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Education (Carla Arocha)

1994 MFA, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

1991 BFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1986 BS, St. Xavier University, Chicago, IL

Education (Stéphane Schraenen)

1996 MFA, Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp, BE

1992 BA, Higher Institute for Communication Management of the Province of Antwerp, Antwerp, BE

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2026 *Segue*, Marnix Gallery at ING Belgium, Brussels, Belgium
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen – 20 Years and More: Works from the Collection, Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst Antwerpen, Antwerp, BE
Spinning Rumours, Galería Fermay, Palma de Mallorca, SP

2025 *Shadows Know*, Jason Haam, Seoul, ROK

2024 *99-24*, Galerie Parisa Kind, Frankfurt, GE

2023 *Interstice*, Ballroom Gallery Brussels, Brussels, BE

2022 *Floop*, Galería Fermay, Palma, ES
Unvollendet, Galerie Parisa Kind, Frankfurt, DE

2020 *City Scape*, production design for Hantrax, Artefact, Brussels, BE

2019 *Look Out*, Galería Maior, Pollença, ES
The Aftermath, Gallery of Fine Arts, Split, HR

2018 *Tickle*, The Suburban, Milwaukee, WI
Walk the Line, Galería Maior, Pollença, ES

2017 *Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen + Markus Döbeli: Restlessness*, Galerie Isabella

Czarnowska, Berlin, DE
Marauding in Molenbeek, Kusseneers Gallery, Brussels, BE
A Studio Visit, CASSTL, Antwerp, BE

- 2016 *Concrete*, Parasol Unit Foundation for Contemporary Art, London, UK
Angelehnt: Arbeiten von Antonio Calderara + Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, KUNSTPARTERRE, Munich, DE
- 2015 *Landscape: An exhibition by Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen*, Sala Juárez, Guadalajara, MX
In a Rhythmic Fashion, Gliptoteka HAZU, Zagreb, HR; Hap Gallery, Portland, OR
DOT, 120 Minutes, Art Brussels, Brussels, BE
In a Rhythmic Fashion, HAP Gallery, Portland, OR
Trace, Galerie Isabella Czarnowska, Berlin, DE
Landscape + Spacing: Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, Piotr Tolmachov, Pulsar, Antwerp, BE
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, Pinta Miami, Miami, FL
- 2014 *Persiana: Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen*, Cultuurcentrum Mechelen, Mechelen, BE
- 2013 *Sunday*, Wako Works of Art, Tokyo, JP
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen: What Now?, Galerie Isabella Czarnowska, Berlin, DE
Click, KaBe Contemporary, Miami, FL
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, Alex & Ed Studio, Antwerp, BE
- 2012 *Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen: After*, Centro de Arte Caja de Burgos, Burgos, ES
The Discrepancy Between the Pale and the Dark Zone, Ganes Pratt MALA Galerija, Ljubljana, SI
Caraota von Moules, (with Arturo Herrera) Künstlerhaus Bethaniën, Berlin, DE
Looking for Clues, Ild los angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 *Framed, Vaast Colson: Screwed*, BeLa Editions Gallery, Brussels, BE
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen + Peter Pilotto, Circa Tabac at the Wallace Collection, London, UK
Five Colors, Edition Copenhagen, Copenhagen, DK
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, Cabin, Antwerp, BE
- 2010 *Sequence #4*, Koraalberg, Antwerp, BE
As If, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
Undertow, KaBe Contemporary, Miami, FL
- 2009 Art Brussels, represented by Koraalberg, Brussels, BE
Gloria, Vegas Gallery, London, UK
- 2008 *If Only*, André Schlechtriem Temporary, New York, NY
The Man You Love to Hate, Koraalberg, Antwerp, BE
Hier Waak Ik, Peiférico Caracas | Arte Contemporáneo Caracas, Caracas, VE
- 2007 *Marauders*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL; Schlechtriem Brothers, Berlin, DE
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, André Schlechtriem Temporary, New York, NY

Fire Walk With Me: Sigg, Arocha & Schraenen, PETRA, Mexico City, MX; *Koraalberg*, Antwerp, BE

