

# RENATO RIOS

ARTIST'S PORFTOLIO



## BIOGRAPHY

Renato Rios' artistic journey began to solidify as a professional vocation during his time at the University of Brasília - UnB, where he studied Visual Arts, Philosophy, and Literature. This multidisciplinary education sparked a lasting interest in him for the complexity of post-modernity, a restlessness that continues to guide his research.

Painting and drawing serve as Renato's primary means of expression, utilizing the tradition of these concepts to explore the possibilities they offer. He poetically structures representation-related concepts, such as light, shadow, and perspective, through color, especially using oil paint. This medium provides him with the tranquility necessary to respect the individual time of each work.

It's important to note that Renato Rios' production is driven by professional demands. Each exhibition challenge represents a step forward in the conceptual and formal maturation of his research. In 2015, in Brasília, his first solo exhibition, "Doces Laranjais" (Sweet Orange Groves), marked a crucial point in his career. During this period, the imposed categorization between classical painting genres lost relevance, while the meticulous use of colors became a fundamental characteristic in his works, especially through chromatic purity.

In 2016, Renato moved to São Paulo to participate in the artistic residency program at FAAP, where he had the opportunity to work with artists like Laura Vinci and Paulo Pasta. This experience, along with closer contact with works by Mira Schendel, Kazimir Malevich, Brice Marden, and Joseph Albers, directly influenced his work.

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Thus, painting as an object, minimalism, and the purity of colors became prominent elements in the artist's poetics, as he delved deeper into the study of colors as fields of meaning, while his personal imagery began to coexist on canvases with compositions laden with calculated lyricism.

The representation of populated environments, through the articulation of different signs and archetypes, such as representative figures rich in meanings and associated concepts, continues a new phase in Renato Rios' work. In these pieces, the artist synthesizes his ideas into symbolic geometric figures, amidst chromatic environments that enhance the vibration between colors, addressing subjects such as cosmology and metaphysics. These investigations have yielded significant developments for his subsequent productions.

In his most recent research, color maintains its fundamental importance, coexisting with its own differences. Renato abandons the idea of chromatic flatness, overlaying fields of colors in search of a more authentic representation of the world's colors. Figurative elements emerge as a result of his curiosity about the forces of nature and our role in contemplation, integration, and belonging.

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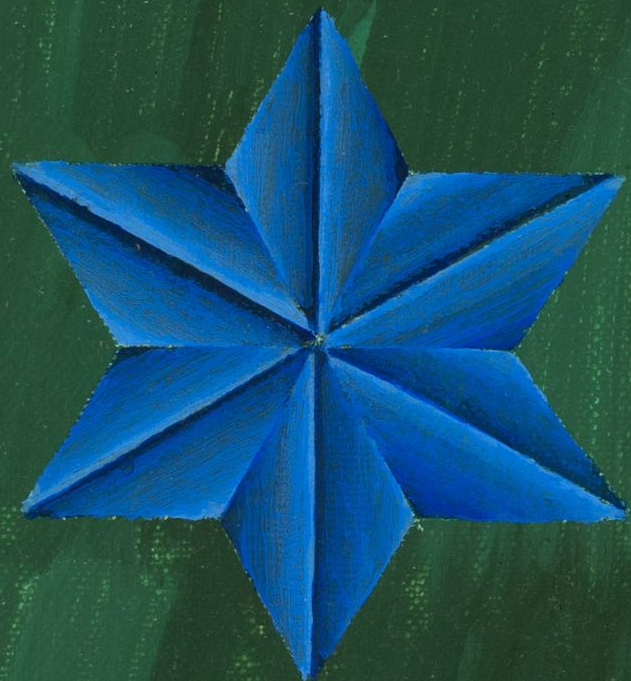
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"Within my work, there's a special concern for color.  
Colors have something universal."

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## EDUCATION

2008-2012

Visual Arts at UnB (University of Brasília)  
Brasília - DF, Brazil

## INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2024** O Elefante e a Safira  
Galeria Estação, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2023** Cruzeiros  
Galeria Múltiplo, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil
- Troca-peles  
Galeria Index, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2022** Lição dos pássaros  
Galeria Karla Osório, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2020** Flecha  
Galeria Karla Osório, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2019** Interiores  
Galeria Marcelo Guarnieri, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2018** Arquétipos  
Espaço Breu, São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2015** Doces Laranjais  
Galeria Alfinete, Brasília - DF, Brazil



## COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

- 2023** Sobre/Posições  
Galeria Index, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2018** OndeAndaOnda III  
Espaço Cultural Renato Russo, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2017** OndeAndaOnda II  
Museu Nacional da República, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2016** Exposição do Prêmio Vera Brandt  
Palácio do Planalto, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2015** Exposição do Prêmio Transborda Brasília  
Caixa Cultural Brasília, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- OndeAndaOnda  
Museu Nacional da República, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2014** Rios + Cruz = Mapa  
Galeria Ponto e Galeria Objeto Encontrado, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- Pela Superfície das Páginas  
Espaço Cultural Marcantonio Vilaça, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- Pintura e Pictorialidade em Brasília 2000 – 2014  
Espaço Cultural Marcantonio Vilaça, Brasília, DF - Brazil

## COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS

- 2013** Triangulações - Circuito das Artes 2013  
Museu Nacional da República, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- Triangulações - Circuito das Artes 2013  
Museu de Arte Moderna Aloísio Magalhães, Recife - PE, Brazil
- Triangulações - Circuito das Artes 2013  
Museu Carlos Costa Pinto, Salvador - BA, Brazil
- 2012** Center Folder  
Referência Galeria de Arte, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- Possível Utopia Contemporânea  
Galeria Anexo IV, Câmara dos Deputados, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- 2010** Semi-círculo  
Museu Nacional da República, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- Brasília, Prazer de Pintura  
Funarte Brasília, Brasília - DF, Brazil
- Aos Ventos que Virão... (1960 – 2010)  
Espaço Cultural Contemporâneo Ecco, Brasília - DF, Brazil

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## AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2020** Prêmio aquisição 48º Salão de Arte Contemporânea Luiz Sacilotto  
Brazil
- 2015** Residência artística da Fundação Armando Álvares Penteado (FAAP)  
São Paulo - SP, Brazil
- 2011** Prêmio de Arte Contemporânea Espaço Piloto (UnB)  
Brasília - DF, Brazil

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

MAB - Museu de arte de Brasília, Brasília - DF, Brazil

MAR - Museu de Arte do Rio, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil

Museu Casa do Olhar, Santo André - SP, Brazil



WORK



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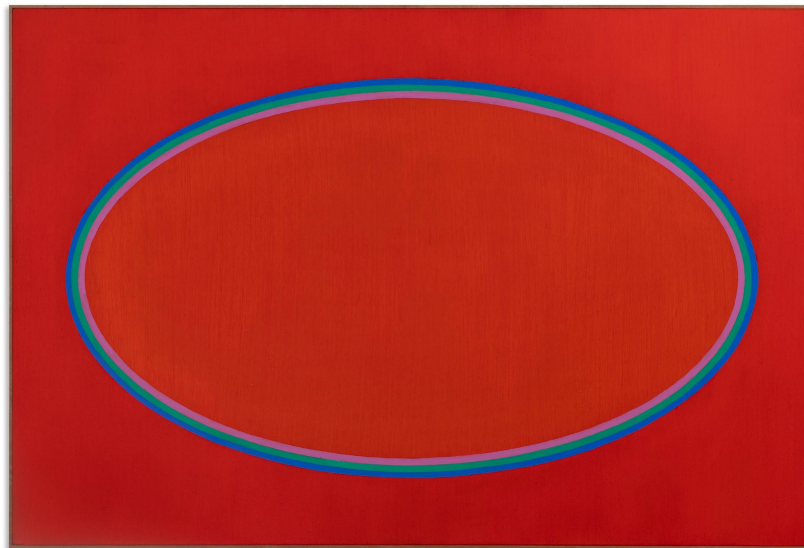
1989, Brasília - DF, Brazil

Mystery of waters, 2024

Oil on canvas

31.49 x 47.24 in

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Untitled, 2023

Oil on linen

31.49 x 47.24 in

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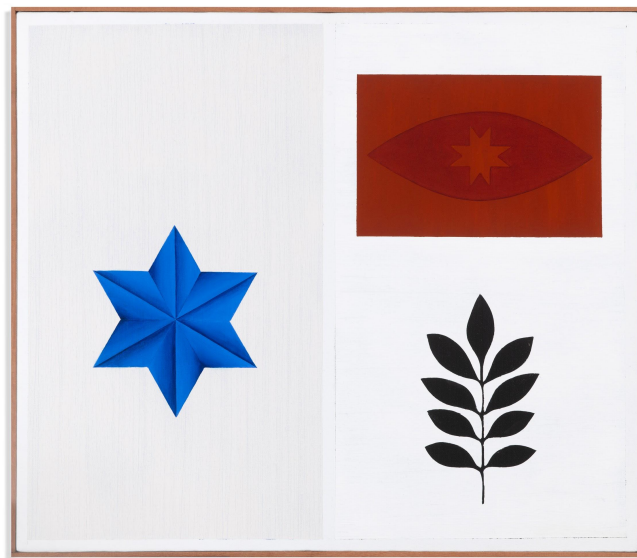
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Green mast, 2024

