

# Angel Boligan Corbo

Angel Boligán is an exceptional artist who combines the perfection and audacity of drawing, journalism, intelligent humor and criticism. His cartoons have earned him countless awards around the world, including the prestigious World Press Cartoon Grand Prix (2006) and the National Journalism Award, which he has won twice. One of the characteristics of his work is timelessness. Boligán is a Lighthouse that perceives the deepest roots of current human problems, to comment on them and draw them in the most serious way possible: through humor and Love, Boligán presents his vision of love in the most different scenarios and in different flavours: sweet, bitter, mordant. It portrays loneliness, the complexity of couples, love in the contemporary world.

Angel comes from a country surrounded by dreams, frustrations and sometimes nightmares. Cuba, the land of intensive social and political events, gave Boligán the experience of life. A socialist who later will perceive the capitalist world with a broader look, becoming an observer with a surprising maturity.

Angel Boligan Corbo was born on 10th May 1965 in **San Antonio de Los Banos: Havana, Cuba**. This city is also known for the fact that it houses the Museum of Humor and hosts the annual Biennial International Humor Contest.

In 1984 he studied Fine Arts at the National School of Plastic Arts Instructors in Havana, from which he graduated in 1987 as a Teacher of Plastic Arts. And Since 1992 he lives in Mexico and is the holder of the Mexican Citizenship

He worked as editor, illustrator and cartoonist for the newspaper "EL UNIVERSAL" and the satirical magazines "CONOZCA MÁS". Currently he is working as editorial cartoonist for the Humour magazine "EL CHAMUCO"

Since the beginning of this century, he conquered one country after another in Europe and in Latin America, but also China and the United States. He is therefore a cartoonist of the 21th century

António Antunes, President of the World Press Cartoon, Sintra Portugal also called Boligan as "the most innovative cartoonist"

## Memberships

Angel Boligan Corbo is a member of:

- THE National Union of writers and artists of Cuba (U.N.E.A.C)
- International Syndicate of Cartoonists of United States - Caglecartoons, Inc.
- Courier International Agency - Le Courier International – Paris, France
- The International Group "CARTOONING FOR PEACE" based in Paris
- He is also the President of Cartoonclub Agency, Club of Latin Cartoon.

## Individual Exhibitions

- Solo Exhibition in a Local Gallery 1981
- "Eduardo Abela" Gallery, San Antonio de los Baños, Havana, Cuba 1981
- "Bolígán humor Villamil", Provincial Museum of Ciego de Avila, Cuba 1990
- "Bolicaturas. Caricatures by Ángel Boligán Corbo". Uncle Cabrera Tavern, San Antonio de los Baños, Havana, Cuba 1991

## Shared Exhibitions

He also participated in several Events and Exhibitions from all around the world:

- Participate in the realization of a collective mural at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Biennial of Humor as a younger cartoonist, San Antonio de los Baños, Havana, Cuba 1981
- 3<sup>rd</sup> International Humor Biennial. Círculo de Artesanos, San Antonio de los Baños, Havana, Cuba 1983
- VI International Biennial of Humor and Satire in Art 1983
- "The world exists because it laughs", House of Humor and Satire, Gabrovo, Bulgaria 1983, 1985
- Fourth International Biennial of Humor. Circle of Artisans, San Antonio de los Baños, Havana, Cuba 1985
- The 7th Yomiuri Shimbun International Cartoon Contest. Tokyo Japan 1985
- Presented at the V International Biennial of Humor. Eduardo Abela Art Gallery, San Antonio de los Baños 1987
- the XVIII National Exhibition of Graphic Humor "Horacio Rodríguez Suría". Cuba Pavilion, Havana, Cuba 1987
- 1st. National Hall of Personal Caricature "Juan David", Havana 1987
- Sixth International Biennial of Humor 1987
- Eduardo Abela Art Gallery, San Antonio de los Baños

