

IVÁN FRANCO

Ourense, Spain, 1979. Lives and works in Barcelona

ALZUETA
_GALLERY



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Iván Franco Fraga is a contemporary Spanish artist known for his figurative paintings that often explore themes of identity, culture, and human emotion. Born in 1979 in Spain, Franco studied Fine Arts at the University of Vigo and has since established himself as a prominent figure in the Spanish art scene.

His work typically features meticulous detail and a focus on portraiture, capturing expressions and gestures that convey deep psychological insights. Franco's paintings are characterized by a blend of realism and a touch of surrealism, often incorporating symbolic elements that add layers of meaning to his compositions.

Franco has exhibited his artworks widely in Spain and internationally, participating in various solo and group exhibitions, including prestigious art fairs and galleries across Europe and beyond. His art has been well-received for its technical skill, thematic richness, and the emotional depth conveyed through his subjects.

For those interested in contemporary figurative art that delves into the complexities of human experience and identity, Iván Franco's work offers a compelling exploration worth exploring.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Focal Distance, Arcadia Contemporary, New York, USA (2023)
ONE AND THREE POLAROIDS, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2022)
H0, Piramidón Centre d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain (2018)
Contact Sheet, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2017)
True and False, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2015)
Ideografías, Portal 48 Gallery, Pontevedra, Spain (2014)
Significantes Simulados, Art Gallery Puerto de la Cruz, Caja Canarias, Puerto de la Cruz, Spain (2009)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Marco. Límite y lugar, Alzueta Gallery, Madrid, Spain (2025)
New Portraits, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2024)
Sota Un Mateix Cel, Castillo de Benedormiens, Piramidon Centre d'Art Contemporani, Girona, Spain (2023)
Mod-Portrait2020, MEAM, Barcelona, Spain (2021)
Càpsules De Confinament: Art I Pandèmia A Catalunya, Museu Can Framis, Fundació Vila Casas, Barcelona, Spain (2020)
Premi De Fotografia 2020, Museu Palau Solterra, Torroella de Montgrí, Fundació Vila Casas, Girona, Spain (2020)
2020_n1, Piramidón, Centre d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain (2020)
Realismo Español Contemporáneo, Hoki Museum, Chiba, Japan (2019)
20th Anniversary, Galerie Arcturus, Paris, France (2019)
Booth Alb, Galerie ALB, Paris, France (2019)
Mod-Portrait2018, Sala de Exposiciones Edificio Bantierra, Zaragoza / MEAM, Barcelona, Spain (2019)
Modportrait2017, IACC Pablo Serrano, Zaragoza / MEAM, Barcelona, Spain (2018)
2018_n3, Piramidón, Centre d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain (2018)
2017_n3, Piramidón, Centre d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain (2017)
Un Face À Face Espagnol. Miguel Macaya – Iván Franco, Galerie Arcturus, Paris, France (2017)
BP Portrait Award, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK (2016)
À Dessein, Galerie Binôme, Paris, France (2016)
Realitats, Pigment Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2016)
25 Al Quadrat, Piramidón, Centre d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain (2015)
No Más De 18, Galería Metro, Santiago de Compostela, Spain (2015)
Premio Internacional De Pintura Guasch Coranty, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Tecla Sala, Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain (2015)
II Concurso De Retrato Internacional Mod-Portrait, Sala de Exposiciones Bantierra, Zaragoza, Spain (2015)
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VIII Premio Auditorio De Galicia Para Novos Artistas, Auditorio de Galicia, Santiago de Compostela, Spain (2014)
Bienal D'Art Im-Port-Art Ex-Port-Art, Tinglado 4, Tarragona, Spain (2013)
Algo Más Que Realismo VII, Agrupación Artística Aragonesa, Zaragoza, Spain (2013)
Regreso Al Futuro (Imperfecto), Galería Portal 48, Pontevedra, Spain (2013)
XI Bienal Pintor Laxeiro, Museo Municipal "Ramón M^o Aller", Lalín, Spain (2013)
BP Portrait Award 2012, National Portrait Gallery, London / Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh / Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter (2012)
14 Concurso De Pintura Joven, Galeria Arloft, Reus / Aula de Cultura de Caixa Penedès, Vilafranca del Penedès, Spain (2012)
Arte Contemporáneo Siglo XXI, MEAM, Barcelona, Spain (2011)
Certamen De Pintura Y Esculturas Figurativas '11, Museo Casa de la Moneda, Madrid, Spain (2011)
Vemos O Que Somos, Somos O Que Vemos, Pazo da Cultura, Pontevedra, Spain (2010)
Novos Valores 2009, Museo de Pontevedra, Pontevedra, Spain (2009)
Arte Xoven 2008, Ayuntamiento de Pontedeume, A Coruña, Spain (2008)

