EUGÈNIA BALCELLS · 2009

Homage to the Elements



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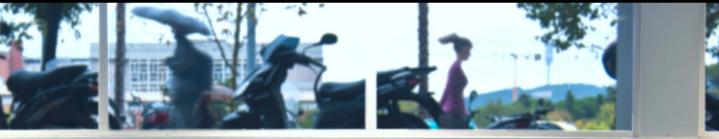
offers the mural HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS by Eugènia Balcells to be installed in cultural, educational, scientific and artistic centers around the world.

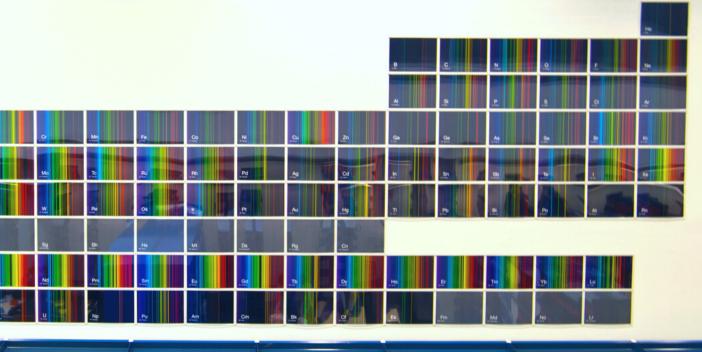
Picture above: Mural installed in the Maxine Greene High School for Imaginative Inquiry, Martin Luther King Campus, New York.

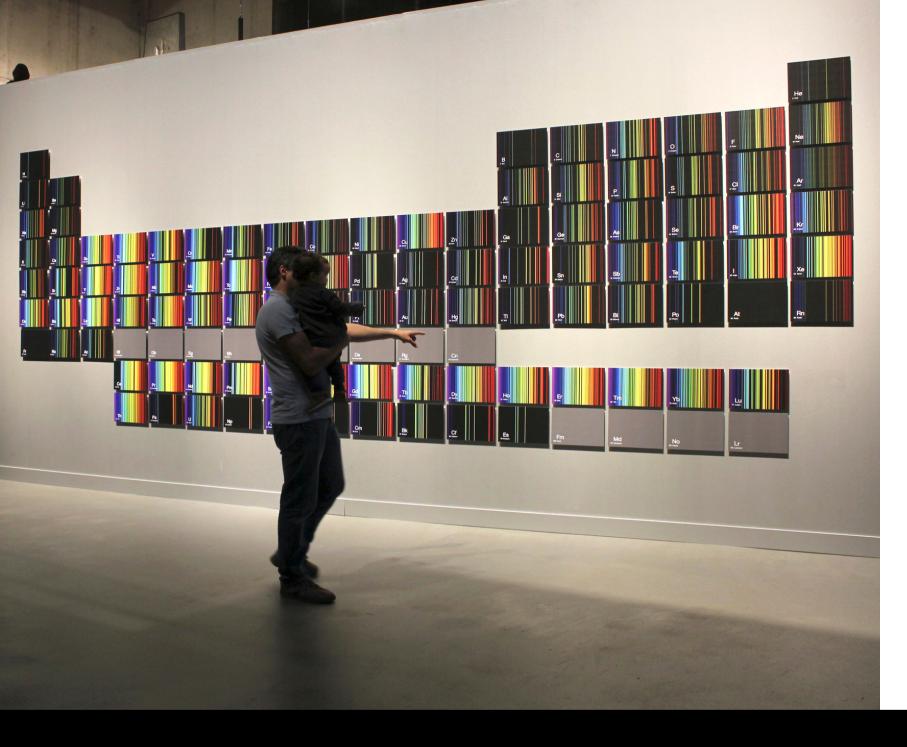
Picture below: Mural installed in the Library of the Faculty of Physics and Chemistry of the University of Barcelona.











IN 2009,

the artist Eugènia Balcells created the mural HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS, moved by the amazement of knowing that each of the elements of the periodic table emits a spectrum of light that distinguishes it from all the others.

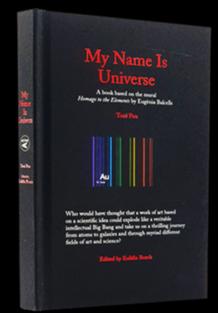
Eugènia Balcells honors the elements that make up everything that exists, by adding to the representation of the Mendeleev's Periodic Table, the spectra of light that singles them out.

In HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS, the two icons of chemistry and quantum physics have been brought together in a single image for the first time: the periodic table and the emission spectra of the elements. The fact that the HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS mural does not require any modification to be installed anywhere in the world, makes visible the connection between cultural, educational, scientific and artistic centers around the world.

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IN 2023,

to underline the interdisciplinary nature of the work HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS, Eulàlia Bosch, philosopher and curator of the Eugenia Balcells Foundation, and Toni Pou, physicist and science journalist, just presented in the Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona, the book entitled MY NAME IS UNIVERSE in which personalities from different areas of knowledge are given a voice in relation to the mural. It is a book of interviews with internationally recognized personalities who speak of the meaning of HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS within their professional fields.



BOOK: MY NAME IS UNIVERSE

A text that cultivates the feeling of wonder towards the world around us, source and power of all artistic and scientific creations, and that stimulates the reader's curiosity and creativity.

TONI POU

EDITED BY EULÀLIA BOSCH

ACTAR, BARCELONA, 2022

Conversations with

Jordi Balló Writer and film producer Priyamvada Natarajan Astrophysicist Amandine Beyer Violinist Eugènia Balcells Artist Federico Mayor Zaragoza Chemist and president of UNESCO 1987-1999 Simon McBurney Theater director and actor Eulàlia Bosch Philosophy professor Sally Potter Filmmaker Roberto Ontañón Archaeologist María Muñoz Dancer Marc Balcells Astrophysicist Joaquim Sales Chemist Rodolfo Häsler Poet Jaume Bertranpetit Biologist Cesc Gelabert Dancer Sunetra Gupta Epidemiologist and novelist Stephen M. Noonan Historian and principal of MGHS in NYC Marta Llorente Architect David Jou Physicist, poet and theologian

Texts by

Roald Hoffmann Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1981 Xavier Bosch Epidemiologist Amarjit Chandan Poet Carlota Subirós Theater director Jean-Louis Froment Art professor Salimata Wade Geographer Jorge Ventocilla Biologist Maria Nadotti Art historian and translator Jaume Casals Philosopher and dean of the UPF 2013-2021 Holly Fairbank Professor of arts education Irene Martin Curator and museum administrator Noni Benegas Poet Santiago Álvarez Chemist Thane Lund Artist

Afterword

Rosa Olivares Art critic and editor

My Name Is Universe



Toni Pou

Edited by Eulàlia Bosch

My Name Is Universe

A book based on the mural Homage to the Elements by Eugènia Balcells

Toni Pou



Who would have thought that a work of art based on a scientific idea could explode like a veritable intellectual Big Bang and take us on a thrilling journey from atoms to galaxies and through myriad different fields of art and science?

Edited by Eulàlia Bosch

These are some fragments of the impressions that are collected in the book

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS

captures in a very powerful way everything we have discovered so far and shows what is missing, the "unknown territory". It is an invitation to explore further.

PRIYAMVADA NATARAJAN, **ASTROPHYSICIST**

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS is a magnificent example of an internal and external vision of the harmony of the cosmos. A work that connects you with the world.

CESC GELABERT, DANCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS is a cathartic work that goes directly to the origin of existence, to the mystery that we are, and makes us stop, return to ourselves and awaken possibilities that make us better.

RODOLFO HÄSLER, POET

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS is almost an artistic vision of the theory of everything.

SALLY POTTER, FILMMAKER

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS contains one of the richest truths in science: the simplest elements can be combined to give rise to a very wide range of phenomena, from physical phenomena to our emotional states.

SUNETRA GUPTA, ZOOLOGIST AND NOVELIST

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS has extraordinary emotional and aesthetic power.