Oil on canvas

23.62 x 35.43 in

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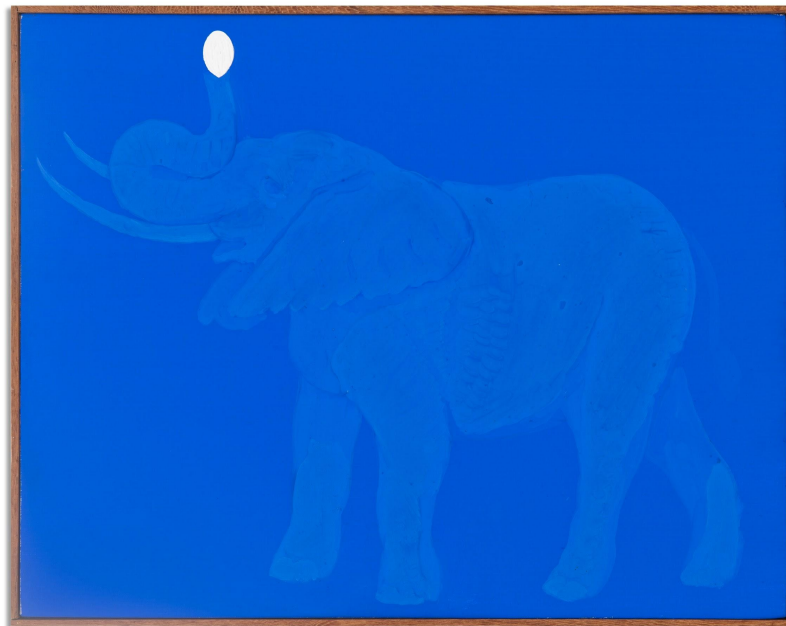
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Altar table, 2023

Oil on canvas

23.62 x 27.55 in

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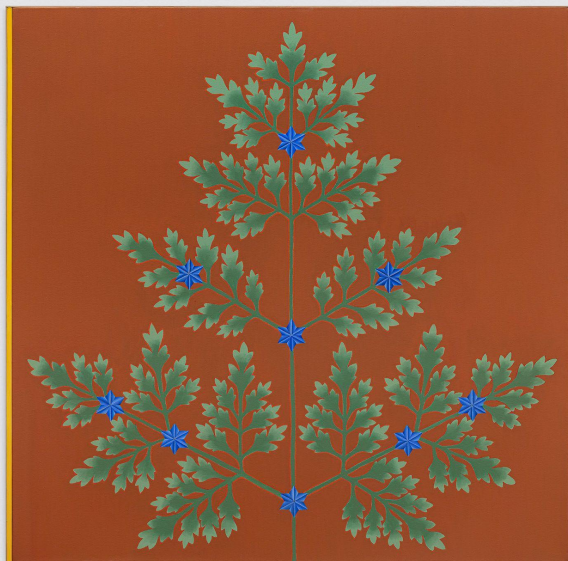
The elephant and the sapphire, 2024

Oil on linen

47.24 x 70.86 in

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Artemisia, 2024

Oil on canvas

47.24 x 47.24 in

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Maned wolf, 2024

Oil on canvas

11.81 x 15.74 in

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Branch and star, 2024

Oil on canvas

9.84 x 14.17in

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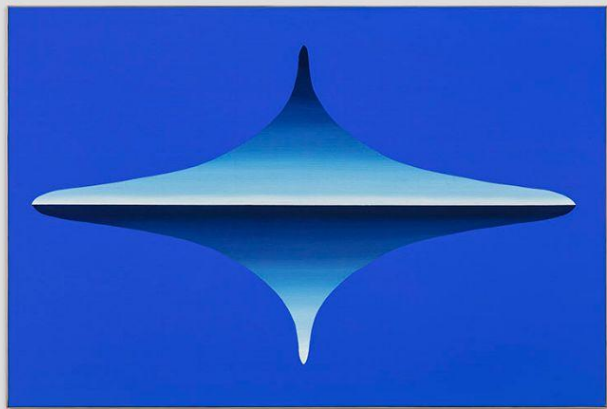
1989, Brasília - DF, Brasil

Bud, 2024

Óleo sobre linho

24 x 18 cm

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Top, 2024

Óleo sobre tela

80 x 120 cm

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Cirandeiro#3, 2024

Óleo sobre tela

40 x 100 cm

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