## Books and Publications

- Co-Author with Pepe Pelayo of the volume History of Jesters "Historia de Bufones"
- Love and other Lies "El Amor Y Otras Mentiras"
- A Capella Humor "Humor a Capella" 2005
- Light and Shadow "Luz Y Sombra" 2011
- Ink Mirror "Espelho De Tinta" 2012
- Ink Works "Faenas De Tinta" 2013
- Streamink, the first book in the series "Drawings about ourselves", which consists of 160 pages, 127 drawings, printed in high quality color, with situations of daily life that portray the effects of the extension of our reality to the digital world, with eight chapters: Generations, Cell Phones, Social Networks, Humor, Love, Harassment, Future (or present), Covid 19

## Cinema and Visual Art

- Cartoonists: Foot soldiers of Democracy? 12 lovable lunatics, capturing the comic and tragic in all four corners of the earth: cartoonists who risk their lives to defend democracy, with a smile on their faces and a pencil as their only weapon. 2014
- The Lover "L'amoureux". Writer for the Cartoon Film, Released September 8, 2011 (France)

## Awards & Recognitions

Boligán cultivates all branches of graphic humor, in which he has obtained 180 international awards and mentions, of which the following stand out:

- 3rd Prize at the VIII International Biennial of Humor and Satire, held in Gabrovo, Bulgaria (1987)
- Special Prize awarded by the CINÉFILO group at the XI International Show of Sports Humorous Design, held in Ancona, Italy (1991)
- 1st Prize in General Humor and four Special Prizes at the IX International Biennial of Humor, held in Cuba (1995)
- 2nd Prize in Personal Caricature at the X International Biennial of Humor, held in Cuba (1997)
- 2nd Prize in General Humor and 3rd. in Personal Caricature at the XI International Biennial of Humor, held in Cuba (1999)
- 1st Award at the II Portocartoon World Festival held in Porto, Portugal (2000)
- Honorable Mention at the 1st Cartoonist Festival, 1st International Cartoon Contest on the Net, organized by Fanofunny, Italy (2000)
- 2nd Prize in General Humor, 3rd. in Personal Caricature and 2 Special Awards at the XII International Biennial of Humor held in Cuba (2001)
- Honorable Mention at the III Portocartoon World Festival held in Porto, Portugal (2001)
- 3rd Award and Honorable Mention at the IV Portocartoon World Festival held in Porto Portugal (2002)
- Special Award MAYOR OF RIONEGRO at the IX International Cartoon Festival RICARDO RENDON Rionegro, Colombia (2002)
- 1st Prize at the 3rd International Exhibition ECOCARTOONS organized by the Catholic University of Lima Peru (2003)
- Grand Prize at the XIII International Biennial of Humor held in Cuba (2003)
- Honorable Mention at the VI Portocartoon World Festival held in Porto, Portugal (2003)
- Honorable mention at the X International Cartoon Festival RICARDO RENDON Rionegro, Colombia (2003)
- Special Prize and Honorable Mention at BIRD 2005 International art award Beijing China, August (2005)
- 1st Prize at the 1st Porto International Humor Festival, Brazil, October (2005)
- 3rd Prize of the 18 International Show of Humor and Satire of Trento Italy November (2005)
- Gold Medal and Excellence Award at the 2nd WINE International Invitation, selected among the 100 best cartoonists in the world, China November (2005)

