

BELA BRANQUINHO lives and works in Colares, Sintra. She has a degree in Law. She attended Watercolor, Abstract Painting and Atelier courses at an art school in Lisbon (Nextart). She is a member of the National Society of Fine Arts where she attends the “Atelier Experimental”.

His painting is instinctive and the creative process is always an emotional journey. It needs time, silence and maturation. Serenity, placidity, harmony, mystery, travel, movement and continuity are words that come to us when we look at his paintings.

His works are part of private and institutional collections in Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, England, Germany, Bulgaria, Mexico, USA, Canada and Australia.

Main distinctions:

2023 - Painting Prize of the 10th Edition of the Abel Manta Painting Prize (Abel Manta Museum, Gouveia); **2022** - “Infante D. Luís à Artes” Award (C.M. Salvaterra de Magos) – Honorable Mention; **2020** - 2nd Prize at the “Mertolarte” Biennial at Casa das Artes Mário Elias (C.M.Mértola 2020); **2019** - IX Small Format Painting Biennial (C.M.Moita 2019)– Honorable Mention; **2018** - “The Sea and Marine Motives” Award at the Museu de Marinha (Lisbon, 2018) –Honorable Mention;

Annual solo exhibitions since 2015, highlighting:

2023 – Espaço Cultura das Mercês, Príncipe Real, Lisbon; **2022** - MU.SA, Sintra Arts Museum; **2022** - Ponta Delgada Municipal Culture Center; **2021** - Artur Bual Municipal Gallery, Amadora; **2021** - Espaço Cultural das Mercês, Lisbon; **2020** - C.M. Lisboa Documentation Center.

Participation in numerous group exhibitions in Portugal and abroad, highlighting:

2023 - Abel Manta Museum, Abel Manta Painting Prize, 10th Edition (Gouveia); **2023** - 7th Espinho International Art Biennial (Espinho); **2022** - Artist 360, Feria de Arte Contemporáneo de Madrid (Madrid); **2021** - 21x21cm Abstract Art Contest “ at (a)Cube Gallery, (Sofia, Bulgaria); **2021** - 6th Espinho International Biennial; **2021** - Foz’Arte (Foz, Porto); **2021** - Abel Manta Painting Prize (Gouveia); **2020** - Mertolarte Biennial (Mértola); **2019** - Gora Gallery in Montreal (Canada); **2018** - Fifth Muestra de Arte Miniatura y Pequeño Formato, Museo el Centenario, Garza Garcia (Mexico); **2018** - Galeria Quadras Soltas, participation in the Arte Solta Award (Porto); **2017** - 4th International Women of Arts Biennial" (Espinho); **2016** - Art-Map (Ponte de Lima); **2015** - Contemporary Watercolor Competition", Royal Watercolor Society, Bankside Gallery (London).
