



MANOLO
BALLESTEROS

GALLERY B·R

UK - Bahrain

BIOGRAPHY



Manolo Ballesteros (b. 1965, Barcelona, Spain) is a contemporary artist whose practice is defined by an intuitive, spontaneous approach to abstraction. Rather than conveying explicit messages, his work allows form, colour, and composition to speak for themselves, creating a visual language that is both direct and deeply resonant.

In recent years, Ballesteros has pushed further into geometric abstraction, refining his exploration of shape and colour through simplified profiles and uniform pigments. His compositions often feature rounded forms set against monochromatic backgrounds, creating a dynamic interplay between structure and movement. These carefully balanced works invite the viewer into an immersive experience where rhythm, symmetry, and contrast become the focal points.

Materials are central to Ballesteros's artistic process, with a particular focus on paper, steel, and enamel. Through these mediums, he investigates the tactile and textural qualities of his forms, exploring how colour interacts with different surfaces. His use of bold, vibrant tones alongside softer pastel palettes lends his work a distinct purity—each piece an exercise in restraint and refinement.

Ballesteros's work has been exhibited widely in Europe and beyond, gaining recognition for its ability to merge the precision of geometric abstraction with the spontaneity of gestural art. Continually evolving, his practice remains rooted in an ongoing dialogue between materiality, balance, and the essential elements of painting.

Featured Exhibitions

Solo Shows

Solo Presentation, GALLERY B·R,
Tetbury, UK (2023)

Óleo, Alzqueta Gallery Turó,
Barcelona, Spain (2023)

Solo Presentation, Alzqueta
Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2021)

Solo Exhibition, University of
Barcelona, Spain (2020)

Solo Exhibition, Alzqueta Gallery,
Barcelona, Spain (2019)

*Manolo Ballesteros & Carlos
Sánchez Alonso*, Galería Marita
Segovia, Madrid, Spain (2018)

Paper Work, Alzqueta Gallery,
Barcelona, Spain (2016)

Pintat el 2014, Museu Can Framis,
Fundació Vila Casas, Barcelona,
Spain (2015)

Solo Exhibition, Galerie Pierre
Hallet, Brussels, Belgium (2014)

Solo Exhibition, Palau de
Casavells, Girona, Spain (2013)

Group Shows

Season Opening, Palau de
Casavells, Alzqueta Gallery,
Casavells, Spain (2024)

What Abstract Art Means To Me,
Alzqueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain
(2024)

*La Terre est Bleue Comme une
Orange*, Alzqueta Gallery, Barcelona,
Spain (2023)

Aturi & Manolo Ballesteros, Galería
Marita Segovia, Madrid, Spain
(2021)

Abstract Painting: Color and Light,
Galería Marita Segovia, Madrid,
Spain (2021)

Fairs

ARTMADRID, Galería Marita
Segovia, Madrid, Spain (2023)

ESTAMPA Art Fair, Alzqueta
Gallery, Madrid, Spain (2023)

ZONAMACO, Alzqueta Gallery,
Mexico City, Mexico (2023)

ART PARIS, Paris, France (2022)

ART ON PAPER, Galería Marita
Segovia, Brussels, Belgium (2021)

