

ALEJANDRA ESPINASSE

Introduction

A few facts are important when looking at the work of Alejandra Espinasse if we want to understand who the artist behind those shapes and colors is.

She was born in Buenos Aires on March 22, 1966. She started painting when she was a small girl of 10 thanks to the encouragement of her mother, who also painted. Since that early age, she knew she loved painting and that painting would be her chosen career.

She then went on to study at the School of Visual Arts "Regina Pacis" in Buenos Aires, where she earned the degree of "National Drawing and Painting Teacher".

At that time, she was doing figurative painting and drew her inspiration from landscapes such as La Boca, San Isidro, the Port, ships.

With time, her painting started to adapt to her personality, she began developing different styles and techniques until she acquired a particular style of her own, with shape, color and character in each brushstroke. In 1990, a newlywed, Alejandra moved to Puerto Madryn, a coastal city in Patagonia, where she has raised her family.

Her painting accompanied her in all her changes. Early on, she went through a Fishes and Sea period, a reflection of her life in relation to water. Then, for a while, she worked on flowers, where romanticism and purity became manifest. Patagonian coastal landscapes were also prominent at a time.

After a prolific production, she heard the call of Abstractionism, a style she is still exploring. Abstract Art has more mysteries, is less explicit and there are many factors interplaying: how the work is perceived, colors, shape, the strength and texture of brushstrokes, composition and, uppermost, the feelings of the artist.

Alejandra runs her own art workshop, where she teaches drawing and painting to adults.

"Painting is a hard road in which you never reach your dreams and, just like the Sun, it has a fresh start every day"

Personal details

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Education

Primary Education "Highlands" School, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Secondary Education Educational Institute "Fatima", Buenos Aires. Graduated in 1983

Tertiary Education School of Visual Arts "Regina Pacis". Graduated in 1988

Degree earned: National Drawing and Paint Teacher

1977 - 1979	Regular Drawing and Painting Workshop with Ketty López Gard
1988	Course on implementing the "Workshop Classroom" in Plastic Arts (National Directorate of Middle School Education)
1989 – 1990	Regular Drawing and Painting Workshop with Liana Lestad
1992	Vision Course held at SAAP (Argentine Society of Plastic Artists) at Puerto Madryn.
1993	1st National Meeting of Plastic Artists Puerto Madryn – Patagonia 1994

Awards and mentions

1987	1st Prize "Junior Painting Competition" Municipality of San Fernando Technique: oil on canvas Mention "Junior Painting Competition" La Boca neighborhood, hosted by the School of Visual Arts Regina Pacis. Technique: oil on canvas
1988	Selected for the "Malvinas Argentinas" Hall (Capital Federal) Technique: oil on canvas
1992	1st Prize – 1st. "Spring Hall" (Trelew) Technique: oil on canvas – Title: "Simply Life"
1993	2nd Prize – 2nd "ExpoArt Madryn '93" Technique: oil on canvas - Title: "Gulf Beaches" Selected for 1st "Young Art Biennale Patagonia 93" Technique: oil on canvas - Title: "On Its Way"
2003	2nd Prize – "Madryn Paints 2003" Technique: Diptych- oil on canvas
2004	Selected – "Salón Bolsa de Comercio" (Bahía Blanca)
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Exhibitions

1987	Permanent Collective Exhibition – Municipality of San Fernando
1988	Individual Exhibition- “Au Milleu” Restaurant - Capital Federal Collective Exhibition - “Malvinas Argentinas” Hall Collective Exhibition - Municipality of Tigre
1993	Collective Exhibition Branch: Seccional 20 of S.A.A.P. in the context of the First National Meeting Puerto Madryn “Patagonia 94” Collective Exhibition 9º. Provincial Book Fair “Gaiman” Collective Exhibition - Banco Provincia Puerto Madryn, hosted by the Provincial Natural History and Ocean Museum of Chubut Mural Painting Puerto Madryn - Av. Gales and the seaside
1994	Permanent Collective Exhibition “Hotel Bahía Nueva” - Puerto Madryn
1995 - 1997	Permanent Individual Exhibition “Gimnasio Centro Vital” Puerto Madryn Exhibition Ayuso – Dumaine Architects
1999	Individual Exhibition- “Bruno” Restaurant - Puerto Madryn
2000	Individual Exhibition- “Jorge Schmid” Restaurant - Puerto Pirámide
2001	Individual Exhibition “Casa de Te del Chubut” (Tea House) - Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition - “Asociación Amigos del Museo” – Small format room. – Puerto Madryn Individual Exhibition “Ecocentro”. Performing Center Individual Exhibition “Estancia Rincón Chico” Valdés Peninsula
2002	Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Fundación Ameghino - Punta Cuevas. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Cine Auditórium. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” – Art Museum. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” – Cultural Center. Puerto Madryn
2003	Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Art Museum, Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Servicoop. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Banco del Chubut. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Cine Auditórium. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” University Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” 13th Plastic Art Municipal Hall. Trelew 10º Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Municipal Art Museum Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Newspaper Madryn. Puerto Madryn Individual Exhibition “Rule of Art” Pub Margarita. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” 23th Meeting of Patagonian Writers. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Cine Auditórium. Puerto Madryn
2003 - 2004	Individual Exhibition Restobar “La Barra”. Puerto Madryn Individual Exhibition Restaurant “Plácido”. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition Shopping mall “Portal de Madryn”. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art”. Municipal Art Museum. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition Shopping mall “Portal de Madryn”. Puerto Madryn
2004	Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Municipal Art Museum. Puerto Madryn Individual Exhibition - Casa de té del Chubut (Tea House). Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition Municipal Fine Arts Museum. Esquel Individual Exhibition Municipal Art Museum. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Madryn Paints 2004” Municipal Art Museum. Puerto Madryn
2005	Itinerant Collective Exhibition “Argentina From End to Maritime End”. Luis Piedra Buena Pier. Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition “Rule of Art” Municipal Art Museum Puerto Madryn Individual Exhibition Puerto Pirámides Collective Exhibition Rule of Art supporting the Year's End Concert of the Municipal Puerto Madryn Choir

