

# KATE MACGARRY

Dr Lakra

Born in Mexico in 1972. Lives and works in Oaxaca, Mexico.

## Solo Exhibitions

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- 2024 *Tupi or not tupi*, kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2021 *Dr. Lakra*, kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2019 *Diario de Viaje*, Instituto de Artes Graficas de Oaxaca (IAGO), Mexico
- 2018 *Dr Lakra*, White Columns, New York, USA  
*Dr. Lakra*, kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2017 *Dr. Lakra*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK
- 2016 *Dr. Lakra*, MATE, Lima, Peru
- 2015 *Dr. Lakra*, Akvarelle Museet, Skarhamm, Sweden  
*Monomito*, Kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2012 *Dr. Lakra*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK  
*Mexican Demons and Dancing Skeletons: Dr Lakra in dialogue with Posada*,  
Hostelbro Kunstmuseum, Hostelbro, Denmark  
*D. Lakra*, Nils Staerk Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*The Small Collections Room*, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, UK
- 2011 *Dr. Lakra*, Museo de la ciudad de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Dr. Lakra*, Marco Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico  
*Dr. Lakra*, The Drawing Center, New York, USA  
*Dr. Lakra*, Museo Amparo, Puebla, Mexico
- 2010 *Dr. Lakra*, ICA Boston, USA
- 2009 *Dr. Lakra*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK  
*Dr. Lakra*, kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2006 *Dr. Lakra*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK
- 2005 *Los Dos Amigos*, Dr. Lakra & Abraham Cruzvillegas, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Oaxaca (MACO), Mexico
- 2003 *Dr. Lakra*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK
- 1998 *Dr. Lakra*, Juárez 65, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1993 *Dr. Lakra*, Kunsthaus Tacheles, Berlin, Germany
- 1991 *Dr. Lakra*, Café Primo, Berlin, Germany
- 1990 *Dr. Lakra*, Galería Caracas, Berlin, Germany
- 1989 *Dr. Lakra*, Galería El Juglar, Mexico City, Mexico

## Group Exhibitions

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- 2025 *A Rose Is*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, USA  
*Oaxaca Central: Contemporary Mexican Printmaking*, Chrysler Museum of Art,  
Virginia, USA
- 2024 *Primero fue la raicilla (First Came Raicilla)*, Office of Cultural Projects, Puerto  
Vallarta, Mexico
- 2023 *Diurnal/Nocturnal*, LeRoy Neiman Center for Print Studies, Columbia University,  
New York, USA
- 2022 *TWENTY*, Kate MacGarry at No. 9 Cork Street, London, UK  
*Tira Los Muros*, Teatro Macedonio Alcalá, Oaxaca, Mexico  
*Todos Juntos (All Together)*, kurimanzutto, New York, USA  
*Tropical Is Political: Caribbean Art Under the Visitor Economy Regime*, Americas

- Society / Council of the Americas, New York, USA
- 2021 *El tiempo en las cosas II, Salas de Arte Contemporáneo*, Museo Amparo, Puebla, Mexico  
*Out east*, kurimanzutto New York, East Hampton, New York, USA
- 2020 *Siembra*, kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2018 *L'art du tatouage derrière les barreaux*, Musée Du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac, Paris, France  
*Yurugu: Dr. Lakra en diálogo con René Bustamante*, Museo de la Ciudad, Querétaro, Mexico
- 2017 *Fifteen*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK
- 2016 *XYLAÑYNU*, Taller de los Viernes, kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Tattoos*, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada  
*Caleidoscopio y Rompecabezas*, Latinoamérica en la Colección MUSAC, Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno (CAAM), Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
- 2015 *Shifting Sands: Hybrid Rituals & Symbols in Contemporary Culture* (with Serena Korda and Dr. Lakra), Modern Art Oxford, Oxford, UK  
*Magnificent Obsessions: The Artist as Collector*, The Barbican, London, UK
- 2017 *Punxdefektuozoz*, Work in progress, Muzeumws Polczesne, Breslavia, Poland
- 2014 *Dr. Lakra and Tuno Camunas*, Museo de los Pintores MUPO, Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2013 *Ukiyo-e: Imágenes del mundo flotante*, Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil (MACG), Mexico  
*Futbol, Arte y Pasion*, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey (MARCO), Monterrey, Mexico
- 2012 *Poetry and Politics – Watercolours and Animations*, The Nordic Watercolour Museum/nordiska akvarellmuseet, Skärhamn, Sweden
- 2011 *Viceversa*, nuevos estados de animo, Museo de los pintores Oaxaqueños (MUPO), Oaxaca, Mexico  
*MACO Oaxaca*, Centro de la Artes San Agustín Etlá, Oaxaca, Mexico  
*Makeup*, A Palazzo Gallery, Brescia, Italy  
*As Long As It Lasts...*, Arratia Beer Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 *Corpus Aeternum*, Centro Fotografico Manuel Alvarez Bravo, Oaxaca, Mexico  
*La invención de lo cotidiano*, Colección/Fundación Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Desenhos (drawings): a-z*, Museu da cidade, Lisbon, Portugal  
*2nd Trienal Poli/Gráfica de San Juan*, Puerto Rico  
*Modern Ruins*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK  
*Strike a pose*, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
- 2008 *Inaugural Exhibition*, kurimanzutto, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Martian Museum of Terrestrial Art*, Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK  
*Escultura Social: A New Generation of Art from Mexico City*, The Alameda National Center, San Antonio, USA
- 2007 *Goth: Reality of The Departed World*, Yokohama Museum of Art, Japan  
*Wunderkammer: A Century of Curiosities*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA  
*La Planta*, Arte Contemporaneo OmniLife, Guadalajara, Mexico  
*Feral Kingdom*, Center for Contemporary Art (CCA) Glasgow, UK  
*Cuestión Xeracional/ Generational Issue*, Centro Galego de Arte Contemporánea Santiago de Compostela, Spain  
*Mad Love*, Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Escultura Social: A New Generation of Art from Mexico City*, Museum of Contemporary art, Chicago, USA  
*Hammer Contemporary Collection*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA
- 2006 *Spank The Monkey*, Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK  
*I'm Sorry*, Pilar Parra & Romero, Madrid, Spain  
*I Love My Country but I Think We Should Start Seeing Other People*, Jack Hanley Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2005 *Words: The formal Presence of Text in Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper*, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York, USA  
*Mexico 70*, Casa del Lago, Mexico City, Mexico

