

## **José Ramón Villa Soberón / Curriculum Vitae**

Santiago de Cuba, 1950

1971 Secondary studies at the National School of Arts, Havana, Cuba.

1976 University studies at the Academy of Arts, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

### **Awards**

**1976** Award at the National Sculpture Exhibition, Cuba.

**1976** Award at the Creators Art Exhibition, Cuba.

**1978** Award at the Contest for the *Monument for the Militia School*, Matanzas, Cuba.

**1981** Award at the Contest Monument to CHE at the Palace of Pioneers, Cuba.

**1983** Award at the Symposium of Sculpture *Forma, Sol y Mar*, Varadero, Cuba.

**1984** First Award at the Contest for the Plaza Mariana Grajales, Guantánamo, Cuba.

**1996** III Award at the II Triennial of Sculpture, Chaco, Argentina.

**1998** Finalist at the Contest on the Centennial of Michelin, Paris, France.

**1998** Award at the Contest *Monument to the Victims of the concentration during the Independence War*, Havana, Cuba.

**2000** Award at the Contest Homage to John Lennon, Havana, Cuba.

**2002** Award at the Contest of the Financial Bank, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.

**2002** Invited to participate on the Convenio Andrés Bello project's *Diez Escultores (10 sculpturs)*, with the work *El Intruso, (The Intruder)* 30 x 20 x 4 cm, bronze.

### **Other information of interest**

Professor of sculpture at the Higher Institute of Art (Instituto Superior de Arte, ISA) since 1976 and Dean of its Faculty of Art from 1986 to 1990.

Member of the National Union of Writers and Artists (UNEAC) since 1982 and President of the National Association of Art since 1993

Member of the Advisors' Council for the Development of Monumental and Environmental Sculpture (CODEMA).

Member of the International Association of Artists. (AIAP)

Several of his sculptures in small format are part of collections in Cuba, Spain, United States, Germany, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Egypt, Russia, France, Costa Rica, Argentina and México.

He has been a lecturer in Cuba and in several other countries.

### **Participation at Symposium of Sculpture**

- International Symposium of Monumental Sculpture *Variación Múltiple*, Alajuela, Costa Rica. Polychromatic Steel. Dim. 3.80 x 0.9 x 0.9 m. 2004
- International Symposium of Monumental Sculpture, *La Cruz Andina*, (Andean Cross) El Alto, Bolivia. Steel. Dim 3.80 x 2.00 x 0.90 m. 2004
- International Symposium of Sculpture, Chetumal, México. Steel. Dim 1.6 x 1.6 x 4.0m.
- III International Symposium *Ciudad Empresarial*, Santiago de Chile, Chile. Granite. Dim. 1.3 x 1.1 x 1.7 m. 2003
- I International Symposium of Sculpture, Museo de las Artes, Guadalajara, México. Iron. Dim 0.90 x 0.90 x 3.50 m, 2002
- I International Symposium of Sculpture, *Islas Mujeres*, México. Iron. Dim 1.10 x 0.90 x 3.0 m, 2001
- I International Symposium of Sculpture, Weissenfel, Germany. Stone. Dim 0.60 x 0.90 x 4.0 m 2000.
- International Symposium of Sculpture at Valencia, Spain. Marble. Dim 2,5 x 0,5 x 1,5 m. 2000
- International Symposium of Sculpture *CODEMA 2000*, Havana, Cuba. Stainless steel Dim 1,0 x 0,3 x 3,0 m. 2000
- IX International Symposium of Sculpture, Tultepec, México. Stainless steel. Dim 0.6 x 0.4 x 2.5 m. 2000.
- IV Symposium *Forma, Sol y Cayo*, Cayo Largo, Cuba. Grey marble. Dim. 0.8 x 0.8 x 2.0m, 1999.
- II International Symposium of Sculpture, Granby, Canada. Concrete and steel. Dim. 1.2 x 0.8 x 3.0m, 1998.
- I Symposium of Sculpture, Ecatepec, México. Stainless Steel. Dim 1.5 x 0.8 x 10.0 m, 1998.
- I Symposium of Sculpture in Stainless Steel, Brazil. Dim 0.8 x 0.5 x 3.0 m, 1998.

