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RESIDENCY PROGRAMME MATADERO MADRID-AECID

-YEMA





#### **Visual Artists**

<Residency period>
from 15 January to 23 February 2018

<Public presentation> from 23 February to 1 April 2018

#### **Musicians**

<Residency period>
from 26 February 2018

# El Ranchito Residency Programme Matadero Madrid-AECID

## **Guest country**

## **Portugal**

Four Portuguese and Spanish artists have been sharing work-space in Matadero Madrid's new Centre for Artists in Residence over the last six weeks. They have decided to call the resulting exhibition YEMA. This exhibition is part of El Ranchito, a residency programme organised by Matadero Madrid and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance (AECID), which have been working together since 2013 to foster international links among local artistic communities and their international mobility. This event involves an exchange between Matadero Madrid and Galerias Municipais - EGEAC and Zé Dos Bois from Lisbon, Portugal.

We are very excited to present this special edition of El Ranchito Lisbon, featuring the Portuguese artists Pedro Henriques and Ana Manso, and the Spanish artists Rubén M. Riera and Cristina Mejías. Besides, we count with the collaboration of curators Margarida Mendes (Portugal) and Virginia Torrente (Spain).

In addition to the relationships and collaborations that might germinate, grow, and be nurtured by this residency, there were also private visits by art professionals, such as agents, curators and critics, who came to the Centre for Artists in Residence to discover the artists' work.

The results of this residencies will be presented to the public at the Matadero Madrid's Centre for Artists in Residence on Friday, 23 February as part of ARCO, and will be on display until April 1st. Part of the collaboration with Galerias Municipais - EGEAC includes the display of the work of Pedro Henriques and Ana Manso at ARCOmadrid. The second stage of this exchange will take place in the spring, when Cristina Mejías and Rubén M. Riera do their residencies

at Galerias Municipais - EGEAC in Portugal and display their work at ARCOlisboa.

In addition, an artistic exchange programme has been launched through an agreement between the Centre for Artistic Residencies and Lisbon's Zé Dos Bois gallery, in which both institutions will host residencies for musicians and other sonic artists from the neighbouring country. The guest musicians in 2018 are Gabriel Ferrandini from Portugal, who will spend time at the Centre for Artistic Residencies, and JASSS, who will develop her project at the Zé Dos Bois gallery in Lisbon.

Matadero Madrid's Centre for Artists in Residence and AECID would like to thank everyone who has taken part in one way or another in developing El Ranchito Lisbon. We would particularly like to thank the artists for their work and efforts during the residency, and the collaboration and support received from the partner institutions.

Finally, we would like to announce the other two events planned for this year, with the international residency centres Queens Collective in Marrakesh, Morocco in the spring, and Hammana Artist House in Beirut, Lebanon, in the autumn.

<Matadero Madrid's Centre for Artists in Residence and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance>

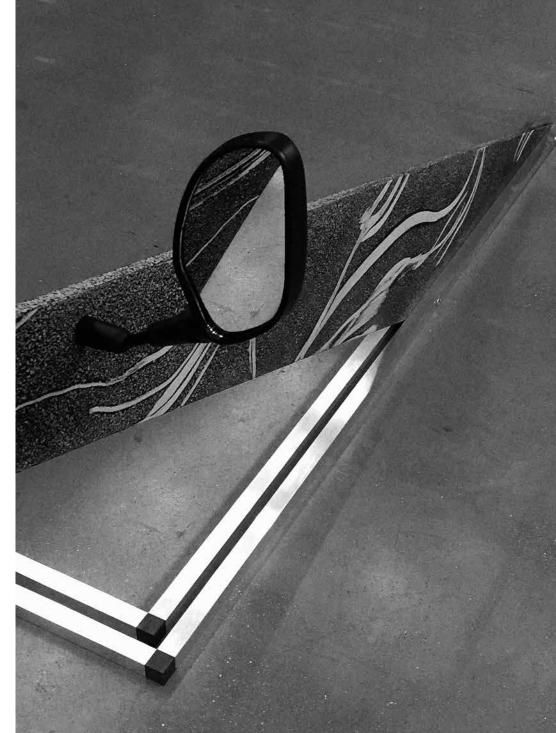


# **Pedro**

# Henriques

Pedro Henriques work drifts between image and object making, frequently occupying a kind of 2.5 space and having an undefined ambiguous perceptive nature.

Having studied Painting in Lisbon's Fine Arts College, Pedro uses tools associated with several different practices, from printed wood to laser cut acrylic or modified ready made objects from different sources.



