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Artistic profile

Carlos Bernal Iglesias, known artistically as **Iglessias**, is a visual artist, photographer and audiovisual creator based in Madrid. His multidisciplinary practice integrates photography, digital collage, video, installation, found object, artificial intelligence and expanded visual narratives.

His career unfolds in two phases. First, the craft: commercial photography, advertising, fashion, portraiture, studio work, direction of models and actors, lighting and visual production for agencies, production companies, television and institutions. Then, the work: a contemporary art practice in which that technical precision becomes the foundation of a distinctive, poetic and symbolic language.

The graphic campaign for the 15th Ibero-American Summit in Salamanca —whose images were used on billboards and as the visual backdrop to the event— marks a point of maximum visibility in his commercial period and, at the same time, a threshold. From then on, photography ceases to respond solely to commission and becomes a language of enquiry, memory, symbol and transformation. The transition from Carlos Bernal to Iglessias is not a branding strategy: it is a change in consciousness. The artist was there from the beginning; what changes is the direction of all the accumulated experience.

As Iglessias, he develops projects around perception, synchronicity, memory, vulnerability, care, animal dignity, visual culture, contemporary spirituality and the relationship between technology, consciousness and imagination. The image is understood as an archive of signals, an inner narrative and a space of transformation. His notion of *conscious quantum art* is conceived as a poetic and visual metaphor, not as a literal scientific assertion.

MEDIA AND LINES OF ENQUIRY

Media: photography · digital collage · video · installation · artificial intelligence · found object · multimedia projects · editorial and visual design.

Lines of enquiry: perception · synchronicity · memory · symbol · consciousness · care · animal dignity · vulnerability · cultural memory · technology and imagination · contemporary spirituality.

PROJECT IN PROGRESS

A Crack in Reason

Autobiographical manuscript in progress · 2026

Writing, reviewing and structuring of an autobiographical manuscript.

Artistic projects and series

Greyhounds — Redemption

Photographic and exhibition project · 2025

A visual narrative in five acts on dignity, trauma, tenderness and repair. Centred on the rescued greyhounds Caos and Eevee, the project transforms an intimate experience of care into a poetic and social reflection on compassion, animal mistreatment and the possibility of another world. The exhibition is structured as a journey between the darkness of harm and the possibility of beginning again, combining intimate photography, symbolic narrative, dialogue with contemporary art and a call to action.

Quixote 5.0

Photography, digital collage, artificial intelligence, found object and installation · 2024–2025

A project inspired by Cervantes and *Don Quixote*, developed from a proposal by the Por amor al arte group. It enters into dialogue with Bosch's *The Garden of Earthly Delights*, Gustave Doré's illustrations and the visual tools of the 21st century. Conceived as a visionary triptych supported by an antique tripod, it operates as a machine of perception: a camera without a camera, an inner telescope and a symbolic map of consciousness. It does not illustrate Cervantes: it updates the Quixotic conflict in a century of images, algorithms and signals.

The Quantum Gaze

2024

An evolution of *Intangible Signs*. The image is organised as a mosaic and expanded visual field, proposing a stratified reading of reality through perception, coincidence, symbolic associations and attention.

Intangible Signs

2022–2023

A visual archive of numerical synchronicities captured in everyday life. It investigates chance, repetition, pattern, attention and the symbolic potential of ordinary urban and domestic signals.

Nora

A photographic and symbolic project centred on the relationship between desire, image, animality, intuition and co-creation.

Blue Tantra

A series based on light, body, darkness and visual ritual. An enquiry into energy, presence and the poetic dimension of portraiture.

Five

A project born from encounters with nature and the perception of symbolic signals in the landscape. Photographic and installation development.

15M

A documentary and symbolic series on the 15M social movement, understood as a collective manifestation of an energy of transformation.

Quantum Museum

A project on perception, art and consciousness within the museum space.

London Soul

A series connected to travel, the city and inner transformation.

Solo exhibitions

2025	<i>Greyhounds — Redemption</i> José Luis Sampedro Cultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2024	<i>The Quantum Gaze. On the Threshold of the Divine</i> Juan Genovés Cultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2024	<i>The Quantum Gaze. On the Threshold of the Divine</i> Sara Montiel Cultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2023	<i>Intangible Signs</i> Rosario de Acuña Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>Intangible Signs</i> Luis Rosales Regional Public Library, Madrid, Spain

Group exhibitions

2025	<i>Transitions — UNRAVEL THE UNCONSCIOUS LIFE</i> Loona Contemporary / Captaloona Art Space, Madrid, Spain. Group exhibition and participation in thematic catalogue.
2025	<i>Cervantes and Don Quixote / Quixote 5.0</i> Por amor al arte group, José Luis Sampedro Cultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2024	<i>Cervantes and Don Quixote / Quixote 5.0</i> Por amor al arte group, Rosario de Acuña Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2024	<i>Thinking about our planet, let us imagine the future</i> DEARTE Foundation, Castle of Monteagudo de las Vicarías, Spain

