paulo bruscky

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paulo bruscky and the trojan horse fernando cocchiarale

It is more than about time for an exhibition to show Brazil, especially Rio de Janeiro, a comprehensive if not complete mapping of Paulo Bruscky's oeuvre, bred from his relationship with that city since 1971 and to this day, in 2016.

Though little known, his prolific connection with Rio spawned a slew of artworks created in the city and specially-made projects created in critical dialogue with an ideological and institutional framework of nationally-relevant exhibitions held regularly in the city, like the Summer Salons at MAM-RJ and the National Fine Arts Salons organized by Funarte.

But it must be noted that Bruscky created those projects for specific venues, therefore some of them couldn't be materially completed, either because the venues refused his proposals or because the artist lacked the resources to make them on his own.

And still they are not unfinished works in the strict sense. On the contrary, they're crucial to the deliberate confronting of, on the one hand, the radical poetics that drives (and always has) Bruscky's productions, and on the other hand, what the fledgling and conservative Brazilian art system would accept as art – exception made to a handful of artists and critics, mostly in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, who championed experimental work.

Also noteworthy is the fact that his (and other artists') critical opposition to the art system posed a threat to the conservatism of the civilian-military dictatorship that seized power in 1964, chipping away at its ideological foundation and more than once leading to Paulo Bruscky's arrest.

Therefore, the completion of these artworks was de-legated to the actual steps they would have to undergo institutionally (conception, elaboration, formatting, acceptance, and refusal). However, their institutional interruption did not have the authority to revoke the creative process that preceded them, since, for Bruscky, the decisive moment in poetical invention was (and still is) eminently mental.

In a statement recorded on occasion of his show *Descobrir a Ideia* (Discovering the Idea), held in 2014 at the MAM in São Paulo, Bruscky asserted that his art-making process began by thinking of "soothing things, terrible things, soft things, and I work on all these things with my brain, without using my hands as intermediaries" – a poetry production procedure that aligned him with the object (artwork) dematerialization project propounded by concept art and its multimedia offshoots. In the artist's case, these offshoots involved urban interventions and mail art (from 1975 to 1983), which are at once media and spaces foreign to the traditional gallery-based exhibition and sale system. Since network-based articulation is not based on any fixed points.

Without this incompleteness, which is precarious and permanently open to reprocessing, his oeuvre would not exist. Nor would his lasting partnership with Daniel Santiago (Team Bruscky & Santiago) – spanning roughly 15 years and going back to their time as Fine Arts students in Recife – had it been based on handwork. But this partnership never stopped them from developing their own solo outputs, which were also marked by the experimentalism they espoused.

While in national art renewal hubs Rio de Janeiro and in São Paulo the new ideas were met with fierce opposition, in Pernambuco (the Northeast's foremost cultural hub) the scenario was even harsher. Under those circumstances, partnering up was the only way, aside from the airport, to carry the torch of renewal in a medium so averse to it. Paulo Bruscky chose to stay.

In the mid-1970s, Team Bruscky & Santiago found good interlocutors in Unhandeijara Lisboa, of Paraíba, Falves Silva and J. Medeiros, of Rio Grande do Norte. They formed a core of dialogue and debate which, since 1973 and thanks to the artist's militant work, found itself connected with a vast international network that had existed for a long time: mail services. From Recife, he got in touch with avant-garde post-war groups such as Japan's Gutai, established in 1954 by the painter Yoshihara Jiro, or the international Fluxus, created in 1961 under the leadership of George Maciunas. Bruscky became an artist known for his peers in other countries, without ever having to leave his city of birth.

From that perspective, his name could be linked to a genealogy that was an alternative to the neo-concrete experimental legacy, to the formalism that stemmed from rationalist interpretations of concretism, and finally to the experimental subsets that had arisen in the 6os.?

According to the text *Sobre Cavalos de Tróia* (On Trojan Horses), written by me and Pedro França on occasion of the eponymous show at Itaú Cultural (2011), the answer is emphatically affirmative. From our perspective, the Brazilian artists representing this subset (among them Paulo Bruscky): "Can therefore be associated with an international genealogy of contemporary production whose nature is more critical than it is market-oriented, [...] In Brazil, this trend did not originate from the proposals of any one core of artists either, but from the convergence of purposes [...] connected by a convergent strategy which, like the legendary Trojan Horse, introduces into the walls of the art citadel [...] problems that question, albeit to widely varying degrees and standpoints, the foundations of the art system, its ideology and its faith in the art object, to the exclusion of all others, as the sole acceptable result of the artist's work." Despite its comprehensiveness, such definition seems to have been tailor-made for the poetical experimentation of Paulo Bruscky. His exemplariness perhaps explains his being increasingly recognized as one of the most relevant experimental artists in the country.











