

## **Mario Henrique is an artist based in Cascais, Portugal.**

Graduated in Design from Lisbon's University of Fine Arts, he started his career in online marketing and web development agencies. As a creative director, he recruited and led teams in Portugal, Spain and Brazil. A decade later, he would shift his focus to contemporary painting, which had always been a parallel interest.

A prolific portraitist, Mario is fascinated by the unpredictability of human behavior: the brief glances, the impermanence of facial expressions, the sudden movements.

Making use of uncommon and "rough" materials, like cardboards, reversed canvases and hardware tools, he paints abruptly and spontaneously. His approach relies on drippings, splashes and paint throws, so that the physicality of the painting process is transparent in the final piece.

Listed in various private collections across Europe, America and Asia, he has exhibited in galleries both locally and abroad, and was awarded an Honorable Mention for his participation in the Brasília Biennial of Contemporary Arts 2016. He was also featured in Saatchi Art's Inside The Studio and is currently represented by the [Bill Lowe Gallery](#), [ArtCatto](#) and [Tilsitt Gallery](#) amongst other prestigious galleries.

Mario owns a [studio/gallery](#) at the Marina, in Cascais (Portugal), where some of his paintings are publicly exhibited.

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### **Selected solo exhibitions**

2021 *Selected works* | ArtCatto at Hotel D. Filipa, Vale do Lobo, Portugal.

2020 *Embrasser du regard* | Galerie des Sens, Caen, France.

2019 *Selected works* | Corno Gallery, Montreal, Canada.

2019 *Apparentia* | Flores do Cabo, Sintra, Portugal.

2018 *Somnium* | Art Village Gallery, Memphis, TN, USA.

2017 *Vultus* | Grace Denker Gallery, Hamburg, Germany.

2016 *Icon* | Casino Lisboa Art Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal.

2016 *Impulsus* | Verney Gallery, Oeiras, Portugal.

### **Selected group exhibitions**

2022 *Selected works* | Tilsitt Gallery, Porto, Portugal.

2021 *Selected works* | ArtCatto, Loulé, Portugal.

2021 *NFT BAZL Dubai* | JW Marriott Marquis, Dubai, UAE.

2021 *NFT BAZL Miami* | Temple Gallery, Miami, FL, USA.

2019 *Bloom: Color, Caress & Seduction* | Bill Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA.

2019 *Rhapsody in Blue* | Bill Lowe Gallery at IBM Tower, Atlanta, GA, USA.

2018 *Bill Lowe Gallery at The Estate* | Atlanta, GA, USA.

2017 *No Borders: Another Page* | Bill Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA.

2016 *Biennial of Arts* | Pontão do Lago Sul, Brasilia, Brasil.