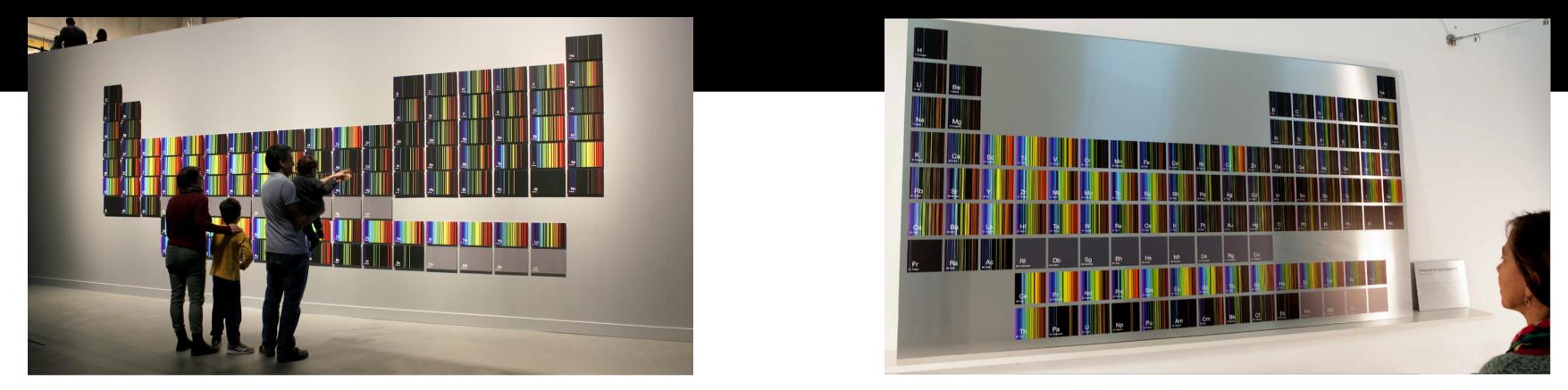
DAVID JOU, PHYSICIST AND POET

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS is an overwhelming work that allows students to see the elements through their basic form, which is light and color, and connect them with the periodic table in a different way than the grid with the elements.

STEPHEN NOONAN, MAXINE GREENE HIGH SCHOOL IN NY

It is from the firm conviction that HOMAGE TO ELEMENTS thus becomes a universal icon of human knowledge that the Eugenia Balcells Foundation offers the whole world the mural HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS, to be installed in all kinds of spaces as a permanent sign of life and unity in diversity.

THE EUGENIA BALCELLS FOUNDATION HAS TWO DIFFERENT PROPOSALS:



HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS AS A MURAL OF 6,5 X 2,5M.

For consideration for large public spaces like Science museums, Universities, public halls of Cultural Centers and Research Centers.

PRICE: 15.000€ (PLUS SHIPPING COSTS)

For consideration by private Art Collectors, professors, science classrooms of Colleges and Schools.

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS IN A SINGLE ALUMINUM PIECE 1,85 X 1M.

PRICE: 1.750€ (PLUS SHIPPING COSTS)



Option 1 DESCRIPTION

MURAL DE 6,5 X 2,5M.

Consists of the 112 emission spectrums of the elements of the periodic table, each of them enameled on a 34 x 24 cm aluminum piece. These pieces are 3mm thick and have a rear aluminum frame that can be installed directly to the wall.

The Eugenia Balcells Foundation offers copies in Spanish, Catalan and English.

If a version in any other language is desired, a specific budget will be prepared. The size of the mural is also adaptable to the available space by command and with a previous study and budget.

Option 1 PICTURES



Science Museum COSMOCAIXA, Barcelona 2018 Detail of the pieces that make up the mural

HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS Eugènia Balcells 2009

All the elements of the periodic table had their origin in the interior of a star. By combining with each other they make up everything that exists. Each element has its own name and a light spectrum that identifies it. Light is the voice of matter.

"So it is easier to understand that many bodies have elements in common, just as single letters are common to many words." Lucretius, On the Natur^Uof Things, Vol. I, Ist Century BC.

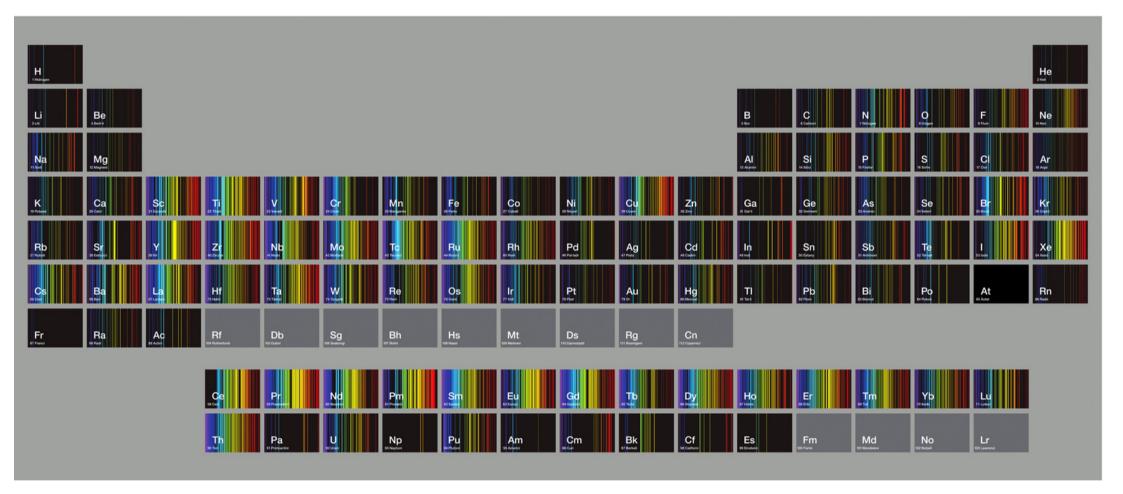
Exhibit label of the mural.

