# LIA CHAVEZ

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Lia Chavez is a leading figure in contemporary art whose medium is consciousness itself. Her practice integrates light, neuroscience, and sacred embodiment to create multisensory thresholds —portals through which ancient intelligences and future human perception converge. Her work has been commissioned by Art Production Fund, exhibited at Tate Britain and the Istanbul Biennial, and featured by The Wall Street Journal, Vogue, and Artnet.



#### **EDUCATION & ACADEMIC FORMATION**

- 2010 Master of Philosophy in Visual Art, Goldsmiths College,
  University of London
- 2005 MA in Photography and Urban Cultures, Goldsmiths College,
  University of London
- 2004 Fellowship in Philosophy and Aesthetics, International
  Gender Studies Center, University of Oxford

#### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMATIVE WORKS**

- 2022 Mirrormind, The Something Machine, Bellport, NY multisensory light installation
- 2020 The Order of Things, curated by Good to Know FYI, Bhumi Farms, East Hampton, NY environmental art and consciousness performance
- 2017 Inner Form, commissioned by Isabella Rossellini, Mama
  Farm, Bellport, NY bioenergetic sculptural
  installation
- 2016 Light Body, commissioned by Isabella Rossellini, Mama
  Farm, Bellport, NY immersive neuroaesthetic
  performance
- 2015 The Octave of Visible Light: A Meditation Nightclub,

  commissioned by Art Production Fund, The Cosmopolitan

  of Las Vegas, NV cutting-edge immersive entrainment

  architecture
- 2014 Carceri, Two Rams, New York, NY
- 2014 Luminous Objects, presented by Two Rams, Spring/Break Art Show, New York, NY
- 2014 Tumult, House of the Nobleman, London, UK neuro-somatic environment activating the interface between physiology and light
- 2013 Form of the Infinite, TEMP, New York, NY voicegenerated cymatic geometry

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & BIENNIAL PARTICIPATION

- 2023 Replenish, MIT List Visual Arts Center, Boston, MA
- 2020 Infinite Seed, curated by Good to Know FYI, Bhumi Farms,
  East Hampton, NY
- 2018 Campo Artfest, Garzon, Uruguay
- 2018 Inaugural Celebration, Grace Farms, New Canaan, CT
- 2014 Urban Encounters, Tate Britain, London, UK
- 2014 Light Fantastic, House of the Nobleman, London, UK
- 2014 Poesis (with Linnea Spransey), Nomas Projects, Dundee, Scotland
- 2013 Summer Celebration, presented by The Armory Show, Sag Harbor, NY
- 2013 (in) complete, TEMP, New York, NY
- 2013 Hide and Seek: Photography and the Body, Seattle Pacific
  Art Center, Seattle, WA
- 2012 On Silence, New York Center for Art and Media Studies, NY
- 2012 The Touch of the Oracle, Palm Springs Art Museum, CA
- 2010 Entwined, Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA
- 2009 Visual Deflections, Old Truman Brewery, London, UK
- 2009 Self Absorbed: Constructing Identity in the 21st Century,
  Seattle Pacific Art Center, WA
- 2008 Hillman + Chavez, Affirmation Arts, New York, NY
- 2007 Nightcomers, Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 Shot and Go: A Vision of Today's International

  Photography, Light on San Servolo, 52nd Venice Biennale

  Collateral Exhibition, Venice, Italy

#### INSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS & RESEARCH RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Future Nostalgia, commissioned by Bellport-Brookhaven
  Historical Society, Bellport, NY- collaboration with
  Andrew Egan
- 2024 Song of Fire, commissioned by MIT, Boston, MA- sonic endurance performance
- 2014-Present Visiting Researcher, Psychology Department, **Goldsmiths**College and Queen Mary, University of London —

  neuroaesthetic performance and perception studies
  - 2016-2017 Light Body and Inner Form, commissioned by Isabella

    Rossellini, Mama Farm, Bellport, NY immersive

    neuroaesthetic performance
    - 2015 Artist-in-Residence, **Art Production Fund** at The

      Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, NV immersive light and sound

      environment immersive neuroaesthetic performance
    - 2014 *Poesis-Tumult*, Nomas Projects, commissioned by The

