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ART PROJECTS

NÚ BARRETO

Born:
1966 in São Domingos,
Guinea-Bissau

Lives:
Torcy, France

Education:
1993 École de Photographie,
Paris, France

1994–1996 Gobelins, l'école
de l'image, Paris, France

Nú Barreto is a multidisciplinary artist whose political practice depicts his own experience of contemporary Africa and the violence and inequality that marks the continent. Barreto has developed his own symbolic system of color and recurring motifs. His canvas paintings are populated by silhouetted anonymous figures flailing against abstracted compositions surrounded by broken ladders to nowhere and signifiers of urban life. Thin wavering "lifelines" dissect his compositions, representing an existence that is precarious yet persistent.

Born in 1966 in São Domingos, Guinea-Bissau, Barreto has been living and working in France since 1989, graduating from the École Nationale des Métiers de l'Image des Gobelins (Paris). His work has received much international acclaim and Barreto has established himself as one of the most prominent artists of African contemporary art.

Solo Exhibitions

2021 L'imparfait et l'Impératif, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France

2019 Homo Imparfaits, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium

2018 Africa, Renversante Renversée, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France

2016 Fil Rouge, LouiSimone Guirandou Gallery, Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Funguli SapiensI, Galeria Arte Periférica, Lisbon, Portugal

2015 Funguli - Ressonância, Taipa Houses, Macau, China
We c'est l'Afrique, Galerie Goldenberg, Paris, France

2013 Cultura Para La Libertad, Galerie Kalao, Bilbao, Spain
UB Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, NY, USA

2007 Galeria Imerge, Porto, Portugal
Galerie Art d'ailleurs d'aujourd'hui, Paris, France

2004 La Cesi, Mont-Saint-Aignan, France

2002 Place de l'Hôtel de Ville - Saint-Quentin, France
Air France - Rouen, France

2001 Marie de Darnetal, France

1998 Exposition Universelle "Pavillon de la Guinée", Lisbon, Portugal

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Group Exhibitions

- 2023 Kimvuka (Together), duo show, Ronewa Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2022 Je Suis Moi Même Le Soleil, 31 Project Galerie, Paris, France
Europa Oxalá, Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2021 Europa Oxalá, Museum of Civilizations of Europe and the Mediterranean, Marseille, France
Reclaiming Magic, The Royal Academy of Arts, London, England
Inauguration Show, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Rue de Faubourg Saint Honoré, Paris, France
The Summer Show, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
Encontro Luso, Palácio Baldaya, Benfica, Lisbon, Portugal
Africa Staged -/Africa Messa Scena, Lis10 Gallery, Pietrasanta, Italy
High Emission Zone, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
- 2020 Looking Forward, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
Lumières d'Afriques, Standard Bank Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2019 Autores Lusófonos V, Grand Lisboa, Macau, China
Autores Lusófonos IV, Instituto Camões, Fundação PLMJ, Lisbon, Portugal
Lumières d'Afriques, Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rabat, Morocco
La Nuit Était Papier, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
AFRO, Recontre avec Des Afriques, Galerie L'Escale, Levallois-Perret, France
- 2018 Memória e Engajamento, Galerie Brésil, São Paulo, Brazil
Reloaded Avantgarde, Sabine Knust Gallery, Munich, Germany
Autores Lusófonos III, Casa das Artes Criação Ambiente e Utopias, São Tomé, São Tomé and Príncipe Frente. Verso. Inverso.,Lisbon, Portugal
Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
Galerie Art-Z, Paris, France
Métaphore du Big Bang, Galerie 59, Paris, France
Lumières d'Afrique, Union Africaine, EUMETSAT, Darmstadt, Germany
Autores Lusofones II, Instituto Camões,Fundação PLMJ, Lisbon, Portugal
Fragility, HCE Galerie, Saint Denis, France
Recontres Africaines, Mairie de Draveil, Draveil-Sandaré, France
- 2017 Lumières d'Afriques, Union Africaine, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Arterial Network, La Rotonde de Arts, Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Trop Comprendre, Sulger Buel-Lovell Gallery, London, England
Lumières d'Afriques, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
Lumières d'Afriques, IFAN Museum of African Arts, Dakar, Senegal
Itinéraires, La Galerie Art-Z, Paris, France
- 2016 Afriques... ailleurs, Galerie KO21, Paris, France
Autores Lusófonos na coleção da Fundação PLMJ, Centro Cultural Portugues, Maputo, Mozambique