Option 1 SET UP

The whole back wall should be painted silver.

The ordering of the elements should follow the plan included.

The wall wash track lights should be installed as high as possible to avoid reflection.





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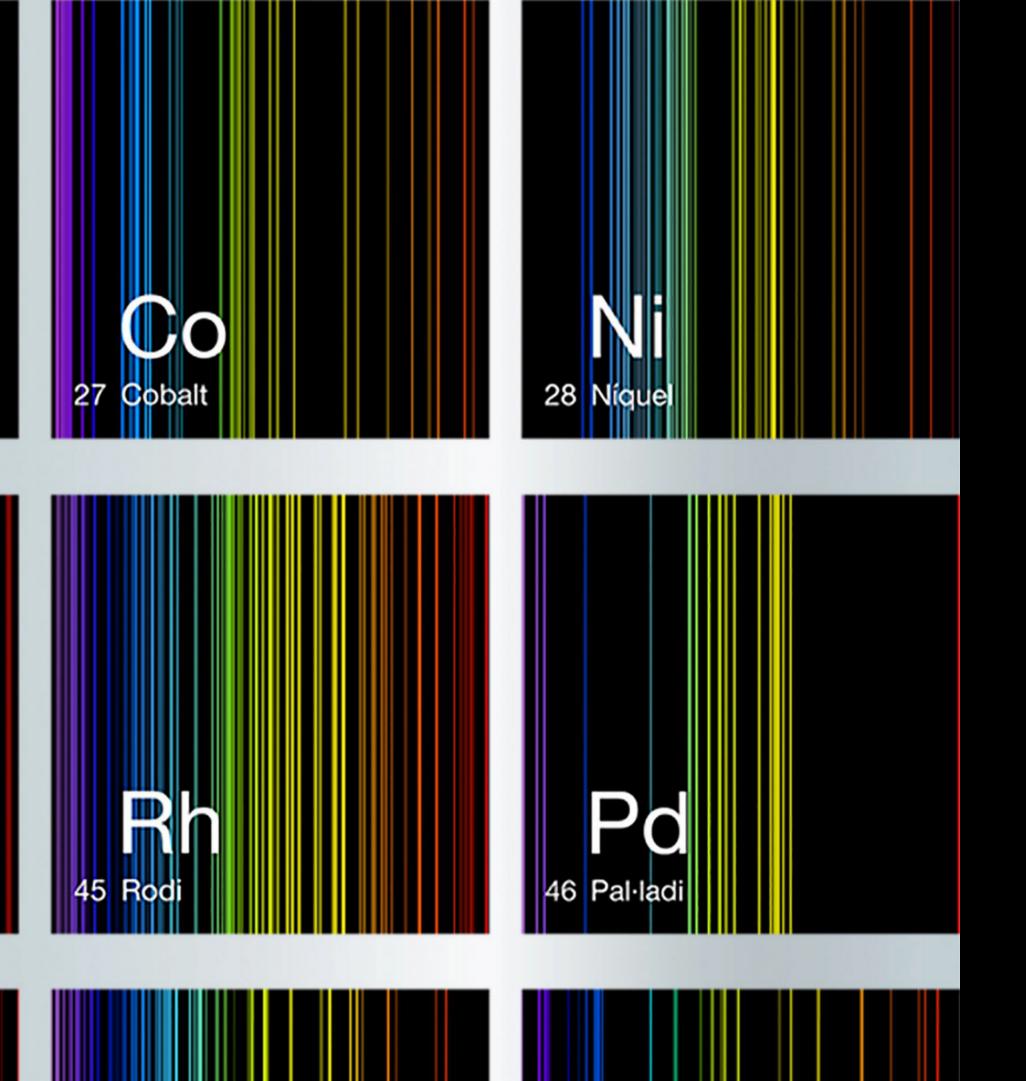
6,5 M

Option 1
PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION

2 wooden boxes.

Elements from 1 to 56 and from 57 to 112.





Option 2 DESCRIPTION

the wall.

The names of the elements can be printed in any language. The Eugenia Balcells Foundation has available copies in Spanish, Catalan and English. If a version in any other language is desired, a specific budget will be prepared.

