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JORGE QUEIROZ ANNOUNCED AS GRAND PRIZE WINNER OF THE INAUGURAL SOVEREIGN PORTUGUESE ART PRIZE.



Jorge Queiroz with Duende; Jorge with SAF Founder Howard Bilton with Judges David Elliott; Joana Vasconcelos; Maura Marvão; Phillippe Vergne & Tim Marlow

- The Grand Prize winner was announced as Jorge Queiroz; as voted for by a judging panel, including artists Ai WeiWei and Joana Vasconcelos.
- The Finalists' Exhibition, comprising the work of 30 contemporary artists from Portugal and its diaspora goes on display at the Palácio das Artes, Porto, opening to the public on 13 April.
- The exhibition will then tour venues in Lisbon, Estremoz and the Algarve until September 2022.
- The shortlisted artworks are now for sale in an online auction, with all proceeds benefiting the artists and supporting disadvantaged children across Portugal through arts programmes identified by Associação SAF.

2022 Exhibition Dates:

13 - 30 April: Palácio das Artes, Porto

27 May - 18 June: Sociedade Nacional de Belas-Artes, Lisbon

22 June - 15 August: Museu Berardo Estremoz

Algarve details and dates to follow

Porto, Portugal – Associação SAF today announces Portuguese artist Jorge Queiroz as the winner of the 2022 Sovereign Portuguese Art Prize and recipient of €25,000, for his work,

Duende. This is the inaugural edition of the Prize, which celebrates the practices of leading contemporary artists living in Portugal, and its diaspora.

Winner Jorge Queiroz is an artist primarily concerned with painting. Of *Duende*, Jorge commented: "In my work, impulses and reasons lead to basic or original polarity: sense and nonsense, logic and the illogical, the conscious and the unconscious, full, empty, abstract and figurative, narrative and fragment. Or, as from the perspective of Garcia Lorca, everything is and is not, at the same time, because it is *Duende* the fragment for a fundamental law to make metamorphosis in permanent transmutation."

Queiroz was nominated to enter the Prize by Armando Cabral.

Queiroz said of his win: "It was wonderful and very big surprise, to have won the 2022 Sovereign Portuguese Art Prize, I am very happy. This piece was made for the making a text of the *Duende* for a literary conference in Madrid. The purpose of both of this Prize and the Students Prize is noble and highly commended."

Judge Joana Vasconcelos said: "Jorge is an amazing artist. I had the privilege of being his colleague in school and also in a gallery in France and I am proud to see his amazing career internationally speaking and in Portugal too. His work surprises me every time I see it; it's also very coherent. It is always a pleasure and he is a great artist."

Fellow Judge Tim Marlow added: "It is great to see an artist with an established reputation, hugely respected, who is still able to produce work that is fresh, questioning and surprising".

A board of 19 independent arts professionals comprising curators, collectors and academics nominated artists to enter the Prize and 214 entries were received. 30 artists were then shortlisted by an esteemed judging panel, including artists **Ai Weiwei** and **Joana Vasconcelos**; **Vicente Todolí**, Founding Director of Serralves Contemporary Art Museum; **David Elliott**, freelance writer, curator and former Founding Director of the Mori Art Museum, Tokyo; **Maura Marvão**, Head of Phillips in Portugal and Spain; **Phillippe Vergne**, French curator and Director of the Serralves Contemporary Art Museum and **Tim Marlow**, Chief Executive and Director of the Design Museum, London.

The Finalists' Exhibition tour will start at Palácio das Artes in Porto (13 - 30 April 2022), before moving to Sociedade Nacional de Belas-Artes in Lisbon (27 May - 18 June 2022), then the Museu Berardo Estremoz (22 June - 15 August 2022), culminating in August at a venue, to be announced shortly, in the Algarve. Visitors to the exhibitions will be invited to vote for their favourite artwork and together with [online votes](#), the most popular artist will be awarded the Public Vote Prize of €2,000 in August.

All shortlisted artworks, except Queiroz's, are now being sold via [silent auction](#); reserve prices range from €1,700 - €24,000. The online auction will close in early September 2022. Proceeds will be split equally between the artists and SAF, where they will be used to fund expressive arts programmes supporting children who most need it, in Portugal.

The Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF) Students Prize, Portugal 2022

At the same time The SAF Students Prize, Portugal 2022 is currently being judged. This is an annual award championing the importance of art in the education system. SAF runs student prizes in 10 countries around the world. The [SAF Students Prize, Portugal, 2022](#) is sponsored by Maria João Bahia. Secondary schools across Portugal nominated their best art students to submit art works online. A separate judging panel then shortlisted the 30 best art works for the Finalists' Exhibition, which will tour concurrently with the Sovereign Portuguese Art Prize, paralleling the artists of today alongside the talent of tomorrow. Student artworks will be sold

through silent auction at the agreement of each student, with sale proceeds and fundraising income split equally between the student and SAF.

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In the same year, SAF launched The Sovereign Asian Art Prize, now recognised as the most established and prestigious annual art award in Asia-Pacific. The Prize increases the international exposure of artists in the region, whilst raising funds by auctioning shortlisted artworks and sharing proceeds equally between the participating artists and SAF. SAF uses these proceeds to fund programmes that support disadvantaged children using expressive arts. This model has so far raised over US\$10 million for artists and charities worldwide.

This year, SAF launched two new international art prizes: The Norval Sovereign African Art Prize and The Sovereign Portuguese Art Prize, each with the objective of increasing the international exposure of artists in these countries, whilst raising funds for local arts education programmes.

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