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Soly Cissé and Guests, Villa Dutoit, Geneva, Switzerland
Rites of Passage: Between Light and Shadow, Irma Stern Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
Rites of Passage: Between Light and Shadow, Sulger-Buel Lovell Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Convergence, UEMOA Siege, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Hommage à Biennale de Dakar, Dakar-Martigny, Martigny, Switzerland
Lumières d'Afriques, Fondation Donwahi, Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Ici / la-bas / Afrique, Rhizome, Torcy, France

2015 Lumières d'Afriques, Palais de Chaillot, Paris, France
10 ans de Kalao Panafrican Creations, Galerie Kalao, Bilbao, Spain
Circulations/Environnement, Afric'art, Villetaneuse, France
We c'est Moi, Galerie Goldenberg, Paris, France
L'Art Pour La Paix, Uneso, Paris, France
Rastros, Museu Mucane, Vitoria, Brazil
V Bienal das Culturas Lusófonas, Centro de Exposições de Odivelas, Odivelas, Portugal
Circulations Majeures, Galerie HCE, Saint Denis, France
La Voix de l'Afrique, Musée Kino-Kino, Sandnes, Norway

2014 Art Pour La Paix, Unesco, Paris, France
Télégramme, Town Hall of Pierrefitte-sur-Seine, Pierrefitte-sur-Seine, France

2013 Art Shopping, Musée de Louvre, Paris, France
La Ville, La Jungle, Musée Boribana, Dakar, Senegal

2012 Museu Apad Szenes, Vieira da Silva, Lisbon, Portugal

2011 Fundação da América Latina, Galeria Marta Traba, Arte Lusófona, São Paulo, Brazil
Been Penc 3, Résidence, Angers, France
Galeria Marcelo Neves, São Paulo, Brazil
Trans Aide, Mairie de Draveil, Draveil, France
Utopie, Rhizome, Torcy, France

2010 Salon Africain du Design, Cotonou, Benin
OFF Bienal 4, Galeria Cidade Jardim, São Paulo, Brazil
Festival Mondial des Arts Nègres/FESMAN, Dakar, Senegal
Salon SNBA, Musée du Louvre, Paris, France

2009 La Porte Étroite, Kunstrau Kreuzberg, Berlin, Germany
Espace Champerret, CPLP, Paris, France
Recontres culturelles interéthniques, Evreux, France

2008 Trans Aide, Mairie de Draveil, Draveil, France
UEMOA, Lomé, Togo

2007 Centre Culturel des Rencontres de Neumünster, Luxemburg, Luxemburg
Lusovideografia, Espaço Durex/Oi Futuro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Quand l'Afrique s'éveillera, Musée de la Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Paris, France

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2006 Afrique Europe - Rêves Croisés, Atelier des Tanneurs, Brussels, Belgium
Museu Nacional de Arte, Maputo, Mozambique
Entendus, Sous-entendus et Malentendus, Biennale d'Art africain Contemporain DAKART- Afrique, Dakar, Senegal
Conseil Régional de la Haute Normandie, Rouen, France
Harmonia Mundi, Rouen, France

2005 Rhizome, Torcy, France
Tranches de l'art, Paris, France
Às portas do Mundo - Pluralidade na Lusofonia, Palácio D. Manuel I., Évora, Portugal
Às portas do Mundo - Pluralidade na Lusofonia, Luanda, Angola
Às portas do Mundo - Pluralidade na Lusofonia, São Tomé, São Tomé and Príncipe
Moçambicano, Centro Cultural Franco, Maputo, Moçambique
Às portas do Mundo - Pluralidade na Lusofonia, Dili, Timor

