

Josefina Ayllón

Argentina, 1973. Lives and works in Rome.

Josefina Ayllón is an Italian-Argentine self-taught painter. She works mainly with oil paint and her subject matter focuses on portraiture. Since the age of 21, she has lived between Rome, Buenos Aires and Paris.

My paintings are the result of a constant struggle between a lonely character's expression and the physicality of the paint itself. Colour, material and gesture are the fundamental elements of my work.
While I don't find the act of feigning reality, such as using perspective or chiaroscuro, particularly interesting, I am fascinated by the reality of the painting itself as two-dimensional object.
I use impasto primarily to make my presence tangible.
I have always been drawn to human faces, finding a prominent nose more captivating than a vase of flowers.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2025 *L'appuntamento* - curated by Giulia Gaibisso - z2o Project - Rome - Italy
Beep 2024 - Do Androids Dream - Oriel Croesor - Croesor - North Wales
Beep Painting Biennial 2024 - Aberystwyth University - Aberystwyth - Wales
- 2024 *Beep Painting Biennial 2024* - Elysium Gallery - Swansea - Wales
- 2021 *Spring Awakening* - virtual exhibition - London Paint Club - London - U.K.
Group Show - virtual exhibition - Shrine - New York - U.S.A
- 2020 *Divine Delirium* - Going Postal Gallery - New York - U.S.A
Palazzo Monti: Transatlantico - Mana Contemporary - Jersey City - U.S.A.
- 2016 *RSA Open exhibition* - Royal Scottish Academy - Edinburgh - Scotland
- 2015 *RSA Open exhibition* - Royal Scottish Academy - Edinburgh - Scotland
- 2014 *RSA Open exhibition* - Royal Scottish Academy - Edinburgh - Scotland
- 2011 *Tedio Untable* - Centro Cultural Borges - Buenos Aires - Argentina

Awards

- 2025 Recommended by the jury - Combat Prize 16th. Edition - Livorno - Italy
Finalist - Exibart Prize N5 - Italy
- 2024 Longlisted - Beep Painting Biennial 2024 - Elysium Gallery - Swansea - Wales 2022 - Honorable Mention - Art Matters - Galerie Biesenbach - Cologne - Germany
- 2020 Finalist - Exibart Prize - Italy

Residencies

- 2019 Palazzo Monti - Brescia - Italy

Catalogues

- 2025 *Exibart prize N5* - cat. finalisti - exhibart edizioni - Italy
XVI Premio Combat Prize - ed. Sillabe - Italy
- 2024 *Beep Painting Biennial* - exh. cat. - Elysium gallery - Swansea - Wales
- 2020 *Exibart prize 2020* - cat. finalisti - exhibart edizioni - Italy