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he great protagonist of these recent times of ours seems to be one of the very things that collectively, as a society and a century, we have been trying to avoid: isolation. In the fast-paced, interconnected and high-speed era that we live in, there seemed to be no time for solitude and reflection - and yet it was precisely solitude in dire circumstances that inspired and gave rise to some of mankind's greatest achievements. During the Black Plague, an isolated in the countryside sir Isaac Newton discovered gravity, while a quarantined at home Shakespeare composed his masterpiece, King Lear.

Solitude is not only the cradle of man's inspiration but it is also - as only realized precisely in such moment of solitary insight - carries within itself the understanding of one of humanity's great hidden truths. A paradoxical one, as all deep truths are, which one can only realize when in the absence of it - and that is that while we may be confined in our homes, we distance each other just to find ourselves closer again once united. That being apart bands us together.

And it is dwelling in this spirit - the artist's job to inspire and a sense of unity - it is in the love for a man whom I greatly admire and that inspired me in return throughout my life - my father - that this limited series came to be and is dedicated to:

Wish Eye Could Fly - An Isolation Series

A gift to both my father on his 75th birthday, given that I couldn't be there with him in person, and a homage to all the free-flying spirits of the world, he was a pilot, an astro-navigator, and air traffic controller and throughout his entire life the never-ending blue skies and the nightly stars were his home - thus making this color, the main protagonist of these works.

A man, a plane, the ever-changing dashes and drippings of colorful paint, the beams of light piercing these works symbolizing the horizon and the white lines representing the trails these great flying adventurers left behind while flying the great blues above our heads and pursuing their passion: these are the elements that make this very limited edition of artworks so unique. For the first time, a combination of styles and techniques - spray paint, crayons, drawings, aerography, reflected paper, paint - all come together uniquely as if through an alchemical process, to give rise to these rare and exquisitely crafted works of miniature art and as a testament of one of humanity's greatest passions and achievements throughout all time: the mastery of flying, man's answer to his eternal inner quest for freedom and his everlasting thirst for discovery.

Sebastian Di Giovanni, Fridriks Workshop April 2020



Dad Fridrik Gujonsson Hafnarfall 1965 - Iceland





« A certain blue enters your soul. »
– Henry Matisse, 2020
Acrylics & crayon on canvas
30x30cm



