

MAITE Y MANUEL

Uruguay, 1996 and 1991. Live and work in Mallorca, Spain.



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Maite Garcia Argul (1996) and Manuel Puig (1991) are a duo of painters born in Uruguay and currently living in Mallorca. Both with a background in design. In 2019 they created Gabinete Exquisito, a character design studio based in Barcelona.

Oscillating between figuration and abstract expressionism, the authors define their pictorial work as “an aggressive but innocent fight, similar to free jazz”. With anxious gestures and a certain sense of urgency they are drawn to exploring dualities: accident vs intention, abstraction vs figuration, chaos vs order, darkness vs lightness, Maite vs Manuel.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

ROTTEN CANDY Sticky, smooth, wrinkly, gelatinous, smelly, sexy, Palau de Casavells, Spain (2025)
Boiling Brain, Galerie Silka, Lyon, France (2024)
Asocial Tendencias, Galería Fran Reus, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (2024)
PSST PSST, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2024)
Undercooked, Middleman Gallery, Busan, South Korea (2024)
Figuras, Moosey, Norwich, UK (2023)
La sombra del pino, La causa Galería, Madrid, Spain (2023)
Personajes sobre masonita, Taca Studio, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (2023)
Todo tiene cara, Stain Projects, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (2023)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Prender la Mirada, Casal Solleric, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (2024)
Beauties and Beasts, VETA, Madrid, Spain (2024)
Mickey In Black, Middleman Gallery, Busan, South Korea (2023)
Dream Paper 2, Galerie Slika, Lyon, France (2023)
What we all have in common, La causa Galería, Madrid, Spain (2023)

ART FAIRS

UNTITLED ART, Galería Fran Reus, Miami, USA (2024)
ART BUSAN, Middleman Gallery, Busan, South Korea (2024)
UVNT, La causa Galería, Madrid, Spain (2024)
ESTAMPA, La causa Galería, Madrid, Spain (2023)
UVNT, La causa Galería, Madrid, Spain (2023)

ARTIST RESIDENCY

Alzueta Gallery Artist Residency, Empordà, Spain (2025)