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Jean-Marie Bytebier

Born in 1963, lives and works in Ghent, Belgium

Jean-Marie Bytebier (1963) studied at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Ghent (Belgium), the city where he lives and works.

His painting belongs to the tradition of the great Flemish landscape painters, as well as Italian and English ones. Bytebier embraces the historical legacy of this essential subject of Western art, bringing to it a deeply contemporary perspective – through his framing, his formats, and his textures, which plunge the viewer into a space that is at once familiar and mysterious, airy and floating. The broad white bands recurring in his paintings assert the work's role as a "window," open here not onto a perspective, but onto an inner, intimate, and spiritual emotion. Jean-Marie Bytebier won the prestigious Prize for Young Belgian Painting in 1988.

His work has been exhibited, among other venues, at the Abbaye de Fontevraud, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Antwerp, the Centre for Fine Arts in Brussels (Bozar), Grand Hornu, and the Musée d'Ixelles, which devoted a solo exhibition to him in 2016.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Nature Prescription. PaRx*, Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels, Belgium
Living on the wind -The world on the wing, Rik Rosseels Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

2024 *Rendez-Vous*, Musée D'Art Moderne Fontevraud - Martine and Léon Cligman National Collections, France
Vertigo, Charles Fine Arts, Ghent, Belgium

2021 *Rendez-Vous*, Dewael15, Antwerp, Belgium

2018 *I see Nobody on the road*, Verbeke Foundation, Kemze, Belgium
Nature Is-Immigration-Is Nature, (re)D Galerie, Antwerp, Belgium

2017 *A forest bathing*, (re)D Galerie, Antwerp, Belgium

2016 *AB.ad / Uitblinkend door afwezigheid,* Emergent, Veurne, Belgium
AB.ad Museum XL, Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium

2015 *Discovered after missing,* Galerie Van De Weghe, Antwerp, Belgium

2013 *A second opinion,* Galerie Van De Weghe, Antwerp, Belgium

2011 *Interstice,* Galerie Van De Weghe, Antwerp, Belgium
Verleden / Continuous, exhibition rooms Mechelen, Belgium

2009 *Organized postponement,* Galerie Dagmar De Pooter, Antwerp, Belgium

2008 *Disautonomie,* Galerie Annie Gentils, Antwerp Belgium

2006 *Fenestra,* Galerie Annie Gentils, Antwerp, Belgium

2005 *Broken Ideas,* Galerie Jan Dhaese, Ghent, Belgium
Broken Ideas, Galerie Argentaurum, Knokke, Belgium
Broken Ideas, Galerie Annie Gentils, Anvers, Belgium
De *doorzichtige dingen,* Museum Maene, Ruyselede, Belgium
Vieuws, Galerie Living Room, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2004 *Encyclopedie van het beeld,* Compagnie, Ghent, Belgium

2002 *De denkbeeldige wezens,* Kapel Campo-Santo, Ghent, Belgium
De denkbeeldige wezens, Galerie The Living room, Amsterdam, Netherlands
De oneindige bibliotheek, Stedelijke Bibliotheek, Harelbeke, Belgium
Momento Hominem, Galerie De Lege Ruimte, Ghent, Belgium

2001 *Archief,* Museum van Deinze en Leiestreek, Deinze, Belgium

1999 *Randbeelden,* Galerie de Lege Ruimte, Ghent, Belgium

1998 Galerie Schröder, Cologne, Germany
Galerie Tanya Rumpff, Haarlem
Galerie Lea Gredt, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

1997 *Van pool tot pool,* Galerie Annette De Keyser, Antwerp, Belgium

1996 Galerie Schröder, Cologne, Germany
Bibliothèque de consultation, Museum of Contemporary Art, Ghent, Belgium
Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels, Belgium

1995 Galerie Domi Nostrae, Lyon, France
Galerie Annette De Keyser, Antwerp, Belgium

1994 Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels, Belgium
Modulo, Porto, Portugal
Galerie + Edition Renate Schröder, Cologne, Germany
Galerie Annette De Keyser, Antwerp, Belgium

1993 Bilder Galerie + Edition Renate Schröder, Cologne, Germany
Ado Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Modulo, Lisbon, Portugal

1992 Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels, Belgium

1991 *9*, Ado Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels, Belgium
9, Vereniging, Museum of Contemporary Art, Ghent, Belgium

1990 Saatchi & Saatchi, Brussels, Belgium

1989 Ado Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Gallery XXI, Antwerp, Belgium

1988 Kunstcentrum Carlos Demeester, Roeselare, Belgium
Moving Space, Ghent, Belgium

1987 Moving Space, Ghent, Belgium

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Habiter le paysage*, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France and Brussels, Belgium
Fine Arts Paris, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Art Brussels, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels, Belgium

2025 *Fernweh*, Gallery Barben, Ghent, Belgium
Une scène belge, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Paris, France
Art Antwerp, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Antwerp, Belgium

2024 *Parëidolies - Aux frontières du Réel*, Espace Constantin Chariot, Brussels, Belgium

2023 *Het voorbijtrekkend landschap,* De Egelantier, Ruimte voor kunst en natuur, Belgium
Kijk! De Wolken, Emile Verhaeren Museum, Saint-Amand, Belgium
Lieux mouvants, avec J-P Ruelle, L'Orangerie Bastogne, Belgium
10 jaar Emergent, Veurne, Belgium

2022 *Unfolding Worlds part II,* with E. Esser and T. Vermeersch, Hopstreet Gallery Brussels, Belgium
Unfolding Worlds part I, with E. Esser and T. Vermeersch, Hopstreet Gallery Brussels, Belgium

2021 *Nuages, Hier et D'aujourd'hui,* La Maison Des Arts, Brussels, Belgium
Close-Up, Degroof-Petercam, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

2019 Salon de Peinture, MHKA (Museum of Contemporary Art), Antwerp, Belgium
Les Abeilles de L'invisible, MAC'S, Le grand Hornu, Mons, Belgium
The ideal landscape, Bruges Art Institute, in collaboration with Jan De Cock, Bruges, Belgium
Rêves d'Ailleurs, Le Belleveu, Biarritz, France
Foudroyé, Barbé-Urbain, Ghent, Belgium

2018 *Raw Sauce,* Blanco, Ghent, Belgium
Nothing But Good Live II, PARK-Platform for visual Arts, Tilburg, Netherlands
Tout est paysage, Enghien Park, Belgium
Het landschappelijke, Biënnale van de schilderkunst, Roger Raveel Museum, Mechelen, Belgium

2017 *Museum To Scale,* Ghisla Art Collection, Locarno, Italy

2016 Drawing front, Kunstvereniging Diepenheim, Netherlands
Mapping emotions/landscape, Etage22, Antwerp, Belgium

2015 *Main D'oeuvre,* Roger Raveel Museum, Mechelen, Belgium
Proportio, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy

2014 *Arture*, Herzele, Belgium
(Dis) Orientation, Brussels, Belgium
Uitblinkend door afwezigheid, Emergent, Veurne, Belgium
Museum To Scale, The Baker Museum, Artis-Naples, Florida-USA and Kunsthal, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2013 *Once More unto the breach, dear friends, once more*, LOKAAL 01, Breda, Netherlands
Ik wordt, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
Soleil Noir, Faire face, Galerie DOMI NOSTRAE, Lyon, France
Museum To Scale, Museum of Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium
Dublin Double, Broadcast Gallery, Dublin, Irland

2012 *Switch*, Galerie Dukan Hourdequin, Paris, France
Secret Postcard, Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, Netherlands

2011 *Tra, Edge of becoming*, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Palazzo Fortuny, Italy
Tussenruimte, Roger Raveel Museum, Mechelen, Belgium

2010 *CollectieXXVI: De Artefactum-jaren*, Muhka, Antwerp, Belgium
Verder/ Kijken/ Door/Gaan, Museum van Deinze en de Leiestreek, Deinze, Belgium
Transit Station, Malta Contemporary Art Center, Malta

2009 *Fading*, Ixelles Museum, Brussels, Belgium
Frontart, Verbeke Foundation, Kemzeke, Belgium
My painting.nu, Lokaal 01, Breda, Netherlands
Pays'arbres, L'orangerie/Espace d'art Contemporain, Bastogne, Belgium
Next Chicago, Galerie Dagmar Depooter, Chicago, USA

2008 Project Trends 08, Ghent, Belgium
Visuele Compositie van de Plaats, CCha, Hasselt, Belgium

2007 *Status Questions*, Galerie Annie Gentils, Antwerp, Belgium

2005 Kunst In Zwalm, Zwalin, Belgium

2004 *Zomertentoonstelling*, Galerie Living Room, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2003 *3 Belgen*, Living Room, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Acrochage, Galerie Lea Gredt, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

2002 *De Hofvijver*, The Hague, Netherlands
Inside Drawings, Galerie Nouvelle Image, The Hague, Netherlands

2001 *Winterface*, Galerie Tanya Rumpff, Haarlem, Netherlands
Het versluierd Beeld, Provincial Centre for Visual Arts Béguinage, Hasselt, Belgium
Re-Touche, Kunsthal St-Pietersabdij, Ghent, Belgium

2000 *Melancholie*, De Lege Ruimte, Ghent, Belgium
Kinderspel (kindertekeningen en actuele kunst), Waarschoot, Belgium

1999 M KHA, Musée d'art contemporain, Antwerp, Belgium
Echo of my mind, Munich, Germany
Dialogen met het waarneembare, Vierkante Zaal, Sint-Niklaas, Belgium

1998 M KHA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Antwerp, Belgium
Bildgewordene Wirklichkeiten, Eupen, Belgium

1997 *Reality Revisited Out There Das Belgische Haus*, Cologne, Germany
Reality Revisited, Montcada-la-Caixa, Barcelona, Spain
Van Pool tot Pool, Escola Massana, Barcelona, Spain
AXIS Yogyakarta
AXIS Jakarta
AXIS Lasalle Sia College of the Arts, Singapore

1995 *La Condition Humaine*, De Witte Ruimte, Sint-Lucas, Ghent, Belgium
Peintures de Paysage - Paysage de la Peinture, Galerie Domi Nostrae, Lyon, France

1993 *Modernism in Painting*, Museum Van Bommel-Van Dam, Venlo, Netherlands
Onscherpte, Ghent, Belgium

1992 Synergi Opus Operandi, Ghent, Belgium
Belgien zu Gast, Galerie Schröder, Mönchengladbach, Germany
Modernism in Painting, Mu.ZEE, Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Ostende, Belgium
Frontiera, Forum Jonge Kunst uit Europa, Bolzano, Italy

1990 *Zonder Grenzen*, Oud Hospitaal, Alost, Belgium
Belgicisme belicht, Acht kunstenaars uit Belgie, Galerie Nouvelles Images, The Hague, Netherlands

1989 Festival International de Peinture, Cagnes-sur-Mer, France

1988 Moving Space, Ghent, Belgium
De Sluis, Leidschendam, Netherlands
Prix de la jeune peinture belge, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Musée d'Ixelles
Musée des Arts Contemporains (MAc's), Mons
Musée d'Art Contemporain (M HKA), Antwerp
Mu.ZEE, Ostend
Musée de Deynze et du Pay de la Lys (MUDEL), Deinze
Fondation Verbeke, Kemzeke
Antwerp Public Art Collection
East Flanders Community Art Collection, Ghent
Flemish Parliament, Brussels
University of Antwerp Collection
Belfius Collection, Brussels

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2024 Jean-Marie Bytebier, *Rendez-vous*, Ed. MER – Books

2016 Jean-Marie Bytebier, *AB. ad.*, Ed. MER - Borgerhoff & Lamberigts

2012 Jean-Marie Bytebier, *Verleden / Continuous*, texts by Frank Maes, Denis Dujardin and Christophe Van Eecke, Ed. Ludion