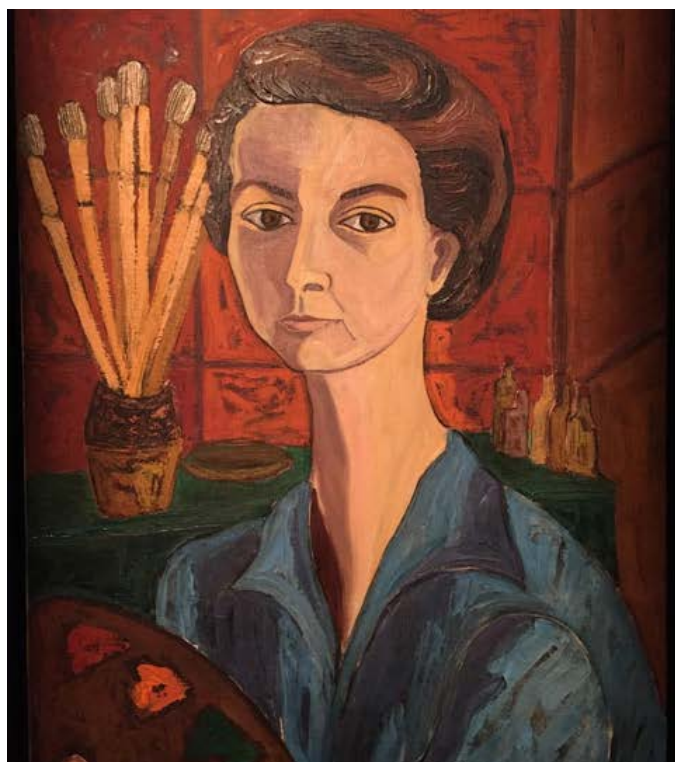


Google Doodle Celebrates Egyptian Painter Inji Aflatoun's 95th Birthday

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Today, on what would have been her 95th birthday, [Google Doodle](#) pays tribute to Egyptian Painter and women's rights activist Inji Aflatoun.

[The illustration](#) depicts the Arab artist in front of her canvas alongside noteworthy works in her signature surrealist painting style behind her.



Who was Inji Aflatoun? Born in 1924, to a wealthy, Muslim family who lived in [Cairo's](#) French-speaking aristocracy, Inji Aflatoun (sometimes written as Efflatoun) began painting at school before making it her professional career and showcasing individual exhibits in Cairo, Alexandria, [the Venice Biennale](#) in 1952 and the São Paulo Art Biennial in 1956.

She was later imprisoned by Gamal Abdel Nasser's government, and produced some of her most profound work from inside jail after her friends and family smuggled crayons and paper in for her. One of the works she produced while there, it is now on [semi-permanent display in Sharjah](#) until approx. 2023.

Aflatoun was also a feminist, and in the early 1940s she joined the communist movement, Iskra, and in 1945 she represented a [Cairo](#) group of women at the first conference of the Women's International Democratic Federation in [Paris](#).

Aflatoun died on April 17, 1989, just one day after her 65th birthday.