

## Luis Olaso

Luis Olaso is a Spanish artist (b. 1986). He was initially self-taught, later studying Fine Arts at the University of the Basque Country. He currently lives and works in Bilbao.

Olaso's large, abstract canvases possess an expressive power drawn from the artist's feelings, state of mind, and personal views. He works from improvisation, and divides his process into two parts: Action and analysis; he paints impulsively, creating shapes, spots, and colour plans, and then observes what he has created for hours, trying to analyse what does and doesn't work. In Olaso's mind, this impulsive energy helps the work become fresher and more visceral, able to reach his internal feelings more effectively.

Often working with plant elements and human bodies, he is interested in the contrasts between order and chaos, the visual tension between colour, geometry, organic shapes, and accidents. Olaso never has a concrete idea of what he wants to transmit, instead he is principally interested in the idea that his painting speaks of himself, and as a result he considers all his work a dynamic self-portrait. He states that "my work is the result of how I am, how I work. I always do it unconsciously; we could say that it is a painting that is born from the irrational part of the brain."

**Selected Works**



**Luis Olasso**  
*The Lord*, 2019  
Oil and acrylic on canvas  
170 x 250 cm  
(LUO001)



**Luis Olasso**  
*Composition for an Untitled Plant*, 2016  
Oil and acrylic on canvas  
130 x 100 cm  
(LUO002)

**Luis Olaso CV**

b. 1986- Bilbao, Spain

**Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2023      The Garden, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2023      Cíclico, KUR Art Gallery, San Sebastián, Spain
- 2022      Insight, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland
- 2021      Physis, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2021      Memories of a Night, Galería Lumbreras, Bilbao, Spain
- 2020      Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland
- 2019      KUR Art Gallery, San Sebastian, Spain
- 2019      Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland
- 2017      Mirat & Co Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2016      Galeria Abartium, Barcelona, Spain
- 2015      Centro 14, Alicante, Spain
- 2014      Aixerrota Arte, Getxo, Spain
- 2014      Blanco, Madrid, Spain
- 2013      Estudio Raquel Chamorro, Madrid, Spain
- 2011      Sala previa El Estudio, Madrid, Spain

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2024 *Here & Now*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Journeys - On Paper*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 *Past, Present, Future*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Artmonte-carlo: Group Show*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *Under 35 to Watch*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *Group Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Summer Group Exhibition*, Makasiini Contemporary, Turku, Finland
- 2018 *Prison des Eveques*, Saint Jean Pied de Port, France
- 2018 *Reina Sofia Painting Contest*, Casa de Vacas, Madrid, Spain
- 2017 *International Art Biennial of Cerveria*, Cerveira, Portugal
- 2017 Museo Casa Ibanez, Melilla, Spain
- 2017 Museo Luis de Morales, Badajoz, Spain
- 2017 *Reina Sofia Painting Contest*, Casa de Vacas, Madrid, Spain
- 2016 Exhibition Hall, Pola de Siero, Asturias, Spain
- 2016 *De lo Concreto a lo Abstracto*, Nave 73, Madrid, Spain
- 2016 Zabaleta Museum, Jaen, Spain
- 2016 Museu d'Art de Prego, Alicante, Spain
- 2016 Sala Francisco Pradilla, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2015 *Ibercaja*, Patio de la infanta, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2015 Zabaleta Museum, Jaen, Spain
- 2015 *International Painting Biennial*, Miquel Viladrich, Llieda, Spain
- 2015 *Propuestas 2015*, Centro14, Alicante, Spain
- 2014 Pablo Picasso Museum, Malaga, Spain
- 2013 Academy of fine arts, Sabadell, Spain

## **Selected International Art Fairs**

JD Malat Gallery  
30 Davies St, Mayfair,  
London W1K 4NB  
+44 20 3746 6830

2019 *Untitled*, Makasiini Contemporary, Miami Beach, USA

2017 *Art Marbella*, Malaga, Spain

**Selected Collections**

Yusaku Maezawa Contemporary Art foundation, Tokyo, Japan

Simco. Stefan Simchowicz Collection, USA

Diputacion foral de Bizkaia, Spain

Santander Creativa Foundation, Spain

Luis de Morales Museum, Spain

Diego del Alcazar Collection, Spain