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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, Kécskemét, 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 *14th 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 *6th 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^o 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^o 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 1st Prize at the *International Ceramics Competition of L'Alcora*, Spain.
- 2011 Honorable Mention at the *10th Artistic Ceramics Biennial*, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2009 2nd prize at the *15th International Ceramics Competition*, Valladolid, Spain.
- 2007 Honorable Mention at the *8th Artistic Ceramics Biennial*, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2006 2nd Prize at the *4th Bienal Internacional de Cerámica Marti Royo*, Spain.
- 2005 1st Prize at the *1st International Mural Ceramics Competition*, L`Alcora, Spain.
2nd Prize at the *7th Biennial of Artistic Ceramics*, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2003 1st Prize at *CER.TA.ME*, with the work *Cerco*, Gondomar, Portugal.
Honourable Mention at the *International Biennial of Ceramics*, Manises, Spain.
- 2001 1st 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 *62st 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 61st Faenza Prize, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy.
- 2014 Westerwald Competition, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany.
- 2012 16th Biennale de Cerámica D'Esplugues Angelina Alós, Esplugues de Llobregat, Spain.
2nd Mednarodni Triennale Keramike UNICUM 2012, Maribor, Slovenia.
- 2011 10th International Biennial of Ceramics, Manises, Spain.
- 2009 9th Artistic Ceramics Biennial, Aveiro, Portugal.
- 2008 14th International Ceramics Competition, Valladolid, Spain.
- 2007 14th International Biennial of Art, Vila Nova de Cerveira, Portugal.
8th International Ceramics Biennial, Manises, Spain.
- 2006 3rd International Triennial of Ceramic Tile, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2005 13th International Art Biennial, Vila Nova de Cerveira, Portugal.
25th International Ceramics Competition, L`Alcora, Spain.
7th International Biennial of Ceramics, Manises, Spain.
- 2003 3rd CERCO Prize, Zaragoza, Spain.
23rd International Ceramics Competition, L`Alcora, Spain.
- 2002 2nd International CERCO Ceramics Prize, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2001 21st 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

- 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 6th *Changchun International Ceramic Symposium*, Changchun, China.
Representing Portugal, by the Embassy, in the *international artist residency Blanc du Chine*, Dehua, China.
1st *International Ceramic Symposium*, Gavrillov - Yam, Russia.
- 2016 *Goseong International Ceramics Festival*, Goseong, South Korea.
Represents Portugal, by the Embassy, at the 6th *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 14th *International Ceramic Symposium*, Dahab, Egypt.
8th *International Ceramic Symposium*, Eskisehir, Turkey.
- 2013 Represented Portugal, by the Embassy, at the 3rd *International Ceramic Symposium*, Tunis, Tunisia.
Keramik Symposium Gmunden, Austria.
- 2010 *Domadores de Fuego Encuentros a la Tercera Festival*, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2009 7th *Artistic Ceramic Symposium for Mediterranean Countries*, Volos, Greece.
- 2007 1^o *Encontro Internacional de Arte de Culla*, Valencia, Spain.

- 2006 2^o *Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Cinfães, Portugal.
- 2005 Represented Portugal, by the Embassy, at the 7th *Ceramics Symposium of Avellaneda*, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2004 1^o *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 61st *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 16th *Ceramics Competition*, Valladolid, Spain.
- 2007 Commissioner of the Exhibition *Ceramistas Portugueses*, L`Alcora, Spain.
- 2006 Member of the Jury of the 26th *International Ceramic Competition*, L'Alcora, Spain.
- 2004 Organizer of the 1^o *Encontro Internacional de Ceramistas em Boassas*, Cinfães, Portugal.
Coordinator of the Exhibition and Round Table, 1^o *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.