

## Luis Olaso

Luis Olaso is a Spanish artist (b. 1986). He was initially self-taught, later studying Fine Arts at the University of the Basque Country. He currently lives and works in Bilbao.



Olaso's large, abstract canvases possess an expressive power drawn

from the artist's feelings, state of mind, and personal views. He works from improvisation, and divides his process into two parts: Action and analysis; he paints impulsively, creating shapes, spots, and colour plans, and then observes what he has created for hours, trying to analyse what does and doesn't work. In Olaso's mind, this impulsive energy helps the work become fresher and more visceral, able to reach his internal feelings more effectively.

Often working with plant elements and human bodies, he is interested in the contrasts between order and chaos, the visual tension between colour, geometry, organic shapes, and accidents. Olaso never has a concrete idea of what he wants to transmit, instead he is principally interested in the idea that his painting speaks of himself, and as a result he considers all his work a dynamic self-portrait. He states that "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."

**Selected Works**



**Luis Olaso**

*Composition for a Monstera and a flowerpot, 2022*

Oil, acryl, oilbar and oilpastel on Canvas

62 5/8 x 47 1/4 in

150 x 120 cm



**Luis Olaso**

*Composición for a Saturday dinner with a pot and wine, 2022*

Oil, acryl, oilbar and oilpastel on canvas

63 x 78 3/4 in

160 x 200 cm

**Luis Olaso CV**

b. 1986- Bilbao, Spain

**Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 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 Blanco, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 Estudio Raquel Chamorro, Madrid, Spain

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 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 Cerveira*, 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	<i>De lo Concreto a lo Abstracto</i> , Nave 73, Madrid, Spain
2016	Zabaleta Museum, Jaen, Spain
2016	Museu d'Art de Pregó, Alicante, Spain
2016	Sala Francisco Pradilla, Zaragoza, Spain
2015	<i>Ibercaja</i> , Patio de la infanta, Zaragoza, Spain
2015	Zabaleta Museum, Jaen, Spain
2015	<i>International Painting Biennial</i> , Miquel Viladrich, Llíeda, Spain
2015	<i>Propuestas 2015</i> , Centro14, Alicante, Spain
2014	Pablo Picasso Museum, Malaga, Spain
2013	Academy of fine arts, Sabadell, Spain

#### **Selected International Art Fairs**

2022	<i>Artmonte-Carlo</i> , JD Malat Gallery, Monte Carlo, Monaco
2022	<i>ZONA MACO</i> , JD Malat Gallery, CDMX, Mexico City, Mexico
2019	<i>Untitled</i> , Makasiini Contemporary, Miami Beach, USA
2017	<i>Art Marbella</i> , Malaga, Spain

#### **Selected Collections**

Yusaku Maezawa Contemporary Art foundation, Tokyo, Japan

Simco. Stefan Simchowitz Collection, USA

Diputacion foral de Bizkaia, Spain

Santander Creativa Foundation, Spain

Luis de Morales Museum, Spain

Diego del Alcazar Collection, Spain