- I Symposium of Sculpture *Zacatecas 450 years*, Zacatecas, México. Quarry blocks. Dim 0.7 x 0.4 x 2.5 m, 1998.
- VII Symposium of Sculpture in Stainless Steel, Tultepec, México. Dim 0.9 x 0.4 x 3.0m, 1998.
- Symposium of Sculpture *Festival of Arts*, San José, Costa Rica. Concrete and Iron. Dim 0.9 x 0.4 x 3.5 m, 1998.
- Symposium of Sculpture *Forma Viva*, Portoroz, Eslovenia. Istrian Marble. Dim 0.8 x 1.2 x 3.0 m.1997
- Great Honour Award, Chaco, Argentina. Marble and Iron. Dim 0.9 x 1.5 x 3.0m.1997.
- II Symposium of Sculpture in Wood, Valdivia, Chile. Dim 0.5 x 0.4 x 1.8m. 1997.
- I Symposium of Sculpture, Los Colomos Park, Guadalajara, México. Concrete. Dim 0.8 x 0.8 x 4.0 m, 1996
- II Triennial of American Sculpture Chaco, Argentina. Travertine marble Dim 0.4 x 0.6 x 1.8m, 1996.
- V Symposium of Sculpture in Stainless Steel, Tultepec, México. Dim 0.4 x 0.8 x 2.6 m, 1996.
- Symposium of Sculpture in Wood, Alajuela, Costa Rica. Wood .Dim 0.4 x 0.6 x 1.8m, 1996.
- IV Symposium of sculpture in Stainless Steel, Tultepec, México. Dim 1.2 x 0.4 x 4.0m, 1995.
- Symposium of Sculpture at the Museum of Fine Arts, Santiago de Chile, Granite and Steel. Dim 0.8 x 1.2 x 0.6 m. 1992.
- I International Symposium of Sculpture *Forma, Sol y Mar*, Varadero, Cuba. Jaimanita rock. Dim. 2.0 x 2.0 x 6.0 m. 1983.

### Placed Monumental Sculptures

- Sculpture of the Cuban musician *Benny Moré*, Paseo del Prado, Cienfuegos, Cuba. Bronze. Life-size. 2004.
- Sculpture S/T. Museum *Servando Cabrera*, Villa Lita, Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba. Steel. Dim 2.60 x 1.00 x 0.90 m, 2004.
- Sculpture *Canopus y Sirios*. Hotel Barceló Cayo Largo Beach Resort, Cuba. Stainless steel. Dim 2,4 x 1,9 x 7,0 m y 2,4 x 1,9 x 6,5 m. 2004
- Sculptural set *Quilla*. Hotel Barceló, Cayo Largo Beach Resort, Cuba. Stainless Steel The set is formed by rails and lamps, placed at the lobby. 2004.
- Sculpture *Ernest Hemingway*, Floridita Restaurant, Havana, Cuba. Bronze. Life-size. 2003.
- Sculpture *Chip*, University of the Future, Havana, Cuba. Steel. Dim 4.0 x 0.4 x 6.0 m. 2003
- Sculpture *Mother Teresa of Calcuta*, San Francisco de Asís Convent, Havana, Cuba. Bronze. Life-size. 2003.
- Sculpture *Muralla Santiago*, Banco Financiero Internacional, Santiago de Cuba. Cuba. Grey marble. Dim 0.8 x 3.0 x 1.60 m. 2003.
- Monument to Martí, *Preso 113*. Fragua Martiana, Havana, Cuba. Bronze. Life-size. 2003
- Sculpture *Bench*, Hotel Panorama, Havana, Cuba. Black marble. Dim. 0.60 X 4.0 x 0.80 m.2002
- Sculpture *John Lennon II*, Florida, United States of America. Bronze. Life-size. 2002.
- Homage to *Caballero de Paris*, Havana, Cuba. Bronze. Life-size. 2001
- Homage to *Tin Tan*, Ciudad Juárez, México. Bronze. Life-size. 2001
- Sculpture *Columna infinita*, Ciudad Juárez, México. Polychromated Steel and scrap iron. Dim 2.0 x 0.60 x 8.0 m. 2001
- Sculpture *Palma Real*, Ciudad Juárez, México. Polychromic Steel. Dim 2.20 x 2.0 x 10 m. 2001
- Relief *Velas*, La Puntilla Commercial Centre, Havana, Cuba. Stainless Steel. Dim 5.0 x 0.4 x 20.0 m. 2001
- Homage to John Lennon, Havana, Cuba. Bronze. Dim 2.0 x 1.0 x 1.60 m (Life-size). 2000.
- Sculpture *Ola*, Faro, Portugal. Rose marble. Dim 3.0 x 1.20 x 2.0 m. 2000
- Sculpture *Espiga*, Evora, Portugal. White marble. Dim 0.90 x 0.60 x 2.20 m. 2000
- Sculpture *Árbol*, Cabaret Tropicana, Cuba. Stainless Steel. Dim 2,60 x 0.30 x 2,0 m. 2000
- Sculpture *Fragmento de Muralla*, Banco Financiero Internacional, Havana, Cuba. Black marble. Dim: 0.4 x 1.75 x 0.6 m, 2000.
- Sculpture *Torre*, Santa María del Mar, Havana, Cuba. Cream and black marble. Dim. 0.6 x 0.4 x 2.5 m, 1998.
- Sculpture *N/T*, Hospital Julio Diaz, Havana. Polychromatic steel. Dim: 0.8 x 0.8 x 2.0m, 1997.
- Sculpture *Homage to Wifredo Lam*, Campus of the University of Valencia, Spain. Marble and steel. Dim 2.8 x 0.6 x 2.8 m, 1993.