2003 Galerie Saigest, Strasburg, France
Bibliothèque de Neuville Chant d'Oise, Neuville, France
Harmonia Mundi, Rouen, France
Salle municipale de Bonsecours, France

2001 Artec, Hong Kong, China
Galerie Delaunay, Paris, France
Salle Jacques Brel, Fontenay-sous-Bois, France

2000 UNESCO, Paris, France
Galerie Forum des Arts, Rouen, France
Journées Panafricaines, Évreux, France
6e Salon des Artistes de la Madeleine, Évreux, France

1999 UNESO, Paris, France

1998 Hôtel de Ville, Bobigny, France
CAP MAG Espace Champerret, Paris, France
Racines noir, Galerie Renoir, Paris, France
Biennale CPLP, Praia, Cape, Verde

1997 CAP MAG Espace Champerret, Paris, France

Art Fairs

2022 Art Brussels, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
Drawing Room, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Madrid, Spain
Art Genève, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Geneva, Switzerland

2021 Art Antwerp, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Antwerp, Belgium
FIAC, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
Art Verona - #ItalianSystem, LIS10 Gallery, Verona, Italy
Art Basel, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Basel, Switzerland

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Art Paris, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
Art Dubai, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Dubai, U.A.E.
1-54 Art Fair, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Christie's Paris (Solo Show), Paris, France

2020 Art Genève, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Geneva, Switzerland
1-54 Art Fair, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Marrakesh, Morocco
Art Paris, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
DDESSINPARIS/Artskop 3437, Paris, France

2019 Drawing Room, Galerie Arte Periférica, Sociedade Nacional de Bela Artes, Lisbon, Portugal
ARCO (Paralelo) - Africa Common Diversity and Invisible Borders, Mov' Art Gallery, Palais de

2018 Castilho, Lisbon, Portugal
Art Paris, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France
DDESSINPARIS, Paris, France
1-54 Art Fair, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Marrakesh, Morocco
Art Genève, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium, Paris, France

2018 1-54 London, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, London, England
Art Brussels, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium
1-54 Art Fair Marrakech, Guirandou Gallery, Marrakesh, Morocco

2017 AKA - Also Known As Africa, Guirandou Gallery, Paris, France
Cape Town Art Fair, Sulger Buel-Lovell Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
1-54 Art Fair New York, Galerie Sitor Senghor, New York City, USA
Turbine Art Fair, Sulger Buel-Lovell Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2016 AKA - Also Known As Africa, Galerie KO21, Paris, France

2013 Art Monaco, Forum Grimaldi, Monaco, Monaco

Residencies / Other Activities

2019 Residency Desangolar/ELA, Luanda, Angola

2015 Residency Rastros, Vitória, Brazil

2014 Workshop Jeunes Artistes, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau

2013 Workshop Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo, NY, USA
Workshop UB Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, NY, USA

2012 Livre de contes Pluralidade linguística, Édition Union Latina, Paris, France

2005 Illustration du contre, La Princesse, les Cauris et le Baobab de Massamba Gueye, Union Latina, Paris, France

2004 Creation of two comic book characters: TINBOM et SINBOM
Coordination of the production of a fresco for the children of Guinea-Bissau, Art Child Unesco

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2003 Cover of the book, Cabaz di Amor, by Carlos Vieira

1998 Collective mural of the CPLP artistic biennial, Cabo Verde

Selected Collections

Fundação PLMJ, Lisbon, Portugal

Fundação Pro-Justitiae, Porto, Portugal

Museu Mucane, Vitória, Brazil

UEMOA, Burkina Faso

Fondation AAD, Paris, France

Collection Royal du Maroc, Morocco

Banque BCEAO, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau

NHMAAHC, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington DC, USA

La CNAP, Paris, France

Bibliography

2021 African Artists: From 1882 To Now/PHAIDON, London, England

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