Selected works

Tiro ao alvo, 1971/2016

original project (typing on paper) / object in mixed media: wood, mirror, pvc, photoeletric cell and radio

80 cm ø

Mala I: IV Salão de Verão, 1974/2001

object / action

30 x 50 x 15 cm aprox.

Fogueira de gelo, 1974

set of original project, vintage photograph and documentation variable dimensions

Abra e Cheire a primeira lembraça é arte/ VII Salão de Verão, 1975

set of artist's declaration (typing on paper) and copy of the inscription form label for the VI Summer Salon (off-set in plastic bag) 33 x 21,2 cm / 13,5 x 8,5 cm

Arte Classificada/Composição aurorial Arte Especial, 1976

red felt pen mark on newspaper sheet 58 x 37,6 cm

Arte Agora I, 1976

set of documentation related to the proposal sent to the exhibition Arte Agora unique ed. - 13 itens variable dimensions

Armadilha - VI Salão Nacional de Artes / projeto de instalação

collage on paper 29.5 X 21 CM

IV Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas -INAP/FUNARTE, 1981

set of letter, envelope and 3 telegrams 17,2 X 22 CM

Reflection, 1982

Super 8mm film on video; color ed 2/5 + 2 AP 02'15"

V Salão de Verão: Core-o-grafia-h, 1982 photocopy on paper 3 sheets of 33 x 21 cm (each)

VI Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas -INAP/FUNARTE / Etiqueta A, 1983

MDF

59 x 49 cm

VI Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas -INAP/FUNARTE / Etiqueta B, 1983

MDF

59 x 49 cm

VI Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas -INAP/FUNARTE / Etiqueta C, 1983

MDF

59 x 49 cm

Depósito, 1980's collage and stamp on envelope 24 X 32 CM

Arquivo, 1983

collage and stamp on envelope 24 X 32 CM

Informação, 1983

collage and stamp on envelope 24X32 cm

Quadro de força, déc. 80 collage and stamp on envelope 24 x 33 cm

Entre ar condicionado, déc. 80 collage and stamp on envelope 24 x 33 cm

Reflection/7 Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas, 1984 typing on paper 36 x 25 cm

Fernando de Noronha: Poluição Marco Zero / I Bienal de Escultura ao Ar Livre do Rio de Janeiro, 1988

set with bound original project, collage and photocopy on paper (4 itens) 21 x 29,7 cm / 32,5 x 22 cm

Poema para voar I, 1990

photograph and indian ink on paper 29,8 x 21 cm

Agora - Agora Rio de Janeiro, 2002 thermometer -- ed. AP -- 22,5 x 5 cm

Agora - Agora Rio de Janeiro, 2002 14 thermometers -- 17 x 6 cm each

Poema para voAR, 2005 collage and pencil on paper 21 X 29,7 cm

Atenção - cuidado com o o vão entre o trem e a palavra, 2008 collage and stamp on paper 2 copies

29.7 X 21 CM

Atenção cuidado com o vão, 2008 adhesive vinyl ed. 1/3 + AP 65 x 260 cm

Arte passada a limpo, 2008 pen on aluminum and plastic 42 x 59 cm

Registros de Viagens, 2009

stamp 5 x 10 x 7 cm

Registros de Viagens, 2009 pen on paper 16,2 x 17 cm Registros de Viagens, 2009

pen on paper 16,5 x 26 cm

Registros de Viagens, 2009

pen on paper 16,5 x 26 cm

Poema para voar: Sugestões e ou reclamações, 2007

stamp, collage and ballpoint pen on paper form ed 1/1 29,7 X 21 cm

Poema para voar I, 2009 collage and stamp on paper 29.5 x 21 cm

Quebra-cabeças (escada rolante para o

céu), 2009-2010 ink jet print on cotton paper on PVC ed. 1/3 + 1 AP 100 x 66 cm

Arte Classificada, Rio de Janeiro, 2010

newspaper ad 46 x 33 cm

Homenagem a Yves Klein, 2010

acrylic on canvas, book covered with fabric and lace 100 x 80 cm -- 2 acrylic boxes of 24 x 13 and 26 x 19 cm

Paisagem Sonora Paralagerio, 2010

photocopy and pencil on paper 2'54" and 29,7 x 21,1 cm

RioLuz, 2010 adhesive vinyl 70 cm 0

Traques I and II, 2011 carbon and paper on canvas 37 X 32 X 4 cm each Livro desmiolado, 2014 artist book 32 x 26 x 6,5 cm

