

PRESS RELEASE - Portugal

"Light, Form and Color"

"A sensory journey where light becomes language and color translates emotion, uniting classical goldsmithing with contemporary artistic experimentation."

LISBON, 25/05/26 – The Royal Treasury Museum, located at the National Palace of Ajuda, will present the exhibition "Light, Form and Color" starting on September 12, 2026. Curated by Francisco Lacerda, the exhibition proposes an unprecedented encounter between the boldness of contemporary art and the splendor of one of the world's most valuable collections.

The Encounter Between Matter and Emotion

"Light, Form and Color" is not merely an exhibition; it is a sensory reflection on the pillars of visual creation. The exhibition invites visitors on a journey where light becomes language, form structures thought, and color translates pure emotion. Through a dialogue between tradition and experimentation, the curatorship establishes bridges between current artistic practices and Portugal's historical heritage.

Exhibition Highlights: From the Contemporary to the Invaluable

- The Native Gold Nugget: A colossal piece weighing 20,391 g.
- Rare Gemstones: The Diamond of Brazil (35.80 ct) and the blue sapphires from royal ornaments.
- Symbols of Power: The Order of Kamehameha I and the Habit of the Order of the Golden Fleece, adorned with diamonds (including rare pink specimens) and rubies.
- Germain Silver Service: The highest expression of 18th-century European goldsmithing.

A Multidisciplinary Perspective

To deepen the experience, the exhibition includes contributions from specialists who connect art and science, offering different layers of interpretation of the works:

- Abel Pena: Classical Studies and Ancient Culture.
- Álvaro Madureira Pinto: Geology.
- Maria José Lourenço: Chemistry and Conservation.
- Rui Jorge Agostinho: Astrophysics and Astronomy.

A Museum of International Excellence

Located in the National Palace of Ajuda, the Royal Treasury Museum has established itself as a cultural epicenter in Lisbon. Its prestige has been reinforced by recent international recognition, including the Travellers' Choice Awards 2025, the APOM 2025 Scientific Research and Dissemination Award, and its nomination for the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA).

Useful Information

- Title: Light, Form and Color
- Date: From September 12, 2026
- Venue: Royal Treasury Museum – National Palace of Ajuda (Calçada da Ajuda, Lisbon)
- Curatorship: Francisco Lacerda
- Participating Artists: Coming soon...

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