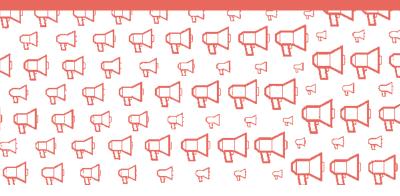
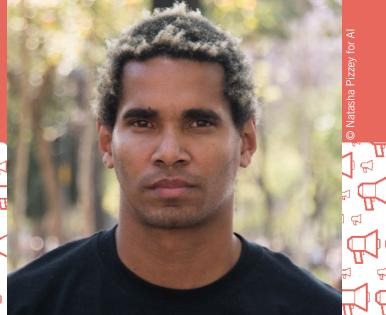
CUBA I LUIS MANUEL ERO ALCÁNTARA





Artist jailed for defending freedom of expression

Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara is a self-taught Black Cuban artist who loves to paint, dance and wear bright pink suits. His home in San Isidro, one of the poorest neighbourhoods in Havana, is a haven for the community, an open house for people to meet and connect.

A leader of the San Isidro Movement, which was formed to oppose government censorship, Luis Manuel

posted a video online on 11 July 2021 to say he would be joining one of the largest demonstrations Cuba had seen in decades. As a result, he was arrested and taken

Luis Manuel was sentenced to five years' imprisonment following a trial behind closed doors, and is now in Guanajay maximum security prison. His health is declining and he is not receiving adequate medical care.

Send a message of support and solidarity

Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara Amnesty International Americas Regional Office Luz Saviñón 519 Colonia Del Valle Norte Alcaldía Benito Juárez C.P. 03103 Mexico City, Mexico

Language Spanish, English or poems in any language

Suggested message I act in hope for your freedom

Creative action Write a letter; draw or paint a postcard based around the #TheEternalFlame concept; or read a poem out loud. Share on social media, tagging Luis Manuel:

- **■** @LMOAlcantara
- f @LuisManuelOteroAlcantara
- (iii) @luismanuel.oteroalcantara

and the San Isidro Movement:

- **f** @MovimientoSanIsidro
- (a) @mov sanisidro

Send a religious card or message? Yes Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? Yes Include my name and address? Yes

Send an appeal letter

Urge the president to immediately and unconditionally release Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara.

Write to President of Cuba Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez c/o Embassy of the Republic of Cuba 167 High Holborn London WC1V 6PA □ despacho@presidencia.gob.cu

- **y** @DiazCaneIB
- @PresidenciaDeCuba

Salutation Dear President In your letter tell him to

immediately and unconditionally release Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara as he has been detained solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

'[The] song of an artist can reach millions of people and make them cry, a picture from a visual artist can transform the feeling of what is happening in a country. This is something an artist must take responsibility for.'

Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, in an interview with Index on Censorship



