

PAOLA BRAGADO

BIO

Paola Bragado (Madrid, 1979) studied Fine Art at the Complutense University of Madrid and continued her training at Chelsea College of Art (London). Her career has been recognised with numerous international grants and residencies, including Casa Velázquez (Madrid), the Institut Supérieur des Beaux-Arts (Brussels), Carpe Diem (Lisbon) and The Room (Mexico City). In 2017, she was awarded a grant from the UNAM to study for a Master's degree in Visual Arts, specialising in photography. She has recently received the Visual Arts Creation Grants from the Community of Madrid (2022 and 2025) and the Second Prize for Photography at the City of Barcelona Award (2023). She has been a finalist for the Pilar Citoler International Photography Prize on two occasions and for the Enaire Foundation Photography Prize.

Her artistic practice has been linked to places of passage: cities inhabited temporarily and spaces shared with other women whose lives are tied to precariousness, migration and the spectacle. Series such as Golden West and Reno, Siwah and Raval-Berlin explore the portraiture of these nomadic women through a playful and collaborative exercise that challenges archetypal representations of the feminine.

Her arrival in Mexico City in 2015 marked a shift in her working methods: photography gave way to video, workshops and physical performance, although she retained the central theme that has defined her work from the outset: a desire to challenge, subvert or simply play with the dominant codes that govern social interaction and determine our positions based on gender.

CURRICULUM

EXPOSICIONES INDIVIDUALES

2026

Piper Gallery, Truckee, California, EEUU

2025

Holland Projet Gallery, Reno, Nevada, EE. UU.

2022

Mujer platillo, Galería La Hydra, Ciudad de México, México

2021

Pájaras, Galería Carles Taché, Barcelona, España. The Mexicanas, Sala El Águila, selección oficial de PhotoEspaña, Madrid, España. The Mexicanas, Sala Kursala, Cádiz, España.

2020

Quiero bailar como Tongolele, Galería Libertad, Festival de Fotografía Enfoque, Santiago de Querétaro, México.

2019

Lección de mambo, Instituto de Bellas Artes de San Luís Potosí, Festival de fotografía San Luis Potosí, México.

2018

"Centro Cultural De España en México" Ciudad de México

2016

"Centro Cultural Tomás y Valiente", Photoespaña, Madrid

2015

Carpe Diem Arte E Pesquisa, Lisbon, Portugal

2014

AVAM Space at " Matadero " Madrid Center of Art Laboral, Gijón

2012

"Raval-Berín" October at Taché Gallery, Barcelona.

2008

"EGO" Fashion show within Madrid Fashion week. Exhibition room Alcalá 31. Madrid

2006

"Waiting on you". Photography. Butzlab Gallery. Hamburg. Germany

2003

"Ella ama". Photography. Vacío 9 Gallery. Madrid.

2002

"Mis mujeres exquisitas". Phtography. Usagexterne Gallery. Brussels. Belgium

2026

Premio Internacional de Fotografía, Pilar Citoles, Córdoba, España. Feria Estampa, Galería Blanca Berlín, Madrid, España.

2025.

Atlántica Colectivas, Fotonoviembre 25, Tenerife, España. Foto Wien, La Hydra Galería, Viena, Austria. Twin Gallery, Madrid, España.
Alégrame esas Pascuas, Factoría del arte y desarrollo, Madrid. España.

2023

Real Jardín Botánico de Madrid, Premio Fundación ENAIRE, Madrid, España.
Banquete, Galería La Fábrica, Madrid, España. Sala Güel, Premio Ciudad de Barcelona, Barcelona, España. Espacio para las Artes TEA, FotoNoviembre, Tenerife, Islas Canarias, España. Blurry Gender, Galería Almanaque, Ciudad de México, México. Printed Matters, Galería la Hydra, LA, USA.

2022

Material Art Fair Guadalajara, Salón Silicón, Guadalajara, México.
Printed Matters Art Fair. Galería la Hydra, Nueva York, EE. UU.
MaterialArt Fair, Salón Silicón, Ciudad de México, México.
Foto Viena, Galería La Hydra, Viena, Austria. Zona Maco, Galería Lahydra, Ciudad de México, México.
Universidad de Córdoba. Premio Pilar Citoles, Córdoba, España.

2021

Zona Maco, Galería Salón Silicón, México.
Entre amigos. EXIT, Comisariado por Rosa Olivares, Ciudad de México, México.
MaterialArt Fair, Salón Silicón, Ciudad de México, México.

2020

Acción por el arte. Comisario Alejandro Castellote. Zona Maco, Galería La Hydra, Ciudad de México, México.
Entre amigos. Gabinete de fotografía EXIT, Comisariado por Rosa Olivares, Ciudad de México, México.

2019

Printed Matter's, N.Y Art Fair, PS1, Galería La Hydra, Nueva York, USA
Encuentro de fotografía de Arlés. Galería La Hydra, Arlés, Francia.

LA ART BOOK Fair. Galería Lahydra, México.
Zona Maco, México. Galería Lahydra, México.
Photoespaña. Seleccionado el mejor libro de fotografía de 2019. Biblioteca Nacional de España, Madrid, España.

2018

About Fotolibro, La Hydra Gallery, Mexico City, Curated by Maco Foto, Exit Gallery, Mexico / Spain.
La Hydra, Mexico City.
Cosmos Fair, Hydra Gallery, Àrles
The Family of no man, Àrles
Unseen Fair, La Hydra Gallery, Amsterdam

2016

From Madonna to Madonna, Castagnino Museum, Rosario, Argentina Capital Animal, Casa Encendida, Madrid. Curated by Rafa Doctor.
Descubrimientos PhotoEspaña. PhotoEspaña Photo Fair 2016, Madrid

2014

From Madonna to Madonna. Centro Cultural Santiago de Chile.
Tijuana International Photo Festival. Tijuana. México
"Maco Foto México " Slowtrack Gallery. Mexico City, Mexico
Solo Project " Antara " MacoFoto. Curator Pablo Del Val. Mexico City, Mexico
Avam Prize video session with the piece " Cleopara Stomp
MNCARS. National Museum Of Contemporary Art Queen Reina Sofía. Madrid
"Voices OFF" Reencontres de la Photographie, Arles, France
PhotoEspaña 2014, Telefónica Foundation Madrid. Curators Alejandro Castellote y Nerea Ubieta.

2013

Center of Art Laboral, Gijón. " Arco " Galería Carles Taché Paddle 8. New York, U.S.A
DA2, " From Madonna to Madonna " with Ulrike Rosenbach, Elizabeth Peyton, Elena Kovylna, Centro Cultural De España en Amsterdam, Netherlands.

2012

Chosen as " Emerging Talent " by newspaper El Pais, March,

2011

ARCO. Carles Taché Gallery

2010

Porfolio Collection with Alberto García-Alix, Ramón Massats, Luis Baylón, Javier Campano, Bernard Plossu, Nicolás Combarro, Paola Bragado. Galería Carles Taché.

2006

ARCO. Vacío 9 Gallery. MACO ART FAIR. México.

2005

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2004

“Tiempos de crisis”. Opening.Madrid.

2003

“Compémentaires”. FPhotography. Vacío 9 Gallery. Madrid.

2000

II Edition “ Complutense University Foundation Of Fine Arts Award” Museum of Anthropology Of Madrid.

Muestra “Mujer e igualdad”. Conde Duque Museum. Madrid.

1999

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