Não recebemos cheques, 2014 wood and plastic 56 x 56 cm

DNA da poesia, 2015 37 paper straws, wood and rubber ed. AP 35 x 25 x 25 cm

Silêncio - Homenagem a Tunga (O silêncio de Tunga é maior que o grito de Munch), 2016 collage on paper 38 x 26 cm

Escultura dos Desenhos Imaginários, 2016 indian ink and rubber on paper 30,5 X 22,5 cm

Paisagem com chuva, 1973/2016 rain water on paper 25 x 36 cm

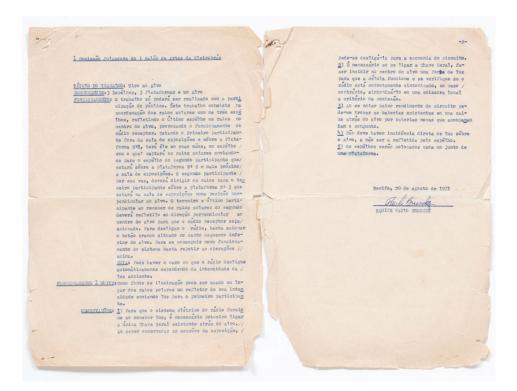
Gravusenho chuvado, 1973/2016 rain water on paper 38 x 20 cm

Carta da Chuva, 2016 rain water on paper 18 x 13 cm

Arte classificada, Paissagem eco não lógica, 2016 newspaper ad 5,3 x 3 cm (ad) / 57,5 x 37,3 cm (full page)

A arte é a ultima esperança, 2016 adhesive vinyl 72,5 x 4 cm Clico, logo dele(i)to, 2016 adhesive vinyl 55 x 4 cm

Vocês não veem o que eu vejo, 2016 adhesive vinyl 81 x 4 cm



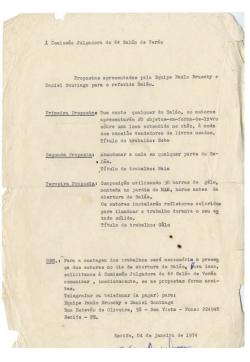
Tiro ao alvo, 1971/2016 original project (typing on paper) / object in mixed media: wood, mirror, pvc, photoeletric cell and radio -- 80 cm ø

The proposal for the I Art Salon of Eletrobrás, 1971, was refused. In the exhibition's catalogue, the art critic Walmir Ayala calls us atavistic visionaries. What an honor!









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Copy of the inscription form label from the the VII Summer Salon, inside a plastic bag containing herbal smell from the public market of São José, Recife, Brazil.



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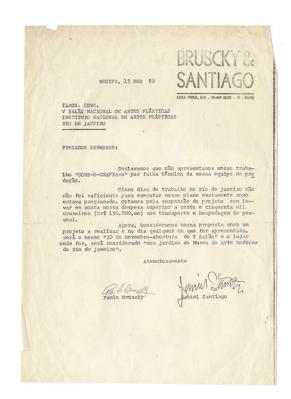
IV Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas - INAP/FUNARTE, 1981

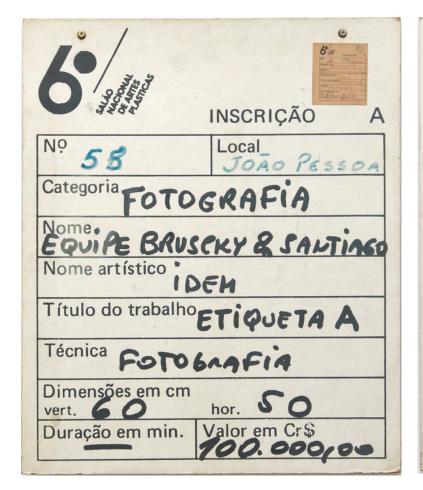
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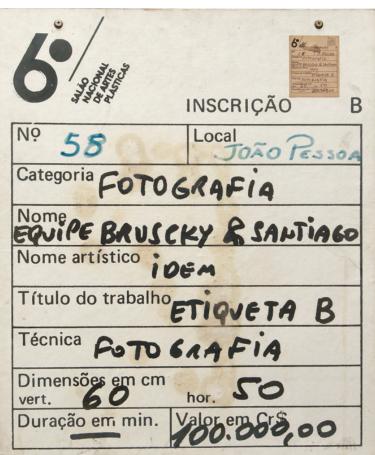
"This was the first mail art proposal sent to an art salon. It was refused. I am proud to be the most refused artist in Brazil"

