



Neves Torres

# Biography

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1932, Conselheiro Pena – MG | 2023, Vila Velha – ES

Neves Torres lived in several mining towns during his childhood, but it was in Mutum, where he had moved in 1949, that he spent a good part of his life. In Mutum he became an adult, worked as a mechanic, driver and tractor driver, until he bought a small farm. In this farm he planted coffee and other subsistence goods. Memories of this phase of his life are now portrayed in his works. He got married, but became a widower in 1963. He moved again and went back to work as a tractor driver. Sometime later he moved to Vitória in the state of Espírito Santo, where he worked as a locksmith and once again as a tractor driver. He remained in this last job until he retired.

It was after he retired that Neves Torres began to dedicate himself to painting. He sought this activity to amuse himself. Encouraged by some friends who painted on fabric, he experimented with his first brushstrokes by painting dish towels. Only in 2007, with the help of his son, he began to paint on canvas. Since then, not only has he not stopped painting, but he has created

his own style of work. Mountainous landscapes, trees, rocks, animals, lakes, rural workers, plantations. Everything that reminds us of the rural environment can be found in this artist's work, represented with simple lines and soft colors. They are memories of his life in Mutum, where each scene was the reality of the day-to-day work or the landscape that surrounded him. In 2008, he sent his works to the Naif Biennial of Piracicaba and was one of the selected artists right in his first participation. His work was featured at the Biennial catalog. Two years later, he participated again in the Naif Biennial and at that time he received the acquisition prize. In 2012, Galeria Estação in São Paulo organized an exhibition entitled “Neves Torres, Paintings”, which was curated by Tiago Mesquita.

Source: Neves Torres Pinturas / Vilma Eid, Germana Monte-Mór; Tiago Mesquita. São Paulo: Lis Gráfica 2012.



**Individual Exhibitions:**

2023 Neves Torres, Galeria Estação, Sao Paulo – SP | Brzsil

2012 Neves Torres | Paintings, Galeria Estação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

**Group Exhibitions:**

2023 "Reverses and Transverses": Artists Outside the Mainstream (and Friends) at the Biennials, galeria Estação, Sao Paulo – SP | Brazil

2022 Between the Star and the Serpent, Galeria Leme, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2021 15° Naïf Biennial of Brazil, Sesc Piracicaba, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2017 Manuel Graciano and Neves Torres, Galeria Estação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2016 Naif Biennial of Brazil, Sesc Piracicaba, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2014 Neves Torres and Antônio Torres Fine Arts Exhibition, Minas Gerais Assembly Art Gallery, Minas Gerais, BH, Brazil

2014 Almost figure, almost Form, Galeria Estação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2012 Histoires de Voir: Show and Tell, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Paris, France

2010 Naïf Biennial of Brazil, Sesc Piracicaba, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2008 Naïf Biennial of Brazil, Sesc Piracicaba, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

**Public Collections:**

Serviço Social do Comércio - Sesc, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

Cartier Foundation, Paris, France

**Selected Publications:**

2018 Brazilian popular art: contemporary views, Editora WMF Martins Fontes, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2017 Manuel Graciano and Neves Torres, Galeria Estação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2016 Naïf Biennial of Brazil, Sesc Piracicaba, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2014 Exhibition catalog Almost figure, almost Form, Galeria Estação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2012 Neves Torres exhibition catalog I Paintings, Galeria Estação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2012 Histoires de Voir: Show and Tell, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Paris, France