- Sculptoric Fountain, Villa Panamericana's Rotunda, Havana. Steel and Stone. Dim 4.5 x 3.2 x 8.0m. 1991.
- Sculpture *Triángulo II*, Hospital Provincial, Santiago de Cuba, Steel. Dim 1.8 x 0.6 x 0.4m. 1988.
- Sculpture N/T, Sanatorium at Topes de Collantes, Villa Clara, Cuba. Polychromatic Steel. Dim 0.8 x 2.0 x 1.7m, 1987.
- *Monument to José Martí*, Madrid, España. Green marble and Stainless steel. Dim 2.4 x 0.8 x 5.0 m, 1986.
- Sculptoric relief *Banderas*, Hospital Lenin, Holguín, Cuba. Copper. Dim 4.6 x 3.2m, 1986.
- Sculpture *El Abra*, Playa Jibacoa, La Habana. Concrete. Dim 4.0 x 0.6 x 7.0 m, 1985.
- Sculptoric Ensemble at Plaza Mariana Grajales, Guantánamo, Cuba. Concrete. Dim 8.0 x 30.0 x 12.0m, 1985.
- Sculpture *Encuentro*, Matanzas, Polychromatic Steel. Dim 2.5 x 3.5 x 3.0m, 1984.
- Ché Guevara's Sculpture at Central Palace of Pioneers, Havana, Stainless Steel. Dim 3.0 x 3.0 x 2.8 m, 1982.
- *Mausoleum Martyrs of the 13th of March*, Columbus Cemetery, Havana, Stainless Steel. Dim 1.5 x 3.5 x 1.5 m, 1982.

### Recent Collective Exhibits

- 7 EX (Gallery 23 y 12). Two sculptures of small size: *El intruso (The Intruder)*, 35 x 30 x 12 cm, metal and marble and *La Cuña (The wedge)*, 40 x 20 x 12 cm, metal and wood. Gallery 23 y 12, La Habana, Cuba. 2004
- Exhibit *Abstract May. No title*, Contemporary Art Center Wifredo Lam, La Habana, Cuba. Steel. Dim 2.00 x 0.90 x 0.70 m, 2004
- Exhibit *The small great sculpture, Resting (Descanso)*. National Museum of Fine Arts. Cuba. Steel. Dim 1 x 0.35 x 0.60 m, 2002.
- Exhibit *The Museum grows. The Key at the Lock*, National Museum of Fine Arts, La Habana, Cuba. Stainless steel. Dim 1, 0 x 0, 3 x 3, 0 m. 2001.