

TELL ME YOUR INFINITY

*The exhibition **Tell me your infinity** shares with the public the process of the artistic residence "Self-Portrait Mask - discoveries of self" coordinated by the artist Elisa Rossin, during February 2023 at Art&Craft Refugio, held at Largo Residências. Surrounding the production of biographical masks, a process that represents a metaphorical journey of self-discovery reveals different layers of the subject and its various possibilities of visual and poetic representation. The exhibition demonstrates the masks created by the participants as well as documentation of the attendees, in the form of portrait photography by the photographer João Tuna.*

The process is divided into three stages:

1. Taking a mould of the face with plaster.

Lying on the table, in silence, the participants keep their eyes closed for around twenty minutes until the material dries and can be removed.

2. Seeing oneself from the outside.

A study of the formal composition of the face using the mirror or selfie is made by the participants' mobile phone, allowing them to observe facial expressions, as well as the play of lines and their composition.

3. A plastic, sensorial and imaginary transposition.

On the plaster mask, elements that poetically symbolize some of the most intimate perceptions of the self are added through a mixed media approach.

What interests and motivates the process of creating the self-portrait mask is precisely the psychological penetration associated with the invisible becoming of the face and the power of the portrait. To analyse oneself from the outside and the inside, in a flow of discoveries; to represent and recreate oneself aesthetically and plastically. The construction of a poetic mask calls for the activation of each individual's particular imaginary. The compositions of volume, depth and contour goes beyond a single sense to integrate solid and imaginable masses, to share the infinite that inhabits us all.

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