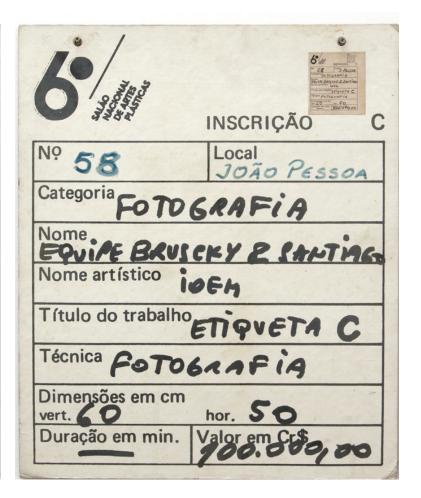










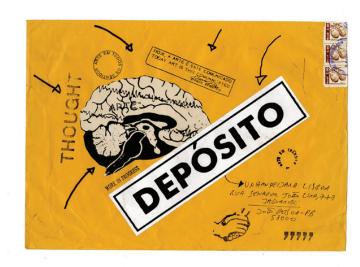


VI Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas - INAP/FUNARTE / Etiqueta A, 1983 MDF -- 59 x 49 cm

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VI Salão Nacional de Artes Plásticas - INAP/FUNARTE / Etiqueta C, 1983 MDF -- 59 x 49 cm

This work was refused by the VI National Salon of Fine Arts. Instead of being an artwork identification, the label becomes the work itself.





collage and stamp on envelope -- 24 x 32 cm

Depósito, 1980's

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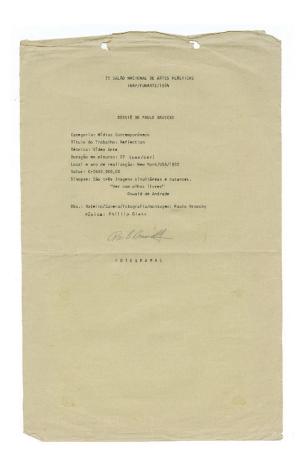








The labels that give titles to the mail art envelopes were bought in a stationary store at Catete, Rio de Janeiro, in the 1980's.













Poema para voAR, 2005 collaeg and pencil on paper -- 21 x 29,7 cm

The drawing is a development of the poem (Poema para voar) made during a flight from Recife to Rio de Janeiro, using everything that is written inside the plane and in its wings.











Registros de Viagens, 2009 pen on paper -- 16,2 x 17 cm

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Poema para voar I, 2009 collage and stamp on paper -- 29.5 x 21 cm



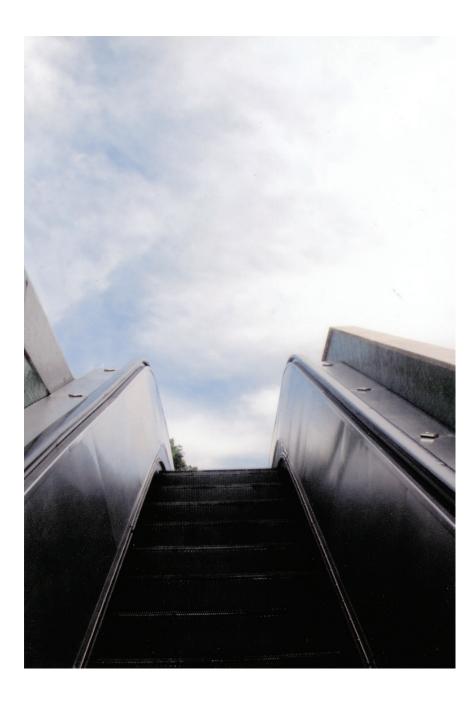
Poema para voar I, 1990 photograph and indian ink on paper -- 29,8 x 21 cm

Poema para voar, 2005 stamp on paper -- 30 X 21 CM

Registros de Viagens, 2009 stamp on paper -- 13,5 x 10 cm

Registros de Viagens, 2009 stamp on paper -- 12 X 12 CM

Registros de Viagens, 2009 stamp on paper -- 16,2 x 17 cm



Quebra-cabeças (escada rolante para o céu), 2009-2010 (left) ink jet print on cotton paper on PVC -- ed. 1/3 + 1 AP -- 100 x 66 cm

Arte Classificada Rio, de Janeiro a Dezembro, 2010 (right) newspaper ad -- 46 x 33 cm



Both pieces were in the solo exhibition *Entreimagens*, at the horse stables of the School of Visual Arts in Parque Lage, curated by Adolfo Montejo Navas, in 2010.