- GRAND PRIX and FIRST PRIZE in the category of Humor in the WORLD PRESS CARTOON Sintra Portugal April (2006)
- Special Award of Culture & Tourism Office at the 26th Hodja Nasreddin, Turkey August (2006)
- 1st Prize at the 3rd International Cartoon Exhibition RODHES 2006- Greece - September (2006)
- 1st World Cartoon Festival KOSOVA 2006 Award, Kosovo, September (2006)
- Special Prize at the International Contest on OCCUPATION in Iran, November (2006)
- 2nd Prize in the Ibero-American Graphic Humor Contest 2006
- Urban voracity, of the Guadalajara International Book Fair, Mexico, December (2006)
- Silver Medal in the Individual Portfolio Illustration category of the Society News Design on Illustration SND, United States, March (2007)
- Award of Excellence in the -News Design / Page(s)- category of the Society News Design on Illustration SND, United States, March (2007)
- Honorable Mention at the 2nd International Cartoon Contest, Don Quichotte, Topic - IMMIGRATION- Turkey/Germany. April (2007)
- Honorable Mention in the HUMOR category at the 3rd World Press Cartoon, Sintra Portugal, April (2007)
- 3rd PRIZE the National Press Club Press Freedom Awards of Canada - 7th International Editorial Cartoon Competition, Canada (May) 2007
- 2nd Prize at the 24th AYDIN DOGAN International Caricature Competition, held in Istanbul Turkey, July (2007)
- Special Prize of the 24th Biennale Internazionale dell'Umore nell'Arte, Theme -El Macho-, Tolentino, Italy, July (2007)
- Special Award from the Ministry of Culture Turkey at the 27th International Nasreddin Hodja Cartoon Contest, Turkey, August (2007)
- Honorable Mention in the second GREEKARTOON Cartoon Contest (Children of the future) Athens Greece November (2007)
- Prize -The best cartoons prize- at the Master Cup International Cartoon and Illustration Biennial, China, November (2007)
- Honorable Mention at the 14th Rendon International Cartoon Festival, November (2007)
- Colombia Excellence Award at the 3rd Ranan Lurie Political Cartoon Awards, convened by the UN, December (2007)
- 2nd Prize at the 1st International Saloon of Humor for the Amazon Forest, organized by Brazilcartoon, December (2007)
- Brazil Excellence Award in the category of -Illustration Portfolio Individual- of the Society News Design on Illustration SND, United States, March (2008)
- Award of Excellence in the category of -Illustration single- from the Society News Design on Illustration SND, United States, March (2008)
- Excellence Award in the -Feature Design Pages- category of the Society News Design on Illustration SND, United States, March (2008)
- Honorable Mention at the X PortoCartoon World Festival, Porto, Portugal, May 2008)
- Special Prize -Special Prize of Cumhuriyet newspaper- at the 28th International Nasreddin Hodja Cartoon Contest, Turkey August 2008
- 1st Prize of the 3rd Don Quichotte INTERNATIONAL CARICATURE CONTEST OF "WORLD LANGUAGES" held in Germany, Sept.2008

- Igor Sevcik Prize (Best graphic cartoon) Special Award at the International Festival HUMOREST 2008, Czech Republic, Sept 2008
- First Prize (set of works) in The Second International City Complexities Cartoon Contest-2008, Iran
- Oct. Grand Prix 'Marco Biassoni' Humor a Gallarate Intl Cartoon Contest XIV edizione 2008, Italy, Oct.2008
- First Prize (DIGITAL GAME) The International Digital Media (By email) Contest, Iran, Nov 2008
- 2nd Prize, in the First International Humor Show Mazatlan 2008, Mexico Nov.2008
- HONORABLE MENTION at XIII PORTOCARTOON, Porto, Portugal, April 2011
- SILVER PRIZE The 7th International Cartoon Contest SYRIA 2011, April 2011
- 2ND PRIZE in the CARTOON category of the World Press Cartoon 2011, Sintra, Portugal, April 2011
- HONORABLE MENTION at the 3rd International City Complexities Cartoon Contest 2010/ Iran, May 2011
- 3rd PRIZE at the UMO - 6th International Cartoon contest'10/India, May 2011
- Award winning the best cartoon awards in the 2010 Eco cartoon exhibition, India, released on Sept. 2011
- HONORABLE MENTION at the first International Cartoon Festival National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company, Iran 2012
- HONORABLE MENTION at the 4th International Fajr Cartoon & Caricature Contest-2012/ Iran
- HONORABLE MENTION in the EDITORIAL CARDBOARD category and HONORABLE MENTION in the CARTOON category at the World Press Cartoon, Sintra Portugal, April 2012
- SPECIAL PRIZE at the 40th World Gallery of Cartoons - Skopje 2012, Macedonia, May 2012
- 3rd PRIZE at the 5th ECO CARTOON Patio, International Environmental Humor, Brasilia, Brazil, June 2012
- SPECIAL PRIZE at The International "WALL St. Fall" Cartoon Contest- Iran, July 2012
- CHARGE AWARD, 1st PRIZE in the OPINION category and HONORABLE MENTION in the HUMOR category at the 39th Salão International Do Humor in Piracicaba, Brazil, August 2012
- MENTION OF EXCELLENCE in THE UNITED NATIONS /RANAN LURIE POLITICAL CARTOON AWARDS Dec. 2012
- HONORABLE MENTION at the 5th International Fajr Visual Arts Festival, Iran, March 2013
- 2ND PRIZE at the 15TH PORTOCARTOON WORLD FESTIVAL, Porto Portugal, April 2013
- HONORABLE MENTION in the CARTOON category of the 9th WORLD PRESS CARTOON held in Sintra, Portugal, April 2013
- SPECIAL AWARD from the Union of Turkish Journalists at the 33rd NASREDDIN HODJA CARTOON CONTEST, Turkey, July 2013
- JOURNALISM AWARD in EDITORIAL CARTOON from Grupo de Diarios de América (G.D.A.) with the cartoon "EL PERIODISMO EN MÉXICO" published by EL UNIVERSAL in 2012 Award created to recognize journalistic excellence in the leading media in the region
- 1st PRIZE in the -SOCCER THEME- category of the 40th International Humor Show in Piracicaba, Brazil, August 2013
- Best Comic Illustration Awards of the 7th Asian Youth Animation & Comics Contest (AYACC) 2013

