

ARTIST WORKSHOP

Lead by **ANTONIO LÓPEZ**

"I feel a great respect for Reality, because Reality is the one that has to give everything. From it you have to take what you like the most".

Antonio López

The proposal of this workshop with the Spanish master of figuration Antonio López is to deal with different ways of pictorial representation, where the participants will be able to show their interests and ideas, and to work and develop their creative processes close to one of the great artistic references of the Contemporary Realism.

This workshop, lasting 5 days, intends to approach the experimentation, the artistic creation, and the improvement of the techniques used by the participant artists, who come from all over Europe. They will have the opportunity to contrast their work with the expert look of Antonio López, one of the most representative figures of Spanish Contemporary Art.

Along the practice sessions of this workshop, artists from different countries can share in person advices, comment proceedings, research methodologies and enjoy the explanations about their ideas and projects. Specifically, in this workshop the different perspectives from the genres of the figurative tradition as still-life, portrait and landscape will be explored.

His realistic painting of slow elaboration has the intensity of the research of a philosopher who wants to discover with his refined work the essence of things and, at the same time, he reveals the human anxiety in front of the reality.

Antonio López

(Tomelloso, Ciudad Real, 1936)

Antonio López, master of the realistic painting and considered one of the most influential Spanish painters and one of the European representatives of the Contemporary Realism, was born in Tomelloso (Ciudad Real) in 1939.

He has been awarded with the most prestigious art prizes in Spain. He received in 1985, the "Premio Príncipe de Asturias de las Artes" and in 2006 the "Premio Velázquez de las Artes Plásticas".

His early vocation for drawing, as well as the influence of his uncle, the painter Antonio López Torres, made up his decision to become an artist when he was only 13 years old. He moved then to Madrid to enter the Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando, where he stayed between 1950 and 1955.

In 1955 he travelled to Italy, and after finishing his studies, he was professor in the Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando, from 1965 to 1969.

His first big retrospective exhibition took place in 1985. Then other important exhibitions came after, as in the Museum of Modern Art of Brussels, together with another Spanish masters as Tàpies and Chillida, or in New York.

In 1993 he was appointed member of the Royal Academy of San Fernando. In 1990 the Spanish film director Víctor Erice filmed the movie "*El sol del membrillo*". The film, with Antonio López as protagonist, talks about the creative process of the artist while painting a quince from his own courtyard. In the same year the Reina Sofía Museum organised a retrospective exhibition.

In 2008, the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston dedicated to him a big solo exhibition. Also his painting "Madrid desde Torres Blancas" reached in an auction organised by Christie's in London the amount of 1.918.000 €, which is the highest amount paid until that date to a Spanish artist alive.

In 2011, The Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid organised a temporary exhibition, with artworks of all his periods, but mainly from the last production, that itinerated also to the Museum of Fine Arts in Bilbao.



Antonio López looks for the reality around the ordinary aspects of life that he depicts with a full attention to detail, touching the photographic genre. His preferences go from different views of Madrid, to family portraits, going also through the most ordinary subjects.

He is a unique artist who transmits the necessity of discovering beauty in the surrounding reality. His art transmit a beauty that is something more than an aesthetic quality. The beauty that he searches for in his artworks is a reflex of something deeper and bigger.

His work, where a good deal of melancholy and sadness might be found, it is also characterized by a research sense of what is Reality. He contributes with a big knowledge of colour as a real substance, a precise drawing and, above all, a language of shapes that integrates drawing and colour. In repeated occasions he has declared to be a deep admirer of the production of Velázquez.

He paints with a great slowness, as a result of his necessity to capture on canvas the infinity of feelings from the contemplation of the subject depicted. Most of his paintings are retouched in multiple occasions until he consider they are completely finished. According to his words, *"a work is never finished, but it reaches to the limit of its possibilities"*.

INFORMATION ABOUT **ANTONIO LÓPEZ** THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARTIST WORKSHOP IN VALLADOLID

INTERVIEWS, REPORTS, PIECES OF NEWS ABOUT ANTONIO LÓPEZ:

- 1.- August 2010, Antonio López painting in Madrid. This is a video by a tourist:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S43J7hOEut0&feature=related>
- 2.- Interview to Antonio López:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evZ92PcwKAU&feature=autoplay&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s&playnext=1
(Part 1)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwEAYFcU9k4&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s (Part 2)
- 3.- Video with images of his works of art:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3GpLZiXX6I&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
- 4.- Interview to Antonio López:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRH6_28tzUU&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
- 5.- Blog about Antonio López, written by José María Alfaro Roca:
<http://antoniolopezgarcia.blogspot.com.es/>
- 6.- Report about Antonio López on Canal Sur (Andalucía):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBai2-1fPG0&feature=relmfu> (part 1)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_FtDXYybgs&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s (parte2)
- 7.- Conference and interview to Antonio López by Belén Elisa Díaz (2011), Cátedra BanCaja, UC3M:
<http://vimeo.com/25500511#> (part 1)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Emau-CNjZw0&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s (part 2)
http://cultura.elpais.com/cultura/2011/04/29/actualidad/1304028001_850215.html (a piece of news about this conference)
- 8.- Antonio López named *Doctor Honoris Causa*, University of Navarra (2011):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsnGZ7SDe3s&feature=autoplay&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s&playnext=1
- 9.- Conference by Antonio López, University of Deusto (April 2012):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ILJ3RMI94w&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
- 10.- About the sale of his master piece "Madrid desde Torres Blancas" (also in English):
http://www.ardaily.org/index.asp?int_sec=11&int_new=24967&int_mod=1#.UE2eWaBYBCA
http://cultura.elpais.com/cultura/2008/06/30/actualidad/1214776807_850215.html (a piece of news)
- 11.- Antonio López, wins the prize "Príncipe de Viana" (Navarra):



