

FERNANDO BOTERO

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Biography

Fernando Botero was born on April 19, 1932, in Medellín, a regional centre in the province of Antioquia, high up in the Colombian Andes.

Fernando attends primary school and is awarded a scholarship that enables him to continue his education at the secondary school in Medellín. His uncle, a passionate devotee of bullfighting, sends him at age twelve to a school of tauromachy, where he remains for the next two years. The bullring is the main subject of Fernando's early drawings; his first recorded painting is a watercolour of a toreador.

In 1948 Botero shows his works in public for the first time in an exhibition in Medellín of work by artists from the province of Antioquia. At age eighteen, he begins to draw illustration for the Sunday supplement of "El Colombiano", Medellín's principal newspaper.

In January 1951, Botero moves to Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, where he quickly gains access to the avant-garde circle that meet at the Café Automatica. Only five months after his arrival in Bogotá, Botero holds his first one-man exhibition at the Leo Matiz Gallery. In 1952, his painting "On the Coast" earns him second prize in the Ninth Salon of Colombian Artists, held at the Biblioteca Nacional in Bogotá. The prize money of 7,000 pesos enables Botero to travel to Europe. Botero moves to Madrid, where he enrolls at the Academia San Fernando. In the Prado he encounters the works of the Spanish masters Velásquez and Goya, which he uses as models for his paintings. Botero supplements his meagre funds by painting copies of old Masters for tourists.

At the end of his second term in Madrid he travels to Paris. His former interest in modernism has by now waned, and he is disappointed by the French avant-garde art that he sees in the Musée National d'Art Moderne. He spends nearly all his time in the Louvre, studying the Old Masters.

At the end of the summer Botero travels to Florence, where he enrolls at the Accademia San Marco. Instead of Velásquez and Goya, he copies Giotto and Andrea del Castagno. For the next eighteen months he studies the technique of fresco painting, in the evenings paintings in oil, using a studio in the Via Panicale that once belonged to the Macchiaioli painter Giovanni Fattori. His enthusiasm for Renaissance art is additionally fired by the writings of Bernard Berenson and the lectures of

Roberto Longhi. He travels around Italy on a motorbike, visiting Arezzo (in order to see Piero della Francesca's paintings), Siena, Venice, Ravenna, Rome and other historic centers of Italian art.

In 1955, Botero returns to Bogotá and he marries Gloria Zea. He exhibits twenty paintings, the artistic result of his stay in Florence, at the Biblioteca Nazionale. The exhibition is a resounding flop and

Botero's work is vehemently condemned by the critics, who take their lead from the latest developments in the Paris art world. Not a single picture is sold.

At the beginning of the next year he moves to Mexico City, where he is able to make a living by selling his pictures. In 1957, Botero travels to Washington D.C. for the opening of his first one-man show in the USA organized by the Pan-American Union. During the first week of his stay, he visits several museums in New York, where he first encounters Abstract Expressionism. In May, Botero returns to Bogotá. The following October he is awarded second prize at the tenth Colombian Salon for his painting "Counterpoint". At age twenty-six, Botero is appointed professor of painting at the Bogotá Academy of Art, a post that he holds for the next two years. His prestige slowly increases and he is widely regarded as Colombia's foremost young artist. He is asked to illustrate Gabriel Garcia Marquez's short story Tuesday Siesta. The drawings are published in El Tiempo, the leading Colombian newspaper. For the Eleventh Colombian Salon, Botero submits his largest painting to date, a work entitled "Camera degli Sposi" (Homage to Mantegna), which is a loose interpretation of Mantegna's frescoes in the Ducal Palace at Mantua. In October this last painting goes on view in Botero's first exhibition at the Gres Gallery in Washington D.C.. The exhibition is a major success with nearly all the paintings sold at the opening. In the same year the artist takes part in the Guggenheim International Award exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

In 1958 he is for the first time at the XXIX Biennale in Venice.

At the Twelfth Colombian Salon, Botero exhibits "The Apotheosis of Ramon Moyos", a painting of the national cycling champion. In Niño de Vallecas Botero presents a personal interpretation of Velásquez which he continues in over ten different versions of this picture, executed in a style redolent of Abstract Expressionism in its combination of monochrome paint and impulsive brushwork.

A committee selects Botero to represent Colombia at the Second Mexican Biennale but the decision sparks a violent controversy, resulting in a formal protest by Botero and some of his friends.

He travels to Washington D.C. for the opening of his second exhibition at the Gres Gallery that disconcerts many of the collectors who had flocked to buy his earlier, more colourful paintings. His marriage to Gloria Zea is dissolved.

The Museum of Modern Art acquires the first version of "Mona Lisa, Age 12", the only figurative picture it buys that year. He moves his studio to the lower East Side.

In 1964 he marries Cecilia Zambrano and his painting "Apples" wins first prize in the Salon Intercol De Artistas Jovenes at the Bogotá Museum of Modern Art. He builds a summer house on Long Island and rents a new studio on 14th Street.

In 1966 Botero travels in Germany for the opening of the first major European exhibition of his work, held at the Staatliche Kunsthalle in Baden-Baden. Three months later his first exhibition at the Milwaukee Art Centre is the subject of an enthusiastic

Over the next few years Botero continually moves back and forth between Colombia, New York and Europe. He visits Italy and Germany, where he studies the art of Dürer in Munich and Nuremberg. This supplies the inspiration for the Dureroboteros, a series of large charcoal drawings on canvas, in which Botero paraphrased famous paintings by the German master. At the same time, Botero becomes interested in Manet and Bonnard.

