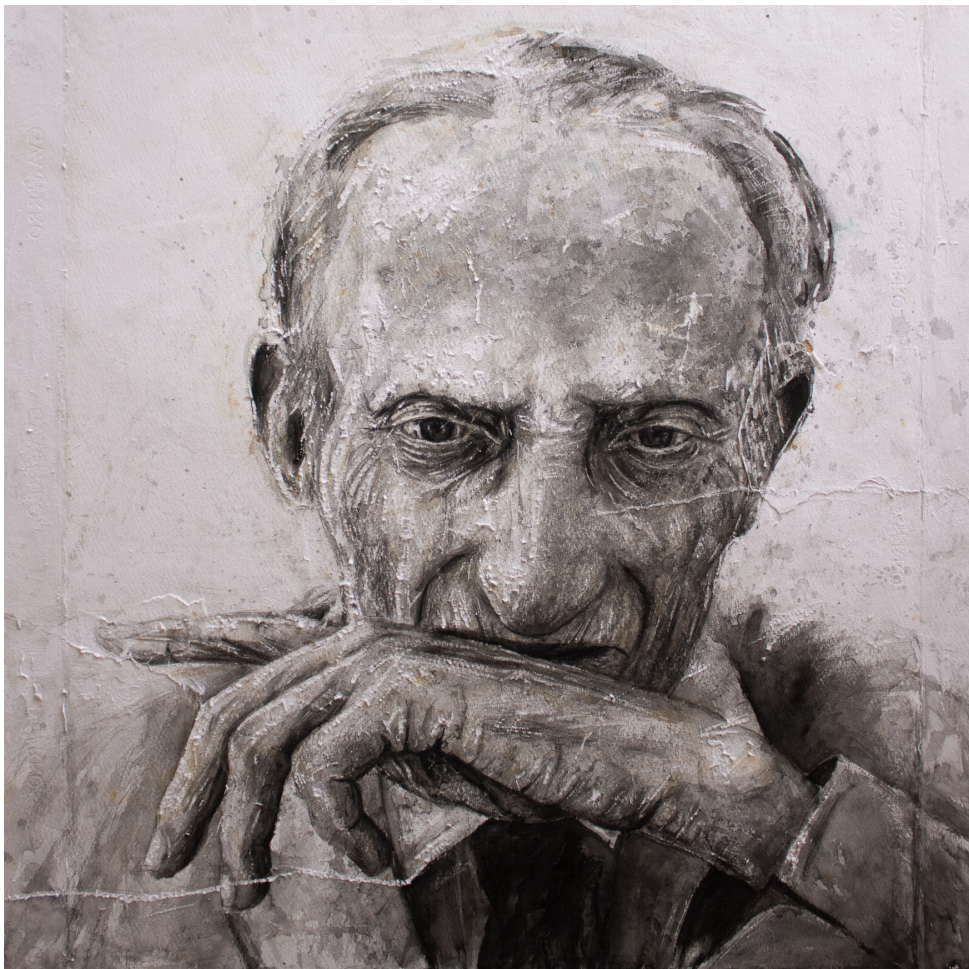


Introspection

Adrian Muñoz-Espouy



This artwork represents an aged man depicting with his glance, his attitude, and his skin the feeling of old age. It is a hard feeling that inspires our emotions even though the portrait is delicate and soft. However, the aggressiveness of aging is obvious in the painting. The degradation of the body, the spirit, and the expectations, together with memories of the past, are represented in the glance of this old man who is badly treated by age. His glance looks inside himself; he is observing his past and he feels no hopes for the future. A negative and analytical feeling with regret and sorrow is transmitted through his glance.

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Watercolor and graphite on paper and wood, 81 x 100 cm

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Description by Jorge L. Alió

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