

Secundino Hernández

Secundino Hernández's diverse and energetic painting practice resists easy characterisation. His work features intricately structured compositions that mix strong linear elements and rich bursts of colour. Some canvases feature abstracted, atomised forms, while others have more densely overlaid imagery in which it is possible to pick out figurative elements.

His paintings deftly combine representation and abstraction, linear draughtsmanship and colouration, minimalism and gesturalism. Over the course of his career Hernández has mixed diverse references: a physicality that recalls Action Painting, the shorthand figuration of cartoons, and passages evoking painterly precedents ranging from El Greco to Giacometti, Velázquez to Picasso. This stylistic multiplicity grows out of Hernández's detailed and informed knowledge of art history. While his references are broad he has, in recent years, developed a specific engagement with the work of old and modern masters from his native country, Spain, as a way of getting in touch with his personal and artistic roots.

Solo exhibitions

2021

No Beauty Without Danger, Galerie Bärbel Grässlin, Frankfurt, Germany

2020

Secundino Hernández – Dreaming of Wild Honey, an extended reality (XR) exhibition on Vortic Collect, Victoria Miro, London, UK

Secundino Hernández: One More Time is Good Enough, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria

2019

Secundino Hernández: Grapado a la piel, Victoria Miro, Venice, Italy

Lowry I. Lowry II. Lowry III. Foresta Negra. Park Life (Forest). Relieves 1-10, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain

MAS: Meadows/ARCO Artist Spotlight, Meadows Museum, Dallas, Texas, USA

2018

New Paintings, Galerie Bärbel Grässlin, Frankfurt, Germany

Todo Es Mucho, CAC Malaga, Spain

Secundino Hernández, Taidehalli Helsinki, Finland

2017

Paso, Victoria Miro, London, UK

In October Ecstasy, Galerie Forsblom, Stockholm, Sweden

2016

Secundino Hernández: Pintura, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain

Polvareda, Galerie Bärbel Grässlin, Frankfurt, Germany
Polvorossa, H2-Zentrum für Gegenwartskunst im Glaspalast, Augsburg, Germany

2015

Entre Primavera y Verano, Yuz Museum, Shanghai, China
Done well done, Múrias Centeno, Lisbon, Portugal
También, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain
TODAY, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria

2014

Secundino Hernández: Works from the Miettinen collection, Maison Louis Carré, Bazoches-sur-Guyonne, France
Secundino Hernández, Victoria Miro, London, UK
Mi Primera Corrida, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain
Kisses & Kisses, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Four Seasons, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
Lupis Ipsum, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany

2013

Metallgedärm, Galerie Bärbel Grässlin, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
Lupis Ipsum, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain
Secundino Hernández, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany

2012

Mendes Wood Gallery, São Paulo, Brazil

2011

Gracias por girar, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain
Raw, Mid Raw, Galeria Nuno Centeno, Porto, Portugal

2010

Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
European Fine Art, Berlin, Germany
Indigenismo, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria

2009

La tierra es redonda, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain
Galería María Llanos, Cáceres, Spain

2008

Una era tu madre, Art Cologne with Heinrich Ehrhardt, Cologne, Germany
Galería Casaborne, Antequera, Malaga, Spain

2007

Secundino Hernández, Krinzinger Projekte, Vienna, Austria
Luna Roja, Galería María Llanos, Cáceres, Spain

2006

Secundino Hernández: Hauch!, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain

Andiamo! Castello di Sermoneta, Latina, Italy

2005

Galería Casaborne, Antequera, Malaga, Spain

2003

Galería Luis Adelantado, Valencia, Spain

2002

Centro de Arte Joven de la Comunidad de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

Galería Espacio F, Madrid, Spain

Espacio para el Arte Emergente, Madrid, Spain

1999

Espacio Fourquet, Madrid, Spain

Taller Alfiz, Madrid, Spain

1997

Galería Valle Quintana, Madrid, Spain

1994

Taller Alfiz, Madrid, Spain

Selected Group Exhibitions

2019

The Ambassador Loan, Meadows Museum, Dallas, Texas, USA (2019 - 2021)

Over the Rainbow, Mirat, Madrid, Spain

Works from the Miettinen Collection, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany

RealitätsCheck, Kunstraum Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany

He Abounded in Happy Curiosities, Espacio Valverde, Madrid, Spain

Globe as a Palette Contemporary Art, Taguchi Art Collection, Hokkaido Obihiro Museum of Art, Kushiro

Art Museum, Hokkaido, Hakodate Museum of Art, Hokkaido and Sapporo Art Museum, Japan

2018

Lush Strokes - Phantom Forms, Galerie Isa, Mumbai, India

Spanish and International Artists, Galería Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain; Galeria Daniel Cardani, Madrid, Spain (2018-2019)

EuroVisions: Contemporary Art from the Goldberg Collection, CMAG - Canberra Museum and Gallery, Canberra, Australia

Killing Me Softly - Works From The Miettinen Collection, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany

Paradise Is Now Palm Trees in Art, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany

Reality Check, Kunstraum Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany

2017

20 CM FROM THE GROUND, L21 Gallery, Palma, Spain

Summer Exhibition 2017, Royal Academy, London, UK
The Art Show, Art of the New Millennium, Taguchi Art Collection, Japan
Berliini – Nastola, Taarasti Art Center, Nastola, Finland
Abstract Painting Now, Kunsthalle Krems, Krems, Austria
Berlin-Klondyke, Maribor Art Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia
Salon Leibniz, Casa Leibniz, Madrid

2016

The Difference Between Sunrise and Sunset, Schloss Tüßling, Tüßling, Germany
In Wonderland – A Birthday Exhibition For Timo Miettinen, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany

2015

Proximities and Desires, abc art berlin contemporary, Berlin, Germany
Gavin Turk, Secundino Hernández, Erik Van Lieshout, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
Berlin - Klondyke: 1. Berlin-Edition, Salon Dahlmann, Berlin, Germany
de la mano, CentroCentro Cibeles, Madrid, Spain

2014

Hunger – Hambre, 4th Edition, Barcelona, Spain
Entre el Cielo y la Tierra: doce miradas al Greco cuatrocientos años después, Museo Nacional de Escultura, Valladolid, Spain

2013

Berlin-Klondyke, Hipp Halle Gmunden, Gmunden, Germany
Summer 2013, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
Cinematic Visions: Painting at the Edge of Reality, Victoria Miro, London, UK
Berlin Klondyke, Werkschaulle, Leipzig, Germany
Das Allerletzte Prof. Winkler Stipendium, Kunstverein Weiden, Austria
Alone Together, Rubell Family Collection / Contemporary Arts Foundation, Miami, USA
Dialogos DKV – Patio Herreriano, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Español, Valladolid, Spain
Painting at the Edge of Reality, Victoria Miro, London, UK

2012

Convoy Berlin, Biksady Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
Berlin Kondyke, Neuer Pfaffenhofener Kunstverein, Pfaffenhofen, Germany
Ultima pintura en las colecciones de la Fundacion Cola-Cola y DA2 Salamanca, Centro de Arte La Regenta, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
À Votre Décharge, Château de Servières, Marseille, France
Pictographie, Roger Raveel Museum, Belgium
Choses vues à Droite et à Gauche (sans lunettes) Ballhaus Ost, Berlin, Germany
Still, Frith Street Gallery, London, UK
Berlin Status 1, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany

2011

Berlin Klondyke 2011, Art Center Los Angeles, Los Angeles, USA
European Fine Art, Kunsthalle Kempten, Kempten, Germany
Kesä - Sommar – Summer, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Finland
"Moraltarantula # 5", Zollamt, Hamburgo. Germany
Berlin Klondyke 2011, The Odd Gallery, Dawson, USA

Psychologie & Abstraktion, Ballhaus Ost, Berlin, Germany
An Imaginary Party, Trabajos Sobre Papel, Galeria Luis Adelantado, Valencia, Spain

2010

Pictografie, Roger Raveel Museum, Machelen, Belgium
Aktualität Eines Mediums, Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
Galería Adhoc, Vigo, Spain
Gallery Inaugural Exhibition, European Fine Art, Berlin, Germany
Crefelder Gesellschaft für Venezianische Malerei, Galerie Börgmann, Krefeld, Germany
Niklas Schechinger Fine Art, Hamburg, Germany

2009

The Lord Wink Award, Istanbul, Turkey
Out of Wedding, Uferhallen, Berlin, Germany
The Swords of Spain, Fenste C, Vienna, Austria

2008

Phantasmagorical, Moeller Snow Gallery, New York, USA
Domestico 08, Madrid, Spain

2007

Siart 2007, Bienal de La Paz, Bolivia

2006

La esfera de Pascal, Comunidad de Madrid, Spain
Academia de España en Roma, Italy

2005

Todos mis amigos han muerto, Galería Casaborne, Antequera, Spain

2003

Hernández, Navarro, Mastretta, Heinrich Ehrhardt, Madrid, Spain
2ª Bienal de Pintura de Estocolmo, Stockholm, Sweden

2002

Cara a cara, Galería Luis Adelantado, Valencia, Spain
XIV Edición de Circuitos de Artes Plásticas y fotografía de la Comunidad de Madrid, Spain
Reducido, Galería Artificial, Madrid, Spain

2000

Homemade, Espacio Fourquet, Madrid, Spain

1999

La Pintura y el Fin de Siglo, Facultad de Bellas Artes de Madrid, Spain

1998

Muestra de Arte Joven, Fundación General de la U.C.M, Facultad de Bellas Artes de Madrid, Spain

1997

Dèja vu jamais vu, Galería Barrio y Valle Quintana, Madrid, Spain

El espacio en dos y tres dimensiones, Fundación Marcelino Botín, Santander, Spain Colectivo PEZ, Estudio Pez Privée, Madrid, Spain

