

Stefan Benchoam and Jessica Kairé

Co-founders of El Nuevo Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (NuMu), Guatemala City, Guatemala

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In a minuscule, egg-shaped building in Guatemala City, artist duo Jessica Kairé and Stefan Benchoam created the first and only contemporary art museum and artist-run space in the Central American country. Since its inception five years ago, NuMu, or new museum, has indeed become a powerful and quirky vitrine for some of the most innovative and expressive artistic projects in Guatemala's blossoming art scene. Local artist Regina José Galindo, Mexican artist Mario García Torres, and Argentine Amalia Pica are some of those that have occupied this tiny space with their artworks and performances.



Recent career highlight: “Paisaje Sonoro,” an exhibition by avant-garde Guatemalan composer Joaquín Orellana, which traveled in a replica of NuMu to LACMA as part of Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA

Portrait of Stefan Benchoam and Jessica Kairé. Photo by Arianne Engelberg. Courtesy of NuMu.