

# Sofia Beça

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## TRAINING

- 1999 *Creative Ceramics Course*, oriented by the sculptor / ceramist Emidio Galassi, Spain.
- 1998 *Ceramic Sculpture and Murals Course*, oriented by the painter / ceramist Arcádio Blasco, Coimbra, Portugal.
- 1997 *Rakú Course* at CEARTE, Coimbra, Portugal.
- 1992 *Technical Course in Ceramics* at Escola de Artes Decorativas Soares dos Reis, Porto, Portugal.

## INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2022 *Occidente y Oriente*, Centro Municipal de Arte e Exposições, Avilés, Spain.  
*Pop-Up exhibition*, Kápolna Galéria, Kécskemet, Hungary.
- 2021 *Consequências na matéria*, Galeria do Castelo, Mértola, Portugal.
- 2019 *Que caminho percorres tu*, a sound collaboration by Jorge Queijo and photography by Rui Pinheiro, Galeria Municipal Vieira da Silva, Loures, Portugal.
- 2017 *Deambulações*, with sound collaboration by Jorge Queijo, Arte Nova Museum, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2016 *Regresso às Origens*, Casa Vieja, La Vitoria, Córdoba, Spain.
- 2014 *Memórias à Flor da Pele*, with photographer Paulo Pimenta, Museu de Olaria de Barcelos, Portugal.
- 2011 *Vou e Venho*, Galeria Municipal de Exposições Palácio Quinta da Piedade, Póvoa de Santa Iria, Portugal.
- 2010 *O Antes, o Durante e o Depois*, with the collaboration of Catarina Mendes and Vitor Hugo, exhibition room of Caja Duero, Valladolid, Spain and Galeria Trindade, Porto, Portugal.
- 2008 *From Womb to Tomb – refuges and habitats*, with original soundtrack by Gustavo Costa and photography by Rui Costa, De Galerij van De Lawei, Drachen, Netherlands.  
*Refúgios*, Galeria Trindade, Porto, Portugal.
- 2007 *Metáforas do Mundo*, Velha-a-Branca – Estaleiro Cultural, Braga, Portugal.
- 2006 *Habitáculos*, with original soundtrack by Gustavo Costa and photography by Rui Costa, Galeria de Arte do Museu Martins Sarmiento, Guimarães, Portugal.
- 2005 *Pedras*, Posada del Potro, Cordoba, Spain.
- 2003 *Edificações*, with original soundtrack by Gustavo Costa, Galeria Sargadelos, Barcelona, Spain.  
*Pequenas Construções*, with original soundtrack by Gustavo Costa, Sala Barbasan, Zaragoza, Spain.

- 2002 *Edificações*, with original soundtrack by Gustavo Costa, Galeria Sargadelos, Madrid, Spain.
- 2001 *Voltar a Marrocos*, with original soundtrack by Gustavo Costa, Galeria Epicentro, Porto, Portugal.
- 1999 Museu de Cerâmica, Caldas da Rainha, Portugal.
- 1997 Museu de Olaria, Barcelos, Portugal.

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2023 *Portuguese members of the International Academy of Ceramics*, Pedricosa Gallery, Aveiro Biennial, Portugal  
*Walking Together*, Portuguese Contemporary Ceramics, Riga Art Space, Latvia
- 2018 *European Ceramic Contest – ECC2018 Curated*, The Art Museum Bornholm, Denmark.
- 2017 *Residência Ibérica, 4 Espanhóis, 4 Portugueses*, Museo Nacional de Artes Decorativas, Madrid, Spain.
- 2016 *Members of the International Academy of Ceramics (IAC)*, Museu del Disseny, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2015 Itinerant *Keramik Europas - Keramikmuseum Westerwald*, Germany; Gmunden Museum, Austria; Landsmuseen Gottorf, Germany.  
Itinerant *KeramikSymposium Gmunden*, Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany; Bolestawiecki Osrodek Kulury, Poland.
- 2014 *14<sup>th</sup> International Ceramic Symposium*, Opera House, Cairo, Egypt.
- 2013 *Rencontre Internationale de la Céramique d'Art*, Sidi Kacem Jélizi, Tunis, Tunisia.  
Itinerant *Keramik Symposium Gmunden*, Gmunden, Austria; Gallery Cselley Mühle, Oslip, Austria.  
*KSCA International Autumn Exhibition*, Namseoul University, Cheonan, South Korea.
- 2012 *Maestros de la Cerámica y sus Escuelas – Arcádio Blasco*, Museo de Cerámica de Muel, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2011 Itinerant *Escultura Cerâmica Hoje 5 autores Portugueses*, Museu Amadeu Souza Cardoso, Amarante, Portugal; CERCO, Zaragoza, Spain (as invited country); Museu da Cidade, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2009 Contemporary Art Fair *ArteLisboa*, Galeria Trindade, Portugal.  
Represents Portugal at the *6<sup>th</sup> Edition of Ceramique 14 Salon*, Paris, France.
- 2008 *Feria Internacional de Cerámica Contemporanea CERCO*, Zaragoza, Spain.  
Centro Municipal Las Aulas, Castelló, Spain.  
Espai Antic Hospital, Culla, Spain.  
Museo Nacional de Cerámica y Artes Suntuarias González Martí, Spain.

