



SOFIA BEÇA

Born March 28th, 1972, Porto, Portugal

Member of the International Academy of Ceramics (AIC)

Background:

1992, Technical/Professional Ceramic Course - Soares dos Reis Decorative Arts' School, Porto, Portugal.

1998, "Sculpture and Ceramic Murals" Course hosted by Arcádio Blasco, Coimbra, Portugal.

Individual Exhibitions (selection):

2001, "*Return to Morocco*" - "Epicentro" Gallery, Porto, Portugal.

2002, "*Edificacions*" - "Sargadelos" Gallery, Madrid, Spain.

2003, "*Small Constructions*" - "Barbasan Room", Zaragoza, Spain.

2005, "Stones" - Posada Del Potro, Cordoba, Spain.

2006, "Habitáculos" – Museu Martins Sarmiento, Guimarães, Portugal.

2008, From womb to tomb – refuges and habitat, De Lewei Gallery, Drachten, Holland.

2010, "The before, During and After", with the collaboration of Catarina Mendes and Vitor Hugo, in Caja Duero, Valladolid, Spain.

2011, "Vou e Venho", Palácio Quinta da Piedade, Póvoa de Santa Iria, Portugal

2014 "Memories to the surface," with photographer Paulo Pimenta, Pottery Museum of Barcelos, Barcelos

2016, "Return to the origins ", La Vitoria, Cordoba, Spain

2017, "Wandering", new art museum, Aveiro, Portugal

Collective Exhibitions (selection):

2003, 3th Festival "Amakusa Ceramic Art 2003", Hondo, Japan.

2006, Itinerant the "II International Ceramist Encouter in Boassas", Cinfães, Portugal, Ceramics Museum Gonzalez Marti, (Espanha).

2009, Participation in the Contemporary Art Fair ArteLisboa, by Gallery Trindade.

- 2011, "Ceramic Sculpture Today - 5 authors Portuguese, Amarante, Portugal and Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2012, "Masters of Ceramics and their schools - Arcadio Blasco" Muel Ceramic Museum, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2013 "Rencontre Internationale de la Ceramique d'Art, Sidi Kacem Jélizi, Tunis, Tunisia. Exhibition of Ceramics Symposium, Gmunden, Austria.(itinerant)
- 2014 "The 14th International Ceramic Symposium", Opera House, Cairo, Egypt. Exhibition of Ceramics Symposium, Gmunden, Austria (Itinerant).
- 2015, Itinerant "Keramik Europas" – Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Germany, Gmunden museum, Áustria, Landsmuseen Gottorf, Germany
- 2016, Exhibition of the members of the International Academy of Ceramics (IAC), at the Museum of Design in Barcelona. Spain.

Work made on demand to apply on buildings:

- 2005, Mural for a public space in L´Alcora, Spain.
- 2010, Mural "Butterfly greenhouse" for the park Muel, Zaragoza.
- 2011, "The Wall of Whispers" co-authored with Juan Ortí Garcia and Alberto Andrés, Museum ceramic Muel, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2012, Coating of banks, the Urban Park Pacos Ferreira, Portugal.
- 2013, Mural "From earth to heaven" for particular housing, Porto, Portugal. Crucifix to the Sanctuary of Fatima, Portugal. Mural for "Quinta de Nápolis" (Niepoort wines), Pinhão, Portugal
- 2014 Mural for the facade of the municipal gallery of Sfax, Tunisia.

Prizes:

- 2001, 1st prize in CER.TA.ME, Gondomar – Portugal.
- 2003, 1st prize in CER.TA.ME, Gondomar, Portugal.
Honour mention at the International Bienal of Manises, Spain.
- 2005, 1st prize in Ceramic Mural, L´Alcora, Spain.
2nd prize at the VII International Artistic Ceramic Bienal from Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2006, 2nd prize at the IV bienal Marti Royo, Spain.
- 2007, Honour mention at the VII Artistic Ceramics Bienalle, Aveiro
- 2009, 2º Prize at the XV International Ceramics Competition, Valladolid, Spain.
- 2011, Honour mention at the VIII Artistic Ceramics Bienalle, Aveiro
- 1017, 1st prize in International Ceramic Competition, L´Alcora, Spain.

Other activities:

- 2001, joint work with Arcadio Blasco in his atelier, Spain.
- 2003, honour guest presentation in the Amakusa Ceramic Art 2003, Hondo, Japan.
- 2004, Co-ordinate and participant a the "1st International Ceramist Encouter in Boassas",

Portugal.

- 2005, Represent Portugal, through a Embassy of Portugal, at the VII Ceramic Symposium of Avellaneda, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2006, Participant a the "II International Ceramist Encouter in Boassas", Portugal.
- 2007, "Portuguese Ceramists" Exhibition Hostess, L'Alcora. I Culla internacional Art Meeting, Valência, Spain.
- 2009, Represents Portugal at the 7º Symposium of Ceramic Art in the Mediterranean, Volos, Greece. Portugal represents the 6º Salon de Céramique 14 Paris 2009, Paris, France.
- 2010, Participant in the Festival Domadores de Fuego "Encuentros a la tercera", Muel, Zaragoza.
- 2011/ 2012, monitors the course "Ceramic Murals kiln in ovens of paper" at the Faculty of Fine Arts of Porto.
- 2013, Participates in "Troisième Internationale de la Céramique d'Art", Tunis, Tunisia.
Participates in Symposium keramik Gmunden, Austria.
- 2014 represents Portugal at the 14th International Symposium on Ceramics in Dahab, Egypt.
Represents Portugal at the 8th International Symposium on Ceramics Eskisehir, Turkey.
- 2015 "Iberian Residence, 4 Spanish, Portuguese 4" in the National Tile Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2016, Goseong International Raku Festival, Goseong, South Korea. Represents Portugal at the 6th International Symposium on Ceramics, Sfax, Tunisia.
- 2017, 6th International Ceramic Symposium, Changchun, China; Blanc de Chine International Ceramica Art, Dehua, China; 1st International Symposium on Ceramics " The Fiery Letters" Gavrilov-Yam, Russia

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