Mudslide, 2018

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Ana

# Manso



serpente. Concha, 2017
Oil on canvas, 124 x 75 cm

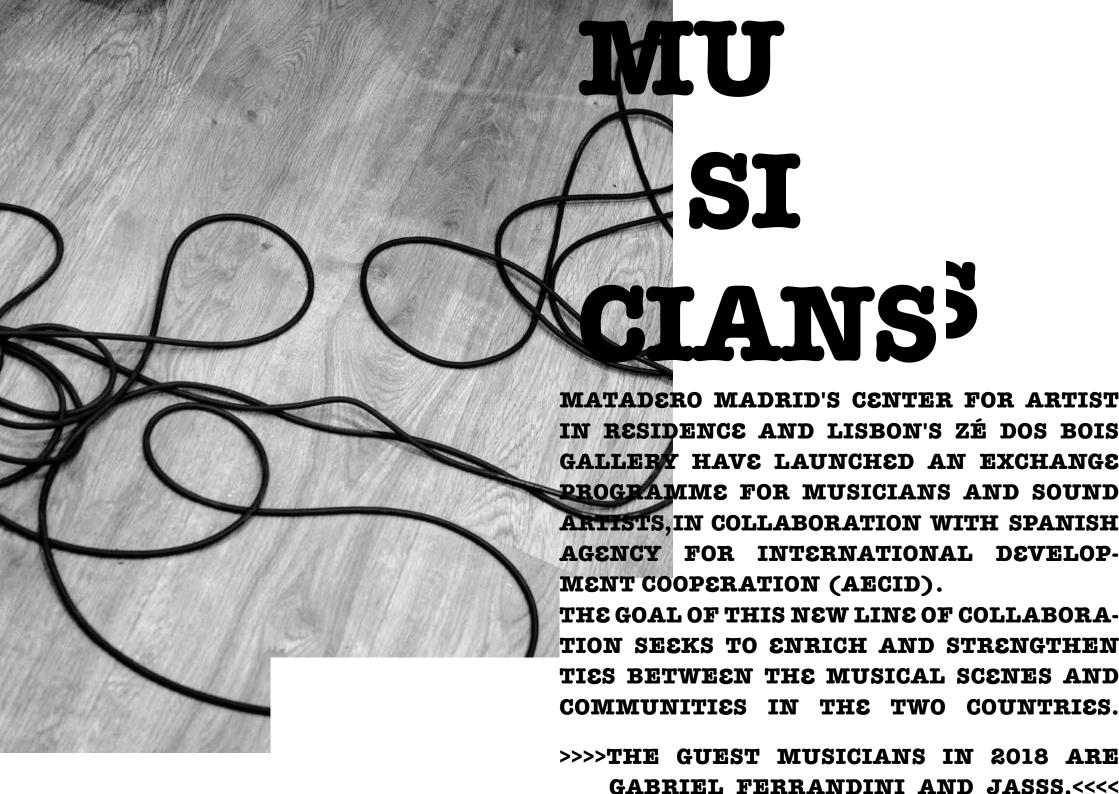
<u>clock</u>, 2016 Oil on canvas, 93 x 72 cm

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# GABRIER LERANDINI Gabriel Ferrandini (1986)

Gabriel Ferrandini (1986) is one of the key members of the thriving Lisbon's experimental music scene.

He is a virtuoso drummer, and has played and recorded with artists including Thurston Moore, Peter Evans, Nate Wooley, John Butcher and Evan Parker.

Ferrandini is currently doing an annual residency at Lisbon's Zé dos Bois (ZDB) gallery, where he is exploring written composition for the first time in his career.

As a result of the collaboration between ZDB and Matadero Madrid's Center for Artist in Residence, Ferrandini has been invited to do a 7 week residency in Madrid. During this time, he plans to

expand his solo composition work into a collaborative

project with a group of academically trained percussionists and brass musicians from Madrid, supported by the curators Miguel Álvarez-Fernández and Víctor Aguado Machuca.

During his residency at
Matadero Madrid's Center
for Artist in Residence,
Ferrandini will be working
on on a score both inspired
by traditional Indonesian
Gamelan music and his
own unique style.
This production will be
recorded during
the residency and performed
at a live concert when it
comes to an end.





JASS<sub>S</sub> (Silvia Jiménez Álvarez) is a Spanish sound artist and producer based in Berlin.

Having already released a number of EPs, she has recently published her first LP'Weightless'

(iDEAL Recordings, 2017)combining experimental
electronic music with
influences such as
free jazz, African rhythms,
and ambient pop.