- 2006 Itinerant of the *2<sup>o</sup> Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Museo/ Escuela Municipal de Cerámica, Avilés, Spain; Museo Nacional de Cerámica y Artes Suntuarias González Marí, Valencia, Spain.
- 2005 *Cinco Partes*, Galeria Bobogi, Aveiro, Portugal.  
*Seis menos Um*, Galeria Por Amor À Arte, Porto, Portugal.  
*Feira de Arte Contemporânea*, Galeria Shibuichi, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2004 Itinerant of the *1<sup>o</sup> Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Fórum da Maia, Portugal; Museo Nacional de Cerámica y Artes Suntuarias González Martí, Valencia, Spain.  
Rotas da Cerâmica, Museu Nacional do Azulejo, Lisboa, Portugal.
- 2003 *Amakusa Ceramic Art*, Hondo, Japan.

## AWARDS

- 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at the *International Ceramics Competition of L'Alcora*, Spain.
- 2011 Honorable Mention at the *10<sup>th</sup> Artistic Ceramics Biennial*, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the *15<sup>th</sup> International Ceramics Competition*, Valladolid, Spain.
- 2007 Honorable Mention at the *8<sup>th</sup> Artistic Ceramics Biennial*, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2006 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the *4<sup>th</sup> Bienal Internacional de Cerámica Marti Royo*, Spain.
- 2005 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at the *1<sup>st</sup> International Mural Ceramics Competition*, L`Alcora, Spain.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the *7<sup>th</sup> Biennial of Artistic Ceramics*, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2003 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at *CER.TA.ME*, with the work *Cerco*, Gondomar, Portugal.  
Honourable Mention at the *International Biennial of Ceramics*, Manises, Spain.
- 2001 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at *CER.TA.ME*, with the work *Second Stone*, musical collaboration with Gustavo Costa, Gondomar, Portugal.

## PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIONS (WITH EXHIBITIONS)

- 2024 European Ceramic Contest – Art Museum Bornholm, Denmark.
- 2023 *62<sup>st</sup> Faenza Prize*, Museo International delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy.  
*XI Bienal Internacional de Cerámica*, Talavera de la Reina, Spain.

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- 2021 Martins Award 2021, Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Center, Daugavpils, Letónia.
- 2020 *61<sup>st</sup> Faenza Prize*, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy.
- 2014 *Westerwald Competition*, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany.
- 2012 *16<sup>th</sup> Biennale de Cerámica D'Esplugues Angelina Alós*, Esplugues de Llobregat, Spain.  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Mednarodni Triennale Keramike UNICUM 2012*, Maribor, Slovenia.
- 2011 *10<sup>th</sup> International Biennial of Ceramics*, Manises, Spain.
- 2009 *9<sup>th</sup> Artistic Ceramics Biennial*, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2008 *14<sup>th</sup> International Ceramics Competition*, Valladolid, Spain.
- 2007 *14<sup>th</sup> International Biennial of Art*, Vila Nova de Cerveira, Portugal.  
*8<sup>th</sup> International Ceramics Biennial*, Manises, Spain.
- 2006 *3<sup>rd</sup> International Triennial of Ceramic Tile*, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2005 *13<sup>th</sup> International Art Biennial*, Vila Nova de Cerveira, Portugal.  
*25<sup>th</sup> International Ceramics Competition*, L`Alcora, Spain.
- 2003 *7<sup>th</sup> International Biennial of Ceramics*, Manises, Spain.  
*3<sup>rd</sup> CERCO Prize*, Zaragoza, Spain.  
*23<sup>rd</sup> International Ceramics Competition*, L`Alcora, Spain.
- 2002 *2<sup>nd</sup> International CERCO Ceramics Prize*, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2001 *21<sup>st</sup> International Ceramics Competition*, L`Alcora, Spain.  
*International Ceramics Biennial*, Manises, Spain.

