



ANDREA
TORRES
BALAGUER

GALLERY B·R

UK - Bahrain

BIOGRAPHY



Andrea Torres Balaguer (b. 1990, Barcelona) is a visual artist whose work explores the intersection of photography, portraiture, and painting. A graduate of the University of Barcelona's Fine Arts program, she has developed a multidisciplinary approach that blends surrealism, dream symbolism, and psychoanalysis. Deeply influenced by the rich duality of Barcelona's tradition and modernity, her work investigates themes of femininity, nature, memory, and identity, creating narratives that blur the line between reality and fiction.

Torres Balaguer's process draws from the aesthetics of magical realism, crafting poetic and enigmatic compositions where figures appear masked, obscured, or transformed. As Dior Magazine describes:

"Petals and golden lines punctuate photographs taken by Andrea Torres Balaguer [...] masking the model's eyes. Poised between surrealism and dreaminess, revelation and disappearance, these images, as if enhanced by precious brushstrokes, challenge the imagination through notions of femininity."

Her work continuously questions the nature of portraiture itself: What is a portrait? Is it a revelation or a disguise?

Torres Balaguer's work has been exhibited internationally, including solo and group shows in Barcelona, Madrid, Paris, New York, and London. She has received notable recognition, including being commended in the Sony World Photography Awards (2015) and participating in Elles x Paris Photo (2018). In 2020, her solo show *Inside the Unknown* at Can Mario Fundació Vila Casas explored the evolution of her practice.

Her work has been featured in Harper's Bazaar, Elle, Marie Claire, AD, and Vogue, and is part of collections such as Fundació Vila Casas and Col·lecció Bassat. In 2023, she was selected by Dior's Creative Director Maria Grazia Chiuri for the Dior Magazine feature, *Andalusian Grace*.

Torres Balaguer cites Duane Michals and Annie Leibovitz as key inspirations, drawing from their ability to merge storytelling and image-making. Her work challenges the very essence of identity and perception, as she describes:

"It's like stealing an identity, shedding the old one, and letting the subject be what the viewer desires. It can be many new identities, except for the original one."

With a practice that exists between painting and photography, surrealism and reality, her images invite viewers to step into a dreamlike universe—one where the boundaries between self and myth dissolve.

Featured Exhibitions

Solo Shows

Por el sur de mis pies fue primavera, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2023)

Solo Exhibition, In Camera Galerie, Paris, France (2022)

Image of the opera Aida, Opéra National de Paris, France (2020)

The Unknown & Hivernacle & Eclipses, Palau de Casavells, Girona (2020)

Inside the Unknown, Can Mario, Fundació Vilacasas, Palafrugell, Spain (2020)

The Unknown, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2018)

El silenci de les magranes, Museu de Montserrat, Barcelona, Spain (2018)

The Unknown, In Camera Galerie, Paris, France (2018)

Moon, Qlick Editions, Amsterdam, Holland (2018)

Untitled, Palau de Casavells Alzueta Gallery, Girona Spain (2016)

Mesmerize and other secrets, La Destil·leria, Mataró, Spain (2016)

Mesmerize, Galeria Artevistas, Barcelona, Spain (2014)

EXHIBIT, Golferichs, Francesc Català-Roca, Barcelona, Spain (2014)

Group Shows

Her View, GALLERY B·R, Manama, Bahrain (2024)

What We Hide, GALLERY B·R, Tetbury, UK (2023)

30 years of Women, Jackson Fine Art, Atlanta, USA (2020)

Premi de Fotografia 2017, Palau Solterra Fundació Vila Casas, Torroella de Montgrí, Spain (2017)

Negra i reial, Fundació Setba, Barcelona, Spain (2016)

Clairvoyance,]Guy Hepner Gallery, New York, USA (2016)

Untitled, Palau de Casavells - Alzueta Gallery, Girona, Spain (2016)

La màgia de la Reial, Fundació Setba, Barcelona, Spain (2015)

The Shed Summer show: EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER, Malthouse Gallery, Lyme Regis, UK (2015)

PATRIM 2013/2014, Espai Volart - Fundació Vila Casas, Barcelona, Spain (2015)

Photography now, The Brick Lane Gallery, London, UK (2015)

Selected Images on PhotoVogue, Vogue Italia (2012)

Fairs

London Art Fair, London, UK (2023)

Paris Photo, Paris, France (2018-2022)

Art Paris, Paris, France (2019-2022)

Art Miami, Miami, USA (2018-2019 and 2022-2023)

ZONAMACO, CDMX, Mexico (2019)

Stockholm Art Fair, Stockholm, Sweden (2018)

Awards

Selected by PhotoEspaña to represent Spain in Futures Photography programme of the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union, Unseen Photography Festival, Amsterdam (2019)

"Premi de Fotografia 2017", Palau Solterra Fundació Vila Casas, Torroella de Montgrí (2017)

Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr, Somerset House, London (2015 and 2017)

Winner of I Premio Nuevos Talentos, Galeria Artevistas, Barcelona (2014)

Honorable Mention, Seasons 2012, New York Center for Photographic Arts, United States (2012)