- 1st prize in the 5th International City and Citizen Cartoon Contest /Tabriz, Iran, September 2014.
- 3rd PRIZE in the EDITORIAL CARDBOARD category. HONORABLE MENTION in the GAG CARTOON category at the tenth World Press Cartoon held in Portugal, 2014
- 2nd PRIZE at the XIV INTERNATIONAL GRAPHIC HUMOR SALON, Santa Clara 2014, Cuba, December 2014.
- Award of Excellence at the Annual Award of the Society for News Design (SND) for illustration published in the newspaper LA NACIÓN of Argentina, March 2014
- Selected as The Best cartoonist in the world during 2014, by the TRABRIZ Iran group and museum, April 2015
- HONORABLE MENTION at the 12th International Tabriz Cartoon Festival, Iran, April 2015
- 1st PRIZE at the by Niels Bugge Cartoon Contest, Viborg, Denmark May 2015
- 2nd PRIZE in the Gag humor category and HONORABLE MENTION in the opinion category at the 11th World Press Cartoon, Cascais, Portugal, April 2015
- HONORABLE MENTION at the 32nd AYDIN DOGAN International Cartoon Contest, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2015
- 1st PRIZE in the category -Charge, Opinion- at the 42nd International Humor Fair Piracicaba, Brazil, August 2015
- 1st PRIZE at the OSTEN World Gallery of Cartoons Competition for Digital Cartoons Topic: Beer, Macedonia, October 2015

For Boligán, a Caricature is: "The artistic medium of excellence to make us laugh, but also think and reflect in the heat of the facts, is the restless brother of the House of Plastic Arts, a weapon that points to the head and sometimes to the heart. ". And a cartoon: "The cartoonist puts the story and the drawing, and the reader rolls the tape, in the house of Plastic Arts it is the sister who tells the stories and dreams of her characters. With cartoons he answered what love means to her, peace, friendship and Cuba".

His work is characterized by a subtle style, an elegant line and an intelligent narrative; in addition, for the precise use of colour, the absence of text and the influence of cinema.

With his universal gaze, he addresses burning issues such as war, pollution, violence against women, the commodification of society, violence, censorship, authoritarianism, religion, political corruption or drug trafficking.

In an interview when asked about his favourite work/drawing he answered "Usually my favourite is the work I have just made, but my mind always change after a few days. So, I think my favourite job has not been done"

"CUBA GAVE ME THE TRAINING, MEXICO THE SPACE, THE RHYTHM" .... Angel Boligan Corbo

Angel is married to his wife "Sandra" and together they have one Son "David"

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