      Ahmanson Foundation neuro-somatic environment
    - 2013 Luminous Objects, commissioned by **The Armory Show**, New York, NY live transmission of superconscious visual perception
    - 2010 Performance Research Residency, Live Art Development

      Agency, Whitechapel Gallery and Toynbee Studios, London,

      UK
    - 2009 Performance Art Studies Residency, Prague Contemporary
      Art Festival, Prague, Czech Republic
  - 2007-2008 Artist-in-Residence, Affirmation Arts, New York, NY

## HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

| 2015-2019 | $\textbf{European Commission Grant,} \ \texttt{Creativity Enhancement through}$ |
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|           | Advanced Brain Mapping and Stimulation  |
| 2014      | William Talbott Hillman Foundation Grant  |
| 2006-2008 | Affirmation Arts Fund Grant   |
| 2007-2010 | ORSAS Scholarship, Goldsmiths College, University of                            |
|           | London  |
| 2010      | Graduate Honors, Goldsmiths College, London, UK                                 |
| 2007-2010 | Harvey Fellowship   |
| 2006      | Graduate Honors, Goldsmiths College, London, UK                                 |
| 2004-2005 | Fellowship, University of Oxford  |

## **KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2024 VIEWS, Necker Island, British Virgin Islands (Invited by Sir Richard Branson)
- 2018 The Wall Street Journal Future of Everything Festival,
  New York, NY (Curated by Kelly Crow)
- 2014 Urban Encounters, Tate Britain, London, UK (Curated by Nora Razian)

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2025 Pen + Brush Gallery + Visible Women Agency, New York, NY
- 2024 Eros Platform, New York, NY
- 2022 Marquee Projects, Bellport, NY
- 2020 University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- 2019 Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK
- 2019 Parsons School of Design, New York, NY
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- 2018 Parsons School of Design, New York, NY
- 2017 Queen Mary, University of London, UK
- 2013 NYU Steinhardt, New York, NY
- 2013 Performa, New York, NY
- 2013 University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- 2013 Seattle Pacific Art Center, Seattle, WA
- 2013 Biola University, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 Wheaton College, Chicago, IL
- 2010 Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA

#### **SELECTED PRESS & PUBLICATIONS**

# **Major Press Features**

The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Artnet News, Harper's

Bazaar, InStyle Magazine, Town & Country, Forbes, Fast Company, Flaunt

Magazine, Vogue, Edible Manhattan

#### **Critical Art Press**

Whitewall Magazine, Whitehot Magazine, Purple Fashion Magazine, ArtNet
News, Paper Magazine, Image Journal, Hamptons Art Hub, The Creators
Project by Vice, The Other Journal, BBC

# **Editorial Essays & Cultural Commentary**

T: The New York Times Style Magazine, The Violet Book, Beauty Matter,
Cool Hunting, Women's Wear Daily, Architectural Digest, Pan and the
Dream Magazine, DJ Broadcast, Origin Magazine, The Wall Street Journal
Magazine, ARK Journal, RUM Magazine

#### **Scientific Publications**

Bhattacharya, Joydeep et al. "Spontaneous Visual Imagery During Meditation for Creating Visual Art: An EEG and Brain Stimulation Case Study." Frontiers in Neuroscience (February 22, 2019).

#### **Artist Books**

2025 — Chavez, Lia. The Four Surrenders. New York: Lia Chavez Studio 2016 — Chavez, Lia. Light Body. With an essay by Andrea Codrington Lippke and an introduction by the artist. New York: Lia Chavez Studio 2013 — Chavez, Lia. A Thousand Rainbows. With essays by Andrea Codrington Lippke and Mark Sprinkle, and an introduction by the artist. Bologna, Italy: Damiani 2008 — Hillman + Chavez. New York: Affirmation Arts. With an essay by Gary Sangster.

#### **Scholarly Anthologies**

2023 — Hamilton, Julie. "Performativity and the Flesh: The Economy of the Icon in Lia Chavez's Light Body." In Religion and Contemporary

Art: A Curious Accord, edited by Ronald R. Bernier and Rachel

Hostetter Smith. Oxford, UK: Routledge

## **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Private collections in New York, London, Paris, and Mexico City Collection of Isabella Rossellini and William Talbott Hillman

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