

Lumina Galeria presents *A Prova do Tempo* (The Test of Time), a photography exhibition that brings together two distinct bodies of work, created at different times but connected by a common symbolic artistic intent: the representation of features of Portuguese identity via pagan and religious rituals. Jointly curated by the authors and Lumina Galeria, the exhibition brings together works by Inês Gonçalves (born in the 1960s) and Ana Paganini (born in the 1990s), surprisingly revealing thematic, formal and symbolic similarities.

Coincidentally, both photographers were 30 years old when they documented the protagonists of the *Festa Brava*: Inês Gonçalves captured the bullfighters on foot and the atmosphere of the cattle breeders; Ana Paganini on the other hand accompanied the *forcados* and intended to give visibility to the participation of women in bullfighting on horseback. At the same time, both photographers share a deep interest in popular religious festivals, processions and pilgrimages, where faith is expressed collectively through the body and enacted in public space.

In the dialogue between faith and bullfighting, photography asserts itself as a language of memory and interpretation of a symbolic heritage where the sacred and the profane coexist. Bringing together two perspectives of great sensitivity and aesthetic rigour, *A Prova do Tempo* does not seek to establish a definitive reading of tradition, but rather to open up a space for contemplation and reflection on the permanence and transformation of cultural heritage.

Accompanying these two works, *Le Mur* – a dedicated gallery space for photography and other artistic practices curated by Rute Reimão – will show Sebastião Castelo Lopes's installation *O som de fazer o último poema* (The sound of writing the last poem), a work in which the wall ceases to be a surface for reflection and becomes resistance.

The exhibition opens 7 February at 6 pm and can be seen until 28 March. Lumina Galeria is open Wednesdays to Fridays, from 3 pm to 7 pm, and on Saturdays until 8 pm, and is located at Rua Actor Vale 53 A, near Fonte Luminosa.

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