1996

Poemas y objetos (junto con David M. Morán), Taller Alfiz, Madrid, Spain

Grants & Awards

2008 Prize- Creación artística de la Comunidad de Madrid, Spain

Prize- New Talents Program, Art Cologne, Cologne, Germany

2007 First Prize- Generación 2007 de Caja Madrid, Spain

2005-06 Grant- Academia de España en Roma, Rome, Italy

2004 Prize- Adquisition, Generación 2004 de Caja Madrid, Spain

2003 Prize- Adquisition, Premio Joven 2003, Fundación General de la Universidad complutense de Madrid, Spain

2002 Grant- Casa de Velázquez, Madrid, Spain

2001 Grant- Cursos de Verano de El Escorial, Fundación General UCM, Madrid, Spain

Mention- Generación 2002 de Caja Madrid, Spain

2000 Grant- Erasmus, Academia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan, Italy

Selected Press

2020

Cumming, Laura, *"The week ahead at home"*, The Observer, The New Review, print, 21 June 2020

2019

Eisler, Maryam, *"Secundino Hernández: What Lies Beneath"*, LUX Magazine, Autumn 2019

2017

Rigamonti di Cutò, Angeria, *"Secundino Hernández: 'As a painter you have to have a courage to not be afraid of change'"*, Studio International, 22 April 2017

"Interview: Secundino Hernández at Victoria Miro," Something Curated, 20 April 2017

Frankel, Eddy, *"Secundino Hernández: Paso,"* Time Out London, 11-17 April 2017

Abrams, Amah-Rose, *"Gallery Hopping: Secundino Hernández Journeys Through Abstraction at Victoria Miro,"* Artnet, 10 April 2017

"Secundino Hernández's dramatic contrasts of colour and scale, alongside monochrome masterpieces," Creative Boom, 28 March 2017

"Secundino Hernández: Paso' at Victoria Miro," Blouin Artinfo, 24 March 2017

Jansen, Charlotte, *"Meditating with a Palette,"* Elephant, Spring 2017

Secundino Hernández: Paso, Victoria Miro, London, 2017 (exhibition catalogue)

2016

Polvareda, Galerie Bärbel Grässlin, Frankfurt, Germany
Liza Zeitz, New Kids in Town, Weltkunst, no 114, Berlin, Germany

2015

Gottlieb, Limor, *"In conversation with the artist Secundino Hernández,"* Candid Magazine, 29 October 2015
Moore, Christopher, *"Between Line and Color: Secundino Hernández interview,"* Randian, 9 October 2015
Muñoz-Alonso, Lorena, *"A Star is Born,"* Artnet, 4 March 2015
Muñoz-Alonso, Lorena, *"Spanish Art Sensation Secundino Hernández Is Not Worried About Success,"* Artnet, 2 March 2015
Cai Yuan, *Fragmentation of the Traditional and the Modern*, Catalogue, Entre Primavera y Verano, Yuz Museum, Shanghai, China
Joaquín Jesús Sánchez, *From painting*, Catalogue, Entre Primavera y Verano, Yuz Museum, Shanghai, China
Marta Silvi, *Secundino Hernández: face to face with the painting today*, Look Lateral, no4 Italy

2014

"Secundino Hernández: This is tomorrow," Contemporary Art Magazine, 10 July 2014
"Secundino Hernández in Victoria Miro," The Wall, 9 July 2014
García, Ángeles, *"Secundino Hernández a presión,"* El País, 5 July 2014.
"Up and Coming: Visionary Dealer Victoria Miro Unveils a Solo Exhibition by a Spanish Painter on the Rise," Artsy, 2 July 2014
"Victoria Miro's first exhibition with artist Secundino Hernández opens in London," artdaily.org, 12 June 2014
"Secundino Hernández at Victoria Miro Gallery," ES Magazine, 10 June 2014

2013

Ángeles García, *"El Greco, instrucciones de uso,"* El País, 17 March 2013
Bea Espejo, *"Interview with Secundino Hernández,"* El Cultural, El Mundo, 15 March 2013

2009

David Barro, *"Selection 10 best exhibitions 2009,"* El Cultural, December 2009
Letra Internacional, July 2009 (illustrations)

Public Collections

Academia de España en Roma, Italy
AGO, Art Gallery of Ontario, Canada
Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
Banco de España, Spain
CAC Centro de Arte Contemporáneo Málaga, Malaga, Spain
Caja Madrid, Spain
Coca-Cola Foundation, Spain
DA2 - Domus Artium 2002, Salamanca, Spain
Embajada de España en Japón, Japan

Fundación Formación-Empresa de Valencia, Spain
Fundación General Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
Helga de Alvear Foundation, Cáceres, Spain
Kunstdepot Göschenen, Switzerland
Marciano Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Spain
Museo Municipal de Madrid, Spain
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
Museo Patio Herreriano, Valladolid, Spain
National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, UK
NMAC Foundation, Spain
North Carolina Museum, USA
The Rubell Family Collection, Miami, USA
Yuz Museum, Shanghai, China
Zabludowicz Collection, Sarvisalo, Finland