2006	Individual Exhibition at Ecocentro of Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition "Rule of Art". Shopping mall Portal de Madryn Collective Exhibition "Arte Original" Art Gallery - Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition "Rule of Art". Anniversary of Ecocentro - Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition "Anniversary GUÍA MAD" - Cine Teatro Auditorium Puerto Madryn" Collective Exhibition "Anniversary GUÍA MAD" - Municipal Art Museum Puerto Madryn"
2007	Collective Exhibition "Municipal Art Museum" Puerto Madryn
2008	Collective Exhibition "Rule of Art" Puerto Madryn Permanent Exhibition "Hotel Yene Hue" Puerto Madryn
2009	Individual Exhibition "Direct Line" Tienda Real, Puerto Madryn Permanent Exhibition "Restaurant Mediterráneo" Puerto Madryn
2010	Permanent Exhibition "Restaurant Plácido", Puerto Madryn
2011	Individual Exhibition "Line and Color", Municipal Art Museum Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition "Railway Museum" Puerto Madryn Permanent Exhibition "Hotel Las Restingas" Puerto Pirámides
2012	Individual Exhibition OSDE, Trelew
2013	Participated in the Project "Art Corridor", Municipal Art Museum Puerto Madryn Itinerant Exhibition "Art intervention of umbrellas" Municipal Art Museum, Cultural Under management, Puerto Madryn Individual Exhibition "Confitería Balcarce" Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition "Gulf Art" (Intervention of Sails). Municipal Tourism Secretariat and Club Náutico Atlántico Sud, Puerto Madryn
2014	Individual Exhibition "Between Winds" Shopping mall Portal de Madryn Individual Exhibition Auditorium Sociedad Italiana de Puerto Madryn Individual Exhibition "Between Winds" Mimosa Room, Hotel Rayentray, Puerto Madryn Supporting the Writers' Cycle "Planeta Summer" VII Collective Exhibition "Madryn Served" Municipal Art Museum, Puerto Madryn Mural Escuela Mutualista de Puerto Madryn with the participation of preschool students
2015	Collective Exhibition "Enlightened" together with artist Alexis Garay, using long exposure photography techniques. Municipal Art Museum, Pto. Madryn Individual Exhibition "Looking Inside" – Shopping mall Portal de Madryn Individual Exhibition Hotel Yene Hué Individual Exhibition Panacea Panes y Vinos Collective Exhibition "8th Madryn Served". Municipal Art Museum
2016	Exhibition Newspaper El Chubut Trelew. Art Space MUDICH "Color Roads" Collective Exhibition Art Museum Puerto Madryn , International Museum Day "Cultural Landscapes" Individual Exhibition OSDE Puerto Madryn Collective Exhibition "Spring Art Exhibition 2016" Shopping mall Portal de Madryn Collective Exhibition small formats, Municipal Art Museum, Puerto Madryn Experimental Project. Painting a Work live- time, together with seven artists from Puerto Madryn. Shopping mall Portal de Madryn Individual Exhibition "Hall de Hacienda", Municipality Pto Madryn
2017	Group Exhibition Ten Artists, Ten Works "Local Art Stories" Municipal Museum, Pto Madryn Individual Exhibition "Dreams" – Municipal Museum of Visual Arts, Trelew Group Exhibition International Art Museum Day Mudich, Newspaper Chubut Trelew. Individual Exhibition "Dreams" Shopping mall Portal de Madryn. Individual Exhibition Hotel Yene-hue, Puerto Madryn.

Group Exhibition in representation of the Province of Chubut, Paseo de las Artes (Mercado de Creadores) Casino Magic Neuquén.
Group Exhibition small formats Espacios en Red (Distrito I), Trelew.
Group Exhibition Resto James Marquet Pto Madryn.
Individual Exhibition Cardiological Center Trelew.

2018

Group Exhibition Espacios en red (Distrito I), Comodoro Rivadavia
Group Exhibition Espacios en red (Distrito I) Casa del Chubut, City of Buenos Aires.
Individual Exhibition Bar de Tapas Barrika, Puerto Madryn.