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# Exhibitions

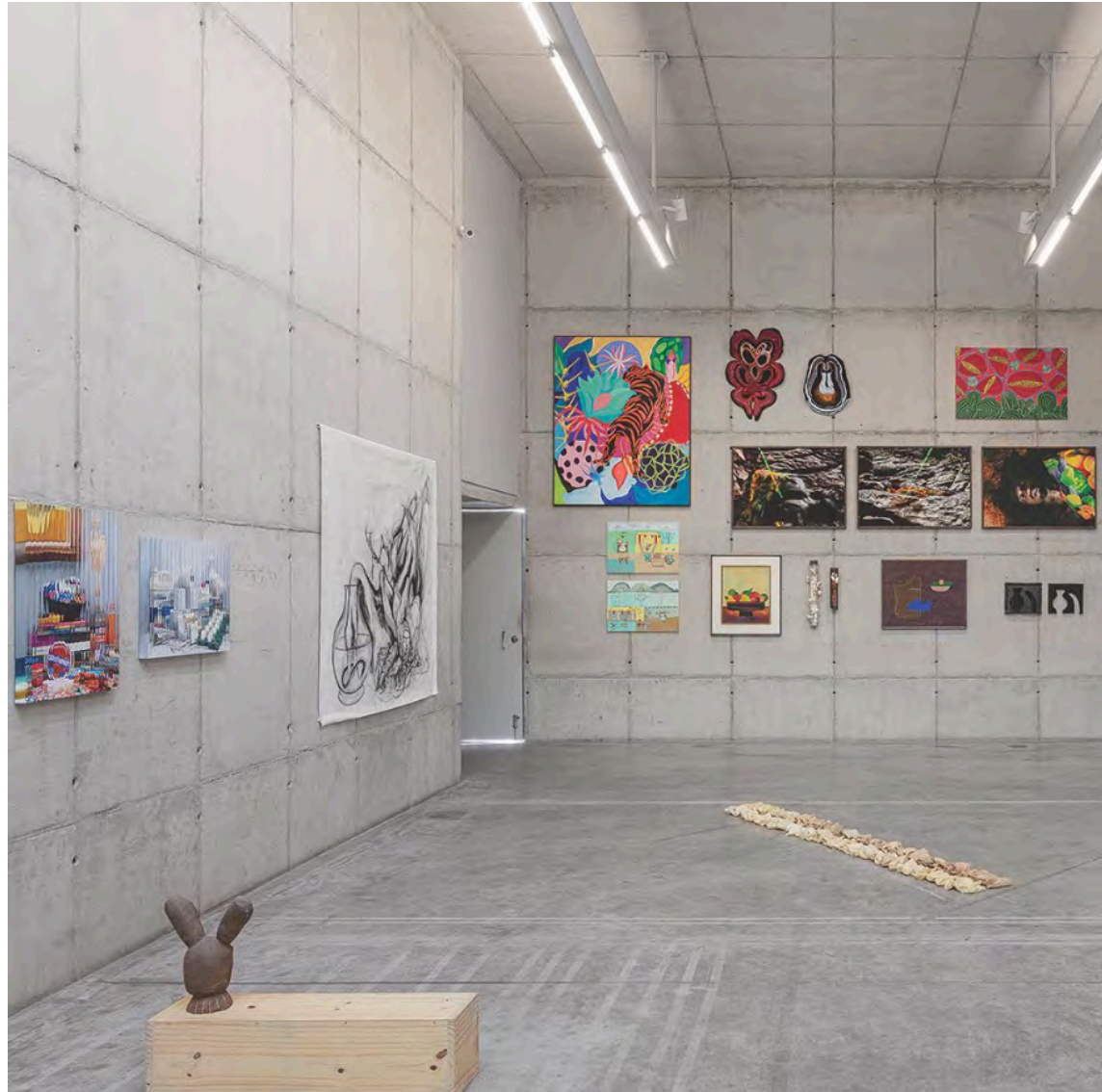


2012 Neves Torres I Paintings, Galeria Estação, São Paulo, SP, Brazil









2022 Between the Star and the Serpent, Galeria Leme, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

# Artworks



Untitled, 2019  
Oil on canvas  
50 x 70 cm | 19.68 x 27.55 in





Untitled, 2018  
Oil on canvas  
50 x 70 cm | 19.68 x 27.55 in



Untitled, 2017  
Oil on canvas  
50 x 70 cm | 19.68 x 27.55 in



Untitled, 2017  
Oil on canvas  
70 x 50 cm | 27.55 x 19.68 in







Untitled, 2018  
Oil on canvas  
50 x 70 cm | 19.68 x 27.55 in



Untitled, 2011  
Oil on canvas  
50 x 70 cm | 19.68 x 27.55 in





Untitled, 2017  
Oil on canvas  
50 x 70 cm | 19.68 x 27.55 in



Untitled, 2016  
Oil on canvas  
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With a collection among the most important of the country, Galeria Estação, inaugurated at the end of 2004, devoted itself to revealing and promoting the production of Brazilian non-scholar art. The gallery was responsible for including this language in the contemporary art scene, while editing publications and holding individual and collective exhibitions inside and outside the country.

Galeria Estação works with well-known self-taught artists from various regions of Brazil, such as Agostinho Batista de Freitas, Alcides dos Santos, Amadeo Luciano Lorenzato, Artur Pereira, Aurelino dos Santos, Chico Tabibuia, Cícero Alves dos Santos-Véio, GTO, Gilvan Samico, Itamar Julião, João Cosmo Felix-Nino, José Antônio da Silva, José Bezerra, Manuel Graciano, Maria Auxiliadora, Mirian Inês da Silva, Neves Torres, among others.

Currently the gallery has been incorporating to its cast artists belonging to the contemporary artistic circuit whose works interact with non-scholar creation, such as André Ricardo, José Bernnô, Julio Villani, Germana Monte-Mór e Santídio Pereira.

Starting from this rare competence, the space is able to offer a historical and current panorama of a production that went beyond the limits of self-thought art, at the same time as it investigates names that, independently of the formation, work with elements from the same source.

Galeria Estação

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