- The Urban Edge Show*, Milan, Italy  
*Girls on Film*, Zwirner & Wirth, New York, USA
- 2004 *Pin-Up: Contemporary Collage & Drawing* (with Sebastian Bremer, Matt Bryans, Amie Dicke, Wangechi Mutu, Jochum Nordström, Steven Shearer, Godfried Donkor and Nicole Wermers), Tate Modern, London, UK  
*Equation du Soleil Noir, Peinture Contemporaine du Mexique* (curated by Guillermo Santamaria), Instituto de México à Paris, Paris, France  
*Deliver Us from Evil*, (with Honore Daumier, Jake & Dinos Chapman, Robert Crumb, Keegan McHargue) Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, USA
- 2003 *Elephant Juice, sexo entre amigos*, Restaurante Los Manantiales, Xochimilco, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2000 *kurimanzutto* at Galerie Chantel Crousel, Paris, France  
*Stolen Bike*, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, USA
- 1999 *Art and Idea*, Mexico City, Mexico  
*La Luz de Jesus*, The Drawing Collective, Los Angeles, USA
- 1998 *Camuñas Family*, Purgatorio 2, Valencia, Spain  
*Festimad*, Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain
- 1996 *Festimad*, Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain  
*La Feria del Rebelde*, La Panadería, Mexico City, Mexico  
*No Soy Fotógrafo*, La Panadería, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1995 *Pierced Hearts and True Love; a Century of Drawings for Tattoos*, The Drawing Centre, New York, USA
- 1994 *Mutant Messenger*, Ann Nathan Gallery, Chicago, USA  
*Grap a Bag*, Museum of Art Chicago, USA
- 1993 *Auslanders in Berlin*, Kunsthau Tachesles, Berlin, Germany
- 1991 *Aire Fresco en el Verano del Amor*, Divisiónarte, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1990 *Ya, Juventud, Ya*, La Quiñonera, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Euritmia en el Tenderero*, Puente de Piedra 19, Mexico City, Mexico

## Bibliography

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### Selected Publications

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- 2014 *Dr. Lakra's Coloring Book*, Berlin: Bom dia boa tarde boa noite
- 2011 *Dr. Lakra, Volme 97 of Drawing Papers*, New York: Drawing Center (with Rachel Liebowitz)
- 2010 *Dr. Lakra*, Mexico: kurimanzutto + RM (with Eduardo Abaroa, Gabriel Orozco and Pedro Alonzo)
- 2009 *Health & Efficiency*, Mexico: kurimanzutto
- 2007 I. Barajas et al., *La era de la discrepancia. Arte y cultura visual en México*, Mexico City: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and Turner
- 2006 A. Cruzvillegas and Dr. Lakra, *Los Dos Amigos*, Spain: Turner (exh. cat.)

### Selected Press

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- 2022 C. Morán Breña, 'Dr Lakra: Los deportistas rompieron una barrera del tatuaje', *El País*, 24 March 24  
A. Tejada, 'Fábula del pueblo mixe inspira muestra de arte contemporáneo en Barcelona', *La Jornada*, 23 November 23
- 2019 'Dr. Lakra, con el arte a flor de piel', *Sleepydays*, July  
'El diario de viaje de Dr. Lakra', *La Tempestad*, 2 October
- 2018 C. Press, 'Dr. Lakra, I Presume? At White Columns', *Forbes*, 22 October
- 2017 P. Lopez-Zambrano, 'Dr. Lakra, Kate MacGarry', *Art Nexus*, 22 October
- 2016 *VICE Meets: Dr. Lakra*, 4 October
- 2012 C. Kino, 'Tattoos writ large, and touches of Mexican traditionalism', *The New York Times*, 13 May

- 2011 M. Casadio, 'Dr. Lakra', *Vogue Italia*, September  
C. Kino, 'A Tattoo Master, Off the Street, Into the Gallery', *The New York Times*, 24  
March
- 2010 N. Bernstein, 'Slide Show: Dr. Lakra Applies an Ink Gun to Mexico's Cultural  
Heritage', *Vanity Fair*, 12 April

#### Public Collections

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Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN, USA