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SHADOW AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE SPIRIT / by Josep M. Cadena

Tomàs Martínez Sunyol was born in Dieulefit (France) in 1964 and was surrounded by art from a young age. Both his father, Martínez Lerma, and uncle, Álvaro Sunyol, were painters and Tomás quickly developed an interest in the plastic arts. Like most vocational artists, Sunyol's formative years in this field were tough, and he focused his talent for drawing and colour on illustration. The family moved to Catalonia, settling in Badalona where Sunyol attended the Pau Gargle School and his creative talents came to the fore, bringing him into contact with publishers, art fairs and international competition. Given such a broad stage, Sunyol flourished in Europe and America and his work, signed simply "Tomàs", is highly sought after.

The artist has great technical skill and a particular feeling for colour, which directly translates into his interesting vision of the surrounding environment. He has participated in many competitions, been selected for numerous international exhibits and won several awards, including the Torres García City of Mataro and Museu Diocesa of Barcelona prizes.

I believe that, perhaps subconsciously, Tomàs Martínez Sunyol's work portrays the current human condition through shadow –wherever there is light there is always shadow. We live in a society where the representations of what we consider, and which essentially are, fundamental are elusive, changing and constantly shifting. Even though they are secondary, the artist determines their worth and highlights it – first the light, then the shadow – depicting the intimacy of our reality, and to greater effect than the established forms: ambling along one of the alleyways, observing the windows, feeling the touch of the red tablecloths and contemplating the shadow of the neighbour's towel left to dry in the sun are just a few examples. However, they evoke much stronger feelings, where the familiar envelopes us in a sense of security. He boldly portrays the enduring power behind the seemingly complementary which, in truth, is vital to our surroundings. Chamizo said it would be unthinkable to lose the shadows cast by day and night, and only those who sold their soul to the Devil would suffer such a fate. Sunyol keeps these words in mind, and combats them using his creative spirit and power to resist temptation.

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016 Carré d'Artistes, Shanghai, China
2014 Carré d'Artistes, Utrecht, The Netherlands
2013 - 2016 Galleria Punto sull'Arte, Lucenergia, Italy
2013 Sala Rusiñol, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Spain
2012 Carré d'Artistes, Barcelona, Spain
2010 – 2011 Sala Rusiñol, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Spain
2004 "Carres", with texts by Julià de Jòdar, Sala El Refugi, Badalona, Spain
2003 "Fruits Badalona", Llibreria El Full, Badalona, Spain
2000 Galeria Gonzalo Olivan, Sitges, Spain
1998 Centre Cívic Can Cabanyes, Badalona