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 *Luc Tuymans: All Around*, Kunstparterre, Munich, DE (*Upcoming*)
B-Sides, TICKTACK Gallery, Antwerp, BE (*Upcoming*)
Uni, Annie Gentils Gallery Antwerp, BE
Needs of the Soul, Dorotheum, Brussels, BE
- 2025 *25!*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
Nine New Works, BURO_ASAP, Antwerp
Hors Cadre (Out of Frame): Works from the FRAC Auvergne at Crozatier Museum, Crozatier Museum, Le Puy-en-Velay
- 2024 *Jef Verheyen. Window on Infinity*, KMSKA, Antwerp
Fairy Tales, Galería Fermay, Palma, ES
The Casa Lina Connection, Aaimachine, Antwerp
2024 Busan Biennale: Seeing In The Dark, Busan Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA), Busan, KR
- 2023 *Instroom Academy X Rubenshuis*, Rubenshuis, Antwerp, BE
Ballroom Project 2023, Galería Fermay, Antwerp, BE
- 2022 *Here We Go*, Galería Fermay, Palma, SP
- 2021 *Everything Is Illuminated. Filip Collin, Carl Krasberg, Carla Arocha - Stéphane Schraenen*, Zeit, Antwerp, BE
Een Blik de Muur, Blikfabriek, Antwerp, BE
Watou 21, Kunstenfestival Watou, Poperinge, BE
- 2020 *TOGETHER*, curated by Philip Huyghe, Tom Sanders, Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, Marijke De Roover, Stef Van Looveren, MuHKA Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst Antwerpen, Antwerp, BE
- 2019 *2014-2019*, Espacio Monitor, Caracas, VE
Ik Zie Ik Zie Wat Jij Niet Ziet, PXL-MAD School of Arts; De Serre Hasselt, Hasselt, BE
Affiniteiten#2 with Carla Arocha + Luc Tuymans // Lucia Bru & Angel Vergara, LLS Paleis, Antwerp, BE
Nick Lodgers: Uit Beleefdheid, MuHKA Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst Antwerpen, Antwerp, BE
Condo Shanghai 2019, Vacany Gallery, Shanghai, CN
Topian Gardens, Ild los angeles, Los Angeles, CA
XIV Bienal de Cuenca: Estructuras vivientes. El arte como experiencia plural, Cuenca, EC
Kunst in Puurs-Sint-Amands, CC Binder, Puurs-Sint-Amands, BE
- 2018 *XIV Bienal de Cuenca*, Cuenca, EC
C2H6O, curated by Carla Arocha and Stéphane Schraenen, Pulsar, Antwerp, BE
Club Conscious, Observatorium, Antwerp, BE
"20 Years NICC—Jubilee" A4 Works, New International Cultural Center, Antwerp, BE

The Gathering, Panthera Today, Brussels, BE
A Whole Variety, LWM18, Antwerp, BE
Sanguine: Luc Tuymans on Baroque, MuHKA Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Antwerp, BE;
Fondazione Prada, Milan, IT
Eclectic, Galería Maior, Pollença, ES

- 2017 *Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen*, Komono, Antwerp, BE
Pulsar #1: edition, Pulsar, Antwerp, BE
Infiniteflowersplusone #3, PLUS-ONE Gallery, Antwerp, BE
Manoeuvres, Campus Coppens, Braschaat, BE
9ème Biennale de Louvain-La-Neuve, "OH LES BEAUX JOURS," Louvain-La-Neuve ABC Klubhuis, Antwerp, BE
- 2016 *Lógica difusa*, Centro de Arte Los Galpones, Caracas, VE
Hollandaise, New Art Projects (in association with Dutch Embassy), London, UK
Wake Up and Dream, ETAGE 22, Antwerp, BE
Mixed Emotions, Antwerp Tower, Antwerp, BE
Untitled Booth D5, curated by Carla Arocha and Stéphane Schraenen, KaBe Contemporary, Miami, FL
Flujo Disperso / Blurry Flux. *Carla Arocha and Stéphane Schraenen Colección Mercantil*, curated by Carla Arocha and Stéphane Schraenen, Espacio Mercantil, Caracas, VE
- 2015 *Landscape*, Café Benito / Sala Juárez, Guadalajara, MX
A Belgian Politician, Marion De Cannière, Antwerp, BE
International Laundry 2, Galerie Parisa Kind, Frankfurt, DE
My Lonely Days Are Gone / Part 2, Arratia Beer, Berlin, DE
Recent Acquisitions, MuHKA Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Antwerp, BE
- 2014 *En blanco y negro*, KaBe Contemporary, Miami, FL
How Six Men Got on in the World, Fresh Eggs Gallery, Berlin, DE
Contra/señas de los 90, Fundación Sala Mendoza, Caracas, VE
Limited Visibility, Contemporary Art Museum of Raleigh, Raleigh, NC
Threshold, curated by Carla Arocha and Stéphane Schraenen, Cultuurcentrum Mechelen, BE
- 2013 *Lo parcial como significativo. Colección Caja de Burgos-CaixaBank*, El Centro de Arte Alcobendas, Madrid, ES
Place Is the Space: A Building, A Decade, An Exhibition, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
Museum to Scale 1/7, Koninklijke Musea voor Schone Kunsten, Brussels, BE; Baker Museum, Naples, IT; Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, NL; Fondazione Ghisla, Locarno, CH; Universiteit Antwerp, Antwerp, BE
Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen, Louis Lawler, Markus Döbeli, Galerie Isabella Czarnowska, Berlin, DE
- 2012 *Spectral Metropole*, Vžigalica Gallery, Ljubljana City Museum, Ljubljana, SI
Bus-Tops, 2012 Summer Olympics, London, UK
- 2011 *Artefact festival voor kunst en media: Yoha*, STUK Kunstencentrum, Leuven, BE
Antwerp Visits Portland: You'll Never Walk Alone, Worksound, Portland, OR