JASSS's residency at ZDB will finish with the recording of an EP/LP and a live performance of her musical work created during her time in Lisbon.

# JASSS





# Rubén

# M. Riera

29/1/18

On Thursday, January 4th, I was walking with a colleague. I stop and point out a detail in the landscape to her, something I find rather ambiguous because of the distance. Immediately afterwards, waving my hand through the empty air, I try to spread my fingers out, trying to expand it so I can make it more defined. I fail of course, I laugh, and I keep on walking.

These words will be printed on paper on the 23rd of February. A static material that does not involve as much excess and risk as the glass of a screen. How funny it is to know that it's as easy to slide your fingers over a cold surface as it is to slide them over a body that isn't there! It's as if what can be seen multiplies itself in unpredictable directions. It's a game of eyes. Or mirrors.

In short, I haven't been reading much lately, or rather, I've been reading too much. Yes, that's it, accumulation makes us think about the flatness of experience, just as repetition gravitates towards the need to break with it. Too much reading, visual in this case, through a screen.

Tocar i oblidar, 2017
Spray on framed glass
33 x 27 cm



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# Cristina

# Mejías

\*For what cannot be recovered can at least be reenacted.

We have become used to a preconceived idea whereby the academic world is seen as a legitimate container and transmitter of knowledge. In this case however, drying a leaf and keeping it in an herbarium just isn't enough; because a living plant is bitten by air, and it's important that that should happen.

Establishing connections between a flat image and a full object is primarily electric, something similar to putting your hand into a mirror.

E.T.: In these communities I am known as an archaeologist, which means that ... an archaeologist, especially in Greece, is a man of power. He represents truth. It takes time for the locals to treat you in a familiar kind of way. You first need to share some of your memories before they will share some of theirs. So, I had to tell my story, over and over again... And as I told it, I began to shape it. Yet I was also losing it, because before it turned into words, the memory flowed like a stream in my mind, but as soon as I put it into words, it was set in stone.

The same thing happens when you excavate. At first there is a mental encounter. before the actual encounter. What you want to find, what you expect to find, and all those things... To excavate is to shape. I can assure you that, in this house that I've been excavating, there's a door I'm sure was built by me. I couldn't find the door; it had to be somewhere, so I began touching all the stones, and finally I said to myself "OK, this must be the door" ... That is the story, the door is there but it was really me who decided that it was that particular one. It wasn't a solid wall, something you move or remove is just like sculpting. In an excavation you have to make choices, whether to remove or keep a piece. You build something. It's not just that something is there, and you go and find it.

> Mockup, El Ranchito, 2018

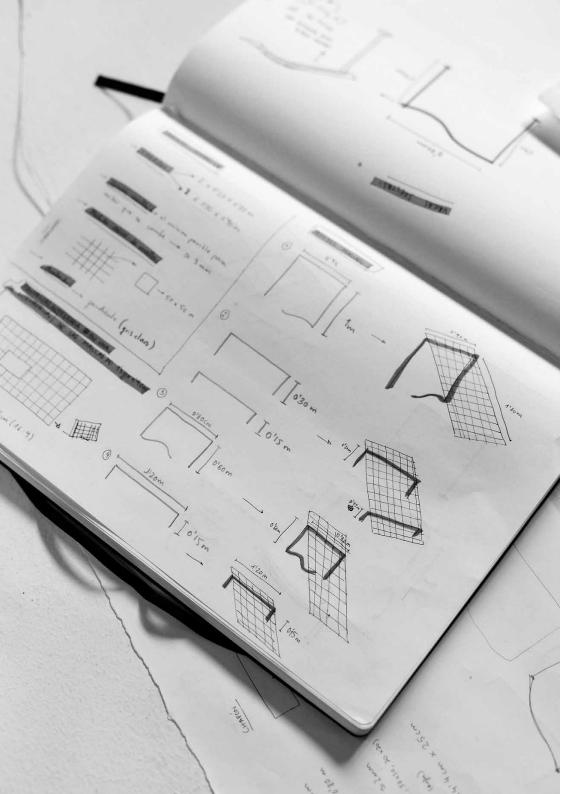
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### **El Ranchito**

is a co-creation project, whereby during the weeks they share work spaces, the group decides on the layout of the works included in the public exhibition of results, the title, and the graphics themselves. **During the residency, visits** from local cultural agents (curators, critics, managers) are also organised, who talk to the creators about their work practices and processes.

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and Zé dos Bois

With support from: ARCO

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**JASSS** 

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