

XEVI SOLÀ



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FOREWORD

In our second edition of the *invited artists* series at Opera Gallery Geneva, we are excited to showcase the unique talent of Spanish artist Xevi Solà. This initiative allows artists to curate their own exhibitions, and Solà brings a distinctive perspective to the forefront, with 22 works created especially for this showcase.

At the heart of Solà's paintings lies one or more slender, pale, mysterious figures, exuding an ethereal quality. The artist approaches figuration with boldness, sharpness and power, portraying characters that are not only unique, rare and glamorous but also captured in moments of intimacy. Rather than simply presenting the visible, Solà's works convey emotions and sensations, establishing a silent connection between the observer and the painter.

Solà's focus extends beyond individual likeness, as he seeks to encapsulate his subjects with unrestrained, luminous energy. Adorned in vibrant and attention-grabbing attire, the individuals in his artworks are brought to life through colourful strokes, adding depth to their gazes and emphasising their intriguing and captivating poses.

The artist possesses a unique skill in imbuing his artworks with an elusive ambiance, surpassing the mere formal aspects of the paintings. The artificiality of the figures introduces an emotional gap between the viewer and the subject. This, combined with the absence of a clear narrative context, enhances the psychological allure of the painting. Solà crafts a mesmerising painting, soaked in a poignant yearning and psychological complexity that irresistibly entangles the viewer in its intricate weave of sensory and visual references.

Solà's art serves as a testament to how figurative art can remain contemporary and edgy.

Jordan LAHMI

Director
Opera Gallery Geneva

ARTWORKS

Summer Day
2023

Oil on canvas
130 x 162 cm
51.2 x 63.8 in





Glam
2023

Oil on canvas
130 x 162 cm
51.2 x 63.7 in

Olivia
2023

Oil on canvas
116 x 89 cm
45.7 x 35 in





Serenity
2023

Oil on canvas
116 x 89 cm
45.7 x 35 in

Aurora
2023

Oil on canvas
82 x 65 cm
32.3 x 25.6 in





River
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in

Nova
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in





Samuel
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in

Madison
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in





Sadie
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in

Cooper
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in





Meeting Point
2023

Oil on canvas
180 x 220 cm
70.9 x 86.6 in

Victoria
2023

Oil on canvas
116 x 89 cm
45.7 x 35 in





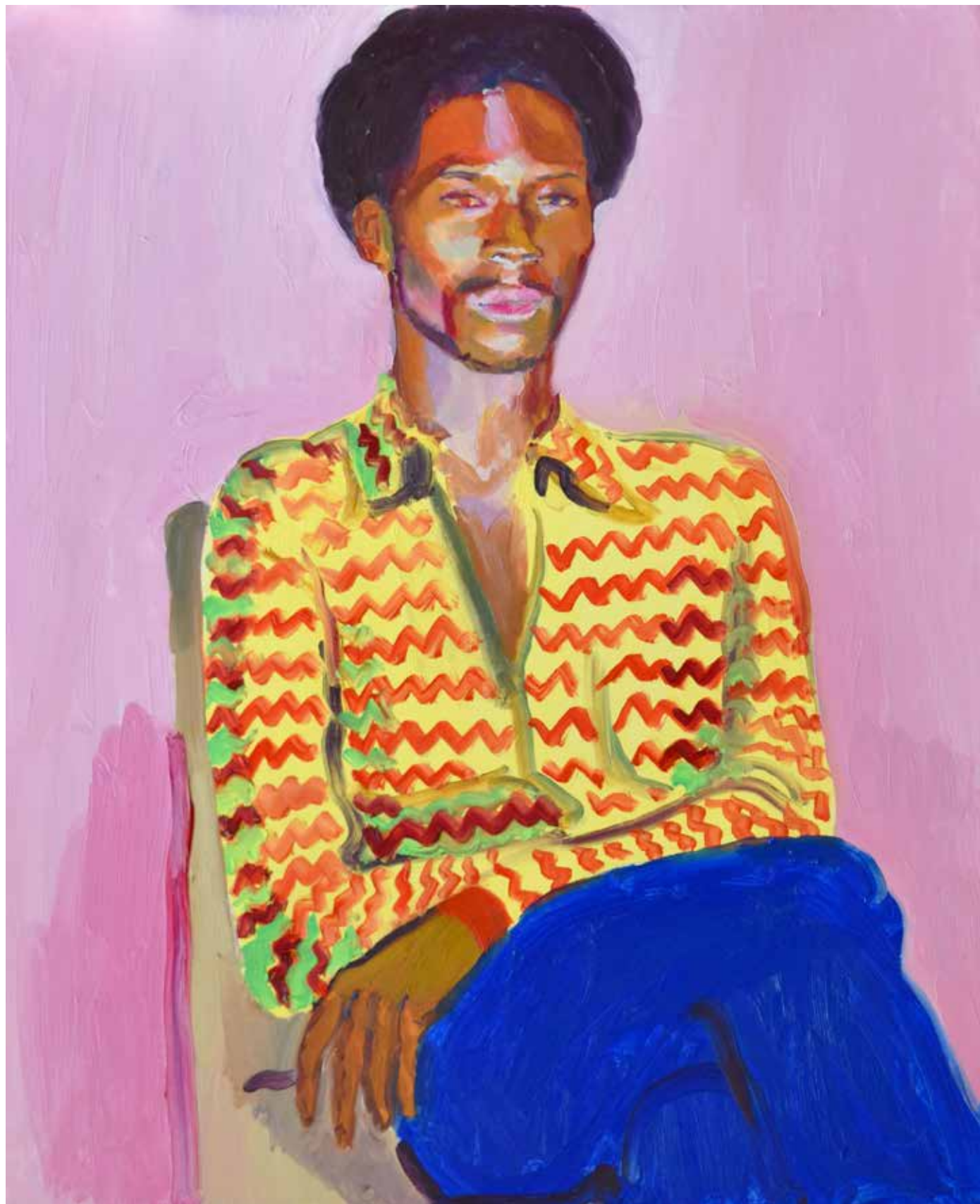
Violet
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in