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
AAF London Battersea Spring, UK
2017 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
AAF London Battersea Fall, UK
Art Market Hamptons, New York, USA
Bazaar Art Jakarta, Indonesia
Art Stage Jakarta, Indonesia
Cavalier Gallery, New York, USA
2016 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Palm Beach Jewelry, Art & Antique Show, Florida, USA
Naples Art, Antique and Jewelry Show, Florida, USA
AAF London Battersea Spring, UK
AAF London Hampstead, UK
AAF New York Fall, New York, USA
2015 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
AAF London Battersea Spring, UK
AAF New York, New York, USA
World Art Dubai, United Arab Emirates
AAF London Hampstead, UK
AAF New York Fall, New York, USA
AAF Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2014 Galleria Punto sull'Arte, Lucenergia, Italy
Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
AAF Brussels, Belgium
AAF Milan, Italy
AAF London Battersea Spring, UK
AAF Hong Kong, China
AAF Singapore, Singapore
New York Art, Antique & Jewelry Show, New York, USA
2013 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Asia Contemporary Art Fair, Hong Kong, China
OFF Brussels, Belgium
Art Karlsruhe, Germany
Palm Beach Jewelry Art and Antique, Florida, USA
Palm Springs Fine Art Fair, Florida, USA
India Art Fair, New Delhi, India
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, California, USA
Worlds Apart Singapore, Singapore
New Art Fair Paris, France
2012 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, California, USA
Art Wynwood, Miami, Illinois, USA
Art Karlsruhe, Germany
San Francisco Art Fair, California, USA
Art Hamptons, New York, USA
Art Beirut, Lebanon
Houston Fine Art Fair, Texas, USA
2011 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Art Palm Beach, Florida, USA
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, California, USA
Art Karlsruhe, Germany
Art Chicago, Illinois, USA
AAF New York, New York, USA
ART Melbourne, Australia
San Francisco Fine Art Fair, California, USA
Art London, UK
AAF Singapore, Singapore
Arte Padova, Italy
TIAF Art Toronto, Canada
Contemporary Istanbul, Turkey
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, California, USA
2010 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
AAF Singapore, Singapore
Art Toronto, Canada
Art London, UK
Art Hamptons, New York, USA
Art Laren, The Netherlands
AAF New York, New York, USA
Art Chicago, Illinois, USA
AF'sH Art & Antiques Fair 's Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
American International Fine Art Fair, Palm Beach, Florida, USA
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, California, USA
Art Palm Beach, Florida, USA
IFAE Miami International Art Fair, Florida, USA
2009 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Red Dot Art Fair, Miami, Florida, USA
ST-ART, Strasbourg, France
AAF London, UK
AAF Amsterdam, The Netherlands
L´Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Avignon, France
ARTI 09, The Hague, The Netherlands
Open Art Fair, Utrecht, The Netherlands
AAF Paris, France
Art Hamptons, New York, USA
AAF New York, New York, USA
AF'sH Art & Antiques Fair, 's Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
Glasgow Art Fair, Scotland, UK
PrimaVera, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
AAF Brussels, Belgium
2008 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Line Art, Gent, Belgium
AAF London, UK
Buy Art Fair, Manchester, UK
Gooi en Eemland Art Fair (GEAF), Hilversum, The Netherlands
Open Art Fair, Utrecht, The Netherlands
AAF Paris, France
CAD, Madrid, Spain
Glasgow Art Fair, Scotland, UK
Konstmässan Sollentuna, Sweden
Northern Art Show, Newcastle, UK
2007 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
AAF Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Gooi en Eemland Art Fair (GEAF), Hilversum, The Netherlands
ARTeNIM, Nimes, France
Salzburg World Fine Art Fair, Salzburg, Austria
Newcastle Gateshead Art Fair, UK
Glasgow Art Fair, Scotland, UK
AAF London, UK
Sala Espai Imaginari, Badalona, Spain
Centre Civic Can Bassa, Granollers, Spain
Casa Elizalde, Barcelona, Spain
Centre Civic Pati Llimona, Barcelona, Spain
Galeria l'Arcada, Blanes, Spain
Sala Odena's, Tarragona, Spain
Galeria Xoc, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain

ACCOLADES

2016 Selected for the LXXIV Concurs de Pintura Premi Centelles, Spain
2012 First prize, L Concurs Internacional de Dibuix, Fundació Ynglada-Guillot, Barcelona, Spain
2010 Honourable mention, XXIV Concurs de Pintura Sanvisens, Sitges, Spain
2009 Selected for the XLVII Concurs Internacional de Dibuix, Fundació Ynglada-Guillot, Barcelona, Spain
Selected for the XXIII Concurs de Pintura Sanvisens, Sitges, Spain
2008 Selected for the XXII Concurs de Pintura Sanvisens, Sitges, Spain
Selected for the LXVI Concurs de Pintura Premi Centelles, Spain
Selected for the Premi de Pintura Juan Ramón Masoliver, Montcada, Spain
2007 Honourable mention, XXI Concurs de Pintura Sanvisens, Sitges, Spain
Selected for the Premi Torres García Mataró, Spain
Honourable mention, XLV Concurs Internacional de Dibuix, Fundació Ynglada-Guillot, Barcelona, Spain
Selected for the Premi de Pintura Juan Ramón Masoliver, Montcada, Spain
2006 Second prize, XI Certamen Nacional de Pintura, Fundación Cruzcampo, Calahorra, Spain
Selected for the LXIV Concurs de Pintura Premi Centelles, Spain
Selected for the Premi de Pintura Juan Ramón Masoliver, Montcada, Spain
2005 First prize, Concurs de Pintura Nostromo, Barcelona,Spain
Selected for the Premi de Pintura Torres García Mataró, Spain
Selected for the XLIII Concurs Internacional de Dibuix, Fundació Ynglada-Guillot, Barcelona, Spain
2004 Selected for the Premi Nacional de Pintura Juan Ramón Masoliver, Montcada, Spain
First prize, Concurs de Pintura del Centenari del FC Badalona, Spain
2003 Selected for the XLI Concurs Internacional de Dibuix, Fundació Ynglada-Guillot, Barcelona, Spain

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Museu de Badalona, Spain
Caixa Laietana, Spain
Schretlen & Co, The Netherlands