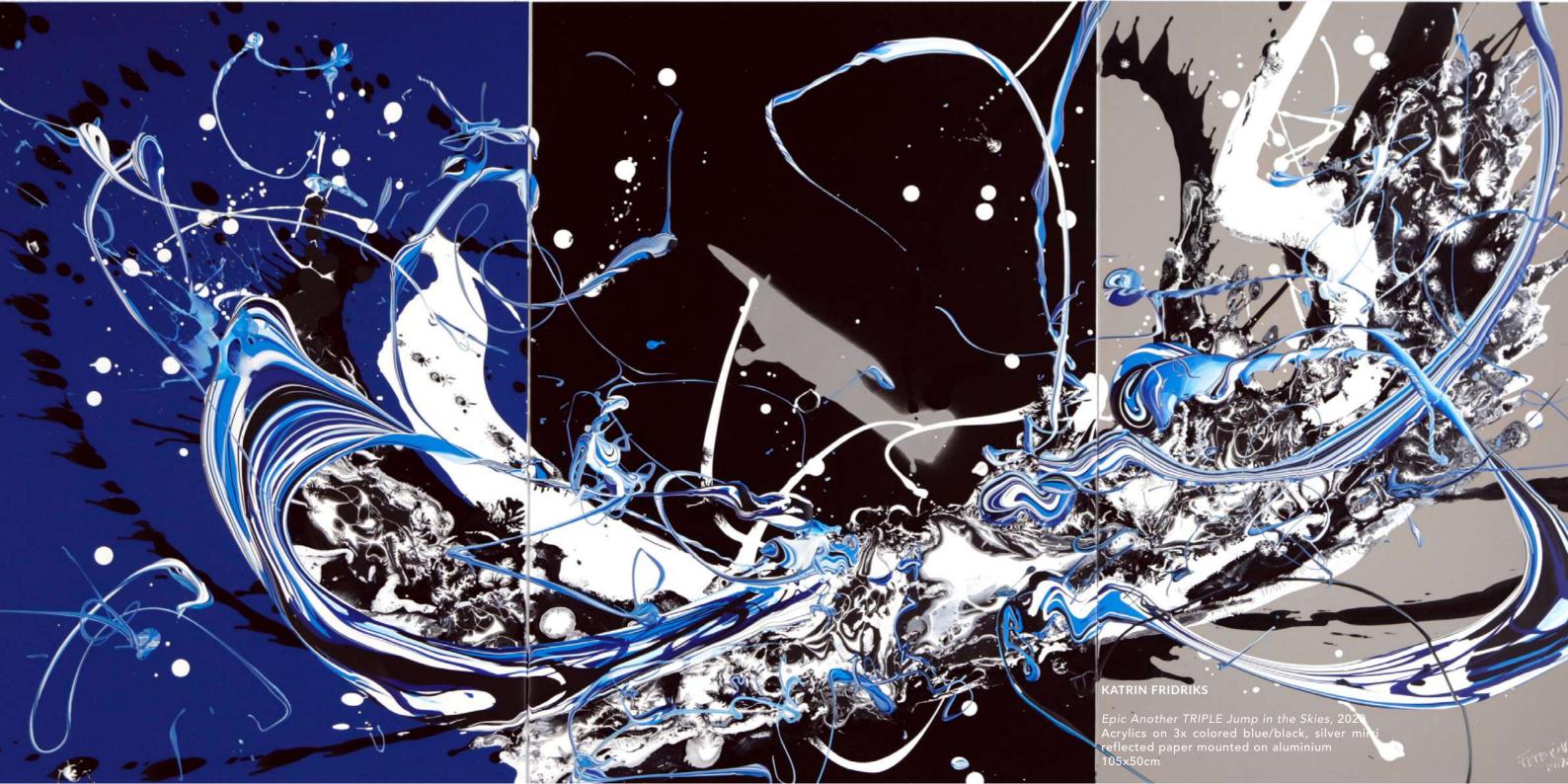


ASTRO MAESTRO - Immortal Love, 2020 Acrylics & crayon on canvas 40x40cm





Diamond Mind - Ray of Light, 2020 Acrylics, spray & crayon on canvas 30x30cm



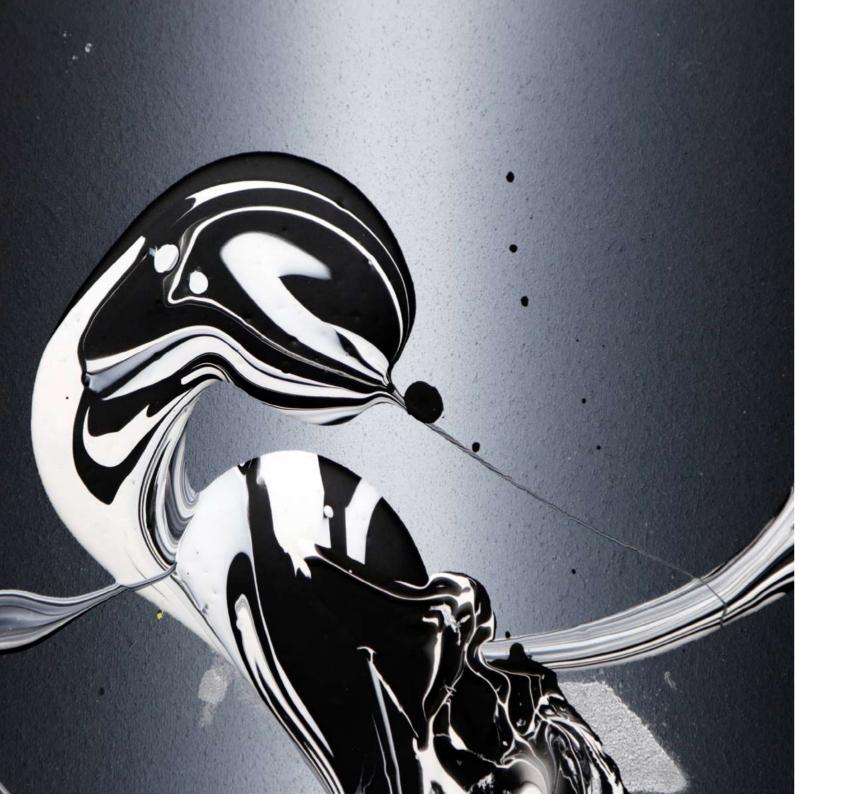


Epic Another TRIPLE Jump in the Skies, 2020 Acrylics on 3x colored blue/black, silver mirri reflected paper mounted on aluminium 105x50cm





Magic Traffic Supervisor 1969, 2020 Acrylics, Spray black mirri reflected paper, mounted on aluminium 35x50cm





Ultime Sacred PeaceMaker, 2020 Acrylics & spray on canvas 30Dx6cm





Astronomical Observatory - Cosmos, 2020 Acrylics on canvas 30Dx6cm





Divine Blue Astro Navigator, 2020 Acrylics on canvas 30Dx6cm





Operation HighJump, 2020 Acrylics on canvas 40x40cm





Our Blue Marble - high Frequency, 2020 Acrylics & crayon on canvas 30x30cm



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We're All in this together n1, 2020 Acrylics & crayon on canvas 90x42cm 3x pieces



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We're All in this together n2, 2020 Acrylics & crayon on canvas 90x42cm 3x pieces



Waters Memory & it's Frequency

"The memory of life arrived on this earth carried by the soul of water. From this memory, life awoke, the human being emerged. Water records information, and while circulating throughout the earth distributes information. This water sent from the universe is full of the information of life" - Masaru Emoto - Scientist

"A certain blue enters your soul." - Henry Matisse, Painter

Blue. The color that, since time immemorial, has always been synonymous with our world.

Our Blue Marble, as it is famously called, stands out in the Cosmos like a celestial jewel suspended in space, surrounded by its immense blue skies above and embraced by its endless blue oceans below. Connecting at once the heaven and the seas, thus uniting land and water, blue is the silent ruler of our Earth: all around us since the day we were born, our very existence originated in blue waters.

But besides being life, water is also memory and not only metaphorically, as it stands as the background for the countless stories, myths and legends that make up our shared history, but also empirically, as water absorbs frequency which it then turns into memory. Water is a liquid crystal carrying within itself life, the whole vibrational history of life and thus of humanity as a whole, as ultimately our bodies are made out of water themselves and therefore of frequency and memory.

Water, life and blue. Indissoluble elements that form our collective unconscious. Our very origins took place within these elements and colour and it is to this colour and elements that we pay homage in this installation.

Utilizing an exceptionally color palettes and shades of intense blue and true to her signature style and technique, artist Katrin Fridriks made no exception in the creation of these energy-loaded and complex paintings, transforming her movements in a language made of paint and speed, as a single stroke of paint performed in a nanosecond is at the heart of these exceptional work of art.

Her gestures, the colours and the beam of light so uniquely featuring these pieces, all becomes one in a single instant and in the simple act of throwing colour on her canvas: a single burst of shades, allowing her creation to emerge from the canvas with the dazzling force and energy that has become the trademark of her style and vision for her art.

An Ode to this most wondrous of elements and pigments "Waters Memory, it's Frequency" are a grammar of colohetrs emerged by its tones and a syntax of layers forged by its shades - all of them pierced by a beam of unstoppable force going through them.

Like a ray of light does in a dense blue sky.

Sebastian Di Giovanni, Fridriks Workshop April 2020



Its Blue Avians - Starseeds Molecule, 2020 165x100+5cm







Noble Messenger -Blue Avians Alliance, 2019 230x150+10cm

Born in 1974, Reykjavik (Iceland), Katrin Fridriks is an abstract painter who explores speed, gravity and the interactions of human beings with the forces of nature.

Fridriks artistic work focuses on the exploration of natural phenomena and the limits of human dexterity. Experimenting with both techniques and the strength and agility of her own body, Fridriks continuously pushes the limits of painterly expression. She has developed a set of different techniques in connection with her explorations many of which she now combines to create works of art that are truly unique.

Her notoriety is mainly based on her paintings and painterly installations, one of which is installed at the Olympic stadium in Nîmes, but land art has also been an important element of her work. The presentation of her painterly creations often takes the form of site-specific installation that exceed the limits of painting traditionally conceived.

As they are based on the exploration of fundamental experiences, Fridriks works are immediately captivating. Having different layers that unfold over time, each new contemplation is rewarding and gives way to discoveries.

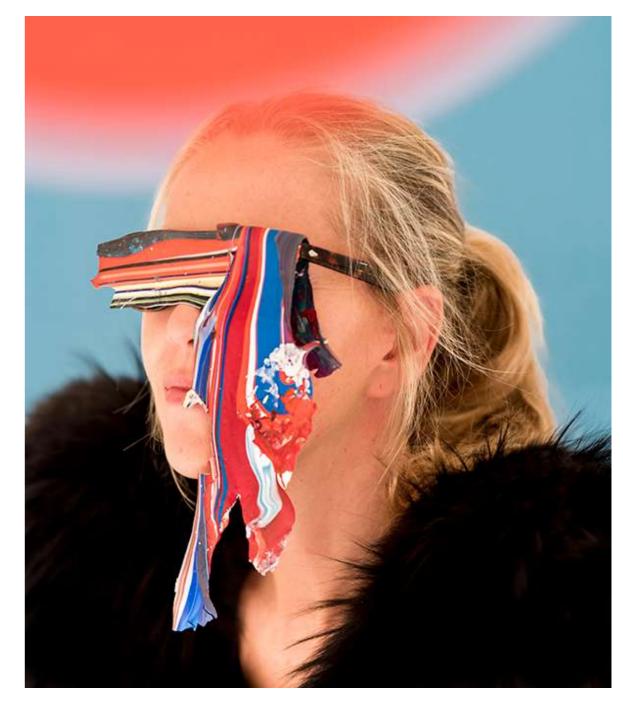
Showcased at the Venice Biennal, Kjarval Museum & the Icelandic Art Center in Reykjavik, the Circle Culture Gallery in Berlin, the Museum Arts Center in Seoul, ART13 in London as well as the Liverpool Biennale, her works are in many public and private collections. Fridriks has received commissions from POW, Michael Goss Foundation, Ralph Lauren Foundation, Bacardi Martini, Land Rover as well as the French Ministry for Youth & Sports.

"When Fridriks bends the flow of color, she gives us a feeling of control. Her forms look as if they could not be controlled. However, they have been controlled. They don't move. We are in charge."

"Fridriks' paintings function as both traces of processes and immutable results. Their complexity is masked by their apparent simplicity. They master what cannot be mastered – or so it seems. Something which still appears to be essentially mobile, fluid, and even overflowing, is literally arrested in each of them. But this is more than formalism. By fixing mobility, the paintings accumulate energy. This energy is released each time a spectator

looks at one of them. As our gaze follows the path of the paint, we reactivate the motion contained in the process of creation. The painting works as a storage device."

(Klaus Speidel, 2013)



Katrin Fridriks CV

b. 1974- Reykjavik, Iceland

Lives and works between Luxembourg & Paris.

Solo Exhibitions

2020	Wish Eye Could Fly, Isolation series & Waters Memory & Its Frequency, JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London, UK	2019	<i>Grey Area</i> , JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London, UK
2018	Waste, Circle Culture Gallery & Avant Arte (Gallery Weekend), Berlin, Germany	2018	<i>Interstellar Spaces,</i> Circle Culture Gallery, Hotel de Rome, Berlin, Germany
2018	Supreme Goddesses, David Pluskwa Gallery, Marseille, France	2017	Forces of Nature, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
2016	<i>Macrocosm,</i> Lazarides Gallery, London, UK	2015	<i>New Wave & Gravity,</i> Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
2014	Stendhal Syndrome, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany	2014	Flying Awareness, Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
2014	<i>India Art Fair,</i> LTD Gallery, New Delhi, India	2013	Art13, Circle Culture Gallery, London, UK
2011	Border Contemporary, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Ghent, Belgium	2011	Mothernature, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Ghent, Belgium
2011	Leak of Information, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany	2010	<i>Moniker Art Fair,</i> Circle Culture Gallery, London, UK
2010	<i>Les Crayons,</i> Le Feuvre Gallery, Paris, France	2007	<i>Les Mangeurs d'Étoiles,</i> Palais Bénédictine, Fécamp, France
2003	Step Into My Underground, curated by Erick Öge & Jerôme LeBerre, Galerie Vertu, Paris, France		

Group Exhibitions

2020	The Solar Panel Art Series, Transformation Edition, supporting Little Sun Foundation by Olafur Eliasson, Berlin, Germany	2020	Groupshow, Circle Culture, Berlin, Germany
2020	Contemporary Human Condition, JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London, UK	2020	Abstraction & The Natural World, JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London, UK
2020	Virtual Group Show, Pluskwa Contemporain, Paris, France	2020	Inauguration New Space, West Lotto Head Quarters, Münster, Germany
2019	<i>Berlin Showroom,</i> Circle Culture, Berlin, Germany	2019	La Maison Des Temps, Circle Culture, Kauffenheim, France
2019	St-Tropez Art Show, David Pluskwa Gallery, St-Tropez, France	2019	Energy, Brugier-Rigail Gallery, Seoul
2019	KIAF, Brugier-Rigail Gallery, Seoul	2019	Charity, Willow Foundation & Coutts Bank, London, UK
2019	<i>ArtVerona,</i> Dellupi Gallery, Verona, Italy	2019	Bentley 100 Years, Jack Barclay Bentley, London, UK
2018	Ride For Mongolia, Learn and Skate at The MADE Hotel, New York, USA	2018	Grand Opening Part 2, Mirus Gallery, Denver, USA
2018	Grand Opening, JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London, UK	2018	<i>Juxtapoz Clubhouse,</i> Mirus Gallery, Denver, USA
2017	Miniature Contemporary Museum, Gemeente Museum, Curators Ria & Lex Daniels, The Hague, Netherlands	2017	<i>Today's Abstract,</i> David Pluskwa Gallery, Marseille, France
2017	Solar Panel Art Series, Tech Open Air, The Beam, Little Sun Foundation, Berlin, Germany	2017	Saint-Tropez Art Show, David Pluskwa Gallery, St-Tropez, France
2017	Das Dasein, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany	2017	Come Alive!, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany
2017	Sylt, Circle Culture Gallery	2016	Still Here, Decade of Lazarides, Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
2016	Abstract Masters, Helene Bailly, Paris, France	2016	Summer Brunch, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany

2015	Personal Structures - Crossing Borders, Global Art Affairs Foundation & European Cultural Center, Palazzo Bembo, Venice, Italy	2015	Just Painted II, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland
2014	The Great Artists: Renoir to Damien Hirst, Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea	2014	Summer Group Show, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Ghent, Belgium
2014	MTV, Re:Define, Museum Contemporary, Dallas TX, USA	2013	<i>Brutal,</i> Lazarides Gallery At 180 Strand, London, UK
2013	<i>Potse68</i> , Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany	2013	Ephemeral, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2013	Fresh Paint, Lazarides Gallery, London, UK	2012	Escape The Golden Cage, Vienna, Austria
2012	Improvisation & Composition, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France	2012	<i>Pret à Diner Royal Academy</i> , CC Gallery, London, UK
2012	Lollipop's & Icecreams, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France	2012	Color, Charles Bank Gallery, NY, USA
2012	Space & Forms, Breeze Block Gallery, Portland	2012	<i>New Space Opening,</i> Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg
2011	<i>The Urban Artist</i> , Soho House, CC Gallery, Berlin, Germany	2011	40 ans de Pressionnisme, Forum Grimaldi, Monaco
2011	The Old Casino, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg, Germany	2011	<i>Inauguration,</i> Vicky David Gallery, NY, USA
2011	Spectra I, Future Tense, London, UK	2011	Give, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2011	The future is not what it used to be, Le Basse Projects, Los Angeles CA, USA	2011	Paper Works, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2011	<i>Chrome,</i> Le Feuvre Gallery, Paris, France	2011	The Urban Artist, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg
2011	MTV Staying Alive, Michael Goss Foundation, Future Tense, de Pury, Dallas TX, USA	2010	<i>Inauguration</i> , Contemporary Art Center, Épinal, France
2010	No such thing as a good painting, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany		

2010	Salon du cercle de la culture, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany	2009	TAG & GRAFF, Grand Palais, Paris, France
2009	Cercle Artistique Du Luxembourg, Cal Salon, Luxembourg	2009	Sequence Art Festival, Reykjavik, Iceland
2009	<i>The Show,</i> Jeremy Rocher, Paris, France	2008	Barbie-Q. Center of Icelandic Art, SIM, Reykjavik, Iceland
2008	Novas Contemporary Urban Center, Liverpool, UK	2008	<i>Independence Day</i> , Lost Horse Gallery Reykjavik, Iceland
2008	Kilo Watt Concept, Ole Fruh Gallery, Hamburg	2007	Curator for Visual System, Digital Experiences E-Arts, Foundation Lagardère, Shanghai, China
2007	<i>Ice07 Cultural & Art Festival,</i> Liverpool, UK	2007	Sequence Art Festival, Reykjavik, Iceland
2006	Paris is burning, Rush Art Gallery, Curated by Rashaad Newsome, NY, USA	2006	Cercle Artistique du Luxembourg, Cal Salon, Luxembourg
2006	<i>Monster of Sound,</i> Espace A Vendre, Nice, France	2005	Nuziq Music Festival, Nice, France
2005	Kathedrale Performance, AOL, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France	2003	l'Art Emmêlé, City Hall of Paris with the Australian Embassy, Curators: Erick Öge & Jerome LeBerre, Paris, France
2002	Excotica, Charles Riva Gallery, New York, USA	2002	Galerie La Cite, Luxembourg
1999	ArtCom; 85 contemporary artists living in France & with the support of Gérard Garouste, Espace Paul Ricard (Fondation Ricard), France	1999	Beauty & Beast, sponsored by Absolute Vodka, BHG Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

Selected Art Fairs

2019	Contemporary Istanbul, JD Malat Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey	2019	Seattle Art Fair, JD Malat Gallery, Seattle WA, USA
2019	Art Karlsruhe, Circle Culture, Karlsruhe, Germany		
2019	ZONAMACO, JD Malat Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico	2019	Volta Show, Artual Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
2018	<i>Bologna Art Fair,</i> Dellupi Arte Gallery, Bologna	2018	Cape Town Art Fair, Pascal Janssens Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
2018	Art Verona, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Verona	2018	<i>GrandArt,</i> Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy
2018	Law Positions, Culture Inside Gallery, Luxembourg	2018	Beirut Art Fair, Artual Gallery, Beirut
2017	GrandArt, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Milan, Italy	2017	Art Verona, Dellupi Arte Gallery, Verona, Italy
2016	Contemporary Istanbul, Lazarides Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey	2016	Art16, Circle Culture, London, UK
2015	Art Paris Art Fair, Circle Culture, Paris, France	2015	Art International Istanbul CC Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
2015	Art Paris Art Fair, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France	2015	ART15, Circle Culture Gallery & Lazarides Gallery, London, UK
2014	Art Vienna Circle Culture Gallery, Vienna, Austria	2014	Art Paris Art Fair, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France
2014	Art14, Duo Show, Circle Culture Gallery, London, UK	2014	<i>Art Miami,</i> Jerome Zodo Gallery, Miami, USA
2014	Art International Istanbul, Circle Culture Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey	2013	Art Paris Art Fair, Helene Bailly Gallery, Paris, France
2013	<i>India Art Fair,</i> LTD Gallery, New Delhi, India	2013	BRAFA Art Fair, Helene Bailly Gallery, Brussels
2012	Design Days Stilwerk Design Gallery, Dubai, UAE	2012	SF Artmrkt Fair Le Basse Projects, San Francisco CA, USA

2012	<i>PULSE</i> , Le Basse Projects, Los Angeles, USA	2011	Salon De Gegenwart, Circle Culture Gallery, Hamburg
2010	VOLTA 6, Circle Culture Gallery, Basel	2010	Marrakesh Art Fair, Marrakesh
2009	Salon du Collectionneur, Bailly Contemporain, Grand Palais, Paris, France	2004	Energy Flow, Art Paris Carrousel du Louvre, JAG Gallery, Paris, France

Commissions

2019	JD Malat Gallery and Katrin Fridriks collaborate with Jack Barclay Bentley, London, UK	2017	Penguin Random House Cover of <i>Liquids</i> by the scientist Mark Miodownik / Royal Science Book Award, Publication April 2018, UK
2017	Little Sun Foundation in partnership with Beam Solar Panel Art Series, Germany	2014	MTV Re: Define, Dallas Contemporary Museum Future Tense, de Pury Goss - Michael Foundation, USA
2014	Soho House Group Permanent Collection Nick Jones Curated by Francesca Gavin, UK	2013	"100 Nike", Circle Culture Agency, Germany
2013	<i>100 Briques,</i> Artcurial, Hôtel Marcel Dassault, France	2011	<i>MTV Staying Alive - 2011,</i> Future Tense, de Pury Goss - Michael Foundation, USA
2009	Made up war series, International Conference Transportation & Energy, Iceland	2008	Campaign Award "Land Rovers 60yrs" Defender SVX 1/25 edition, Land Rover International, France
2007	Museum of Palais Bénédictine Commissioned by Bacardi Martini: customised <i>special metal box</i>		

Bénédictine, International Edition for the occasion of the Personal Exhibition *Mangeurs d'Étoiles* with Guest of Honour: Ambassador of

Iceland, France

Grants

2015	Icelandic Art Center, Grant for the installation "Perception of the Stendhal Syndrome", Palazzo Bembo 56th Biennal of Venice, Iceland	2008	Biennale of Liverpool, <i>Made up risk</i> boxes, granted by the Trade Council of Iceland, Center of Icelandic Art, Ireland
2007	Ministry of Youth & Sports, French government, Fresco « Red Sea » 80m2 for the New Olympic Stadium of Nîmes, built by Bouygues & Architect BVL, Opening Ceremony among Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Youth & Sports: Mr. François Fillon, Mrs. Roselyne Bachelot, Nîmes, France	2003	Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research, Grants for the catalogue "Face" with the support of Madame Erna Hennicot-Schoepges – President of Institut Européen des itinéraires Culturels, Depute of European Parlement and Madame Josee Kirps – Director of Nationale Archives, Grand Duc of Luxembourg

Publications

2019	Grey Area, text by Sebastian Edward, design by Cedric Pierre, JD Malat Gallery, Mayfair, London	2018	Supreme Goddesses, text by Dr. Klaus Speidel, Pluskwa Gallery, France
2018	Cover of <i>Liquids</i> , by scientist Mark Miodownik, Penguin Random House, Royal Science Book Award, England	2017	Forces of Nature Monographic Booktext by Ilaria Porotto, Dellupi Arte, Italy
2017	AvantArte <i>Waste,</i> text by Dr. Klaus Speidel & Loftur Reimar, Design: Cédric Pierre, Netherlands	2017	Beam <i>Solar Panels Art Series,</i> Little Sun Foundation, Germany
2017	Today's Abstract, Pluskwa Gallery, France	2015	Personal Structures - Crossing Borders, Global Art Affairs Foundation & European Cultural Centre, 56th Venice Biennale, Italy
2015	Just Painted II: 88 Icelandic contemporary artists, Reykjavik Art Museum, Iceland	2015	Stendhal Syndrome, text by Dr. Klaus Speidel, Circle Culture Art solo show, Germany

2014	The Great Artists: Renoir to Damien Hirst, Hangaram Art Museum, Seoul Arts Center, South Korea	2013	Fuchs Edition <i>Women in Art. Masterpieces of Great Female Artists from Middle Ages to Modern Era Volume 1</i> , Austria
2012	Salon der Gegenwart, Salon der Gegenwart, Germany	2011	Editions de la Martinière "Père & Mère" 155 Epreuves d'Artistes, edited by Yves Haddad, France
2011	Gestalten <i>Walls and Frames</i> , curation & text by Maximiano Ruiz, Germany	2011	Circle Culture Art <i>Leak of Information</i> solo show, special edition, signed & numbered Design: Freddy Fuss, Germany
2010	Critères Edition "Gueules d'artistes" opus collection #10 Philippe Bonan – France (Roy Lichtenstein, Keith Haring, JR, Invader)	2010	Circle Culture Art <i>10th Anniversary</i> special Edition numbered & signed Design: Freddy Fuss, Germany
2009	Gallery Le Feuvre "Crayons" text by Stéphane Jaffrain, France	2007	Musée Palais Bénédictine <i>Mangeurs</i> d'Étoiles solo show, France
2006	Cercle Artistique du Luxembourg official selection Grand Théâtre de Luxembourg, Luxembourg	2003	Minister of Culture "Face" special edition, signed & numbered, Design: Catherine Ea, Luxembourg
1993	ArtCom Publication CD-Rom of 85 contemporaries artists living in France & with support of Gérard Garouste, France		

Collections

Westlotto, Münster, Germany
Jeremy Rocher Private Art Collection
Ron Dennis Private Art Collection
Simon Strathmann Private Art Collection
Christian Courtin - Clarins Private Art Collection
Taittinger Private Art Collection
Palais Bénédictine, Fécamp, France
Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland



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