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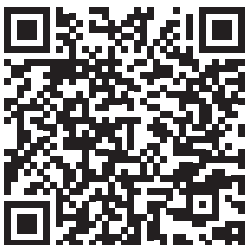
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Overview & Biography

Casto Solano is an award winning sculptural and structural artist, native of the Basque Country in northern Spain. Dedicated to public spaces, with an outstanding international reputation for quality and a unique creative vision, over the last thirty years he has produced artworks for richly diverse environments and communities around the world, and is a leading figure in his field.

He works in high-grade, permanent and sustainable materials, fusing traditional techniques and the latest technology to create luminous and visually iconic artworks, which actively invite interaction and participation from the general public. Casto's design philosophy is to create artworks that connect us through our shared space and culture. A key part of this is keeping visual and physical transits open for exploration. As he explains: *"... a good artwork must draw people to it, not just locally, but from far and wide. It must create a community space and a natural gathering point that simultaneously refocuses our attention out into the surrounding area, the heritage, amenities and ecosystems that compose it."*

Whether for exterior or interior spaces, Casto's sculptures are designed and fabricated for longevity and durability, projected in terms of generations rather than decades. This for Casto determines the true value of a public artwork to its community and environment; an installation that will age with grace and form an organic part of its surrounds, without depending on systems prone to degradation and obsolescence, or impractical maintenance routines. His oeuvre is art truly made to last, and hence, each of his signature artworks remains in place, welcoming visitors new and old, to this day.

The quality and flair of his work has led to international recognition, awards for his services to the public realm, and a series of commissions that are as diverse as the spaces for which they have been created. Current and past projects include artworks installed across the globe, from the Pacific Northwest in Vancouver BC, to the heart of Dallas Texas; from lake country in Saint Joseph Michigan, to the tropical coasts of Sarasota Florida; from Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland to France's wild Atlantic coast. Each created with deep-felt love for the themes of community, ecology, technology and discovery that constitute the living heart of Casto's work.

Since 2012 Casto has built a small and dedicated studio around his practice. This multilingual team collaborates with Casto on each and every project, working with cutting-edge 3D modelling techniques, design tools, research, and development. This capacity is somewhat unique for an independent artist, and allows Casto to dedicate his time to creating and sculpting his artworks, whilst the studio oversees the professional management and coordination of the project, all the way from preliminary design through to the installation of the artwork in the space and the handover to its owners.

Casto's CV and portfolio contain a comprehensive overview of his work, which can be explored further at his website: www.castosolano.com

We are always delighted to receive questions and supply additional info about Casto, his approach and his artworks. You can get in touch with Adam, Casto's studio assistant, at:

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Professional Education

School of Industrial and Electronic Design: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

School of Fine Arts, Design, Sculpture & Painting: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain.

Currently & Recently Shortlisted

* **Finalist:** MCity Block 9 Park Public Art – Mississauga, Canada. * **Finalist:** Carmel High School Roundabout Sculpture – Carmel, Indiana, USA. * **Finalist:** Walker Johnston Park Creek Access Public Artwork – Urbandale, Iowa, USA. * **Finalist:** Fire Station 21 Public Art Commission – Kirkland, Washington, USA. * **Finalist:** Bicentennial Park Artwork – Macon, Georgia, USA.

Awards, Prizes & Forthcoming Installations

* **Moda Hove Central "The Gateways" Art Commission**, Hove, UK. * **Louisiana State University, Art Corridor Artworks**, Baton Rouge, USA. * **N81 Knockroe Bends Art Commission**, County Wicklow, Ireland. * **60th Anniversary Public Art Project**, Coral Springs, Florida, USA. * **10th Street & US 41 Roundabout Landmark Commission**, City of Sarasota, Florida * **Fraser Heights Art Commission**; Surrey, British Columbia, Canada * **Maclovio Barraza Memorial Art Commission**; Tucson, Arizona, USA * **Award of Excellence**; awarded by the District of North Vancouver's Advisory Design Panel for collaboration on the Edgemont Commons Project * **Gold Medal**; 30th Anniversary International Art Salon; Vittel, France * **Special Exhibition Project: Art Monaco** * **Public and Artist's Prize:** ArtVittel, France * **Jury's Special Mention Prize:** Florence Biennale, Italy * **Silver Medal:** Grand Palais, SNBA, Paris, France.

Commissions Awarded & Installed Artworks

* **2023:** THE JACKSONVILLE JAGUAR: Miller Electric Center, Jacksonville, Florida. * **2023:** THE BAOBAB – HOME, STORY & SURVIVAL ON THE SAVANNAH: Oklahoma City Zoological Gardens, Oklahoma City, USA. * **2022:** THE WHALEBONE ARCH: Edward Street Quarter Entryway, Brighton, U.K. * **2022:** THE GIANT - THE PROTECTOR AT THE LOUGH: Antrim Lough Shore Park, Antrim, Northern Ireland * **2021:** AMALUR CHILD - BETWEEN THE SAND AND THE SEA: Rond Pont du Bois de Rome, La Teste-de-Buch, France * **2020:** WE ARE MUSIC & MUSIC IS US: Kiest Park, Dallas, Texas, USA * **2019:** CONNECTION: Lakeland Health Medical Pavilion, St Joseph, USA / EQUILIBRIUM: Santa Barbara Plaza, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain. * **2017:** 11,450 CHILDREN: Père Lachaise Cemetery, Paris, France / THE AUREATE SPRUCE: Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada / TOGETHERNESS: Plaza Roberto Maestas, El Centro De La Raza, Seattle, USA. * **2016:** LITTLE GIANTS: Como Park, Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA. * **2015:** THE LIFE PROTECTOR: Edgemont Boulevard, Vancouver, Canada / PERSISTENT LIFE: Garden of Reflection, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, UK. * **2014:** EVOLUTION IN JEJU: Cheonjiyeon Park, Jeju, South Korea. * **2012:** MUJERES TRABAJADORAS DEL MAR: Fishing Port, Ondarroa, Spain. * **2010:** CAMINO DE LA EVOLUCIÓN HUMANA: Museum of Human Evolution, Burgos, Spain. * **2008:** THE PILLARS OF GASTEIZ: Santa María Cathedral, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain. * **2007:** EL NAVEGANTE: Cup of America, Valencia, Spain. * **2002:** NIÑO MERCURIO: Bilbao, Spain. * **2001:** PUERTA DE LOS HONORABLES: Guggenheim Plaza, Bilbao, Spain. * **2000:** EL MIRADOR: Baracaldo, Spain / EL JUEZ: Baracaldo, Spain. * **1999:** EL CHE CON NIÑO: Santa Clara, Cuba. * **1998:** EL GOBERNADOR CON NIÑO: Ceuta, Spain. * **1997:** INTELECTUAL CON NIÑO Y MUÑECO: Sestao, Spain. * **1996:** VAGAMUNDO: Madrid Barajas Airport, Spain / NEPTUNO CON MUSA: Castro Urdiales, Spain. * **1995:** PENSADOR NIÑO: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain. * **1994:** CONFIANZA: Almerimar, Spain. * **1992:** CONCORDIA: Expo92, Sevilla, Spain / EL REGRESO: Bermeo, Spain. * **1991:** EL MINOTAURO: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain. * **1989:** EL HOMBRE CON ARCO IRIS: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain. * **1984:** MATERNIDAD: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain / LIBERTAD: Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain.