

Melanie Berger

1979, France – lives in Brussels

My work requires a slow sort of concentration that takes me a long time to get into. That concentration is necessary because this is very physical work that also goes very fast. It is an empirical process, I have to be able to react to what is happening.

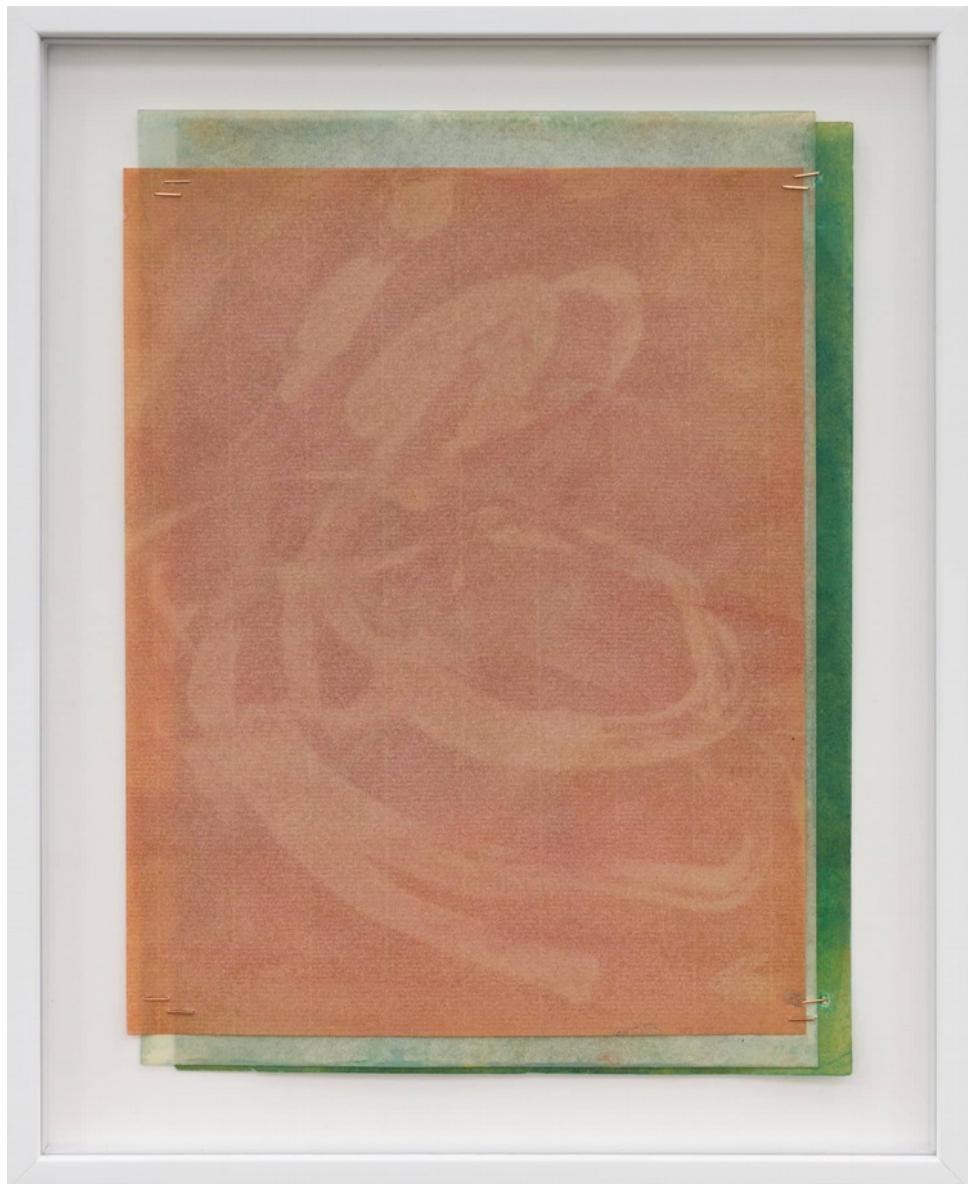
It is a struggle sometimes, from the very first lines that I draw and all the other ones that feed off them. I always work on the floor because it allows me to be completely immersed in my work. I have noticed that when I work standing up, everything goes more slowly because the eye primarily seeks to control things and suggests elements that do not necessarily contribute to openness. And openness is absolutely essential to me. Completely open and exposed, there is always the possibility of returning to it, sometimes even a year later. Perhaps because they said too much and were too focused on a specific result. I need to give them space and life.

My drawings unfold in and over time, but they do start as a spontaneous gesture. That is why I love delineating the drawings with tape. Within those constraints, which create a kind of playground, everything can develop more organically. But erasing might also be a way of finding them. In my early work I used to see the line as both an expression of pure energy and the beginning of a possible world.

Now I consider it more as a constitute element of the whole. Like the universe, really, or the human person. We are all composite wholes made of cells. The line is the elementary part of a complex world, that which allows me to create. It is a form, an individuality, a movement, something that gives life.

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/ Artworks



Sans Titre (Agrafé #1)

2024

oil, pigments and staples on papers

36.5 x 29.5 cm

unique



Sans Titre (Agrafé #2)

2024

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Sans Titre (Agrafé #3)

2024

oil, pigments and staples on papers

36.5 x 29.5 cm

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Sans Titre (Agrafé #4)

2024

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36.5 x 29.5 cm

unique



Sans Titre (Agrafé #1)

2023

oil, pigments and staples on papers

56 x 45 cm

unique



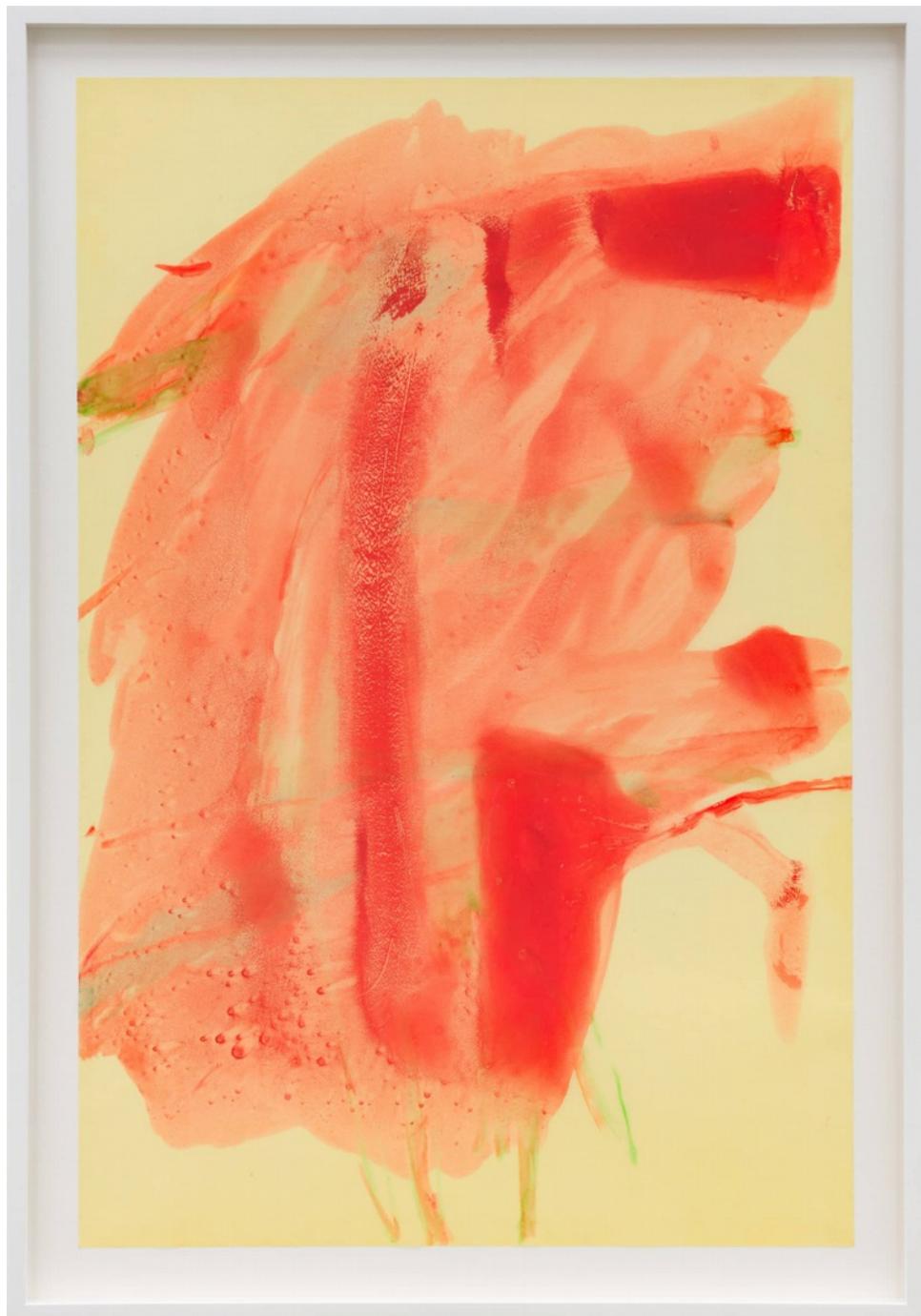
Sans Titre (Agrafé #2)

2023

oil, pigments and staples on papers

56 x 45 cm

unique



Sans Titre (Geste Rouge)

2022

oil and pigments on paper
106 x 74 cm (image: 96 x 63,5 cm)
unique



Sans Titre (Trait Vert)

2022

oil and pigments on paper
79 x 73,5 cm (image: 69 x 63,5 cm)
unique



Sans Titre (Le Théâtre de l'Inertie #1)

2021

watercolor, oil and staples on paper

69 x 65.5 x 4 cm

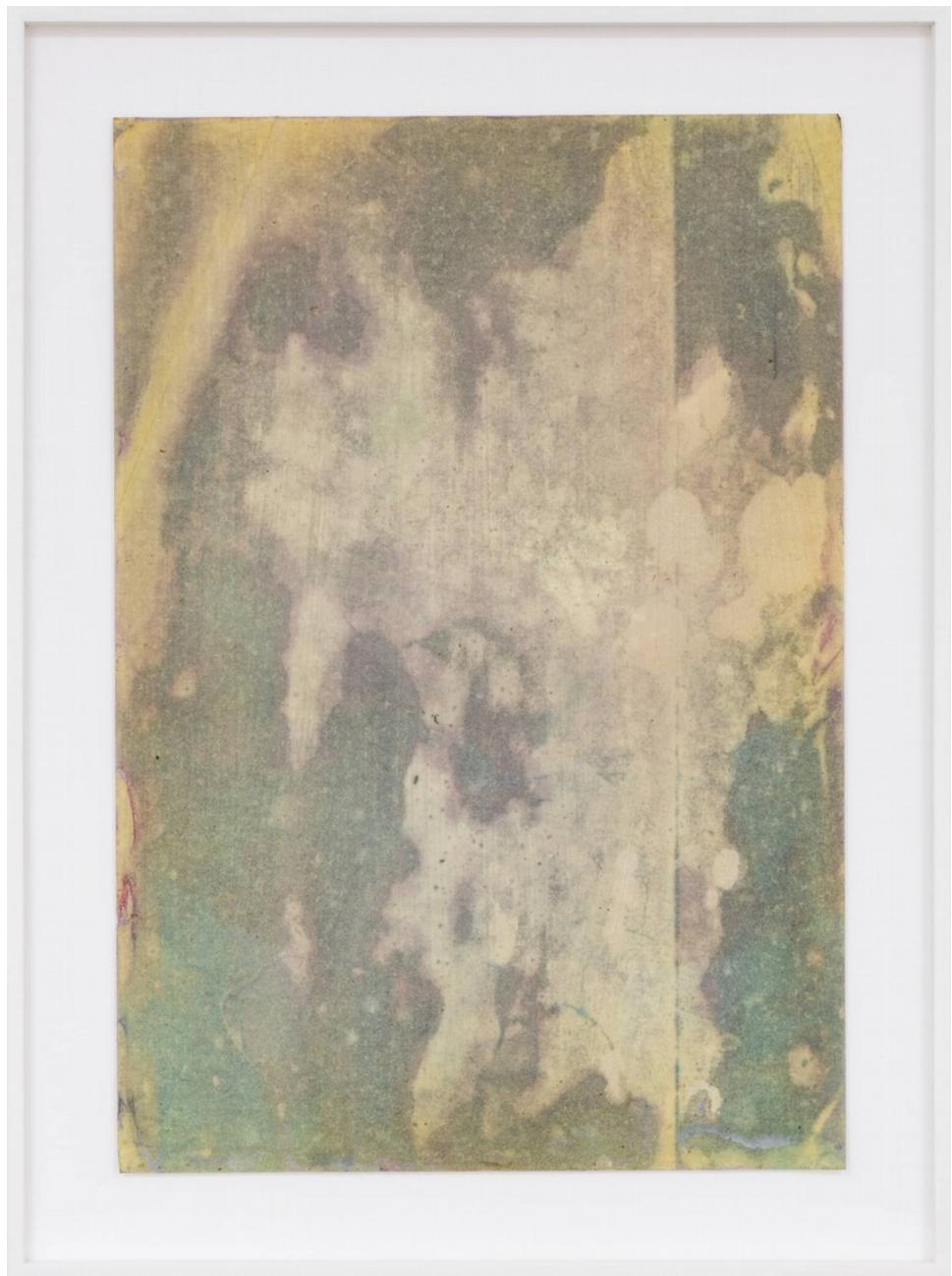
unique



Sans Titre (Maculé #2)

2020

oil on paper
72 x 53 x 4 cm
unique



Sans Titre (Maculé #3)

2020

oil on paper
72 x 53 x 4 cm
unique



Sans Titre (Ghost #4)

2020

watercolor and kaolin on paper

61 x 46.5 x 4 cm

unique



Sans Titre
2018

Colored pencils and watercolor on paper
300 x 140 cm
unique



Etendue #4

2018

colored pencils and watercolor on papers

210 x 193 cm

unique



Sans Titre
2018

pigments and watercolor on paper
146 x 100 cm
unique



Sans Titre
2018

colored pencils and watercolor on paper
79 x 54 cm
unique



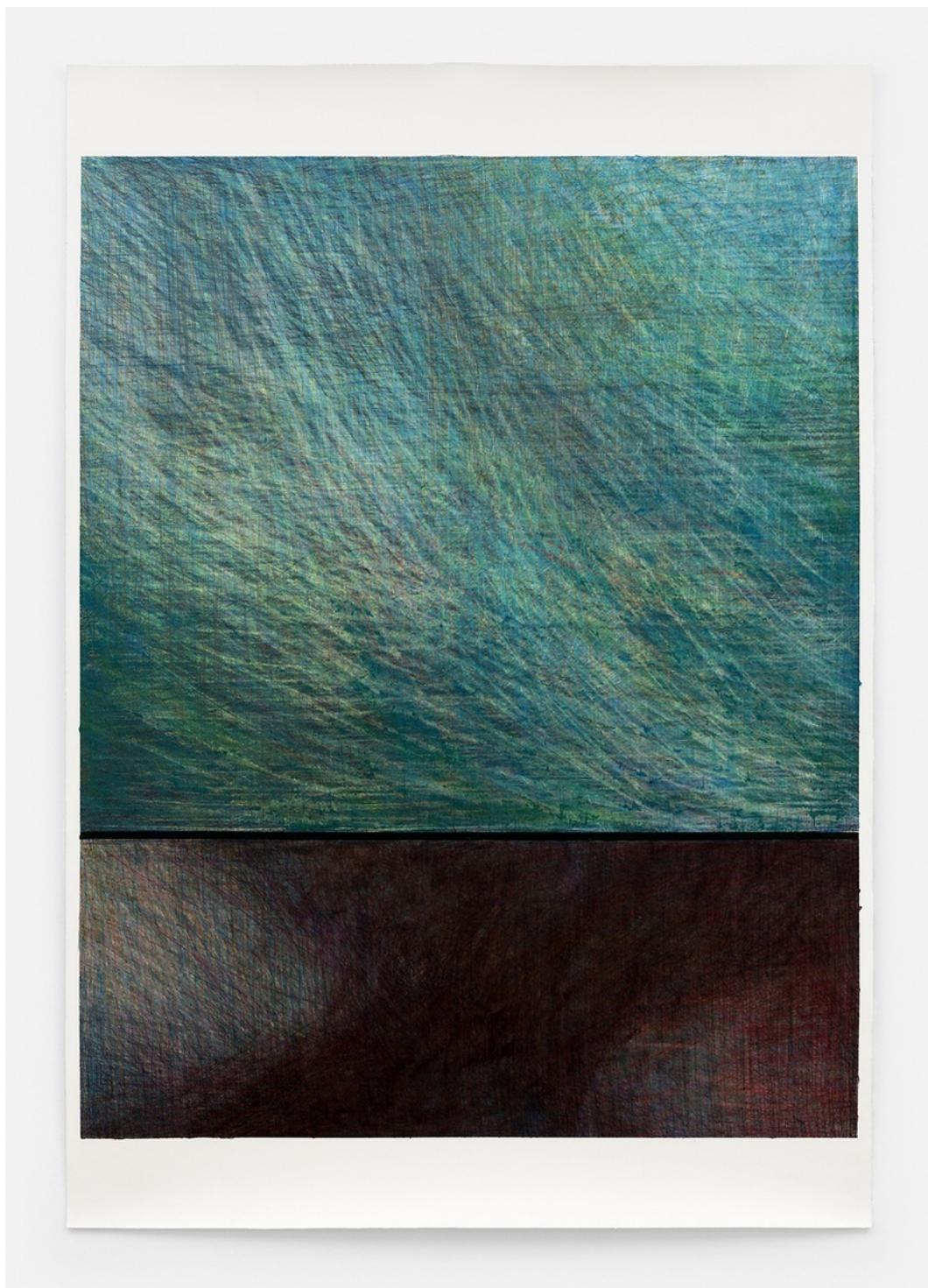
Composition (mf8)

2018

colored pencils, adhesive, collage and tempera on paper

85 x 63 cm

unique



Composition (gf8)

2017

colored pencils, oilstick, pigments on paper

155 x 108 cm

unique



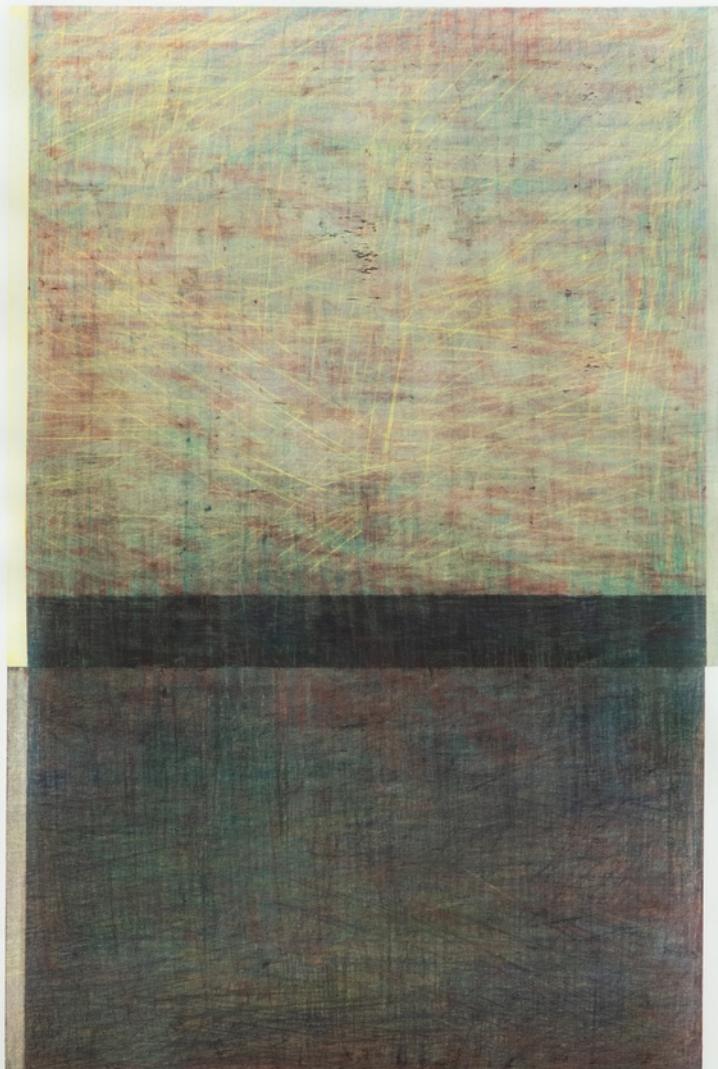
Composition (gf7)

2017

colored pencils, oilstick, pigments on paper

155 x 108 cm

unique



Composition (gf 2)

2017

colored pencils and mixed media on paper (300 gr)

146 x 106 x 4 cm

unique



Composition (mf5)

2017

colored pencils on fabriano paper

76.5 x 46 cm

unique

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/ Exhibitions

Almost There

9 December 2021 > 29 January 2022



An image, like a summit : a goal, a point of view which embraces the landscape and the form. Both are preceded by a long journey of textures, pebbles, earth, scree and expanses. Successive points of view that are embedded in each other without ever agreeing. Walking reveals and makes disappear shapes in its movement; Likewise, my gestures on paper lead me to walk beyond the logics of choice by redefining forms that have never really been stopped, in search of what would be an « almost » presence, almost there. It is this « almost » that I am looking for in this exhibition : to perceive what lies below or beyond the image.



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Marcher sur son Ombre

28 September > 10 November 2018

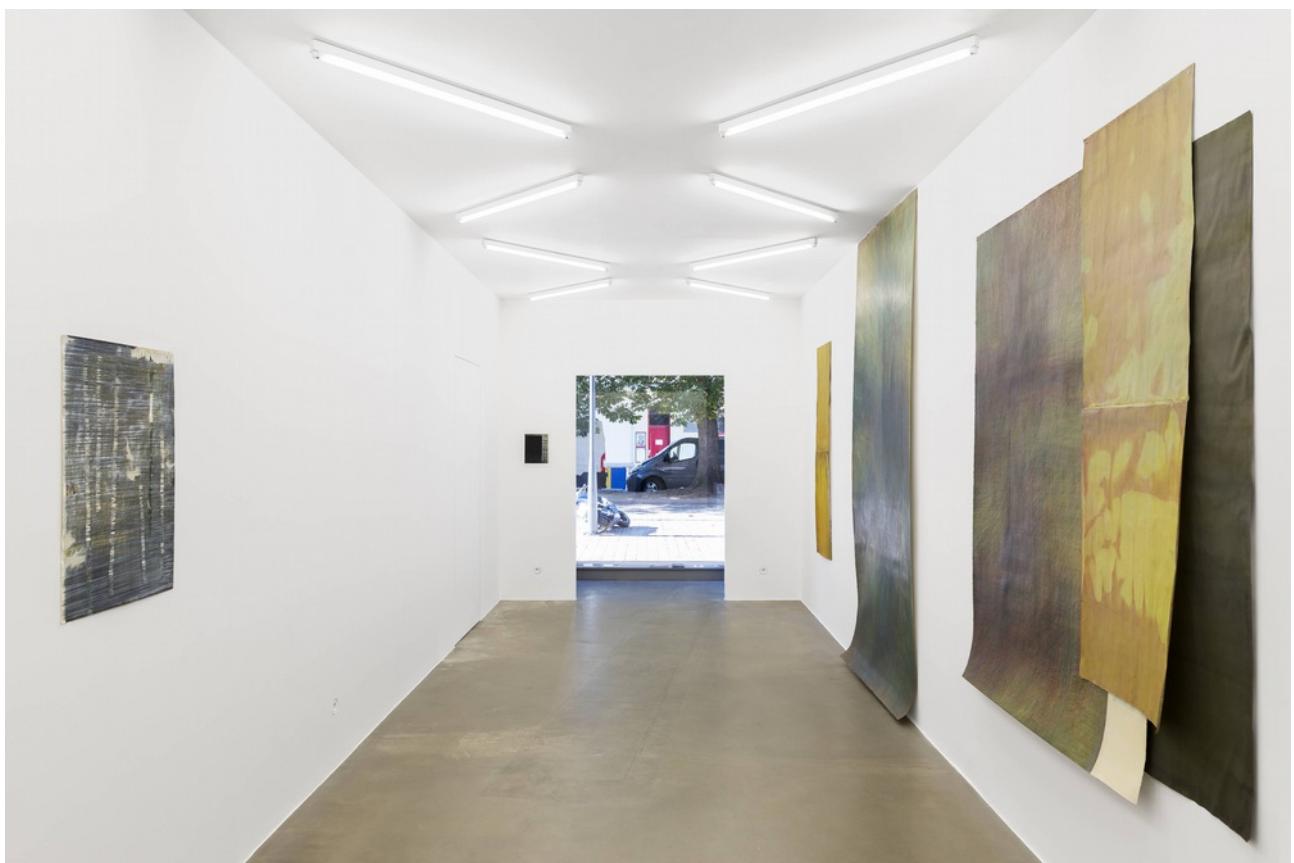
Je marche toujours sur mon ombre.

À l'arrêt, alors que je l'imagine entière et nette, l'ombre sous le pied est invisible. En mouvement, je l'aperçois mais fuyante, jamais définie.

Peut-être le regard se situe quelque part entre immobilité et mouvement ?

Entre précision invisible, et visibilité insaisissable, est-il possible d'embrasser quoi que ce soit ?

Je présente ici une vaste composition de dessins superposés, dense de ses multiples recouvrements - au sein de chaque dessin et entre les dessins eux-mêmes - pour expérimenter différentes perceptions de ce qui constitue l'ambivalence du dessin : un va et vient entre arrêt et mobilité.



Marcher sur son Ombre

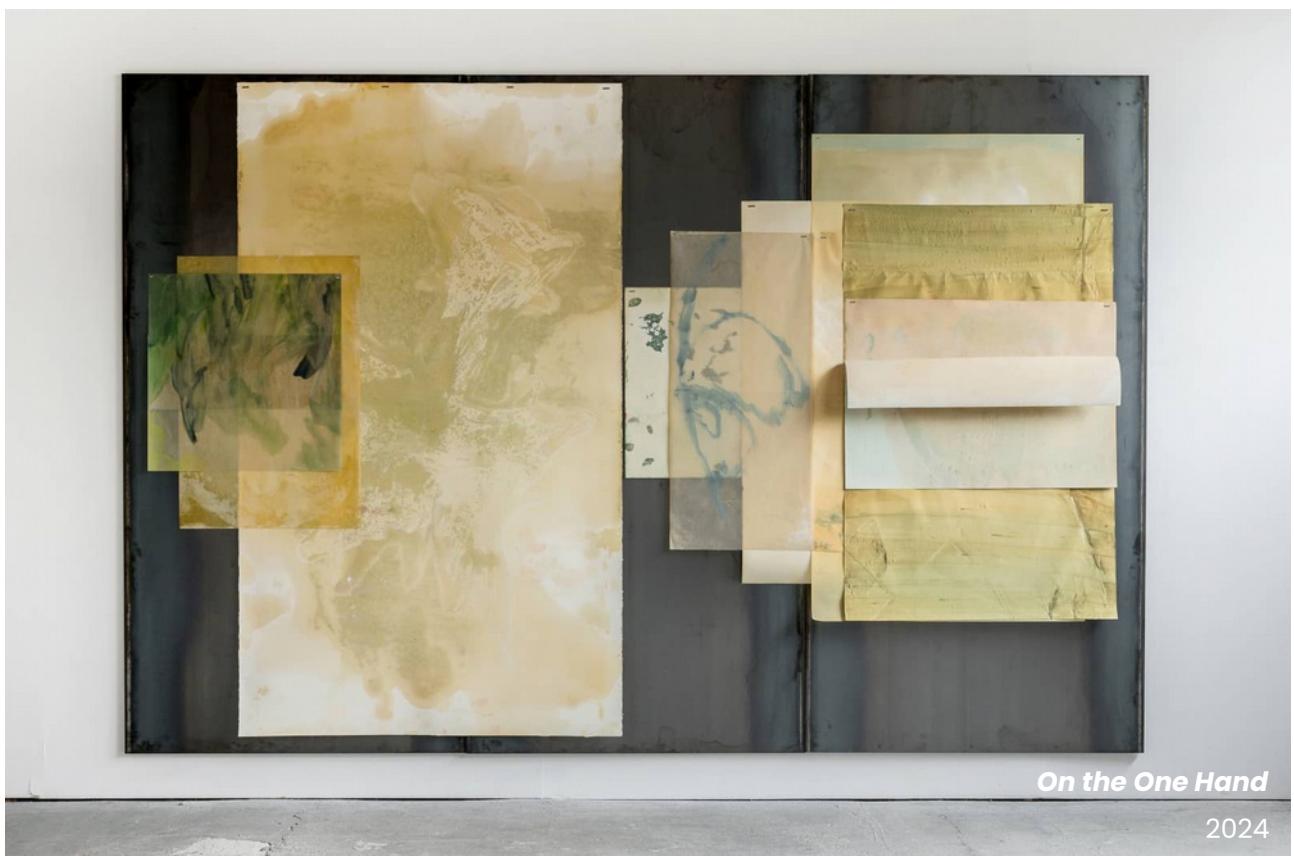
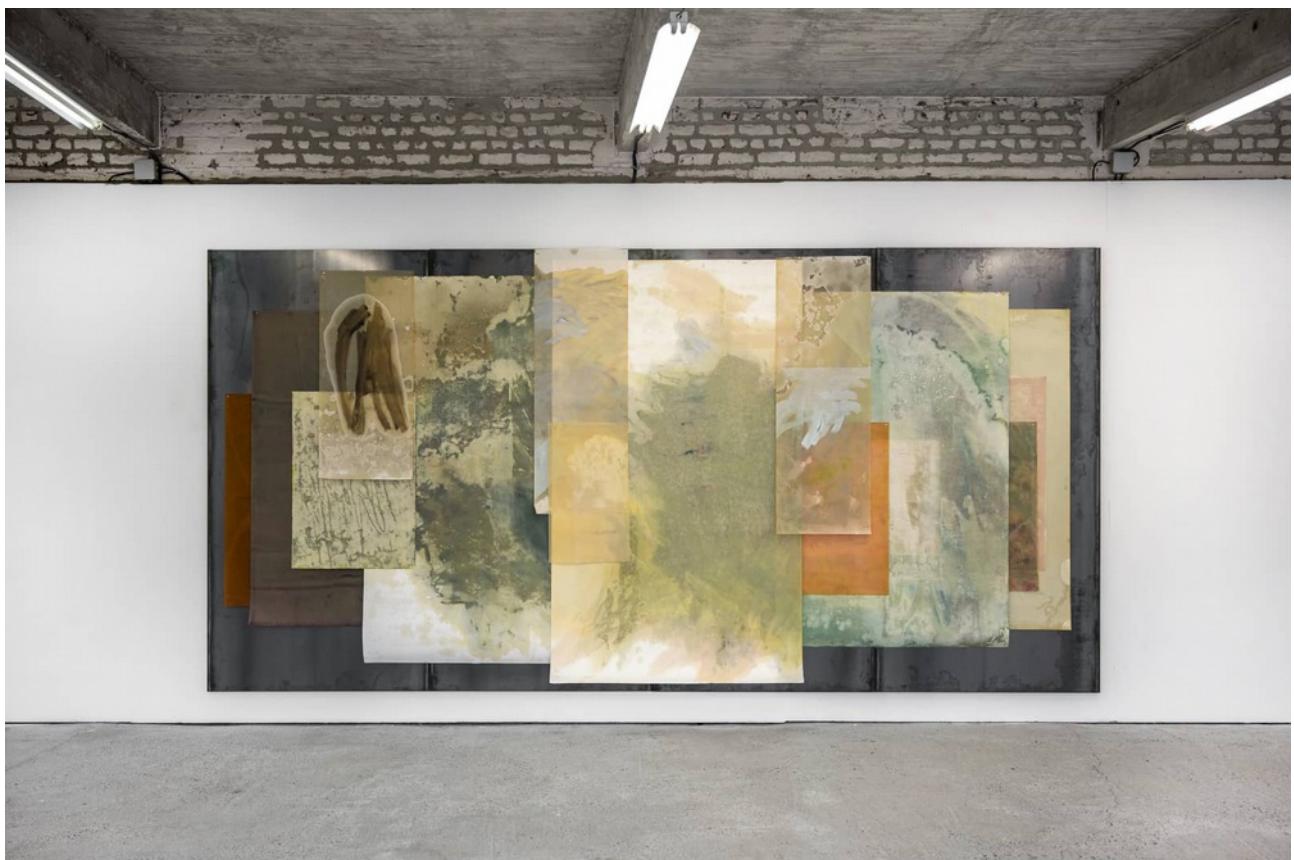
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On the One Hand
2024

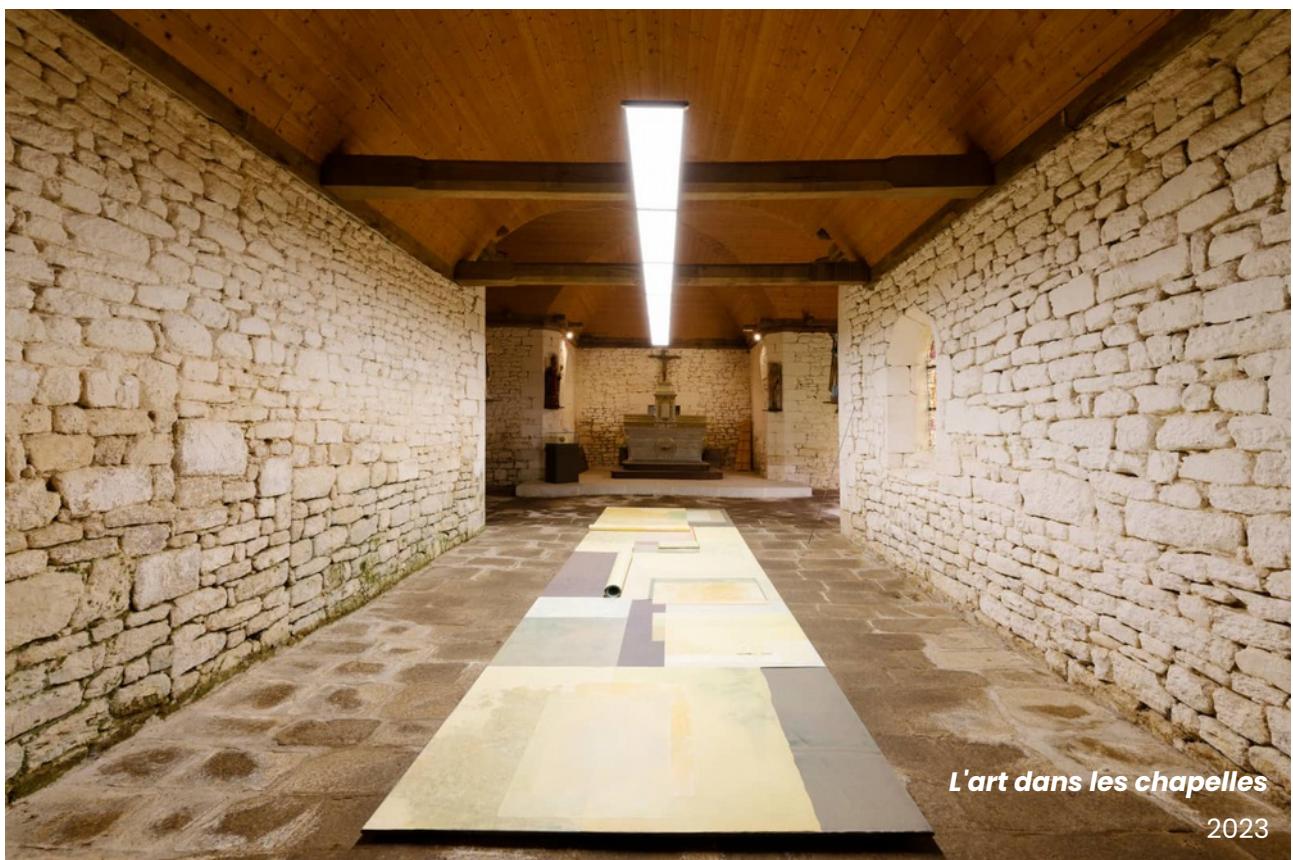
L'H du Siège
Valenciennes



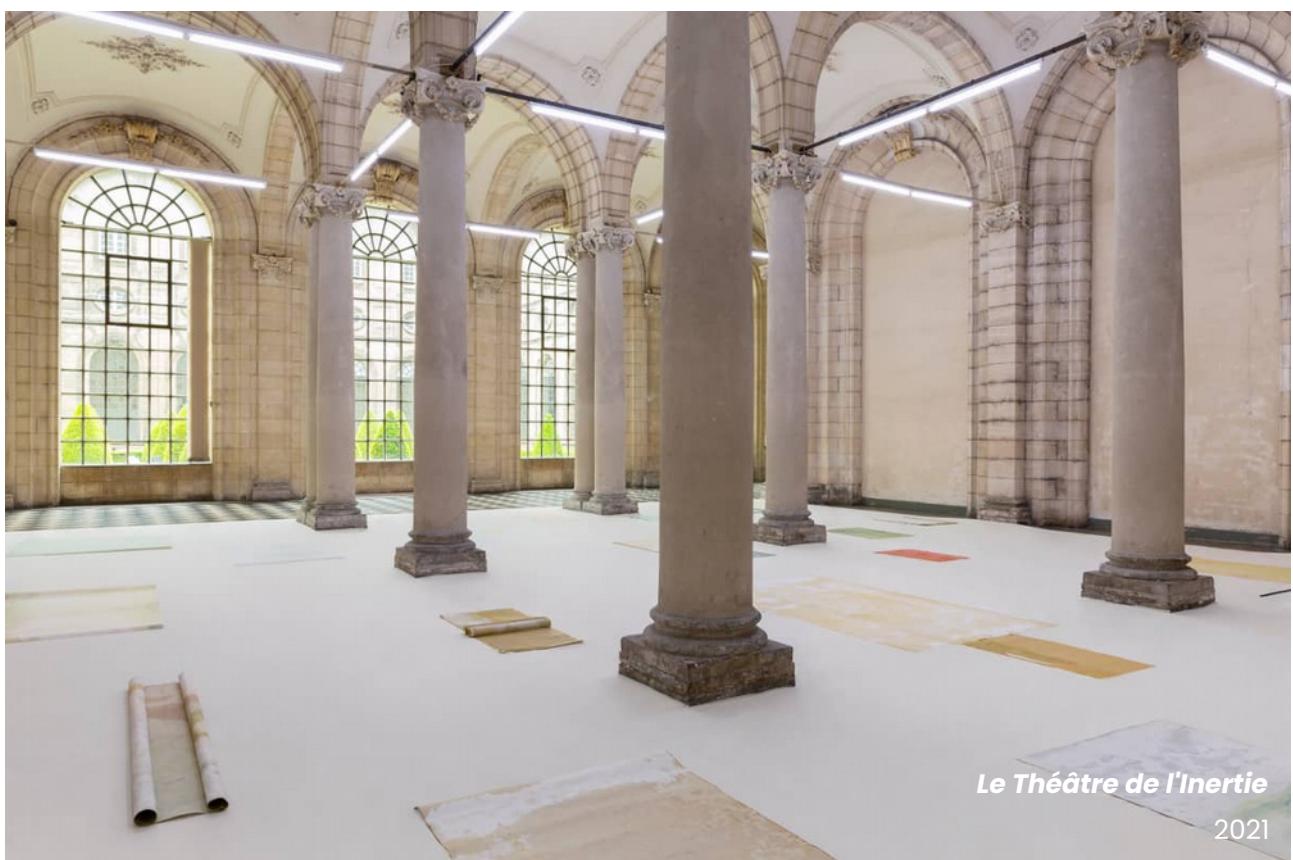
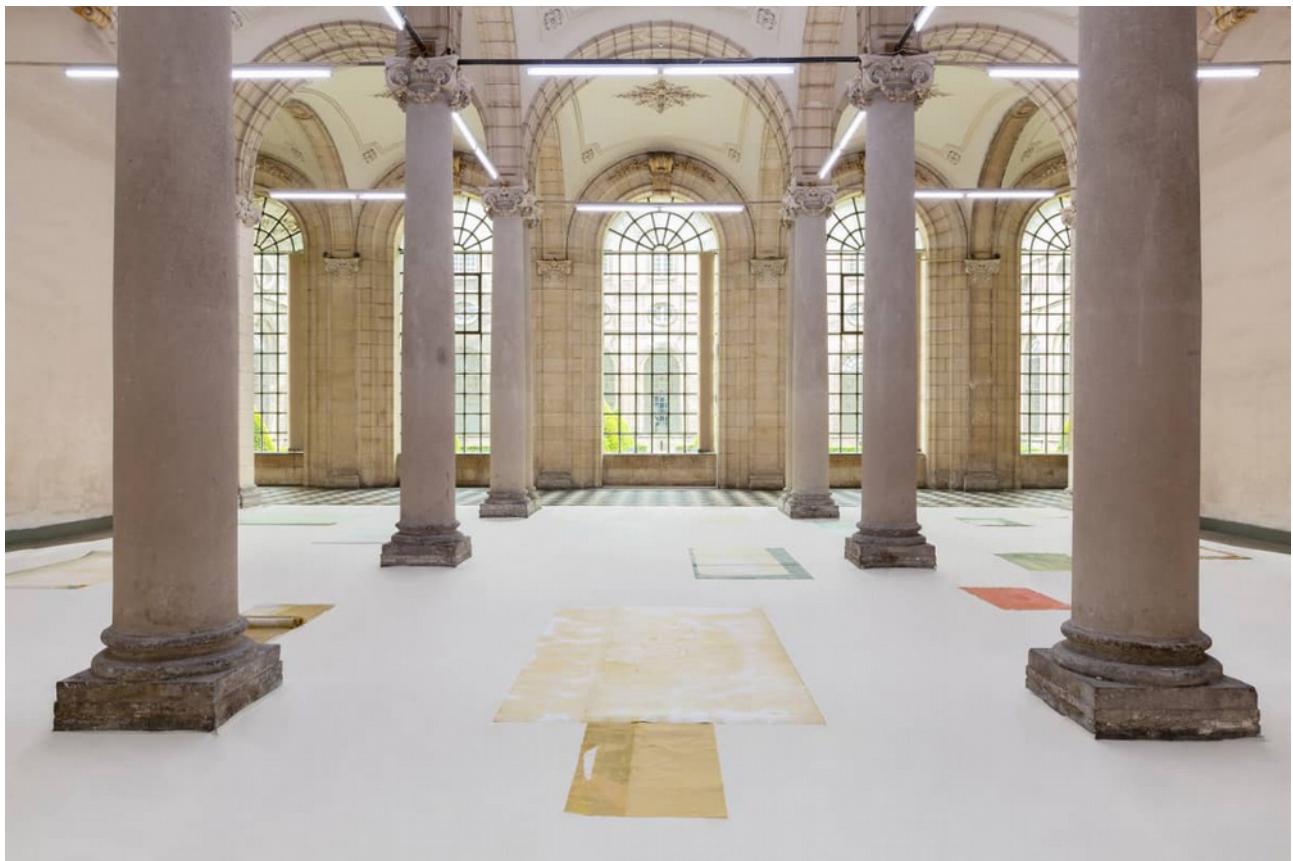
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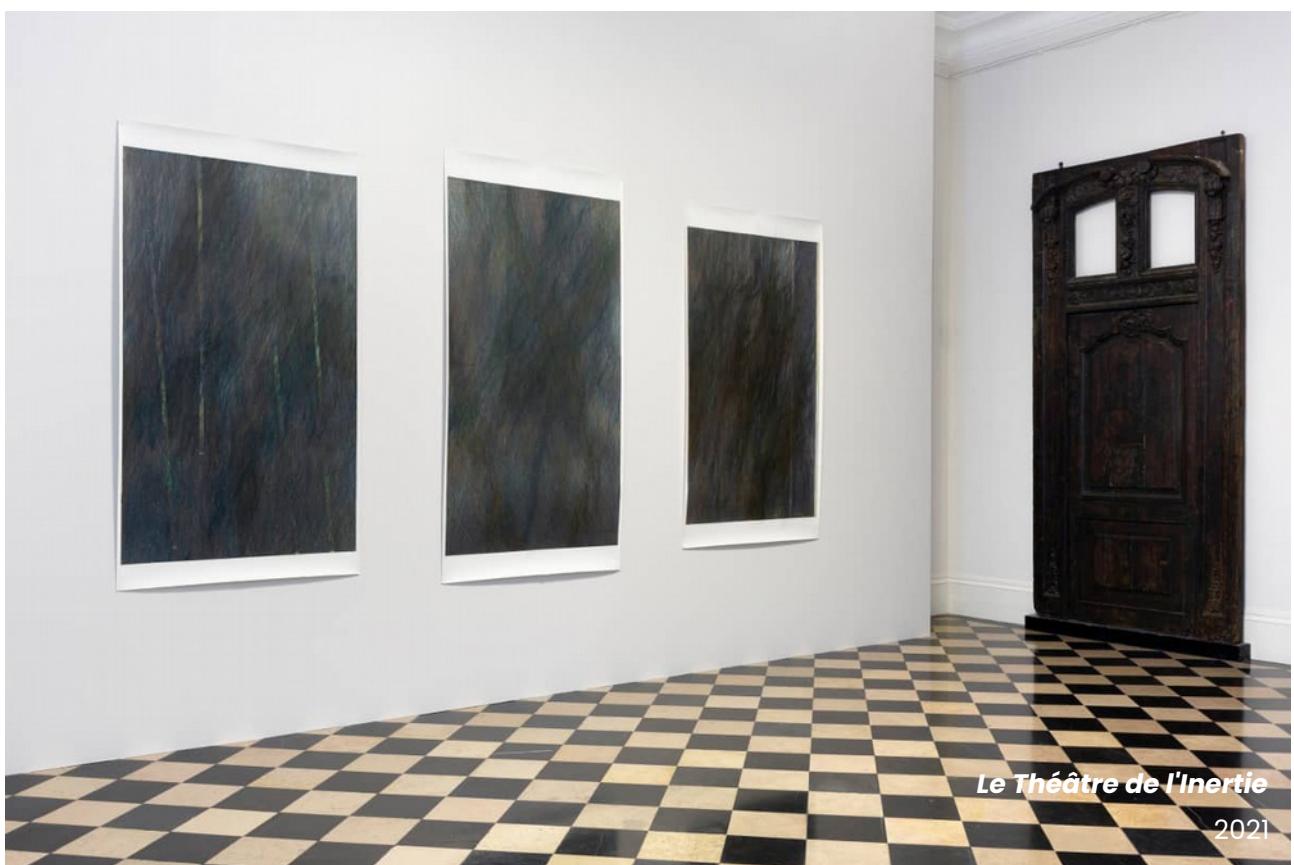
Chapelle de Locmeltro
Guern



Musée des Beaux-Arts
Arras



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Arras



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Arras



Le Théâtre de l'Inertie
2021

L'Être Lieu
Arras

Mélanie Berger

Born in 1979 in France

Lives and works in Brussels

Solo Exhibitions

2024

On the One Hand - L'H du Siège, Valenciennes

2023

Papiers préparés - Centre culture de l'Université de Lille

Imprégnations - Musée Hébert, Grenoble

Déteindre - La Bonbonnière, Les Roches-de-Condrieu

L'Art dans les Chapelles - Chapelle de Locmeltro, Guern

2022

Restitution - Moly Sabata, Sablons

Carte Blanche - Centre Culturel, Ciney

Ghost Story - La Part du Feu, Brussels

2021

Almost There - Archiraar Gallery, Brussels

Le Théâtre de l'Inertie - Musée des Beaux-Arts, Arras

2020

Hunting - Galerie Gustave Ansart, Trith-Saint-Léger

2018

Marcher sur son Ombre - Archiraar Gallery, Brussels

Ainsi (Mélanie Berger & Claude Cattelain) - W, Pantin

Between Us (Mélanie Berger & Claude Cattelain) - Moments Artistiques, Paris

2017

Galerie du Haut Pavé, Paris

Eté 78, Brussels

2016

Monter, Profondément - EMA, Boulogne-sur-Mer

Twee (Mélanie Berger & Claude Cattelain) - Clovis XV, Brussels

2015

Centre Arc-en-ciel, Liévin

(H)all over #3 - Ecole d'arts plastiques, Denain

2014

03-03-14 – 03-06-14 – Musée de l'Hospice Saint-Roch, Issoudun

2013

Bu du Mont Houy, Valenciennes

Between Us (Mélanie Berger & Claude Cattelain) - MAAC, Brussels

Maison Belge, Köln

2008

Interstices (with Caroline Le Méhauté) - BBB, Toulouse

Pollen - Monflanquin

Group Exhibitions

2024

Studio #3 - Archiraar Gallery, Brussels

Viva Vivant ! - EMA, Boulogne-sur-Mer

2023

SAFFCA - Abbaye de La Cambre, Brussels

Metamorphosis - duo show with Noir Metal - PLAGIARAMA, Brussels

De leur temps - FRAC Grand Large, Dunkerque

The Fire's Share - with Archiraar Gallery - Liaigre Brussels

2022

100 artistes pour l'ESAD - ESAD, Valenciennes

Exposition de Noël - Atelier Tatiana Wolska, Brussels

In Silence Colours - with Archiraar Gallery - Liaigre Brussels

2021

Just Before - group exhibition in the studio, Brussels

Fifty/Fifty, a Drawing Show - Studio Tatiana Wolska, Brussels

2020

Traits - cur. Laurent de Meyer - Fondation Moonens, Brussels

2019

Current Residents and Associate - Greylight Projects, Brussels

Territoires du dessin - Centre d'arts plastiques et visuels, Lille

2018

Novembre à Vitry - Galerie Jean Collet, Vitry-sur-seine

De Rendez-Vous En Rendez-Vous - Galerie du Haut Pavé, Paris

A Matter Of Resonance - cur. by E. Alliaud - Residency Huet-Repolt, Brussels

Current Residents & Associate - Greylight Projects, Brussels

Salon du dessin du 6B - cur. by L. Demura & V. Fried - Saint-Denis

2017

Platform 1 - cur. by Y. de Bontridder - Allegrarte, Brussels

Back Office - Cur. by L. De Meyer & G. Du Bois - Hôtel Bloom !, Brussels

> *FAROFF* - cur. by W. Huis - Köln

Current Residents & Associate - Greylight Projects, Brussels

Architextures De Paysage #1 - cur. by M. Robalo & M. Cantos - Château d'Oiron

In/Out - cur. by S. Tiberghien - Greylight Projects, Brussels

2016

Rainbow Ranch Hand - Frac Nord-pas-de-Calais (invitation from J. Saudubray), Dunkerque
Lumière - Galerie F. Carrette, Brussels

Drawing Room - cur. by M. Roy & S. Guiraud - Galerie Iconoscope, Montpellier

Current Residents & Associate - Greylight Projects, Brussels

Maisons Folles - cur. by Artconnexion et S. Dubrunfaut - Ronchin

2014

Des Choses Mouvantes - Ma Galerie - Samuel Le Paire, Paris

Pense-Bêtes. Collection 1 - Galerie De Roussan, Paris

Condensations - cur. by N. Tourte - Nuit des Arts, Roubaix

Maisons Folles - cur. by S. Dubrunfaut - Ronchin

2013

Femmes Sorcières - Bauhaus, Brussels

Between Us - Institut français, Köln

2012

Artistes, Un Métier - Revue Area, Paris

2011

Magnitudes - Twilight Zone, Tournai

Parisonic - Instants Chavirés, Montreuil

2010

Jeune Création - Le 104, Paris

MAX - Atelier 13, Valenciennes

RSVP - Aspex, Portsmouth

2009

Exposition De Noël - Le Magasin, Grenoble

Scriptura - In Poésie/Nuit, Caen

2008

D'Autres Murs 2 - BBB, Midi-Pyrénées

Décalcomanies - Musée, Fontenay-le-Comte

Traverses Festival Vidéo - Chapelle des Carmélites, Toulouse

2007

À La Limite - La Générale, Paris

2006

Première Vue - Passage de Retz, Paris

100 Dessins Surréalistes - Galerie Les Yeux Fertiles, Paris

Art Fairs

2024

Drawing Now - Le Carreau du Temple, Paris

Art Rotterdam - Van Nelle Fabriek, Rotterdam

2023

Paréidolie - Le Château de Servières, Marseille

Drawing Now - Le Carreau du Temple, Paris

2022

Drawing Now - Le Carreau du Temple, Paris

2021

Drawing Now - Le Carreau du Temple, Paris

Luxembourg Art Week - Luxembourg

2019

Drawing Now - Le Carreau du Temple, Paris

2018

Galeristes - Le Carreau du Temple, Paris

Residencies

2024

Les chênes de Pontballon

2022-2023

AIRLab, Lille

2022

Moly Sabata, Sablons

2021

L'être-lieu & Musée des Beaux-Arts, Arras

2014

Musée de l'Hospice Saint-Roch, Issoudun

2013

Opekta, Köln

2010

L'H du Siège, Valenciennes

2008

Maison Chevolleau, Fontenay-le-Comte

2007

Pollen, Monflanquin

Publications

2024

Micro-peinture, chroniques in l'Esthétique du Vivant, La part de l'œil #38

Absys #8 Interview, Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles

2023

Les haïkus raisonnés, auto édition 50 exemplaires, édité dans le cadre du prix de l'Isère

De leur temps (7) catalogue, édition Silvana, Frac Grand Large & ADIAF

2021

Une déposition du regard, by Septembre Tiberghien, l'Art-Même

Entretien avec M.B., Léon Mychkine, site internet Art-icle

Émanations, monographic edition, L'Être-lieu

2020

Serendipity #2, collective edition, curated by Septembre Tiberghien & Été 78

HUNTING, catalog, Trith-St-Léger

2019

Au-delà du cadre, Étendre l'horizon, Roven #14, by Septembre Tiberghien

2018

Novembre à Vitry, catalogue d'exposition, Vitry-Sur-Seine

2017

Wunderkammer - Buzz, written by Kurt Snoekz, Brussel

in/out, collective edition, Greylight Projects, Brussel

2015

Un Peu Moins, Musée de l'Hospice Saint-Roch, Issoudun

2014

Facettes #1 - Cinquante Degrés Nord

2013

Between Us, catalog with Claude Cattelain, maac & the city of brussel

Melanie Berger, personnal catalog, presses universitaires de valenciennes

Femmes sorcières - (collectif) éditions Ions

Transversales - V. Poulet

2012

Cursif #2 - Revue spécial dessin

50° Nord #3

2011

Hear & Now - Entretiens d'artistes, Swarming et Pure présence / Presses du Réel

2010

Fluctuat - Jeune Création 2010 - Magali Lesauvage

RSVP - Catalog - Aspex

2008

In Continuum - Edition Pollen - Text by D. Arnaudet

2009

Broutilles à l'Aneth - Noël du Magasin - I. Crespo Rocha

Play It Again - BBB editions

2006

Perforations - Auto-edition

Médée - Editions Warum

2005

Les Oiseaux de Messiaen - Text by Nicole Malinconi - Editions Esperluète

2003

Geste de révolte - Auto-edition

Odyssée(s) - Auto-edition

Awards

2022

Contemporary Art Price, Isère

2015

Grant from DRAC Nord Pas-de-Calais

2013

Grant from Région Nord Pas-de-Calais

2006

Prix de dessin David Weill – Selection

2003

Accessit meilleur Grand Projet – ENSAD

Education

1999 > 2003

Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs, Paris

2002

Cooper Union, New-York