

GALERIE LA FOREST DIVONNE

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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. A large 2023 canvas bears witness to his deeply personal and poetic vision of landscape.

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

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- 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, Ruysselede, 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 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 Bellevue, 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 Kunsthall, 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, Ireland
- 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 België, 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