

## Mateo Ruiz González

### Bio

Mateo Ruiz Gonzalez is a lens-based artist from Bogotá, Colombia, currently based in Brooklyn, New York. He holds a B.F.A. in Fine Arts from the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina. Through an exploration of cultural beliefs—both fact and myth—his practice, often divided between personal and documentary work, examines human behavior and its emotional connection to a specific place or the idea of one, as well as how time continuously reshapes the relationship between the two.

Mateo was recently selected to participate in the 2025 Trespasser Workshop in Marfa, Texas, taking place in early summer, and received a merit-based scholarship to join the ICP Creative Practices one-year program starting this fall. He will also be an artist-in-residence at the Elf School of Arts in North Carolina next September. In 2024, Mateo was named the Magnum Foundation NYC Work-Study Fellow and received the Creators Lab Photo Fund grant, organized by Aperture and Google. He was awarded a merit-based scholarship from the Penumbra Foundation to attend their Long-Term Program. In 2023, he completed an artist residency at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, New York, was a fellow of the En Foco Inc Fellowship Program, and earned a special mention in the Silver Eye Center Fellowship.

Mateo's 2021 project, *Chilluns' Croon*, earned several honors including recognition from the Aperture Portfolio Prize, OD Photo Prize, Verzasca Foto Festival, NYFA Fellowship Program, Photo Collective Australia International Prize, Urbanautica Institute Awards, and The British Journal of Photography. In 2021, he was a City Artist Corps grantee for NYFA and an artist-in-residence at Eyes on Main Street in North Carolina. In 2020 he was invited as a grantee to participate in the COVID-19 Writers Project (C19WP), an initiative by The Pulitzer Center and National Geographic. Some of this work was also featured in *2020: A Year in Photos* by The Pulitzer Center and included in *Inside the Curve*, a traveling exhibition by National Geographic.

## EDUCATION

- 2014 • Graphic Design Portfolio Development Program, Shillington School, New York, NY, US
- 2012 • B.F.A Graphic Design, Universidad de Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2011 • B.F.A Fine Arts at UBA, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

## ACADEMIA

- 2025 • Merit Scholarship, ICP Creative Practices One Year Program, New York, NY, US (*upcoming*)
- 2025 • Photobook Workshop, Trespasser, Marfa, TX, US (*upcoming*)
- 2024 • Merit Scholarship, LTP: The Photobook, Penumbra Foundation, New York, NY, US

## RESIDENCIES & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 • Elf School of the Arts Artist in Residency, Hayesville, NC, United States (*upcoming*)
- 2024 • Magnum Foundation NYC Fellowship fall 2024. New York, NY, United States
- 2023 • Yadoo artist in residency, Saratoga Springs, NY, United States
- En Foco Fellowship, New York, NY, United States
- 2021 • Eyes on Main Street, photography residency. Wilson, NC, United States

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2024 • Aperture & Google Creators Lab Photo Fund 2024. New York, NY. United States
- 2022 • Open Doors Gallery Prize. London, United Kingdom
- Verzasca Photo Festival. Verzasca, Switzerland
- Photo Collective, STORIES international prize. Melbourne, Australia
- Portrait of Humanity by The BJOP single image prize. London, United Kingdom
- 2021 • New York Foundation of the Arts, City Artist Corps Grant. New York, NY, United States
- Urbanautica Institute Awards. Asolo, Italy
- Decade of Change by The BJOP single image prize. London, United Kingdom
- 2020 • Pulitzer Center and NatGeo grantee for the BK Reader. Brooklyn, NY, United States

## HONORS

- 2023 • Photolucida Critical Mass merit-based scholarship
- Belfast Photo Festival shortlisted
- Booooooom Photo Awards shortlisted
- Silver Eye Fellowship special mention

- 2022** • Aperture Portfolio Prize finalist
- NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellowship Program finalist
- Palm Photo Prize shortlisted
- Film Photo Award, Visionary Project Award finalist
- 2020** • Work selected for “2020: A Year In Photos” by Pulitzer Center
- “America then and now: Shoot the Sequel” by The British Journal of Photography shortlisted

#### PERMANENT COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

- 2024** • *H.S.M.A* artist catalog at Magnum Foundation book collection, New York, New York, US
- 2023** • *Chilluns' Croon* portfolio at Utah State University, Department of Arts & Design, Logan UT, US
- 2022** • *Piedra Caliza*, Digital archive *Ways of Living* by Then There Was Us. London, United Kingdom

#### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & LECTURES

- 2025** • *H.S.M.A* lecture at Magnum Foundation (2024 NYC). New York, New York, US
- 2024** • *A Tapestry of Aliveness* - Magnum Foundation fellow group exhibition. New York, New York, US
- *What We Do Is Secret*, solo exhibition at Depot NYC. Brooklyn, New York, US
- *Chilluns' Croon*, Time by Pellicola Magazine, group exhibition. Milan, Italy
- *Chilluns' Croon*, Photolucida Critical Mass finalist group exhibition. Colorado, US
- 2023** • *Chilluns' Croon*, En Foco Fellowship 2023 group exhibition. New York, NY, US
- 2022** • *Chilluns' Croon*, OD Photo Prize, group exhibition. London, United Kingdom
- *Chilluns' Croon*, Lecture at Verzasca Foto Festival. Sonogno Switzerland
- *Chilluns' Croon*, Lecture at Photo Collective Aus. Melbourne, Australia
- Palm Photo Prize, group exhibition. London, United Kingdom
- Look Climate Lab, group exhibition. Liverpool, United Kingdom
- Decade of Change by BJP, exhibition. New York, US
- 2020** • Inside The Curve, National Geographic traveling exhibition at United Nations

#### OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- 2023** • Fresh Eyes, Haute Photographie, The Netherlands
- 2022** • Eyes on Main street photo festival 2022 - North Carolina, United States
- Pingyao International Photography Festival - Pingyao, China
- Portrait of Humanity by The BJOP - Photo Australia 2022. Melbourne, Australia
- 2021** • Decade of Change by TBOP - Museum of Climate Change. Hong Kong, China
- 2020** • The Road by Float Magazine - JKC Gallery, Trenton, New Jersey, United States
- Domestica by Antics Publications - Kinfok, New York, NY, United States

## IN PRINT

- 2024** • *An Exaltation of Larks* photobook maquette for LTP: The Photobook with Penumbra Foundation
- Pellicola Magazine, Italy
- AND 2023 by And then there was us, United Kingdom
- 2023** • Fresh Eyes by GUP, The Netherlands
- Nueva Luz photographic journal, United States
- 2022** • Photo Collective Magazine Issue 3, Australia
- Portrait of Humanity Vol 4, The British Journal of Photography, United Kingdom
- Urbanautica Institute Awards Catalog 2021, Italy
- 2021** • Chalk Talk, Vol 1, Antics Publications, Colombia / United States
- 2019** • The Journal of Grievances Vol 1, Antics Publications, United States / Colombia
- 2018** • Domestica by Antics Publications, United States / Colombia
- 2017** • Blow-Up Photo Vol 3, Australia
- 2016** • Blow-Up Photo Vol 2, Australia

## SELECTED FEATURES

Safelight Paper, Palm Studios, Booooooom Magazine, WÜL Magazine, Yogurt Magazine, GUP Magazine, Fractions Magazine, Float Magazine, Conceptual Projects, MPB, Nowhere Diary, British Journal of Photography, Pulitzer Center, Aint-Bad