Owen
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in





Kai
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in

Gianna
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in





Axel
2023

Oil on canvas
92 x 73 cm
36.2 x 28.7 in

Florea
2023

Oil on canvas
92 x 73 cm
36.2 x 28.7 in





Landon
2023

Oil on canvas
116 x 89 cm
45.7 x 35 in

Rowan
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in





Adrian
2023

Oil on canvas
73 x 60 cm
28.7 x 23.6 in



BIOGRAPHY

Xevi Solà was born in Santa Coloma de Farners, Spain in 1969.
He graduated from the Faculty of Fine Arts at University of Barcelona in 2007.
He lives and works in Barcelona, Spain.

AWARDS

- 2014** Taiwan, Taipei, Taipei Contemporary Art Fair, Young Art Taipei, Young Art Award
- 2010** Spain, Girona, Biennial d'Art de Girona, Selected
- 2007** Spain, Barcelona, Arts Santa Mònica, Project Wanted
- 2000** Spain, Barcelona, Jaurena Art, Painting Contest, Selected

SOLO
EXHIBITIONS

| | | | |
|------|--|------|--|
| 2023 | Spain, Barcelona, Alzueta Gallery, "Common People" | 2016 | Taiwan, Taipei, Yiri Arts, "Dual pathology" Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Galeria Inox, "Pintura sobre pintura" |
| 2022 | USA, New York, Voltz Clarke Spain, Barcelona, Alzueta Gallery, "Xevi Solà Serra's Solo Exhibition" Spain, Madrid, Alzueta Gallery, "To Be" | 2015 | Taiwan, Taichung, Yiri Arts, "Decameron" Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Galeria Inox, "De dentro" |
| 2020 | Spain, Barcelona, Alzueta Gallery, "MUTE" Spain, Girona, Palau de Casavells, "Untitled" | 2013 | Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Galeria Inox, "Agadoisó" |
| 2019 | Spain, Barcelona, Galeria Esther Montoriol, "The most beatiful city" Germany, Frankfurt, Kunstverein Familie Montez | 2010 | Spain, Barcelona, Galeria Victor Saavedra, "Bel-Air" |
| 2018 | Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Galeria Inox, "Pan y Circo" | 2009 | Spain, Olot, Olot Art's Museum, Espai zer01, "Exterior amb freak" |
| 2017 | France, Paris, Galerie Tokonoma Spain, Barcelona, Galeria Esther Montoriol, "Jungles" | | |

SELECTED
GROUP
EXHIBITIONS

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|------|---|------|--|
| 2023 | Spain, Madrid, Alzueta Gallery, "La terre est bleue comme une orange" | 2016 | Norway, Oslo, Galleri Ramfjord, 2016 Spain, Barcelona, Galeria Esther Montoriol, "DelicARTessen 15" Denmark, Copenhagen, Galleri Oxholm, 2016 Germany, Berlin, Magic Beans Contemporary Art Gallery, "Power Flower", 2016 |
| 2022 | Spain, Barcelona, Alzueta Gallery, "Álbum de Familia" | 2015 | Spain, Barcelona, Galeria Esther Montoriol, "DelicARTessen 14" |
| 2019 | Spain, Barcelona, Galeria Esther Montoriol, "DelicARTessen 19" | 2014 | Taiwan, Taipei, Yiri Arts, "Grande y felicísima armada", 2014 |
| 2018 | Spain, Barcelona, Galeria Esther Montoriol, "DelicARTessen 18" | | |
| 2017 | USA, Jersey City, Mana Contemporary | | |

SELECTED
PUBLIC & PRIVATE
COLLECTIONS

University of Barcelona
Leonel Kaz’s collection
ESKFF Eileen S. Kamisnsky Family Foundation
Del Arco Collection, Barcelona
Cuperior Collection, Berlin

ART FAIRS

| | | | |
|------|--|------|---|
| 2023 | France, Paris, Art Paris 2023, Alzueta Gallery Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Art Central 2023, Alzueta Gallery | 2016 | Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, ArtRio |
| 2022 | USA, Miami, Art Miami 2022, Alzueta Gallery USA, Aspen, Intersect Aspen 2022, Voltz Clarke France, Paris, Art Paris 2022, Alzueta Gallery USA, Texas, Marfa, Hotel Paisano, MARFA International | 2015 | Netherlands, Amsterdam, PAN Amsterdam Brazil, Sao Paolo, SP-Arte Sao Paolo Art Fair Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, ArtRio |
| 2021 | Spain, Madrid, Urvanity Art Fair France, Paris, Art Paris | 2014 | Taiwan, Kaohsiung, Art Kaohsiung Taiwan, Taipei, Taipei Contemporary Art Fair, Young Art Tapei Peru, Lima, Art Lima International Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, ArtRio |
| 2020 | France, Paris, Art Paris | 2013 | Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, ArtRio |
| 2017 | USA, Miami, Aqua Art Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, ArtRio | | |

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