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XUL SOLAR

(*San Fernando, Argentina, 1887 - Tigre, Argentina, 1963*)



Xul Solar is the nome de plume of Argentinean artist Oscar Agustín Alejandro Schulz Solari, which was formed of the merging of phonetic elements of his last name and mystical tenets.

With a career spanning several decades, Solar developed a distinctive artistic style marked by a fusion of spiritualism with phantasmagoric imageries. His early works were influenced by European avant-garde movements and esoteric concepts of Theosophy and the Golden Dawn, to which he was acquainted with while living in Europe between the First World War and the end of the conflict. He later forged a distinctive pictorial language through exquisite small-scale watercolors of cityscapes and landscapes peppered with fantastic creatures, incorporating mystical symbols and signs that became a signature for his work. In 1924, he returned to Buenos Aires where he established his practice as painter, translator and astrologer and became a member of the Martin Fierro avant-garde group.

A close friend of Jorge Luis and Norah Borges, he created the artificial languages “Neocriollo” and “Panlengua,” demonstrating exceptional linguistic abilities and an interest in international communication. Additionally, he designed musical instruments based on both linguistic and esoteric research, and the board game “Panajedrez,” based on rules dictated by his creative semiotic experiments.

Solar’s seminal legacy as a multidisciplinary artist and inventor highlights his significant contributions to the cultural landscape of Latin America in the twentieth century.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2017** Xul Solar: Panactivista, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2016** Xul Solar: Un Imaginero en el Delta, Museo de Arte Tigre, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013** Xul Solar and Jorge Luis Borges: The Art of Friendship, curated by Gabriela Rangel, Americas Society Art Gallery, New York, USA; Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, USA
- 2006** Xul Solar: Visiones y Revelaciones, Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Museo Tamayo de Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2005** Xul Solar: Visiones y Revelaciones, Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA
- 2002** Xul Solar, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- 2001** La Biblioteca de Xul Solar, Fundación Pan Klub - Museo Xul Solar, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Xul Solar, Museo Municipal de Arte Moderno, Mendoza, Argentina
- 1998** Xul Solar: Works 1916-1963, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Xul Solar, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1990** Alejandro Xul Solar: 1887-1963, Uruguay, Museo de Arte Americano de Maldonado, Maldonado, Uruguay
- 1967** Xul Solar: Obras 1915-1962, Museo Provincial de Bellas Artes Rosa Galisteo de Rodríguez, Santa Fe, Argentina
- 1963** Homenaje a Xul Solar, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2024** Playing with closed eyes, 100 years of surrealism, Galería RGR, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2014** Global Positioning Systems, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, USA
- 2012** Surrealismo: Vasos comunicantes, Museo Nacional de Arte, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2010** Latin American Art from the Collection of Pearl and Stanley Goodman, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, USA
- 2008** New Perspectives on Latin American Art 1930-2006: Selection from a Decade of Acquisitions, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 2006** De lo Espiritual en el Arte, Museo de Arte Moderno de Medellín, Medellin, Colombia
- 2007** 85 años: Muestra Aniversario 1922-2007, Museo Provincial de Bellas Artes Emilio Pettoruti, La Plata, Argentina
- 2003** Paradise Lost?: Aspects of Landscape in Latin American Art, editado por Denise M. Gerson, The Lowe Art Museum, Miami, USA
- 1996** Latin Viewpoints: into the Mainstream, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, USA
- 1992** Surrealismo Nuevo Mundo, Biblioteca Nacional, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1987** Art of The Fantastic Latin America 1920-1987, Museum of Art, Indianapolis, USA; The Queens Museum, New York, USA; Center for the Fine Arts, Miami, USA
- 1963** L'art Argentine Actuel, Musée Nationale d'Art Moderne, Paris, France
- 1961** Arte Argentina Contemporânea, Museu de Arte Moderna do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1954** Primera Exposición de Arte Sacro Moderno, Museo Histórico de la Iglesia en la Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1953** Exposición de la Pintura y la Escultura Argentina de este Siglo, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1926** Exposición de Pintores Modernos, Amigos del Arte, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1924** Exposition d'Art Américain-Latin, Musée Galliéra, Paris, France