<http://www.europapress.es/cultura/exposiciones-00131/noticia-barcina-antonio-lopez-pintor-verdad-20120606162934.html>

12.- Interview with Antonio López (Popular TV, Navarra), January 2012:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCsBIRYtybl&feature=related> (part 1)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNp3kvPYiDI&feature=relmfu> (part 2)

13.- Interview, program "Cara a cara" with Antonio López, February 2012:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KTeDdXpCCI&feature=related>

14.- Antonio López on the wikipedia:
http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_L%C3%B3pez_Garc%C3%AD

15.- Piece of news about Antonio López (October 2012):
<http://www.publico.es/culturas/444033/antonio-lopez-vivimos-en-una-epoca-donde-lo-bueno-y-lo-malo-se-dan-de-forma-tumultuosa-y-convulsa>

WORKSHOPS LEADERED BY ANTONIO LÓPEZ:

1.- Antonio López imparts a workshop in Avila (July 2012):
<http://es.noticias.yahoo.com/pintor-antonio-l%C3%B3pez-alto-trabajo-diario-ofrecer-taller-152417693.html>

2.- Antonio López in a Master class with students from Spain and USA:
http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xr75wk_spanish-painter-antonio-lopez-gives-master-class-in-realism-and-figurativism_news

3.- Antonio López directs a workshops in Albacete, 2011:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zxQo4ZeTFY&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s

4.- Antonio López leading a painting workshop, University of Navarra, 2012:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5u9rx_GUqAI&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Udv8S5jfuKo&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_gOT_821u8&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUZMRoajjt4&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s

5.- Workshop in Sevilla for 12 students (May, 2012):
http://ccaa.elpais.com/ccaa/2012/05/29/andalucia/1338317995_826712.html
http://www.elmundo.es/elmundo/2012/05/21/andalucia_sevilla/1337598033.html
<http://www.diariodesevilla.es/article/ocio/1270192/antonio/lopez/inicia/su/taller/para/jovenes/artistas/la/fundacion/madariaga.html>

VÍDEOS, NEWS, INTERVIEWS TO ANTONIO LÓPEZ IN OTHER LANGUAGES:

1.- Interview to Antonio López, *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston* (2008):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWpDp77pSL8>
<http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/antonio-l%C3%B3pez-garc%C3%AD>
http://www.vanitatis.com/cache/2008/04/14/13_antonio_lopez_pintores_espanoles_protagonistas_senda_s.html
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOruEJulAPo&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x2124111549?zc_p=0

2.- An italian documentary about Antonio López:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcpVaGXVoH0&feature=bf_prev&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s

3.- Interview to Antonio López:
<http://www.unav.es/redaccion/english/articles/201006.html>

4.- Report about the work of Antonio López, with subtitles in English:
http://www.tvtomelloso.es/tv/index.php?url_dt_id=72



- 5.- Information in Italian about Antonio López: <http://www.arteseleccion.com/maestros-it/lopez-antonio-205>
- 6.- Article about Antonio López on a blog:
<http://micheledelcampo.wordpress.com/2011/12/19/antonio-lopez-garcia-the-endless-painting/>
- 7.- Antonio López in the Wikipedia (English):
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_L%C3%B3pez_Garc%C3%ADa
- 8.- Antonio López in the Wikipedia (Italian):
http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_L%C3%B3pez_Garc%C3%ADa
- 9.- Antonio López in the Wikipedia (polish):
http://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_L%C3%B3pez_Garc%C3%ADa

**INFORMATION ABOUT ANTONIO LOPEZ'S LAST EXHIBITIONS IN SPAIN
(MADRID AND BILBAO):**

- 1.- Museo Thyssen, Madrid, 2011:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzKimXt3bC4&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s (report)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWCz8IT05U&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s (resources)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gkc_it_H4ns&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s (piece of news)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmuzldBBT2I&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s (interview)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OclRwG4zbZg&feature=autoplay&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s&playnext=1
(piece of news)
http://www.museothyssen.org/microsites/prensa/2011/AntonioLopez/NOTA_AntonioLopez_Ingles.pdf
(press note in English)
http://www.museothyssen.org/microsites/exposiciones/2011/antoniolopez/index_en.html (Microsite of the exhibition in English)
<http://www.rtve.es/noticias/20110621/antonio-lopez-segun-antonio-lopez-autobiografia-thyssen/439637.shtml> (A piece of news on Spanish TV)
<http://www.elpais.com/especial/antonio-lopez/> (special report on the "El País" newspaper about Antonio López and his exhibition at the Thyssen Museum)
http://fotos.lainformacion.com/arte-cultura-y-espectaculos/queen-sofia-of-spain-attends-the-opening-of-antonio-lopez-exhibition_WCrQI33WigHEhGsHObZUB7/ (pictures)
- 2.- Fine Arts Museum, Bilbao, 2011-2012:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5aGWV6BIA&feature=bf_next&list=LP_3L1ysFP_2s
<http://www.museobilbao.com/in/exposiciones/antonio-lopez-166> (Web about this exhibition in English)
<http://www.eitb.com/en/photo/detail/753545/antonio-lopez-en-ibilbide-artistikoa-bilboko-arte-ederren-museoan/> (pictures)