



João Duarte «Retrospective – 30 Years of Coins and Medals»

At around 5 p.m. on the 14th of February an exhibition entitled "Retrospective - 30 Years of Coins and Medals" was inaugurated, dedicated to the career of sculptor João Duarte.

He was born in Lisbon in 1952 and obtained a degree in Plastic Arts - Sculpture in 1978 from the Lisbon Higher School of Fine Art, where he is now Professor of Sculpture and Medal-making. Founding member and director of the Faculty's "Volte Face" Contemporary Medal Research and Study Department, as well as founding member of the "Anverso Reverso - Contemporary Medals" Group, an effective member of the International Art Medal Federation (FIDEM) and of the Sculptor's Guild Inc., in New York, the sculptor João Duarte is one of the best known figures in modern day Portuguese sculpture.

Represented in several coin collections, including those found in the Lieden museum in Holland and the British Museum in London, João Duarte has often been invited by the Portuguese Mint and Official Printing Office to create sculptures for new coins, such as the coin to commemorate 60 years of the end of the Second World War, a "Coin Against Hunger" and, in 2011, coins to mark the XXV Anniversary of Portugal and Spain joining the European Union.

By promoting this exhibition, the INCM is helping to raise awareness of numismatics and the study of medals through publicising the work of sculptor João Duarte, a well known figure in Portuguese Sculpture who has won numerous awards both in Portugal and overseas. With this exhibition, the INCM recognises its close collaboration and the quality of the work carried out by the "Volte Face" Contemporary Medal Research and Study Department at the University of Lisbon's Faculty of Fine Arts.

This exhibition showcases the most relevant medal-work and numismatic creations by the sculptor. It is free of charge and may be visited until the end of April, from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the hall of the Portuguese Mint and Official Printing Office, located at Avenida de António José de Almeida.

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