

## JEFF KOWATCH

Jeff Kowatch, born in California in 1965, and currently residing in Belgium, has developed a colorist painting style inspired by great American abstract artists, from Mark Rothko to Brice Marden, while incorporating the technique of the great Flemish painters, particularly Rembrandt, whose linseed oil recipes he has re-appropriated to give his paintings a particular effect of depth and transparency, specific to the glazes of the North. In his oil-stick drawings on Dibond, energy takes precedence over meditation.

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 "Man Jok," Galerie La Forest Divonne, Galerie Faider, Espace ODRADEK
- 2019 Expo Chicago, Galerie La Forest Divonne; Chicago, Illinois  
Art on Papier, Galerie La Forest Divonne; Brussels, Belgium
- 2018 "Jeff Kowatch, Full Circle," Galerie La Forest Divonne and Galerie Faider;  
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, The  
Netherlands

**Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)**

- 2009 "Don Quixote Part I," Galerie Vieille du Temple; Paris, France  
"Stratus Mountainous Cumulus," NegenPuntNegen Gallery; Roeselare, Belgium
- 2006 "Stratus Mountainous Cumulus," Earl McGrath Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 2004 "Untitled," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York
- 2003 "Thou Shalt," Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York  
"Salomé Series," Earl McGrath Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 2001 "Salome Series," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York  
"Works on Paper from the Salomé Series," Paul Sharpe Fine Art, New York
- 1998 "BVM Series," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York
- 1997 "Apostles," Union Theological Seminary, New York

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2019 Art Paris, Galerie La Forest Divonne; Paris, France
- 2017 "Connected Stories," Absolute Art Gallery; Knokke, Belgium  
"Geste," Galerie La Forest Divonne; Paris, France  
"Dialog/Dialogue: Jeff Kowatch + Pierre Alechinsky + Bram Bogart,"  
NegenPuntNegen Gallery; Roeselare, Belgium
- 2016 "Passions partagées," Galerie La Forest Divonne; Brussels, Belgium  
"L'Art pour l'Accueil," Galerie Pierre Bergé & Associés; Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 "Pascal Courcelles & Jeff Kowatch," NegenPuntNegen Gallery; Roeselare, Belgium  
Art Paris, Galerie Marie Hélène de La Forest Divonne; Paris, France  
"L'Art pour l'Accueil," Galerie Pierre Bergée & Associés; Brussels, Belgium
- 2014 "7en14," Galerie Vieille du Temple; Paris, France  
"Summer Expo," Absolute Art Gallery; Knokke, Belgium

**Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

- 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 Bergée & Associés; Brussels, Belgium
- 2010 "Water, Wind, Wandelen," Centrum Ysara; Nieuwpoort, Belgium
- 2009 "Le dessin à l'oeuvre," 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  
"Work on Paper," Earl McGrath Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"Spring Group Show," Earl McGrath Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"Fall Group Show," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York  
"Untitled," Galerie Kusseneers; Antwerp, Belgium
- 2003 "Jeff Kowatch and Vincenzo Amato," Earl McGrath Gallery; Los Angeles, California  
"LA Selected Prints," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York  
"Summer Group Show," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York  
"Winter Group Show," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York
- 2000 Paul Sharpe Fine Art, New York  
"Paper," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York  
"Summer Group Show," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York
- 1998 "Stocking Stuffers," Earl McGrath Gallery, New York  
"Summer Group Show, Parts I & II," Early McGrath Gallery, New York
- 1995 John Thomas Gallery; Santa Monica, California

**Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

- 1994 Laguna Art Museum; Laguna Beach, California  
"1010 Small Works," New Gallery; Santa Monica, California  
Robert Art Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 1993 Laguna Art Museum; Laguna Beach, California  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Los Angeles, California
- 1992 Earl McGrath Gallery; Los Angeles, California
- 1990 Installation One; Los Angeles, California
- 1989 Zero One Gallery; Los Angeles California

**Public Collections**

Musées royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique; Brussels, Belgium  
Long Beach Museum of Art; Long Beach, California  
Laguna Art Museum; Laguna Beach, California  
Union Theological Seminary, New York

**Selected Publications**

- Draguet, Michel. "Jeff Kowatch: Full Circle." Galerie La Forest Divonne.
- "Jeff Kowatch Conversation avec Paul Emond." Belgium: Editions Tandem, 2016.
- Singer, Juliette. "Jeff Kowatch." Paris: Skira, 2024.

**Selected Press**

- 2023 "BRAFA 2023 Dit kun je allemaal verwachten," *Residence*. January.  
Turine, Roger Pierre. "Moderns, contemporaries," *La Libre*. January.  
"BRAFA art nouveau in the spotlight," *L'Eventail*. January.

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### Selected Press (continued)

- 2022 Olgan, Olivier. "The still plenitude of colorful painting by Jeff Kowatch," *Singulars*. February.
- 2021 Turine, Roger Pierre. "Triple win for Jeff Kowatch," *Arts Libre – La Libre*. October.  
de Boismorel, Paloma. "Prophet of color," *GAEL*. October.  
Debrocq, Aliénor. "Jeff Kowatch in fullness," *Le Soir*. September.  
Magalhães, Estelle. "Jeff Kowatch invites you to meditate," *Mu in the City*. September.  
Hel Guedj, Johan-Frédéric. "The Brussels Gallery Weekend takes you by the hand," *L'Echo*. September.  
De Feijter, Iris, and Sirine El Ansari. "Clothes make the artist," *Le Vif*. September.  
"De kleren van de kunstenaar," *Knack*. September.  
"Jeff Kowatch, Man Jok," *L'Eventail*. August.  
"From the purchase of grimas," *Van der Build*. January.
- 2020 Sepulchre, Pierre-Benoit. "The polychrome dreams of Jeff Kowatch," *Porsche*, Winter.
- 2019 Ogle, Patrick. "Jeff Kowatch, Based in Belgium Went From Copying the Old Masters as a Child to Creating Unique, Unmistakable Work on Dibond Aluminum Composite," *Manapare US*. November.  
Wynants, Jean-Marie. "Art on Paper: drawing is no longer shy," *Le Soir*. October.  
de Lamalle, Patrick. "Jeff Kowatch, Christ Leaving Brussels," *RTBF*. January.
- 2018 de Crayencour, Muriel. "Magic Mushrooms," *Mu in the City*. December.  
Lorent, Claude. "The pictorial in its incandescence and its interiority," *Arts Libre – La Libre*. November.  
Debrocq, Aliénor. "Zen Sensuality," *Le Soir*. November.
- 2017 Van Hevel, Jasmine. "In the studio of Jeff Kowatch," *Mu in the City*. March.  
"'Gesture' at La Forest Divonne Gallery, Paris," *Blouin Artinfo*. February.
- 2016 de Crayencour, Muriel. "Jeff Kowatch, Carnivals," *Mu in the City*. November.  
Lorent, Claude. "Joyful color to mask the apocalypse," *Arts Libre – La Libre*. November.  
Lorent, Claude. "In suspension," *La Libre*. February.

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**Selected Press (continued)**

- 2014 Goffaux, Pascal. "Cultural News," *RTBF*. October 22.  
Lorent, Claude. "Tones from home," *Arts Libre – La Libre*. September.
- 2012 Lorent, Claude. "Painting all the energy of dazzlement," *Arts Libre – La Libre*.  
September.
- 2009 Swimberghe, Piet. "Wolken boven Californië," *Knack Weekend*. June.
- 2004 Swimberghe, Piet. "Zen aan de Zavel," *Knack Weekend*. April.