In 1969 he exhibits a selection of paintings and large format charcoal drawings at the New York Centre for Inter-American Relations. The exhibition is held at Galerie Claude Bernard in Paris.

In 1973, after thirteen years, Botero leaves New York to settle in Paris. He makes his first sculptures. At age four, Botero's son Pedro is killed in a car accident in Spain in which the artist himself sustains serious injuries. After Pedro's death, Botero uses the image of the boy in many of his drawings, paintings and sculptures. He divorces Cecilia Zambrano.

Following a major retrospective of his work at the Museo de Arte Contemporaneo in Caracas, Botero is awarded the Andres Bello Medal by the President of Venezuela. The Galerie Claude Bernard, Paris stages an exhibition of large-format watercolours and drawings. Throughout this and the following years Botero devotes almost all of his energy to sculpture.

In 1977, in recognition of his services to Colombian art, Botero is awarded the Boyacá cross by the regional government of Antioquia. The Museo de Antioquia in Medellín opens a new room bearing the name Sala Pedro Botero, which contains sixteen works donated by the artist in memory of his son. In October, Botero's sculptures are shown in public for the first time in an exhibition mounted

by the Galerie Claude Bernard at the Paris Art Fair. In 1978 Botero marries Sophia Vari and he transfers his Paris studio near to the premises of the Académie Julian in the Rue du Dragon. For the time being, he abandons sculpture and returns to painting.

His first American retrospective is held at the Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington D.C. in 1979.

In 1983, Botero makes a set of illustrations for Garcia Marquez's *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*, which appears in the first issue of *Vanity Fair*. He establishes a workshop in Pietrasanta, a small town in Tuscany that is noted for the quality of its foundries and henceforth spends a few months of each year working on his sculptures there. He donates a number of sculptures to the Antioquia Museum in Medellín, to be housed in a room specially built for that purpose. He also makes a donation of paintings to the National Museum in Bogotá. In 1985, the Marlborough Gallery in New York holds the first exhibitions of Botero's bullfight paintings, comprised of twenty-five works that depict the various phases of the *corrida*. In 1986 the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo in Caracas mounts a retrospective of Botero's drawings from the previous four years. Further retrospectives are staged in Munich, Bremen, Frankfurt, Madrid and Tokyo.

In 1992, Botero is at the Biennale in Venice. In 1993, for the first time in New York history, a major outdoor exhibition is presented along Park Avenue, organized by the Public Art Fund.

Botero's sculptures are continuously exhibited in places such as Jerusalem, Santiago, Latin America. He is the first artist ever to be invited to exhibit works at the Piazza della Signoria in Florence.

In 2005, renowned Colombian artist Fernando Botero unveiled a series of over 80 paintings and drawings which depicted stylized renditions of the prisoner abuse by American guards at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Though these artworks have subsequently been exhibited a few times in Europe, they had until now never been shown in the United States except for a small show at the private Marlborough Gallery in New York. So when the Center for Latin American Studies brought Botero's Abu Ghraib paintings to Doe Library on the University of California campus, it was billed as the series' "American premiere."

In 2007 he presented his "Circus People" series in an exhibition in Milan at Palazzo Reale for the first time to the public. Reminiscent of his childhood in Medellín, it presents the philosophy of nomadic people and the human activity of those who only have the circus as background for their lives. Paintings and drawings inspired by the circus theme were also exhibited in 2008 in Abu Dhabi and the United States, and in 2009 in important galleries in Venice, London and New York.

In 2012 the artist worked on a series called Viacrucis: La Pasiòn, which has been shown at the Antioquia Museum of Fine Art and, on that occasion, donated to the permanent collection of the museum.

In the same year Botero presented his collection of plaster casts for the first time to the public, at Palazzo Monte Frumentario, Assisi.

For his 80th birthday the Museum of Fine Art in Mexico City organized a retrospective entitled "Fernando Botero, a Celebration". The Museum of Fine Art of Bilbao presented an unprecedented anthology for the artist career.

Fernando Botero currently lives and works in Paris, Monte Carlo, Pietrasanta and New York.

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2007

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2009

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2012

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2015

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2013-2014

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2012

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2011

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1982

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1981

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Marlborough Gallery, New York, USA

1979

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1974

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1973

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Marlborough Galleria d'Arte, Rome, Italy

1972

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Claude Bernard Gallery, Paris, France

Marlborough Gallery, New York, USA

1970

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1969

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Claude Bernard Gallery, Paris, France

1968

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Buchholz Gallery, Munich, Germany

Galería Juana Mordó, Madrid, Spain

1966

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Buchholz Gallery, Munich, Germany

Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

Staatliche Kunsthalle, Baden-Baden, Germany

1964

Galería Arte Moderno, Bogotá, Colombia

1962

Gres Gallery, Washington DC, United States

The Contemporaries New York Art and Social Club, New York, USA

1960

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1959

Biblioteca Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia

1958

XXIX Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

1957

Antonio Sousa Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico

Gres Gallery, Washington DC, USA

Pan American Union, Washington DC, USA

1955

Biblioteca Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia

1952

Galería Leo Matiz, Bogotá, Colombia

1951

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