2024	<i>Winter Salon</i> El Greco Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2023	<i>Autumn Salon</i> Latina Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>Maison de Eros</i> DEARTE Foundation, Medinaceli, Spain. Erotic group exhibition.
2022	<i>Open Cultural Space</i> Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>Art Unites Us with Hope</i> Prisma Internacional, Chile
2022	<i>Uninhabited Spaces, Occupied Places</i> DEARTE Foundation, Medinaceli, Spain
2022	<i>Charity Exhibition</i> Zaballos Foundation, Centro Riojano, Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>For the Love of Art</i> Sara Montiel Cultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>For the Love of Art</i> Lope de Vega Cultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>Seekers of Beauty</i> Luis Rosales Regional Public Library, Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>Seekers of Beauty</i> Almirante Churruca Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2022	<i>Zaballos Foundation Awards</i> Intercontinental Hotel, Madrid, Spain
2021	<i>For the Love of Art</i> Rosario de Acuña Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2021	<i>For the Love of Art</i> José Luis Sampedro Cultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2021	<i>The Male or Female Human Body</i> Sky Gallery, Barcelona, Spain
2020	<i>Winter Salon</i> El Greco Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2019	<i>Autumn Salon</i> Latina Sociocultural Centre, Madrid, Spain
2018	Eka & Moor Gallery, Madrid, Spain
2011	<i>Survival</i> Art5 Gallery, Madrid, Spain
2010	Art5 Gallery, Madrid, Spain
2010	<i>Artist's Workshop</i> Sabadell, Spain
2009	Amsterdam Whitney Gallery, New York, United States
2008	<i>Altered States of Reality</i> Agora Gallery, New York, United States
2007	Marizart International, Hamburg, Germany
2006	<i>Blue Tantra</i> Global Art Gallery, Barcelona, Spain

2006 *Five Series*
Pia Almoína Museum, Barcelona, Spain

Art fairs

2022 Miami River Art Fair, United States
2015 Jääl Photo, Madrid, Spain

Publications and catalogues

2026 *Limbo 2.0*
Exhibition catalogue, Captaloona Gallery, Madrid, Spain. Catalogue participation only.

2026 *18 Years of Por amor al arte*
Exhibition catalogue, Captaloona Gallery, Madrid, Spain. Catalogue participation only.

2025 *UNRAVEL THE UNCONSCIOUS LIFE: Transitions*
Thematic catalogue / artists' magazine, Loona Contemporary / Captaloona Art Space, Madrid, Spain.
Participation in catalogue and group exhibition.

2025 *UNRAVEL THE UNCONSCIOUS LIFE: Scribbles*
Thematic catalogue / artists' magazine, Loona Contemporary / Captaloona Art Space, Madrid, Spain.

2025 *UNRAVEL THE UNCONSCIOUS LIFE: Angels*
Thematic catalogue / artists' magazine, Loona Contemporary / Captaloona Art Space, Madrid, Spain.

Photobooks in museum collection

PhotobookMuseum, Cologne, Germany

Intangible Signs · Nora · Five / 5 · 15M · Quantum Museum · London Soul

Private collections

Angela Di Bello, Director of Agora Gallery, New York, United States · Ruthie Tucker, Director of Amsterdam Whitney Gallery, New York, United States · Miquel Tugores, Director of the DEARTE Foundation, Medinaceli, Spain · Emilia Zaballos, President of the Zaballos Foundation, Madrid, Spain · Ferran Adrià, El Bulli, Barcelona, Spain.

Awards and recognition

2022 First Prize in Digital Art, 4th Prisma Internacional Competition

2018 Golden Star for Professional Excellence

2018 Gold Medal of the Spanish Association of Image Professionals

2006 Fashion jury member, Lux Photography Awards, Association of Professional Photographers of Spain

— Speaker at the Advertising Conference of Rey Juan Carlos University

Professional career

Founder and Director — VAO Gallery

2017–2020 · Madrid, Spain

Art direction, visual marketing, camera work, post-production, web design, social media and visual marketing design.

Official Photographer — Academy of Radio of Spain

2013

Photographic coverage of the Academy of Radio of Spain Awards.

Founder and Director — Art5 Gallery

2011 · Madrid, Spain

Direction, curatorship, exhibition installation, artwork photography, art reproductions, graphic design, video reports and public relations.

Advertising Photographer — Grey Agency

2005–2006

Advertising photography for Jazztel, United Kingdom. Photographer for the international *Quality Guardians* campaign for Grupo Antolín, carried out by Grey Madrid and awarded the Q-Innovauto Prize.

Photographer — Graphic campaign for the 15th Ibero-American Summit in Salamanca

2005

Production of the lead photograph. The images were used in advertising media, on billboards and as the visual backdrop to the event. This campaign marks a point of maximum visibility within his period as a commercial photographer and functions as a symbolic threshold towards his subsequent artistic reorientation.

Advertising Photographer — 2M1 Comunicación

2002–2004

Fashion photography and catalogue photography for large retail stores.

Freelance Agency Photographer — Hollywood Models Agency

2002–2004

Production of fashion and actor portfolios.

Freelance Agency Photographer — Vanity Models Agency

2002–2004

Production of fashion and actor portfolios.

Founder and Director — Dramarama S.L.

1999–2006

Venue direction, casting direction, director of photography, lighting and coordination of visual projects.

Agency Photographer — Agencia Vanity

1994–2005

Production of model and actor portfolios.

Official Photographer — Publiespaña S.A. / Telecinco

1994–1996

Official photographer at film premieres and events associated with Telecinco.

Freelance Agency Photographer — Isasi Management

1993–1999

Production of fashion and actor portfolios.

Official Photographer — Miss Spain Competition

1993

Fashion photography and reportage.

Studio Assistant — Daylight Studios

1991–1993

Studio assistance, lighting and photographic production in professional environments.

Education

Professional Certificate in Multimedia Editorial Product Development

Academia Grupo Colón IECM · 2022

Formal training focused on multimedia editorial products.

Self-taught training in photography

Personal and professional career · 1984–present

Continuous learning through photographic practice, studio work, advertising, portraiture and visual experimentation.

Studio assistant on international productions

Daylight Studios and professional collaborations · 1991–1993

Learning in professional photography environments alongside teams and photographers working nationally and internationally.

Skills

Professional photography · Director of photography · Lighting · Portraiture · Advertising photography · Fashion photography · Artwork photography · Camera and video · Audiovisual editing · Art direction · Casting direction · Editorial design · Web design · Digital post-production · Creation of visual and narrative projects.

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