For International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, next Monday 22 November at 6.00pm in the Sala d'Exposicions "Ajuntament Vell", the Valencia-born and Formentera-based Ana Alonso Cantos will pull the curtain back on "Ara jo/Ahora yo", a photography exhibition.

Alonso says a fashion photo shoot was the catalyst that roused "some concerns [she] had been carrying inside for a long time". The artist describes what ensued as "a struggle over gender-based abuse and the ideas I received at home about the role of justice in all of it".

Alonso says the project was born "from the need to express my concerns and experiences about social and gender violence, and to add a critical voice to this struggle in which everyone must start participating".

The subtle look that Alonso offers in the show succeeds in representing the rawest of her personal experiences, "so similar or equal to those of so many other women," she asserts.

"Ara jo/Ahora yo" is on display from 23 November to 4 December 2021, Monday to Saturday from 11.00am to 2.00pm and from 6.00pm to 8.00pm; the gallery is closed on Sundays and Monday mornings.

## **Biography**

Ana Alonso Cantos is from Valencia and has lived on Formentera for five years. She studied artistic photography from 2010 to 2013 at the School of Art of Design of Valencia. Since then she has worked as a press photographer at Polytechnic University of Valencia, D.O. València and Xúquer hydrographic, and as an event photographer. Alonso additionally studied dramatic art and has collaborated in a host of fields, including but not limited to event presentations, on radio and TV series and as an extra in feature and short films.

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