

## TREE OF LIGHT, MIAMI 2019 Installation by Rafael Villares



*Tree of light-Havana. Lamps from 15 countries:  
Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba,  
Ecuador, USA, India, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Ukraine,  
Venezuela and Vietnam*

*Photograph taken at the exhibition Behind the Wall,  
12 Havana Biennale, 2015.*

We want to invite you to contribute to the creation of a sculpture. It is a street light fixture made of lamps from around the world, but it is also a utopian gesture aiming at the reconciliation of all nations, ethnicities, religions, political systems, societies and cultures.

You send us a street lamp from your country and we assemble all them from your countThe Tree of Light

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The Tree of Light will grow out of your submissions, with each street lamp becoming a new branch. It is the gesture of sending light from multiple places to be assembled along a single axis what ultimately gives

meaning to this project. Your lamp will join others in the creation of a new communal space, revealing the multiple lines of affect that lie behind our Cultural Unconscious.

This time the Tree of Light has been commissioned by collector and philanthropist Jorge M. Pérez and his real estate development company, The Related Group. The sculpture will be permanently installed at a public park in the city of Miami, Florida.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1-Find a street lamp: it may have shined on a street, a yard, or a factory. You can even get it in the store. The most important thing is that you send it from your country: participating in the gesture of sending us a light that will join others.

2-Contact us: [arboldeluz@rafaelvillares.com](mailto:arboldeluz@rafaelvillares.com)

Attach your personal information or the way you want to be registered as a collaborator. You will receive a personalized copy of the graphic materials generated by the piece to the address of your choice.

**We will send you the postal address in Miami to which you can mail the lamp, along with the access codes to a FEDEX account covering all related shipping costs.**

We thank you for your support. We are confident that your collaboration will make this project succeed!

