

BARCELONA GALLERY WEEKEND 2021

GALERIA CONTRAST

RAFEL BESTARD

Biography

Born in Palma de Mallorca, 1967.

Degree in Fine Arts from the University of Barcelona, 1990.

He lives and works in Sa Casa Blanca, Mallorca since 2004.

Artist Statement

"My working procedure begins staging personal encounters, in my studio, with close people. I document these meetings by means of photographs. I use these pictures as references to my paintings, that therefore are the final form of a process based on a photo document based on a performance.

With my subjects I try to display a broad range of evocative powers with the simplest things or gestures. On each one of my paintings something is trying to break through. Embracing communication problems with my beloved ones, references to the world: complex, distorted, with autobiographical interpretations, between feelings of safety and uncertainty, melancholy and hope, resignation and defiance. Emotional tension between affection and detachment is present."

Courses and seminars of theory and history of contemporary art in the Fundació Pilar i Joan Miró, Juan March Foundation, Casal Solleric. Painting workshops with Antonio Lopez in the Francisco de Goya Chair, Museo Casa Ibañez and Albacete City Chair.

His first solo show was in 1996 in the now extinct Galeria Mediterrania, in Palma. Since then, regularly shows his work in galleries, art fairs, museums and art centers.

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Curriculum Vitae

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021

Rafel Bestard. Heissings Art, Berlin

2021

Rafel Bestard. Galeria Contrast, Barcelona

2020

Rafel Bestard. Galerie Mokum, Amsterdam

2019

Rafel Bestard. Galerie Heissingsart, Berlin

Man or Rabbit. Galeria Contrast. Barcelona

2018

Infamous angel. Can Gelabert. Binnissalem

We the souls. Kirk Gallery. Aalborg

2015

To touch a sore spot. Galeria Contrast, Barcelona

2014

Rafel Bestard. Malerei. Galerie Heissingsart, Lübeck

2013

Paisatge interior, Galería Contrast. Barcelona

2009

Virtudes inconfesables, Galería Contrast. Barcelona

Inadaptacions, Casal Solleric. Palma de Mallorca

2006

Rafel Bestard, Obres 1998-2006, Torre de Ses Puntes, Manacor, Mallorca

2004

Rafel Bestard, Son Tugores. Alaró

2003

Rafel Bestard, Pintures 02, Galería Horrach Moyá. Palma de Mallorca

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020

Contrast by Contrast, Galeria Contrast, Barcelona, 2020

At the edge of realism, Kirk Gallery, Aalborg, 2020

2017

Irrealisme, Galeria Contrast, Barcelona, 2017

2016

Peripècies, S'Escorxador, Marratxí, 2016

2008, 2010, 2015

The 3rd , 4th & 6th Beijing International Art Biennale. National Art Museum of China, Beijing,

2014

Masters and Students, Palacio Los Serrano, Bankia Found. Ávila, 2014

2013

Figuracions, Galeria Contrast, Barcelona, 2013

2011

Narracions. Galeria Contrast. Barcelona, 2011

2009

Watermarks. NDSM-werf, Amsterdam, 2009

2004 - 2007

Art emergent a les Illes Balears III. Itinerant exhibition between 2004 & 2007, Balearic Islands and Barcelona

FAIRS

Context Art Miami, Miami. 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

VOLTA Basel. 2019, 2021

ART KARLSRUHE, Karlsruhe. 2019, 2020

Scope Basel International Art Fair. Basel, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017

KunstRAI, Amsterdam, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019

CI Contemporary Istanbul, Istanbul, 2013, 2014 & 2015

SWAB, Barcelona, 2013, 2014, 2019

TIAF Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2014

Scope New York International Art Fair. New York, 2010 & 2012

Scope Miami 2010, International Art Fair. Miami, 2010

AWARDS

Distinció especial del jurat X Premi Salou de Recerca Pictòrica, Salou, 2016
1r Premi X Bienal de Artes Plásticas Ciudad de Albacete. Albacete, 2012
Premi d'adquisició, VIII Bienal de Artes Plásticas Ciudad de Albacete. Albacete, 2008
Menció especial del jurat, Premis Ciutat de Palma d'Arts Plàstiques, Palma de Mallorca, 2007
& 2008
1r Premi, Premi Ciutat de Manacor d'Arts Plàstiques, 2007 Manacor
2n Premi Certamen internacional de Pintura Vila de Binissalem, Binissalem 2004
1r Premi, Certamen de Pintura Dijous Bo 2001, Inca
1r Premi, XL Premi a la pintura jove, Sala Parés-Fund. Banc de Sabadell, Barcelona, 1998