

## ADRIANO COSTA

Born in São Paulo, Brazil 1975

Lives and works in São Paulo, Brazil

The research of Adriano Costa moves from the narrative potential of everyday life, that flow of elements composed of common, domestic and leftover objects which he juxtaposes and reassembles in essential compositions, with a strong poetic dimension. Interested in probing the moment in which the object is no longer defined as a work, the Brazilian artist investigates the different aspects of the visible and the nature of materials, combining solidity and fragility and juxtaposing shapes, motifs and colors to create geometric progressions possessing emotional and musical qualities, intuitive and spontaneous, organic and vital rhythms, close in form to the principles of Neo-Concrete and Minimal Art. The result of gradual adjustments, with a light, random appearance, Costa's works express, precisely in their delicate formal balance and anti-monumental stance, a critical position regarding the contemporary world.

He has participated in numerous solo and group shows, including: "Under the Same Sun: Art from Latin America Today", South London Gallery, London (2016); "Tia Deth", Emalin, London (2015); "Draw Flying Penis/Pussy Against Gentrification", White Cubicle Toilet Gallery, London (2015); "Imagine Brazil", Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway (2013/2014); "Correspondências", Instituto Tomie Ohtake, Sao Paulo (2013); "Convite à Viagem", Rumos Artes Visuais, Itaú Cultural, Sao Paulo (2012/2013); "April", Sadie Coles HQ, London (2013); "Time Space Poker Face", Be-Part, Waregen (2013) and "Mythologies", Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris (2011). He had solo shows as "Mar Morto Provisório", Galerie Krinzinger, Wien (2013); "Crisis doesn't matter if you love me", Nuno Centeno, Porto (2012); "Plantation", Mendes Wood DM, Sao Paulo (2012).

### *Solo exhibitions*

#### **2019**

*ROCKWHORESHOW3-What Have We Done 2 Deserve This*, Castiglioni, Milan, Italy

*ROCKWHORESHOW*, Nuno Centeno, Porto, Portugal

#### **2018**

*We Chose Life . What Now, Georg? Tshirts ?*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil

*wetANDsomeOLDstuffVANDALIZEDbyTHEartist*, Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne, Germany

*B A I L E*, Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil

#### **2017**

*ChapéuFilosófico – a show about LOVE LOST LET IT GO OR AS U WISH*, Galeria Múrias Centeno, Lisbon, Portugal

**2016**

*DearMeatCutsDevilMayCry*, David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
*Storytellingcaipira*, Supportico Lopez, Berlin, Germany

**2015**

*Tia Deth, Stefania Batoeva & Adriano Costa*, London, United Kingdom (organised by Emalin)  
*Every Camel Tells a Story*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Draw Flying Penis/Pussy Against Gentrification*, White Cubicle Toilet Gallery, London, United Kingdom

**2014**

*Touch me I am geometrically sensitive*, Sadie Coles HQ, London, United Kingdom  
*La Commedia dell'Arte*, Peep-Hole, Milan, Italy  
*S Título C Amor From Me To U*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil

**2012**

*Crisis Doesn't Matter If You Love Me*, Galeria Nuno Centeno, Porto, Portugal  
*Plantation*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil

**2010**

*Programa Anual de Exposições*, Centro Cultural São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

**2009**

*Black Barroco*, Galeria Polinesia, São Paulo, Brazil

*Group Exhibitions*

**2021**

*Breaking The Waves*, Chi K11 Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
*A Sud*, Pescara, Italy  
*Male Nudes: a salon from 1800 to 2021*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil

**2020**

*CONSTRUÇÃO*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil

**2019**

*Le Lucky*, HVW8 Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
*The value of flowers*, Part Cologne, Cologne, Germany  
*A Burrice dos Homens*, Bergamin & Gomide, São Paulo, Brazil

**2018**

*Nightfall*, Mendes Wood DM, Brussels, Belgium

**2017**

*made on the table*, Sadie Coles HQ, London, United Kingdom  
*Everyday Poetics*, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA  
*Frucht & Faulheit*, Lothringer13 Halle, Munich, Germany

*Osso - Exposição-apelo ao amplo direito de defesa de Rafael Braga*, Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil  
*UMWELT MODE*, Clarrastrasse 13, Basel, Switzerland  
*Alluring shapes*, tempting spaces, Galerie Eva Meyer, Paris, France  
*TISCH*, Kieffholzstrasse 401, Berlin, Germany  
*Neither*, Mendes Wood DM, Brussels, Belgium  
*The Third Hand*, Fortes D'Aloia & Gabriel, São Paulo, Brazil