- 2010 *POP-ART/NICC Scheld'apen*, New International Cultural Center, Antwerp, BE
Nieuwe Kunst uit België / Art Nouveau de la Belgique, Galerie Nagel Draxler, Antwerp, BE;
 Galerie Nagel Draxler, Cologne, DE; Galerie Nagel Draxler, Berlin, DE; Kunsthaus Lempertz,
 Berlin, DE
The Raw and the Cooked, Anna Kustera Gallery, New York, NY
Error #17 Into the Light, KMSK Koninklijk Museum van Schone Kunsten, organized by ERROR
 ONE, Antwerp, BE
- 2009 *5x5 Castelló 09*, Espai d'Art Contemporani de Castelló, Castellón de la Plana, ES
The State of Things: Brussels-Beijing, BOZAR—Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, BE; National Art
 Museum of China, Beijing, CN
Setting the Pattern, Koraalberg, Antwerp, BE

Grants & Fellowships

- 2009 Selected by Cristina Iglesias, Jeff Wall, Daniel Buren, Michelangelo Pistoletto and Luc Tuymans
- 1996 Illinois Arts Council Completion Grant
- 1995 Rockefeller Foundation Emerging Artists Travel Grant

Awards and Residencies

- 2009 *5x5 Castello 09 Contemporary Art Prize Nomination*, Espai d'Art Contemporani de Castelló,
 Castellón de la Plana, ES
- 1994 The Jessica Holt Studio Arts Award

Bibliography

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- 2025 Vanderlinden, Barbara. *Carla Arocha and Stéphane Schraenen: Monograph as Project*, December
- 2020 Van Beek, Josephine. "And Then the Ceiling Collapsed," *De Standaard*. August 24
- 2018 Das, Jareh. "Luc Tuymans Grapples with the Baroque as Curator," *Cultured Mag*
 Farago, Jason. "High Drama and Contrast Set to Smashed Time," *The New York Times*. July 24
- 2013 Rossi, Rosalind. "Straphanger art: Perusing the CTA Collection," *Chicago Sun-Times*. June 12
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 "Caraota of Moules': *Carla Arocha, Stephane Schraenen, Arturi Herrera*," *Monopol*. July
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- 2010 Weinberg, Lauren. "Use Your Illusion," Time Out Chicago. Issue 295: October 21–27
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- 2009 Benko, Susanna. "Carla Arocha and Stephane Schraenen Pereferico Caracas," ArtNexus. Issue 73
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 2008 Pratt, Ken. "Carla Arocha & Stephane Schraenen: Depth of Focus," Wound Magazine. Summer
 De Baets, Isabelle. "Circa Tabac' van Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen," OKV. N° 6, December-January
 De Jonge, Stéphanie. "Voor de galerie: Carla Arocha, tevens mevrouw Luc Tuymans," Humo. N° 3543/31, July 29, p. 126-129
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 2006 Tuymans, Luc. "Artist's Artists," ArtForum. December, p. 119
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- 1998 Hofmann, Irene. "Carla Arocha: Somewhere," Cranbrook Art Museum. Michigan
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September
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Selected Collections

American Express, New York, NY
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Benedictine University, Chicago, IL
British Airways Collection, O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL
CAB De Burgos, Burgos, ES

C.I.F.O., Miami, FL
Chicago Transit Authority, Howard Station, Chicago, IL
F.R.A.C. Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, FR
F.R.A.C. Bourgogne, Dijon, FR
Fundación Banco Mercantil, Caracas, VE
MCA, Chicago, IL
MOMA, New York, NY
MUHKA, Antwerp, BE
Nationale Bank Van België, Brussels, BE
Nature Park Tekbroek, Puurs-Sint-Amands, BE
Stiftung Kunsthalle Bern, Bern, CH
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN