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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 I*, 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 Art Paris, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium
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 *Dialoog / 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 *7en14*, 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, Monographic. 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