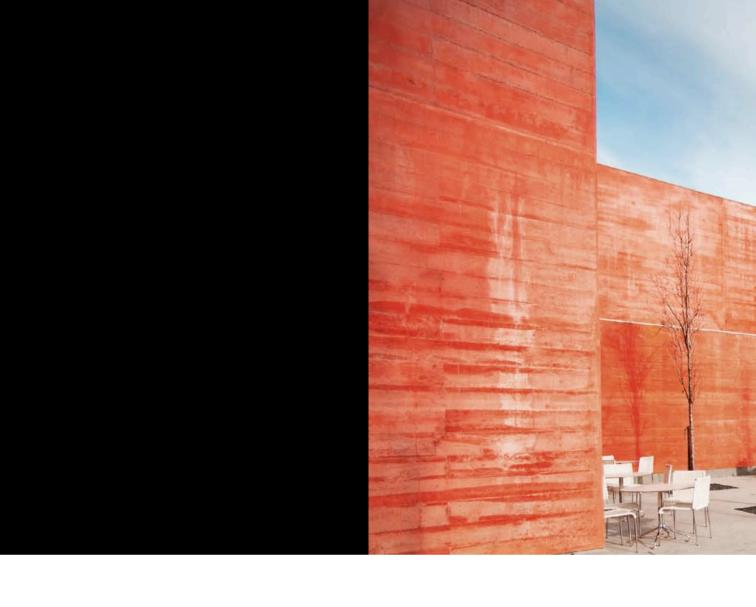


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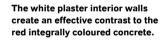
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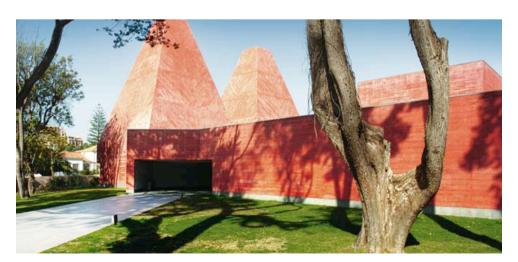
Project: Casa das Histórias Paula Rego, Cascais, Portugal





With its two adjacent pyramid-shaped towers, the Casa das Histórias Paula Regois an unmistakable landmark.









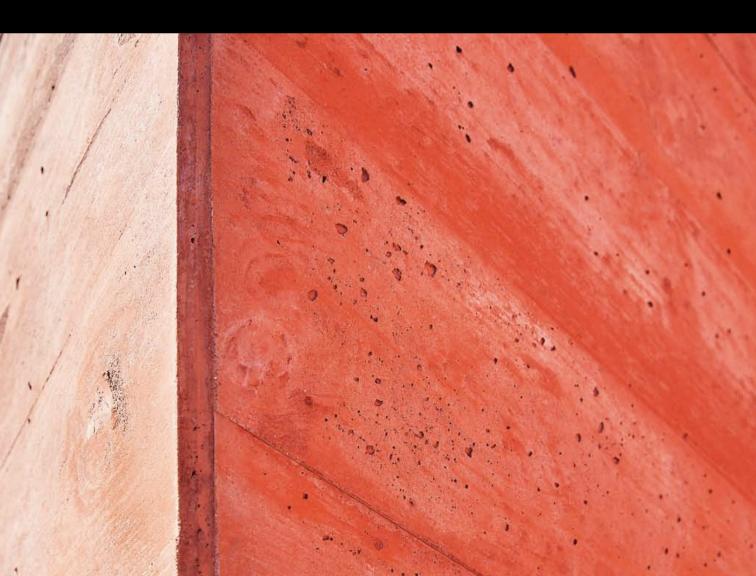
# Art history in three dimensions.

#### Museum, art and landscape as a coherent entity.

The pyramidal shapes of the Casa das Histórias Paula Rego in Cascais, Portugal, on the coast of Estoril, are what make the museum unique in its architecture. The museum provides a most appropriate home for the collection of works by the internationally distinguished artist Paula Rego, who lived in Estoril for many years. The building was designed in keeping with the artist's own wishes, and it was Paula Rego herself who selected the architect. The Portuguese architect Eduardo Souto de Moura, considered one of the most prominent representatives of the Escola do Porto, designed a structure that meets all the technical and architectural requirements of a museum without sacrificing a friendly atmosphere. Two pyramid-shaped buildings of equal size, made of red concrete coloured with Bayferrox® pigments, are harmoniously integrated in the surrounding landscape. Inside, interconnected rooms are grouped around a higher, central exhibition space.

The museum provides  $750 \text{ m}^2$  of total exhibition space, an auditorium with seating for 200 and a café that opens onto a garden.

# Integrally coloured concrete providing a harmonious contrast.



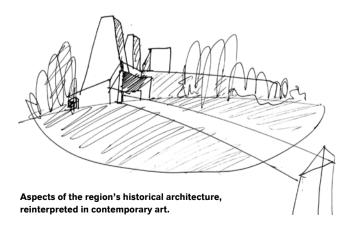


Red integrally coloured concrete and green vegetation in harmonious contrast.

#### The link between architecture and nature.

In designing the Casa das Histórias, Eduardo Souto de Moura adopted an almost regional, historical approach. In doing so, he distanced himself for the first time from the modern, abstract architecture that previously dominated his work.

The building was dimensioned in such a way that the two pyramids are as high as the surrounding trees. In other words, the museum fills a gap in its natural surroundings. This contradiction between "mineral" and "vegetable" is taken up again in the choice of colour. The red concrete, coloured with Bayferrox® pigments, both contrasts and harmonizes with the green of the vegetation.





