



Jeff Kowatch

Born in California in 1965 – Lives and works in Belgium

Born in California in 1965, Jeff Kowatch has developed a colorist style of painting shaped by the great American abstractionists, from Mark Rothko to Brice Marden.

Based in Belgium for many years, he combines this American lineage with a technique inspired by the Flemish masters – Rembrandt in particular – whose linseed-oil-based methods he has made his own. These successive glazes lend his works a singular depth and transparency. The color seems to emanate from within the canvas, creating vibrant chromatic fields that are at once intense and contemplative, brought about by the tireless repetition of a movement close to meditative trance.

His works belong to the collections of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, the Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, California, and the Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California.

PERSONAL EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Incantation*, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium

2024 *Mind and Freedom*, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France

2022 *Breath*, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France

2021 *Man Jok*, Galerie La Forest Divonne et Espace ODRADEK, Brussels, Belgium

2019 Expo Chicago, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Chicago, Illinois, USA
Art on Paper, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium

2018 *Jeff Kowatch*, Full Circle, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium

- Jeff Kowatch*, NegenPuntNegen Gallery, Roeselare, Belgium
- 2016 *Apocalyptic Carnival*, Galerie Faider, Brussels, Belgium
Schilderijen, NegenPuntNegen Gallery, Roeselare, Belgium
Circus, galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
- 2015 *The Belgium Odyssey Paintings*, Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
- 2014 *The Belgium Odyssey Paintings*, Galerie Faider, Brussels, Belgium
The Belgium Odyssey Paintings, NegenPuntNegen Gallery, Roeselare, Belgium
- 2013 *...and out of Chaos came Color*, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France
Recent Paintings, Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
- 2012 *New Works*, Galerie Faider, Brussels, Belgium
- 2011 *Don Quixote in Vlaanderen*, NegenPuntNegen Gallery, Roeselare, Belgium
Works on paper, Art on Paper, The White Hotel, Brussels, Belgium
Don Quixote in Amsterdam, Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2009 *Don Quixote part 1*, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France
Stratus Mountainous Cumulus, NegenPuntNegen Gallery, Roeselare, Belgium
H.U.B. at the US State Department of Brussels, Belgium
- 2006 *Stratus Mountainous Cumulus*, Earl McGrath Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2004 *Untitled*, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
- 2003 *Thou Shalt*, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, USA
Salome Series, Earl McGrath Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2001 *Salome Series*, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
Works on paper from the Salomé series, Paul Sharpe Fine Art, New York, USA
- 1998 *BVM Series*, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
- 1997 *Apostles*, Union Theological Seminary, New York, USA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Fine Arts Paris, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Grand Palais, Paris, France
BRAFA Art Fair, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium

- 2025 Art Brussels, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium
Belgian scene, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
- 2024 *Abstract*, La Boverie, Liège, Belgique
BRAFA Art Fair, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium
Art Paris Art Fair, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
Art Antwerp, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2023 BRAFA Art Fair 2023, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium
Expo Chicago, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Chicago, USA
Art Brussels, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium
- 2022 *L'Œuvre au corps*, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium
Art Brussels, Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels, Belgium
Expo Chicago, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Chicago, USA
Art Paris Art Fair, Galerie La Forest Divonne Paris, France
- 2021 La Biennale Paris, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
- 2019 Art Paris Art Fair, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
- 2017 *Dialog / Dialogue*, Jeff Kowatch + Pierre Alechinsky + Bram Bogart, NegenPuntNegen, Belgium
Geste, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
Connected stories, Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
Gallery, Roeselare, Belgium
- 2016 *Passions partagées*, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium
L'Art pour l'Accueil, Galerie Pierre Bergé & Associés, Belgium
- 2015 Pascal Courcelles & Jeff Kowatch, NegenPuntNegen Gallery, Roeselare, Belgium
Art Paris, Art Fair, Inauguration, Galerie Marie Hélène de La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
L'Art pour l'Accueil, Galerie Pierre Bergé & Associés, Belgium
- 2014 *Zen14*, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France
Summer-Expo, Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
- 2013 *PAN*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Winter-Expo, Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
- 2012 Art Paris, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France

- 2011 *Papier*, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France
L'Art pour l'Accueil, Galerie Pierre Bergé & Associés, Belgium
- 2010 *Water, Wind, Wandelen*, Centrum Ysara, Nieuwpoort, Belgium
- 2009 *Le dessin à l'œuvre*, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France
 Art Paris, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France
- 2008 *20 ans et plus*, Galerie Vieille du Temple, Paris, France
Honorons Honoré, De Garage, Mechelen, Belgium
- 2005 *Winter Group Show*, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
Work on Paper, Earl McGrath Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
Spring Group Show, Earl McGrath Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
Fall Group Show, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
Untitled, Galerie Kusseneers, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2003 *Jeff Kowatch and Vincenzo Amato*, Earl McGrath Gallery, USA
 LA Selected Prints, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
Summer Group Show, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
Winter Group Show, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
- 2000 Paul SharpeFine Art, New York, USA
Paper, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
Summer Group Show, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
- 1998 *Stocking Stuffers*, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
Summer Group Show, Parts I & II, Earl McGrath Gallery, New York, USA
 1995, John Thomas Gallery, Santa Monica, California, USA
- 1994 Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California, USA
1010 Small Works, New Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
 CA Robert Art Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 1993 *Art in Bloom*, Long Beach Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA
- 1992 Earl McGrath Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 1990 Installation One, Los Angeles, USA
- 1989 Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Musées royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique, Belgium
Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, California, USA
Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California, USA
Union Theological Seminary, New York, USA

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2024 Jeff Kowatch, Monographie. Éditions Skira
2021 Jeff Kowatch, *Grand cru. Gribouillages et griffonages*. 1985-1995, Alentours, Ed. Tandem
2018 Jeff Kowatch, *Full Circle*, Catalogue, Ed. Galerie La Forest Divonne & Galerie Faider
2016 Paul Émond, *Jeff Kowatch, conversation avec Paul Émond*, Éditions Tandem
2012 *Jeff Kowatch*, Laline Paull, Audrey Bazin, Melissa Mathison, Earl Mc Grath Gallery NY, Galerie Vieille du Temple