

SIRO - BORIS FRANCO (Santiago de Chile, 1974)

Always attracted by tiny worlds, the intricacies of the mechanical and the organic, it is in drawing that Siro has found his means of expression from a very early age. This led him to study fine arts in order to experiment in his search and to train his gaze through different media such as painting, drawing, engraving and audiovisuals. He currently lives in Spain and combines his work between plastic and audiovisual creation.

He has been selected and awarded in several painting and video-creation competitions and has participated in collective and individual exhibitions such as 'Fenocopias' in Espacio Bop, Lorenzo Alonso; 'Le fil d'un fils qui coud son arbre', Colegio de España, Paris; 'Epigénesis' C.C. Galileo, Madrid. My work arises from a deep fascination with how, from where, in what way the living emerges.

The mystery of life, a mystery that always leads me to investigate something that is beyond our understanding, to delight in the ineffable and the surprising moment when that which transcends our gaze becomes present, becomes matter, body and flesh. This work with drawing and painting has made a journey from the inside of the skin, the visceral and anatomical in my initial series 'Anatomías' and later in 'Fenocopias', to my most recent work 'Epigénesis', where my interest is centred on investigating the subtle and essential structures and mechanics that make up our nature.

EDUCATION

- » Graduate in Fine Arts, Universidad Católica de Chile
- » Doctoral programme studies, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- » Audiovisual studies in Artenet (SGAE) Barcelona - Madrid

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 » Casa de Cantabria, Madrid. 2019

2018 » Artered Gallery. NY, USA 2018

2009

- » Young Creators Europe and the Mediterranean, Museo de la Ciudad.
- » Ethnicity VI and VII, Espace Wallonie, Brussels. Belgium.

2007

- » Cinemaescape, Rina Bouwen Gallery. Madrid 2007
- » 'Atrapados' installation, sculpture and sound, Rina Bouwen Gallery, Madrid. 2007
- » Workshop group exhibition and residency Workshops OPENART'07, Centro de Historia, Zaragoza.

2005 » 'Arte Iberoamericano: Casa do Brasil, Madrid

2003 » 'De Anima: gallery of portraits': Real Academia de las Buenas Letras, Barcelona

2001 » Itinerant group exhibition XII Edition of Circuitos de Artes Plásticas y Fotografía: Madrid, Pontevedra, NY.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 » 'Breves momentos del Origen' and "Proyecto Origen" - Park36, Madrid

2018 » 'Epigenesis, epigenetic memories' Centro Cultural Galileo, Madrid

2010 » 'Le fil d'un fils qui coud son arbre', Colegio de España. Paris, France.

2006 » 'Phenocopies' ESPACIO BOP Gallery. Lorenzo Alonso Architects. Madrid.

2004 » 'Inflexión (Detritos)' Caia Madrid Exhibition Hall, Araniuez.

2002 » V 'Homologaciones y Compulsaciones' E. Artes y oficios. Madrid.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS AND BIENNIALS

2019 » Open Art Fair, Utrech, The Netherlands

2017 » Scope Basel Fair, Switzerland. Artered gallery, NY

2015 – 2020 Affordable art Fair: New York, Singapore, London, Brussels, Amsterdam. Artered Gallery, NY.

2013 » Project 'epigenetics' for 'Art-project', London Art-Fair. Artered Gallery, NY. London.

2012 » Art Chicago Fair, USA (Artered gallery, New York).

2011 » XI BAC videoart festival, Barcelona.

2010

» V Interamerican Biennial of Video Art. Itinerancy through different countries in Latin America, USA and Europe.

» Pantheon International Experimental Film & Animation festival 9.0. Cyprus.

» Valoarte Fair, San José - Costa Rica.

2009 » XIII Biennial of Young Creators of Europe and the Mediterranean. Bari, Italy.

2008 » Festival Miden Contemporary video art screenings in Kalamata, Greece.

2007

» ARCO'07 Fair, Madrid City Hall stand

» 1 & II Festival Madatac videoart, Madrid.

COMPETITIONS AND CONTESTS

» Selected for the Pozuelo de Alarcón Painting Prize. Madrid 2020 - 2023

» Selected ENATE Scholarships, Huesca, Spain 2020

» Selected XXV Gregorio Prieto Drawing Prize (Valdepeñas-Madrid) 2020

» Selected International Prize of Plastic Arts Caja Extremadura - Obra abierta. Plasencia. Spain 2019

» XV Gregorio Prieto Drawing Contest, Valdepeñas and Madrid. 2015

» Selected Facade Video art festival, Bulgaria 2017

» Selected Filmide. Index Art Center, NY, USA. 2018

» Selected V and VI FIVAC Festival Internacional de VideoArte de Camagüey, Cuba. 2013 - 2015

» Selected Short Film and Animation Competition Nontzefilmak. Bilbao. 2012-2014

AWARDS

» First National Painting Prize Pozuelo de Alarcón, Madrid.

» First Prize Facade Festival of Video Art, Bulgaria.

» First Prize V Interamerican Biennial of Video Art. Washington D.C, USA.

» Audience Award, I Madatac Video Art Festival, Madrid.

» First prize, Nontzefilmak short film and animation competition. Bilbao.

» First prize for Plastic Arts, Young Creators Competition, Madrid.

» WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

» Hugo Voten Art Center, Belgium.

- » Madrid City Council.
- » Pozuelo de Alarcón Town Hall, Madrid Lorenzo Alonso Arquitectos, Madrid.
- » Colegio de España, Paris-France.