ART FAIRS

LA ART SHOW 2024, Arcadia Contemporary, Los Angeles, USA (2024)
 FIVE AND UNDER, Arcadia Contemporary, New York, USA (2023)
 SEATTLE ART FAIR, Arcadia Contemporary, Seattle, USA (2023)
 LA ART SHOW 2023, Arcadia Contemporary, Los Angeles, USA (2023)
 ZONA MACO, Alzueta Gallery, Ciudad de México, Mexico (2023)
 FIVE AND UNDER, Arcadia Contemporary, New York, USA (2022)
 LA ART SHOW 2022, Arcadia Contemporary, Los Angeles, USA (2022)
 ART ON PAPER 2021, Arcadia Contemporary, New York, USA (2021)
 JUSTMAD, Galería Miquel Alzueta, Madrid, Spain (2020)
 ARTMIAMI, Galería Miquel Alzueta, Miami, USA (2019)
 ART PARÍS ART FAIR, Galerie ALB, Paris, France (2017)
 ARTMADRID, Galería Miquel Alzueta, Madrid, Spain (2017)
 ARTMADRID, Galería Miquel Alzueta, Madrid, Spain (2016)
 ART ÉLYSÉES, Galería Miquel Alzueta, Paris, France (2015)
 SLICK ART FAIR, Galerie Binôme, Paris, France (2015)

AWARDS

Mod-Portrait 2020, Sala de Exposiciones Bantierra, Zaragoza, Spain (Honorable Mention) (2020)
 Mod-Portrait 2018, Sala de Exposiciones Bantierra, Zaragoza, Spain (Honorable Mention) (2018)
 Mod-Portrait 2017, Sala de Exposiciones Bantierra, Zaragoza, Spain (Honorable Mention) (2017)
 II Concurso de Retrato Internacional Mod-Portrait, Sala de Exposiciones Bantierra, Zaragoza, Spain (Honorable Mention) (2015)
 I Concurso de Retrato Internacional Mod-Portrait, Sala de Exposiciones Bantierra, Zaragoza, Spain (Honorable Mention) (2014)
 Beca Maria Josepa Giner, Galeria Anquin's, Reus (2012)
 XI Premio de Fotografía Area de Artes Plásticas Universidad de Murcia, Universidad de Murcia, Spain (First Honorable Mention) (2011)
 Becas Roberto Villagraz, Escuela de fotografía EFTI, Madrid, Spain (Finalist)
 XXVII Certamen de Pintura Concello de Cambre, Biblioteca Municipal de Cambre, A Coruña, Spain (Accésit) (2010)
 III Certamen de Pintura y Esculturas Figurativas, Barcelona, Spain (Acquisition Award) (2008)
 VII Premio Regional de Fotografía Cajas de Ahorros de Canarias, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain (First Prize) (2008)
 XI Concurso de Fotografía Deportiva, Concello de Santiago, Santiago de Compostela (First Prize) (2007)
 I Certamen de Pintura Figurativa, Barcelona, Spain (Acquisition Award) (2006)
 Certamen Maxoarte, Modalidad de fotografía a color, Puerto del Rosario, Las Palmas, Spain (First Prize) (2005)
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 Certamen Maxoarte, Modalidad de pintura, Puerto del Rosario, Las Palmas, Spain (2001)
 Certamen Maxoarte, Modalidad de pintura, Puerto del Rosario, Las Palmas, Spain (1998)