The photograph was taken by the artist in the exit of Catete metro station, in Rio de Janeiro. The newspaper ad was printed in red to represent the eternal violence of the city.





acrylic on canvas, book covered with fabric and lace -- 100 x 80 cm -- 2 acrylic boxes of 24×13 and 26×19 cm



RioLuz, 2010 adhesive vinyl -- 70 cm ∅





Traques I and II, 2011 carbon and paper on canvas -- 37 x 32 x 4 cm each

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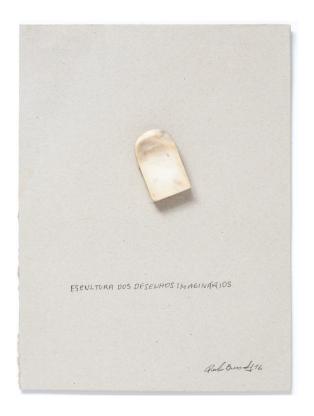




DNA da poesia, 2015 37 paper straws, wood and rubber -- ed. AP -- 35 x 25 x 25 cm

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Carta da Chuva, 2016 rain water on paper -- 18 x 13 cm

In partnership with blind photographer Eugen Bavcar. All works from this series (*Chuvaisagem, Cartão da Chuva, Gravusenho Chuvado e Lavoisier*) came out as a result of the flood that occurred in the artist's atelier, due to heavy rains during two days in june 2016, in Recife. The rise of these works turned sorrow into joy, and because of that, the artist decided that they should be part of the exhibition in Rio de Janeiro. The artist's intervantion was the use of chance, always present in his trajectory.

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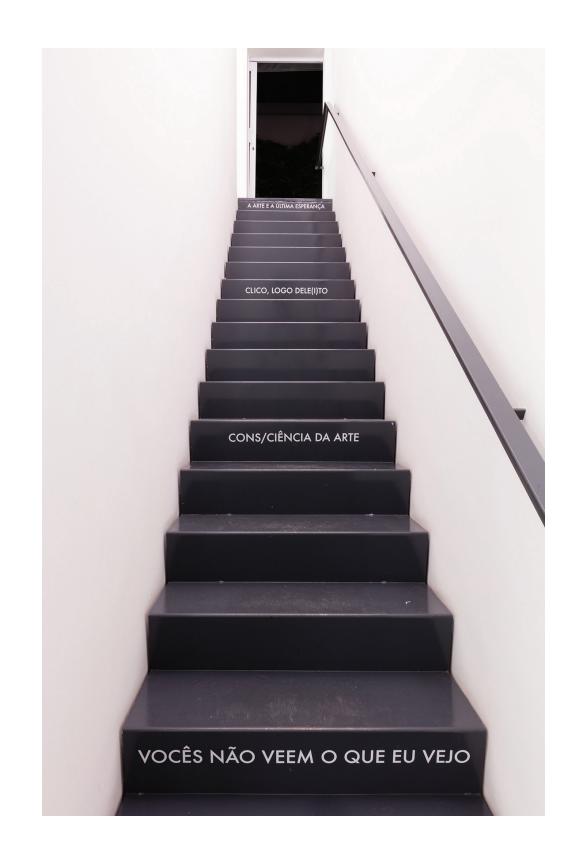
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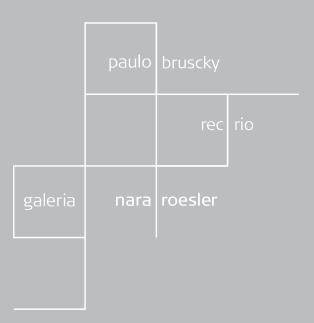
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about Paulo Bruscky

Paulo Bruscky was born in 1949 in Recife, Brazil, where he lives and works.

He was featured in the 16th, 20th, 26th, and 29th editions of the São Paulo Biennial (1981, 1989, 2004, and 2010) and the 10th Havana Biennial, Cuba (2009), among other biennials. Recent solo shows include Paulo Bruscky (Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, 2014); Paulo Bruscky: Artist Books and Films, 1970–2013 (The Mistake Room, Los Angeles, USA, 2015; Galeria Nara Roesler, São Paulo, Brazil, 2014); Art Is Our Last Hope (The Bronx Museum, New York, USA, 2013); Paulo Bruscky (Plataforma Bogotá, Bogotá, Colombia, 2013); Banco de ideias (Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil, 2012); and Arte correio (Centro Cultural dos Correios, Recife, Brazil, 2011). His works are included in the collections of MoMA, New York, USA; Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA; Tate Modern, London, England; Museu de Arte Moderna de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; Museu de Arte Contemporânea da Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; and Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Holland, among others.



Paulo Bruscky is represented by Galeria Nara Roesler.