, 2014.
- See Do See, Alternate room, Museum of Visual Arts, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Bogota, 2014.
- First Colombian Meeting of Scientific Illustration, Javeriana University, Bogota, Colombia, 2018.
- Botanic Illustration, Minuto de Dios Museum, Bogota, Colombia, 2019.
- World Day of Botanical Art, Native Plants of Colombia, University of Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia, 2018.
- Margaret Flockton International Scientific Illustration Exhibition, Sydney Botanic Gardens Australia, 2018.
- Margaret Flockton International Scientific Illustration Exhibition, Sydney Botanic Gardens Australia, 2021.
- Margaret Flockton International Scientific Illustration Exhibition, Sydney Botanic Gardens Australia, 2022.
- Margaret Flockton International Scientific Illustration Exhibition, Sydney Botanic Gardens Australia, 2023.
- 7<sup>th</sup> BAAK International Botanic Art exhibition, Seoul, Korea, 2021.
- 15<sup>th</sup> International Botanical Art Exhibition, Taiwan, 2022, 2023.
- Plantae Documentary, Taiwan, 2024.

#### Honors/Awards:

- Selected in the Arts of Fire Poster Contest of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Minuto de Dios, 1972.
- Finalist in the 10<sup>th</sup> Photographic Art Salon, American-Colombian Center, 1975.
- Honorable Mention, Sixth Annual Scholarship, National Arts Club, New York, 1981.
- Finalist, National Graphic Design Contest, Colcultura, Shield Symbol Department of Amazonas, 1994.
- Finalist, National Graphic Design Contest, Colcultura, Symbol “El Parque Children’s Theater,” 1995.

- Selected and Published: The Best in Design in Latin America, Punto Sur Inc, Print Magazine, New York, 1996.
- First prize, Corporate Image, Promotion and Prevention, Previmedica, Bogota, 1999.
- Selected Christmas Card Contest 2000, Fundación Cardio Infantil, Bogota, 2001.
- First Prize, Contexto 2001, Mugs category, Corona Tableware, Medellín, Colombia, 2001.
- Finalist, COTTON ART 2001, “Unveil your ideas” contest, poster category, Bogota, Colombia, 2001.
- Selected Latin American Botanical Illustration Contest, Dominican Republic, 2006.
- Selected IV Graphic Design Competition Hall OP GRÁFICAS, Modern Art Museum, Bogota, Colombia, 2007.
- Honorable Mention Latin American digital competition, Whiskey “Something Special,” 2009.
- Finalist, Smoky Lighter Competition, Italy, 2010.
- Selected, CLAP Awards, for Latin America / VEREDICTS / Trees of Bogota / Almanac, 2014.
- Silver Dog, Image Word, 5 Illustration Room, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University Library, Bogota, Colombia, 2014.
- Artist Residency, Denver Botanic Garden, Denver, Colorado, 2015.
- Selected, La Paz Stamp Contest, Adpostal, 2019.
- First Place, First Colombian Meeting of Scientific Illustration, Javeriana University, Bogota, Colombia, 2018.
- First Place, International Gourmet Book Contest, CHOCÓ Senderos y Sabores, SENA, International Gourmet, Paris, France, 2018.
- First Place, International Gourmet Book Contest, GUAJIRA, Ancestral Food, SENA, International Gourmet, Paris, France, 2019.
- First Place, International Gourmet Book Contest, SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA, SENA, International Gourmet, Paris, France, 2022.
- First Place, International Gourmet book Contest, Meta, SENA, International Gourmet, Paris, France, 2023.
- Merit Award Plantae Documentary, Taiwan, 2024.

#### Collections:

- Maurizio Vecchia, Collector of Botanic Art, Firenze, Italy.
- Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, Bogota, Colombia.

Work reproduced in (publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist):

- Illustration Notes. Faculty of Art and Design / Graphic Design Program. UJTL. 2009.
- Illustration Notes #2. Faculty of Art and Design / Graphic Design Program. UJTL. 2014.
- Cover Expositio #1. Jorge Tadeo Lozano University. 2010.

- Expeditio Magazine #3. Jorge Tadeo Lozano University. 2010.
- Book: Illustrations of Nature / Faculty of Human Sciences, Art and Design / Graphic Design Program. UJTL. 2010.
- Retrovisor Magazine, The Graphic Expedition of Benjamín Cárdenas. Number 5. Ecuador. 2010.
- Fauna and Flora of Coral Reefs / 65 illustrations / Fundación Alas de Cristal. Manizales. 2011.
- Trees of Bogota / Almanac / Editorial Calle de Papel. 2012.
- 25 Botanical Illustrations / 2 Expedition and Cultural of Colombia / Biologist Angélica Vásquez. INCCA University of Bogota. 2012.
- Notebook / Calendar 2014-2015 / Bogota Botanical Garden José Celestino Mutis. 2014.
- Urban Gardening of Bogota, 179 botanical illustrations. José Celestino Mutis Botanical Garden of Bogota, 2015.
- <http://catalogo.jbb.gov.co/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber-1819>
- Notebooks of notes on the faun and flora of Colombia. Ricardo Aguirre Binding Workshop. 2009/2014.
- Scientific Studies, Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, 2014: [https://www.utadeo.edu.co/files/node/publication/field\\_attached\\_file/pdf-jorge\\_tadeo\\_lozano\\_-\\_estudios\\_cient.pdf](https://www.utadeo.edu.co/files/node/publication/field_attached_file/pdf-jorge_tadeo_lozano_-_estudios_cient.pdf)
- Entomopixel. Note Books. Ricardo Aguirre Binding Workshop. 2015.
- Spices and condiments. Newspaper time. Boyaca 7 days. 2015.
- AMAZON Freeze Dried Fruits. Hospitality, tourism and food center. Sena, bogota, 2016.
- Kakao. Cocoa in the Americas. КАКАО: Напиток богов и владык. Russian Publication, 2017: <https://ridero.ru/books/kakao/>
- Menu, Hotel Waira, Leticia, Amazonas, 2016.
- Feeling Plants. She Wang. Design Media Publishing. England, 2018.
- Botanical Illustration. Rosa Maria Alves Org. Frente Verso Publishing House, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 2018.
- <http://unperiodico.unal.edu.co/pages/detail/passiflora-quimbayensis-nueva-especie-descorta-sobre-huellas-precolombinas/>
- CHOCÓ, Knowledge and gastronomic trails of the Colombian Pacific, SENA, National Center of Hospitality and Tourism, Bogota, 2019: <https://repositorio.sena.edu.co/handle/11404/5707>
- National Museum of Colombia, Notebooks, Passifloras, Bogota, 2019.
- Luis Angel Arango Library, Culture and Bibliographic Bulletin Magazine. 45 Illustrations of Colombian Fauna and Flora, No. 99. 2020.
- Botanical Garden of Valencia, Spain, Book dividers about the Jara de Cartagena plant, Valencia, Spain, 2021.
- GUAJIRA, Ancestral and Traditional Food, SENA, National Center for Hotels and Tourism 2021: <https://repositorio.sena.edu.co/handle/11404/7308>
- Raizal Food from the Islands of San Andrés and Providencia, SENA, National Center for Hospitality and Tourism, 2022: <https://repositorio.sena.edu.co/handle/11404/7837>
- Gastronomy of Meta, SENA, National Center for Hospitality and Tourism, 2023.

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