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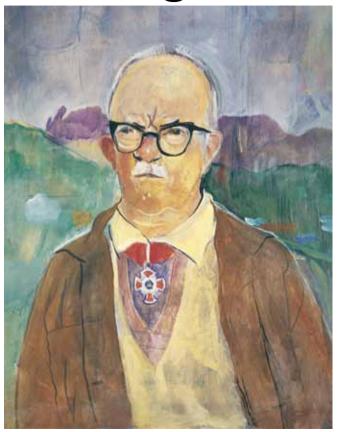
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Molding Brazil



Alberto da Veiga Guignard (Nova Friburgo, RJ, 1896 — Belo Horizonte, MG, 1962), *Autorretrato*, 1961. Oil on wood, 64,5 x 50 cm. Collection Roberto Marinho. Photo: Pedro Oswaldo Cruz

In Brazil, Modernity came to the arts in different moments and through different paths. The Week of 22 was a landmark. with works by Anita Malfatti (1889-1964). Di Cavalcanti (1897-1976), and Vicente do Rego Monteiro (1899-1970); so was the Pau Brasil movement. with Tarsila do Amaral (1886-1973). The 1930s consolidated the names of Oswaldo Goeldi (1895-1961) and Candido Portinari (1903-62). It was at that time that that Alberto da Veiga Guignard appeared in the art map as a modern island in an archipelago being formed.

In this retrospective, the Guignard "island" is explored from three different paths: stilllives, portraits, and landscapes. Going through these paths, visitors understand how this Rio de Janeiro-born artist, who chose to live in Minas Gerais. attained one of the highest points in Brazilian art, quiding, as the great teacher he was, students such as Amilcar de Castro (1920-2002) and Farnese de Andrade (1926-96), among many others.

Much of Guignard's Modernism regards renovation of genres. His still-lives are not actually flowers, but paintings. just like Cézanne's apples. As curator Paulo Sergio Duarte notes, "Guignard's still-lives repeat this aift: we are facing the emerge of art, of great art."

When he explored the portrait genre, Guignard was faithful to his subjects' looks, reducing their faces to the most essential lines, with subtlety and simplicity. The same can be observed on the many self-portraits he did along decades, in which we see his cleft palate that, according to his biographers, decisively



interfered with his life.

Among Guignard's favorite genres, landscapes had a prominent place. The artist sought inspiration in Eastern landscapes, whose a lack of perspective had instigated artists such as Van Gogh and Gauguin. On flat landscapes, among atmospheres rich in blue hues, Guignard painted sky-floating houses, churches and balloons. "Nothing in Modern Brazilian painting before him could get

close to this formidable discovery: a country with no ground," notes the curator.

To visit Guignard's works is to see scenes from a Brazil molded not by the artist's hand. It is a visual Brazil, whose beauty emerges at each new regard.

where and when

Guignard – A memória plástica do Brasil moderno

Where: Great Room When: 07/07 to 09/11 Master Sponsor: Bradesco

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Alberto da Veiga Guignard (Nova Friburgo, RJ, 1896 — Belo Horizonte, MG, 1962), *Estudo Parque Municipal*, 1947. Oil on wood, 32 x 47 cm. Collection Roberto Marinho. Photo: Pedro Oswaldo Cruz



Alberto da Veiga Guignard (Nova Friburgo, RJ, 1896 — Belo Horizonte, MG, 1962), *Paisagem imaginante*, c. 1954. Oil on wood, 176 x 261 cm. Private Collection. Photo: Alexandre Santos Silva



Building landscapes

The exhibition Paisagem opaca [Opaque Landscape] is fruit of questioning world views and representations. To invent a landscape is to represent a place from a certain point of view.

When this representation has perspective, an illusion of a window opening to the world through which you see the scene is created. The result is forgetting that the representation



Mabe Bethônico (Belo Horizonte, MG, 1966), Paisagem, 2002. Flexography on wood panel, variable dimensions. Collection MAM, gist of the artist assisted by Clube de Colecionadores de Gravuras MAM. Photo: Bafael Boncato

is a construction.

Contemporary landscapes break away from illusionism. Many artists leave aside constructions with depth in order to explore flat images. This device is exposed instead of being hidden, and the result is closer to a map than to a window view. There is no longer a horizon for the eye to get lost in. Places are close by, and

the eye travels through a flat surface, with no depth or transparency.

About thirty different works belonging to the MAM collection offer the opportunity of realizing how contemporary artists build their world view, through landscapes conceived in one sole plane. These works show that looking at the world is a way of positioning oneself in it.



For Natural History



For three months, the connecting corridor at MAM will give access to a taxidermy sector as fictional as the stuffed animals displayed at the great window installed there. From mixed feelings a certainty emeraes: hybrid beinas do exist.

In Metamorfoses e heterogonia [Metamorphoses and Heterogonyl, Walmor Corrêa from Santa Catarina State materializes traces that were lost from Brazil's scientific history on birds that correspond to descriptions of the local fauna made by iesuit

José de Anchieta, in the 16th Century. Corrêa sustains Anchieta's observation by adding to the installation a map where the locals of their supposed appearance took place and posters announcing biology events.

In this indistinctive zone between science and art. research and narrative, history and fiction, we can see the proposal for the 34th Panorama da Arte Brasileira, which will be inaugurated in October.

Walmor Corrêa (Florianópolis, SC, 1963), Metamorfoses e heterogonia, 2011/15. Acrylic, graphite, resin, and taxidermy, variable dimensions, Collection of the artist, Photo: Letícia Ramião

Of Margins and Scales



Based in São Paulo, the Garapa collective is formed by three photographers who bring the spirit of investigative photojournalism to multimedia platforms. Joining experience in reporting, anthropological approach, and reflective regard, Garapa promotes visual surveys that seek new approaches of objects full of stories and senses.

For the Clube de Colecionadores de Fotografia, Garapa brought *Escala cromática* [Chromatic Scale]. The work was conceived on the scope of the *A Margem* [The Margin] project, in which Tietê River is surveyed.

From Tietê River, there is nothing to be discovered but our own observations. Mário de Andrade showed this in many poems. No it is Garapa's turn: they followed the Tietê River in its whole extension, recording alterations in the water's color. A third margin of the river appeared and is presented in *Escala cromática* with hues and semi-hues.

MAGNÓLIA COSTA, art critic

Coletivo Garapa (São Paulo, SP, 2008), Escala cromática do Rio Tietê (from the series A Margem), 2013, Photography, 53 x 100 cm. Coleção MAM, gift of the artists assisted by Clube de Colecionadores de Fotocrafia MAM.

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