#### WORKS MADE FOR BUILDINGS

- 2013 Mural *Da Terra Para o Céu*, private housing, Porto, Portugal.  
Mural *Nina e Dirk*, Quinta de Nápoles (Vinhos Niepoort), Pinhão, Portugal.
- 2003 Mural, Lar de Terceira Idade de S. Cristóvão, Cinfães, Portugal.  
Mural, Casa do Lódão, Rural Tourism, Cinfães, Portugal.  
Mural, Casa da Ventuzela, Tourism Residence, Cinfães, Portugal.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

- 2014 Mural *Encaixe*, facade of the Municipal Gallery, Sfax, Tunisia.
- 2013 *Crucifixo*, Rectory room of the Shrine of Fatima, Portugal.
- 2012 *Tiled bench covering*, Urban Park of Paços de Ferreira, Portugal.
- 2011 Sculpture *O Muro dos Sussurros*, co-authored with Juan Ortí and Alberto Andrés, Museo de Cerámica de Muel, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2010 Mural *Borboletário* for park of Muel, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2005 Mural *Muro dentro do Muro*, for square, L'Alcora, Spain.

#### SYMPOSIUMS AND ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Artistic Residency, *Tauxichuan Ceramic Art Avenue*, Jingdezhen, China.
- 2024 Artistic residency, *Shangyu Celadon-Modern International Ceramic Art Center*, Shangyu, China.
- 2023 Artist residency, *Faenza Art Ceramic Center*, in Faenza, Italy
- 2022 Artist residency, *International Ceramics Studio* Kecskemét, Hungary.
- 2018 Artist residency, *Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute*, Jingdezhen, China.
- 2017 *6<sup>th</sup> Changchun International Ceramic Symposium*, Changchun, China.  
Representing Portugal, by the Embassy, in the *international artist residency Blanc du Chine*, Dehua, China.  
*1<sup>st</sup> International Ceramic Symposium*, Gavrilov - Yam, Russia.
- 2016 *Goseong International Ceramics Festival*, Goseong, South Korea.  
Represents Portugal, by the Embassy, at the *6<sup>th</sup> International Ceramic Symposium*, Sfax, Tunisia.
- 2015 *Residência Ibérica, 4 Espanhóis, 4 Portugueses*, Museu Nacional do Azulejo, Lisboa, Portugal.
- 2014 Represent Portugal, by the Embassy, at the *14<sup>th</sup> International Ceramic Symposium*, Dahab, Egypt.  
*8<sup>th</sup> International Ceramic Symposium*, Eskisehir, Turkey.
- 2013 Represented Portugal, by the Embassy, at the *3<sup>rd</sup> International Ceramic Symposium*, Tunis, Tunisia.  
KeramikSymposium Gmunden, Austria.
- 2010 *Domadores de Fuego Encuentros a la Tercera Festival*, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2009 *7<sup>th</sup> Artistic Ceramic Symposium for Mediterranean Countries*, Volos, Greece.

- 2007 *1<sup>o</sup> Encontro Internacional de Arte de Culla*, Valencia, Spain.
- 2006 *2<sup>o</sup> Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Cinfães, Portugal.
- 2005 Represented Portugal, by the Embassy, at the *7<sup>th</sup> Ceramics Symposium of Avellaneda*, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2004 *1<sup>o</sup> Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Cinfães, Portugal.
- 2003 Special guest at the *Amakusa Ceramic Art Residency*, Hondo, Japan.
- 2001 Symposium of *Rakú and Paper Kilns ½ + The Medium*, Sardoal, Portugal.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2023 *Dei-te o mundo de bandeja*, installation, performance and live music, with Ana Rocha, Pedro Melo Alves and João Soares, at Café Asa de Mosca, Porto
- 2021 *61<sup>st</sup> Faenza Talks Prize*, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza, Italy.
- 2018 Monitor of the course *Mural Sculpture*, La Bisbal d'Empordà, Spain.
- 2013 Monitor of the course *Ceramic Sculpture*, CEARTE, Coimbra, Portugal.  
Monitor of the course *Ceramic Murals*, CEARTE, Coimbra, Portugal.
- 2012 Monitor of the course *Ceramic Murals Fired in Paper Kilns*, Faculdade de Belas Artes U.Porto, Portugal.
- 2011 Monitor of the course *Ceramic Murals Fired in Paper Kilns*, Faculdade de Belas Artes U.Porto, Portugal.
- 2010 Member of the Jury of the *16<sup>th</sup> Ceramics Competition*, Valladolid, Spain.
- 2007 Commissioner of the Exhibition *Ceramistas Portugueses*, L`Alcora, Spain.
- 2006 Member of the Jury of the *26<sup>th</sup> International Ceramic Competition*, L'Alcora, Spain.
- 2004 Organizer of the *1<sup>o</sup> Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Cinfães, Portugal.  
Coordinator of the Exhibition and Round Table, *1<sup>o</sup> Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Museu Nacional de Cerámica y Suntuarias González Mart, Valencia, Spain.
- 2001 Works in the studio of Arcádio Blasco, Mutxamiel, Alicante, Spain.