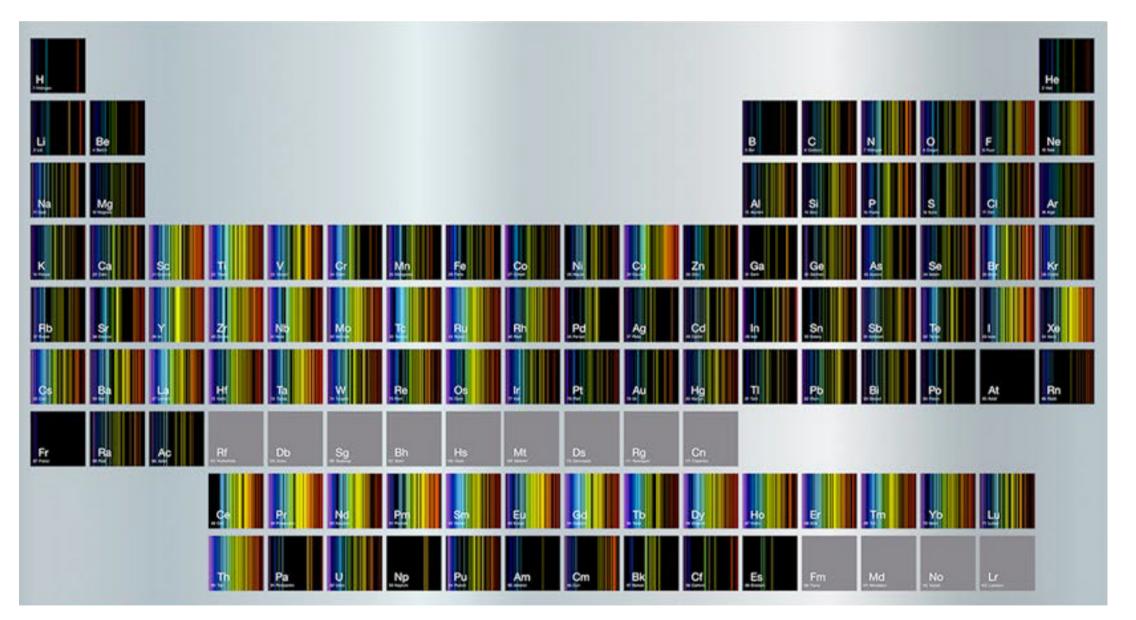
ONE SINGLE ALUMINUM PIECE 1,85 X 1M

Consists of all emission spectrums of the elements of the periodic table enameled on one aluminum piece. This piece is 3 mm thick and it has a rear aluminum frame that can be installed directly on

Option 2 Set up

The 1,85 x 1m board is installed directly on the wall.

The wall wash track lights sould be installed as high as possible to avoid reflections.



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1,85 M

The mural HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS

HAS BEEN PRESENTED:	IS PE
Exhibition FREQUENCIES Centre d'Art Santa Mònica, Barcelona Sept Nov. 2009	• Librar Univer
Exhibition FREQUENCIES MACUF, La Coruña Dec. 2010 - June 2011	 Entrar del CS Science
Exhibition LIGHT YEARS Tabacalera, Madrid Sept Nov. 2012	Entrar Martir
Exhibition LIGHT YEARS Centro Nacional de las Artes, México DF May - August 2015	 CIC cu L'Horit Carull
Exhibition LIGHT YEARS Querétaro, México Sept Nov. 2015	Franco • Institu • Techn
Exhibition LIGHT YEARS Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Panamá July – August 2017	UniverUniverUniver
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PERMANENTLY INSTALLED IN:

- orary of the Faculty of Physics and Chemistry of the niversity of Barcelona.
- trance hall of the Centre d'Investigació i Desenvolupament l CSIC in Barcelona.
- ence Museum COSMOCAIXA in Barcelona.
- trance hall of the Maxine Greene High School and The
- artin Luther King Jr. Campus in New York city.
- C cultural institution, Barcelona.
- loritzó school, Barcelona
- rulla Foundation Museum of Rural Life, l'Espluga de ancolí.
- stitute of Photonic Sciences, Castelldefels, Barcelona.
- chnische Universität, Berlin.
- iversity of Erlangen, Nurenberg.
- iversity of Cordoba.
- niversity Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona.
- iversity of Valladolid.
- University of Salamanca.



CONTACT US

If you are interested in acquiring the mural HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS or donating it to a cultural institution, please contact **Chiara Curti** info@eugeniabalcellsfoundation.org

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