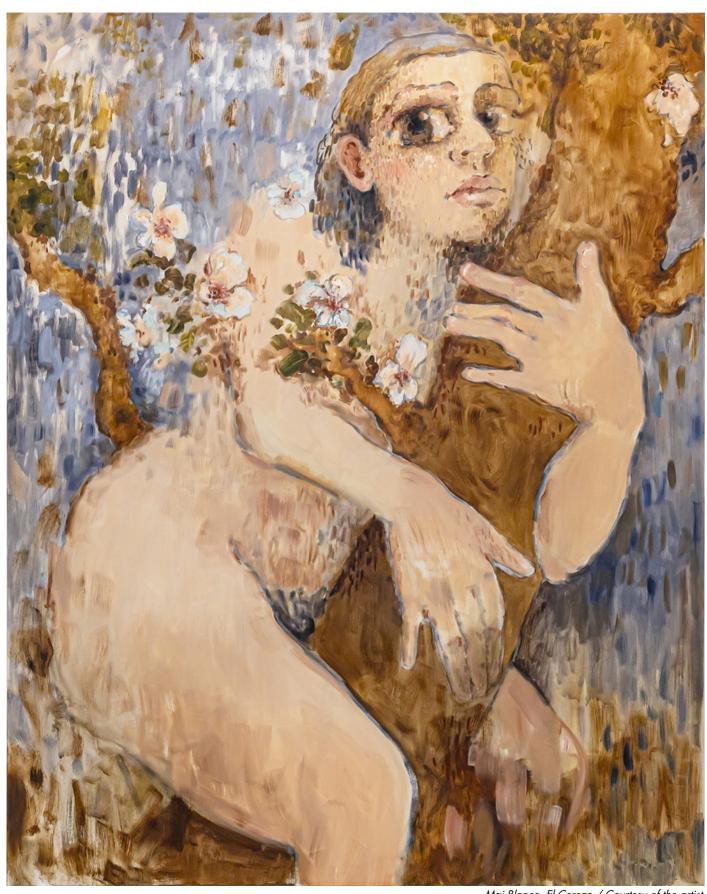
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Mai Blanco, El Cerezo / Courtesy of the artist

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Fundación La Nave Salinas, a non-profit foundation in Ibiza, Spain, is pleased to present Jardín Adentro (A Garden

Within), a solo exhibition of works by Spanish artist Mai Blanco this summer. Founded by Lio Malca nearly a decade

ago, Fundación La Nave Salinas is committed to presenting diverse artistic languages to new audiences. The

dynamic, reimagined 1940's salt warehouse along Las Salinas beach in Ibiza is an ideal space to present Mai's

largest body of work to date. Born in Asturias, a picturesque province in the north of Spain, Blanco has harbored an

unwavering conviction of being an artist for as long as her memory serves.

Blanco's oeuvre comprises self-portraits that delve into the quest for meaning, often threading through the labyrinth

of nature. In the natural world, she discovers an inexhaustible wellspring of primordial beauty, forging a profound

connection with the transcendental. This bond gives rise to an exultant celebration of life, embracing simplicity and

authenticity. For Blanco, the mere act of being and existing in this world is inherently transcendent.

With a penchant for portraying nude figures amidst nature, Blanco captures the guintessence of humanity in its

archetypal form. Mindful to eschew elements that might confine her characters to a specific time or place, she

endeavors to uphold universality and timelessness inher practice.

Her figures draw subconscious inspiration from a pantheon of revered artists, spanning fromclassical luminaries like

Bonet, Botticelli, and Rubens to contemporary masters such as Pierre Bonnard, Jean Dubuffet, Georg Baselitz,

Alice Neel, Pablo Picasso, and Cecily Brown.

Blanco's linework emanates with remarkable fluidity, effortlessly evoking the sensuality of the female form while also

hinting at the strength and prowess of mythological female warriors known as Amazonas. Her color palette, soft yet

vibrant, serves as a subtle reminder that amidst strength and independence, her characters retain the inherent

grace of femininity.

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