

Luis Olaso

Luis Olaso's (b.1986, Bilbao, Spain) paintings are undeniably expressive. They do, in a way, speak for themselves. Olaso works from a dynamic and beautiful improvisational standpoint. Initially self-taught, Olaso developed his process and personal style studying Fine Arts at the University of the Basque Country. He now lives and works in Bilbao, Spain.



Olaso creates freely through brushwork, mark-making, shaping and composing before stepping back from his canvas. This forms the 'Action' part of his two-stage process. Following this, he observes what is before him, visually assessing forms and features, making up his 'Analysis' stage. Olaso believes this combination of impulsive energy and quiet contemplation makes his works fresher and more visceral while allowing him to better access his internal emotional states and subconscious:

"My work is the result of how I am, how I work. I always do it unconsciously; we could say that it is a painting that is born from the irrational part of the brain."

Olaso's large, abstracted representations frequently feature organic and human forms and explore visual tensions that arise between colours and shapes as well as contrasts between 'accidents' and 'order'.

Olaso is interested in the idea that his paintings operate as dynamic self-portraits. He seldom begins a painting with a clear vision of what it will look like. Rather, he allows his brush to transmit his inner-self, his states of mind and feelings to transform them into moving, dramatic and thoughtful expressions through colour and form.

Luis Olaso CV

b. 1986 - Bilbao, Spain

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024 *El Patio*, Galería Lumbreras, Bilbao, Spain

2024 *Luis Olaso: El Pájara Blanco*, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland

2023 *The Garden*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2023 *Cíclico*, KUR Art Gallery, San Sebastián, Spain, 2023

2022 *Insight*, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland

2021 *Physis*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2021 *Memories of a night*, Galería Lumbreras, Bilbao, Spain

2020 *Ephemeral*, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland

2019 *ORGÁNICO*, KUR Art Gallery, San Sebastian, Spain

2019 *Wild*, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland

2017 *Medousa*, Mirat & Co Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2016 *Galeria Abartium*, Barcelona, Spain

2015 *Centro 14*, Alicante, Spain

2014 *Aixerrota Arte*, Getxo, Spain

2014 *Blanca*, Madrid, Spain

2013 *Estudio Raquel Chamorro*, Madrid, Spain

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 *Serenity*, JD Malat Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2025 *Carte Blanche*, JD Malat Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2024 *Lucid Dreams*, Arma Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2024 *Sinneti to Yamato: The Rhythms of Abstraction*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2023 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2023 *Past, Present, Future*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2022 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2021 *Under 35 to Watch*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2020 *Group Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2019 *Summer Group Exhibition*, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland

2018 *Prison des Eveques*, Saint Jean Pied de Port, France

2018 *Reina Sofia Painting Contest*, Casa de Vacas, Madrid, Spain

2017 *International Art Biennial of Cerveria*, Cerveira, Portugal

2017 Museo Casa Ibanez, Melilla, Spain

2017 Museo Luis de Morales, Badajoz, Spain

2017 *Reina Sofia Painting Contest*, Casa de Vacas, Madrid, Spain

2016 Exhibition Hall, Pola de Siero, Asturias, Spain

2016 *De lo Concreto a lo Abstracto*, Nave 73, Madrid, Spain

2016 Zabaleta Museum, Jaen, Spain

2016 Museu d'Art de Prego, Alicante, Spain

2016 Sala Francisco Pradilla, Zaragoza, Spain

2015 *Ibercaja*, Patio de la infanta, Zaragoza, Spain

2015 Zabaleta Museum, Jaen, Spain

2015 *International Painting Biennial*, Miquel Viladrich, Lleida, Spain

2015 *Propuestas 2015*, Centro14, Alicante, Spain

2014 Pablo Picasso Museum, Malaga, Spain

2013 Academy of Fine Arts, Sabadell, Spain

Selected International Art Fairs

2025 *Contemporary Istanbul*, JD Malat Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2025 *Urvanity Art Fair*, ARMA Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2025 *Art Madrid*, KUR Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2024 ZONAMACO, JD Malat Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico

2023 *Art Madrid*, KUR Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2022 *Untitled Art*, Makasiini Contemporary, Miami Beach, USA

2022 *Contemporary Istanbul*, JD Malat Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

2022 *Artmonte-Carlo*, JD Malat Gallery, Monte Carlo, Monaco

2022 ZONA MACO, JD Malat Gallery, CDMX, Mexico City, Mexico

2022 *Art Madrid*, KUR Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2022 *Estampa Art Fair*, Galeria Lumbreras, Madrid, Spain

2019 *Untitled Art*, Makasiini Contemporary, Miami Beach, USA

2017 *Art Marbella*, Malaga, Spain



Selected Collections

Yusaku Maezawa Contemporary Art Foundation, Tokyo, Japan

Stefan Simchowicz Collection, USA

Diputacion foral de Bizkaia, Spain

Santander Creativa Foundation, Spain

Luis de Morales Museum, Spain

Diego del Alcazar Collection, Spain

Art Prizes

Dom Art Residency Prize

JD Malat Gallery
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Selected Works



Luis Olaso

Composition for a pot and a bouquet of flowers, 2025

Oil, acrylic, oil bar and oil pastel on Canvas

59 x 59 in

150 x 150 cm



Luis Olaso

Composition for a white ceramic vase with flowers, 2023

Oil, acrylic, oil bar and oil pastel on canvas

78 3/4 x 63 in

200 x 160 cm