## "An association with nature relativizes artistic reality and contemporary art."

#### Eduardo Souto de Moura, architect

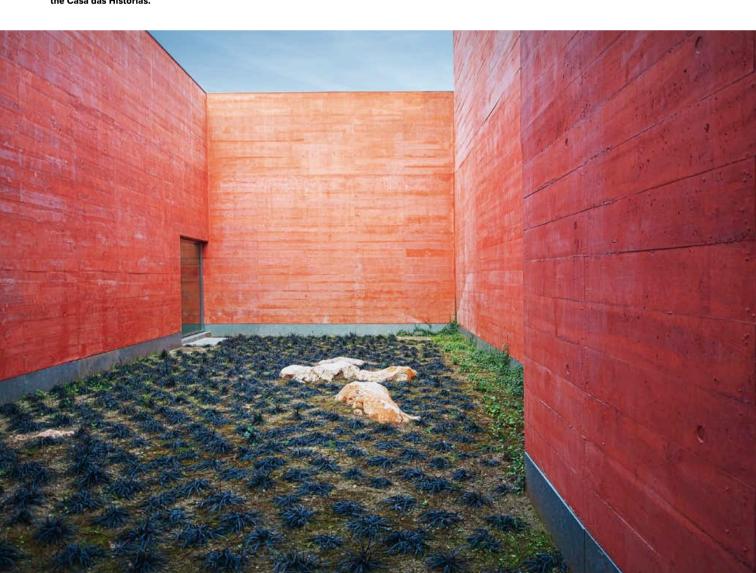
Eduardo Souto de Moura, born in 1952, studied architecture at the School of Architecture in Oporto (ESBAP). He collaborated with Álvaro Siza Architects from 1974 to 1979 before opening his own architecture firm in 1980. From 1981 to 1991, Souto de Moura also served as assistant professor in the Architecture Department at Oporto (FAUP). He has been a visiting professor in Paris-Belleville, Harvard, Dublin, Zurich and Lausanne. Souto de Moura achieved international renown through projects in Portugal (Porto, Lisbon, Braga), France (Paris Biennial, Clermont-Ferrand, Bordeaux), Great Britain (London, Cambridge), Italy (Milan Triennial, Rome), Yugoslavia (Pirano), the United States of America (New York, Harvard) and Switzerland (Zurich). Eduardo Souto de Moura was awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize in March 2011, the highest honour conferred on international architects.

### A symbol in the landscape.

#### The aesthetics of contrast.

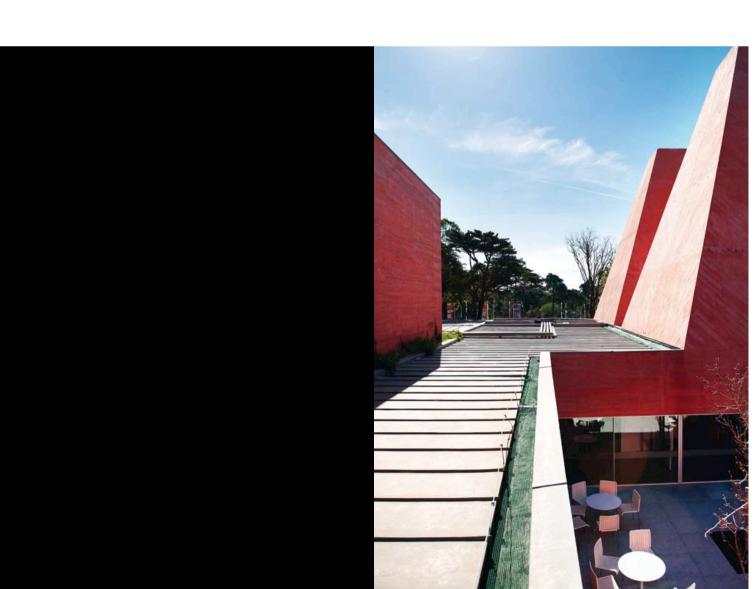
In designing the Casa das Histórias Paula Rego, Eduardo Souto de Moura claims to have drawn his inspiration from buildings in Cascais by architect Raul Lino, from the Palácio Nacional de Sintraand and from the Cistercian Monastery in Alcobaça. After deciding in favour of red coloured concrete, the architect submitted an attractive concept, in which he reinterpreted the region's historical architecture. He deliberately set off the red of the concrete against the surrounding green, thereby creating an aesthetic effect of contrasts, which together enter into a unique harmony. A total of 3,810 cubic meters of concrete were coloured with 15 metric tons of Bayferrox® 110 and three metric tons of Bayferrox® 420. The pigments were delivered in sacks and processed in batches at the concrete factory.

A work of art in its own right: The inner courtyard of the Casa das Histórias.





View: Red coloured concrete is ever-present.



## **Project data**

Architecture that leads the way to art.



#### Location

Cascais, Portugal

#### **Architecture**

Eduardo Souto de Moura

#### **Principal**

City of Cascais

#### **Project participants**

AFAconsult, RS – Raul Serafim e associados, PQF – Paulo Queirós de Faria

#### **Construction period**

2005-2008

#### Area

3,307m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Amount of concrete**

3,810 m<sup>3</sup>

#### **Amount of pigment**

18 metric tons

#### Form supplied

Powder pigment in paper sacks

#### **Pigments**





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