

## **BELA BRANQUINHO**

Bela Branquinho lives and works at Colares, Sintra.

She has a law degree and works as a lawyer. At the same time, she attends lessons of Watercolor and Abstract Painting in the Nextart Art School in Lisbon. She is part of the National Society for Fine Arts.

Her paintings are instinctive, and her creative journey is always an emotional one. It needs time, silence, and maturation. Serenity, placidity, harmony, continuity, and intuition are words that come to mind when we look at her paintings.

Her works are part of private and public collections in Portugal, England, Germany, Bulgaria, Mexico, United States of America, Canada, and Australia.

### **Awards:**

- Award *Infante D. Luís às Artes* (Salvaterra de Magos, Portugal, 2022) – Honourable Mention;
- Finalist at the Abel Manta Prize (Gouveia, Portugal, 2021);
- Mertolarte Biennial (Mértola, Portugal, 2020) – 2nd Prize;
- 9th Small Format Painting Biennial (Moita, Portugal, 2019) – Honourable Mention;
- Award "*O Mar e Motivos Marinhos*" at the Lisbon Navy Museum (Lisbon, Portugal, 2018) – Honourable Mention;
- Award *Infante D. Luís às Artes* (Salvaterra de Magos, Portugal, 2018) – Honourable Mention
- Finalist at the Abel Manta Prize (Gouveia, Portugal, 2018).

### **Annual solo exhibitions from 2015 to 2022, highlighting the most recent:**

- Solo exhibition "Restless Stories" at the Culture Municipal Centre (Ponta Delgada, Azores, 2022);
- Individual exhibition "O Tempo e o Vento" at the Artur Bual Gallery (Amadora, Portugal, 2022);
- Individual exhibition at the Gallery of the City Hall Documentary Centre (Lisbon, Portugal, 2021).

### **Participation in collective exhibitions, highlighting:**

- MU.SA - Sintra Arts Museum (Sintra, Portugal, 2022) - paintings by Bela Branquinho and engravings by Holger Brandes;
- "All You need is Art" in Cordoaria Nacional (Lisbon, Portugal, 2022);
- Collective exhibition for 21x21cm Abstract Art Contest at (a)Cube Gallery (Sofia, Bulgaria, 2021);
- 6th International Biennial of Espinho (Espinho, Portugal, 2021);
- Collective Gora Gallery (Montreal, Canada, 2019);

- 5th Miniature and Small Format Art Showing, Museo el Centenario (Garza Garcia, Mexico, 2018);
- *Quadradas Soltas* Gallery (participation in *Arte Solta* Prize; Porto, Portugal, 2018);
- 4th International Women in Arts Biennial (Espinho, Portugal, 2017);
- Art-Map (Ponte de Lima, Portugal, 2016).