

# **NEVES TORRES**

ARTIST'S PORFTOLIO



### **BIOGRAPHY**

The artistic journey of Neves Torres is a testament to the power of memory and imagination. Born in 1932 in Conselheiro Pena, Minas Gerais, and passing away in 2023 in Vila Velha, Espírito Santo, Torres discovered painting later in life, during his retirement.

Through his art, he found a way to revisit and preserve the rural world that shaped his life, now brought vividly to life on his canvases.

In his work, Torres recreates the countryside with simple strokes and soft colors, evoking an idealized and tranquil past.

He brings together fragments of his rural life—mountains, workers, crops, birds, and machinery—and places them in compositions where each element feels isolated yet harmoniously connected.

However, Neves Torres's art extends beyond mere reproductions of landscapes or daily scenes. His work carries a lyricism that transcends reality.

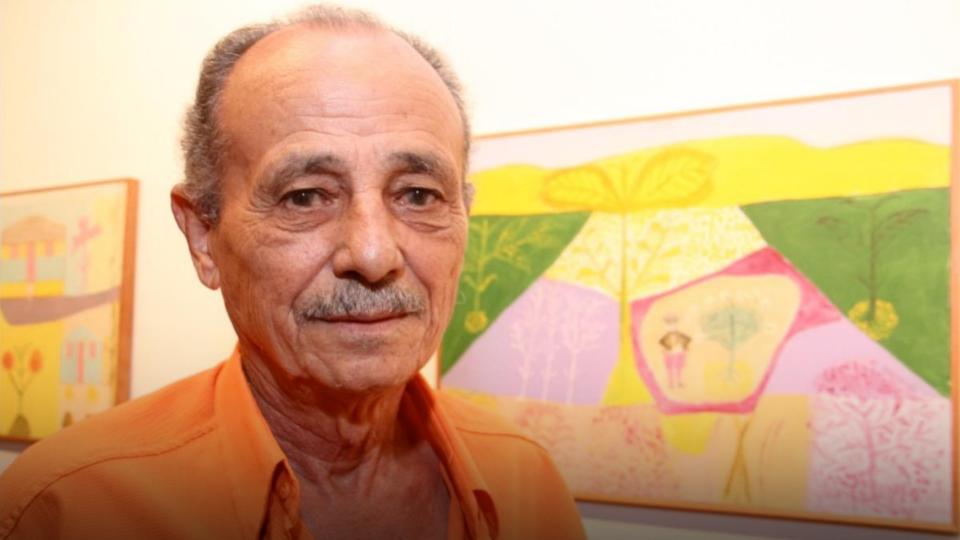
Animals, plants, and structures are transformed through imaginative arrangements that challenge conventional perspectives.

Birds and trees sometimes merge, as if belonging to an enchanted realm where the real blends seamlessly with the imagined. These works suggest a coexistence of distinct times and places, as though the artist were weaving a unique space of memories and inventions.

Although deeply inspired by his rural roots, Neves Torres also experienced the contrasts between the countryside and the city. His move to Espírito Santo and life in Serra, closer to urban concrete, marked his physical distance from the rural world.

Yet it is precisely this distance that gives his work its strength: by reimagining the countryside as a lost paradise, Torres transforms his memories into a utopian vision, where the relationship between humans and nature maintains a harmony that may never have fully existed.

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Galeria Estação, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2012

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INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS



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2017 Manuel Graciano and Neves Torres

Galeria Estação, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2016 Bienal Naïf do Brasil

Sesc Piracicaba, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2014 Mostra de Artes Plásticas de Neves Torres e Antônio Torres

Galeria de Arte da Assembleia de Minas Gerais, Minas Gerais - BH, Brazil

Quase figura, quase forma

Galeria Estação, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

2012 Histoires de Voir: Show and Tell

Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Paris, France

2010 Bienal Naïf do Brasil

Sesc Piracicaba, São Paulo - SP, Brazil

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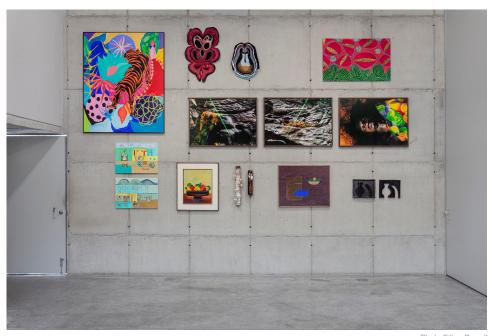


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### **Manuel Graciano and Neves Torres**



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Oil on canvas
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