## 2016

*Viva Project*, Paris, France  
*Tudo Joia*, Bergamin & Gomide, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Let There Be (More) Light – An illumination by Jens Hoffmann*, Jessica Silverman Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
*Vivemos na melhor cidade da América do Sul*, Átomos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
*What Separates Us*, Embassy of Brazil in London, London, United Kingdom (curated by HS Projects)

## 2015

*Under the Same Sun: Art from Latin America Today*, Fundación Jumex Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Kiti Ka'aeté*, The Modern Institute, Glasgow, United Kingdom  
*Poem Nº 00000000000000000000000000000000,9*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Volcano Extravaganza 2015*, Fiorucci Art Trust, Stromboli, Italy  
*Real Painting*, Castlefield Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom  
*Empty House Casa Vazia*, Lühring Augustine, New York, USA  
*IMAGINE BRAZIL*, Museum of Contemporary Art in Doha, Qatar; Tomie Ohtake Instituto, São Paulo, Brazil; DHC/ART Fondation pour l'art contemporain in Montreal (QC), Canada  
*Volcano Extravaganza 2015: In Favour of a Total Eclipse*, Stromboli, Italy  
*Jac Leirner*, Albert Baronian, Brussels, Belgium

## 2014

*Bunkering in Paradise / The Rest of Us Just Live in It (performance)*, Via Egeo 16, Turin, Italy  
*Union*, Union Pacific, London, United Kingdom  
*Under the Same Sun: Art from Latin America Today*, Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA  
*Imagine Brazil*, Musée D'Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, France  
*Postcodes*, Casa do Povo, São Paulo, Brazil

## 2013

*Ornamentos*, Galeria A Gentil Carioca, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
*From morn til midnight*, Supportico Lopez, Berlin, Germany  
*Imagine Brazil*, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway  
*Bienal Internacional de Curitiba*, Curitiba, Brazil  
*Betão à Vista*, Museu Brasileiro de Escultura, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
*Fisicismos*, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*Convite à Viagem – Rumos Artes Visuais*, Paço Imperial, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
*Correspondências*, Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Del Buen Salvaje al Conceptual Revolucionario*, Travesía Cuatro, Madrid, Spain  
*Exposição de Verão 10 anos*, Silvia Cintra + Box4 Gallery, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
*APRIL*, Sadie Coles HQ, London, United Kingdom

*Time Space Poker Face*, Be-Part, Waregem, Belgium  
*In lines and Realignments*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, England

**2012**

*Repeat To Fade*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Da próxima vez eu fazia tudo diferente*, Pivô, Edifício Copan, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Abre Alas 8*, Galeria A Gentil Carioca, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
*Rumos Artes Visuais*, Itaú Cultural, São Paulo, Brazil  
*23°33'42" \_46°40'09"*, Galerie TORRI, Paris, France

**2011**

*MYTHOLOGIES*, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France  
*Rumos Itaú Cultural 2011/2013*, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Meditation*, Trance, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil  
*17o Festival Internacional de Arte Contemporânea* – Sesc VideoBrasil, SESC Belenzinho, São Paulo, Brazil

**2010**

*Tentativa e Aposta*, Red Bull House Of Art, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Sempre à Vista (Miragem)*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo, Brazil

**2009**

*LO-FI KIBUTZ*, galeria polinesia, São Paulo, Brazil

**2008**

*Colônia Selvagem*, galeria polinesia, São Paulo, Brazil

**2007**

*Tropical Punk*, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*TATI, Pandangle House/Favela Erótica*, London, United Kingdom

**2006**

*Viés*, Galeria Vermelho, São Paulo, Brazil

**2003**

*Vizinhos*, Galeria Vermelho, São Paulo, Brazil  
*poT*, Galeria Camargo Vilaça, São Paulo, Brazil

*Awards*

Prêmio Residência Artística, Kiosko, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolívia

*Collections*

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA  
Zabludowicz Collection, London, United Kingdom  
Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil  
Sandretto Re Rebaudengo Collection, Turin, Italy  
The Serralves Foundation, Porto, Portugal  
Boros Collection, Berlin, Germany