

## BIOGRAPHY

## ARTIST

## Gert Motmans

Gert Motmans is an artist based in Antwerp. His work navigates the delicate space between memory and imagination, exploring themes such as transience, desire, queer desire and the silent poetry of the image.

Motmans works primarily with analogue techniques, collage and found or archival materials. He creates intimate, layered works that are both timeless and deeply personal. Using his own photographs, vintage images and tactile papers such as Japanese kozo and bamboo paper, he composes visual poems — melancholic, restrained and emotionally charged.

His visual language oscillates between figuration and abstraction, proximity and distance, past and present. Recurring motifs include young male figures, nocturnal landscapes and nature as a refuge. Light, shadow, texture and silence play a central role in his practice, allowing meaning to emerge slowly.

Motmans works intuitively: he collects fragments and assembles them in a slow, artisanal process. For him, creating is a form of emotional archiving — a way of retaining what threatens to disappear, of preserving moments just before they fade away.

## SOLO SHOW

2024

An ocean in between the waves, Deuss Gallery

2023

Modern Living + Deuss Gallery, Volkstraat 6 – Antwerp

2022

Now it's day, but I am dreaming, Deuss Gallery

2021

The same as it never was, Ingrid Deuss Gallery, Anvers, Belgique

2019

Fragments et instants collectés, Red Fish Factory, Anvers, Belgique

## GROUP SHOW

2026

Photo London with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff - National Hall, Olympia, London, UK  
Restrictions - group show with Coupée Collage Collective - Waregem - Belgium  
Art Paris with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff - Le Grand Palais - Paris - France  
Art Rotterdam/Unseen with In-Dependance Gallery - Ahoy, Rotterdam - The Netherlands

Natura Exstensa - group show + photobook exhibition - Officine Fotografiche in Rome, Italy

Anarchy - group show by Ephemere Tokyo - Gallery Conceal, Tokyo - Japan

Anarchy - group show by Ephemere Tokyo - Carré59, Versailles - France

Anarchy - group show by Ephemere Tokyo - Sapzio Holo, Olbia - Italy

Land- & Bodyscapes - group show - In-Dependance Gallery at Hopstreet Gallery - Brussels

Atlas Aquae - group show + photobook exhibition - Biblioteca Bernardini, Lecce, Italy

## 2025

Daegu Photo Biennale - group show + photobook exhibition - South Korea  
 Witboek - group show + photobook exhibition - Fred & Ferry Gallery - Antwerp  
 Pastorale - group show - Hof D'intere - Lille  
 Relationships - group show - Onboards Biennale - Antwerp  
 Atlas Aquae - group show - Palazzo Gregoris - Pordenone Italy  
 S5/1 - group show - Imaginair Art Space - Brussels  
 Photo London with Lensculture  
 XXX OCULI - group show - Brussels

## 2024

LESS festival of contemporary collage Triennial 2024 - group show - Viborg Denmark  
 Photo Basel with Ibasho Gallery  
 Sense of place - group show - PhotoPlace Gallery - Vermont USA  
 Fragmentations - group show - AHWNN Gallery

## 2023

Art Antwerp with Deuss Gallery  
 Paris Photo with Ibasho Gallery  
 To the sea - group show with Shutter Hub - St Gilles Croix de Vie, France  
 Haute Photographie with GUP magazine  
 Unseen Amsterdam with Deuss Gallery  
 Unseen Amsterdam with Ibasho Gallery  
 Stories that bind us - group show - Center of Fine Art Photography - Colorado  
 Eventually, Everything connects - group show - Deuss gallery Antwerp  
 Art Paris with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff  
 Memento - group show - Mast art gallery Kortrijk with Coupee Collage Collective  
 Modern Living + Deuss Gallery - solo show at Volkstraat 6 - Antwerp

## 2022

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France  
 Silence - group show - Galerie esther Woerdehoff - Paris  
 Homo Erotica - viewing room on ARTSY with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff  
 Foundation Andrée et Pierre Arty - group show - KBR Brussels  
 Unseen Amsterdam - group show - Deuss Gallery  
 Under my skin - viewing room on ARTSY with Galerie Esther Woerdehoff  
 Alternative Processes - Pride month group show  
 Art Photography - group show - Artdoc Photography Magazine  
 Antwerp Art Weekend with Deuss Gallery  
 Intimate Conversations - group show with Engarde Brussels

## 2021

Paris Photo - group show - Galerie Esther Woerdehoff - Paris  
 Shift - group show - Rivoli Brussels  
 Unseen Amsterdam - group show - Deuss Gallery  
 Onboards Biennale - groups show - Antwerp

## 2020

Clement - group show - Brussels

## 2019

Maison 8 - groups show - Brussels  
 Fragments and collected instants - solo show with Alexandra Beirnaerdt

## AWARDS

2024

Lensculture Critics Choice 2024 winner  
 selected by Andrew Wingert of Pace Gallery / New York  
 IPA, int'l photography awards, Official selection

2023

InCadaques "coup de coeur" winner  
 InCadaques festival 2023 - shortlisted  
 Fresh Eyes international talent 2023 by GUP magazine  
 Fresh Eyes international talent 2023 by GUP magazine  
 FAPA , Fine Arts Photography Awards 2023, 3rd place winner

2022

Contemporary Collage Magazine Awards 22 – UK , winner  
 Hariban Awards 22 – Kyoto Honorable Mention  
 Fresh 22 by Klompching Gallery – Brooklyn NY , Finalist  
 Lensculture Art Photography Awards 22 , Finalist

2021

Siena Creative Photo Awards , Shortlisted

## PUBLICATIONS

Featured in 'Two pieces of paper: a thousand words say a picture' by Phil Scott / Aarhus University - Oslo, Norway  
 Featured in 'Atlas Aquae' published by Skinnerbook  
 Featured in '1605 Magazine' No.3 Duality  
 Featured in 'the hand magazine' issue 50 - Kansas USA  
 Featured in Anarchy #2 published by Ephemere in Tokyo  
 Featured in LESS Festival catalogue published by Skovgaard Museum in Viborg - Denmark  
 Podcast with Kaat Celis for De donkere kamer  
 Book launch - An ocean in between the waves  
 Featured in Punkt Magazine - Hungary  
 Featured in ' A sense of place ' book by PhotoPlace Gallery  
 Album and Single covers for Polish composer Piotr Wiese at Modern Records  
 Featured in the 2023 InCadaqués Risography catalogue.  
 Featured in Fresh Eyes book by GUP  
 Interview in Contemporary Collage Magazine #21 – UK  
 Interview in Contemporary Collage Magazine #21 – UK  
 Featured in Hariban Award 2022 Catalogue by Benrido Atelier in Kyoto  
 Featured in Fresh 2022 Catalogue by Klompching Gallery – Brooklyn NY  
 Featured in "How to read images" ebook by Artdoc Magazine  
 Fundraising for HIV research foundation 'HIV ontrafelen' , auction of my work 'we had the stars' by Phillips auction house  
 Featured in Contemporary collage magazine issue #14  
 Featured in Artdoc Magazine issue #3, 2022 "Voice of Nature"  
 Featured in De Standaard Magazine, words by Veerle Windels  
 Featured on Kwerfeldein.de  
 Featured in Spunk Magazine issue #14 "Performance" a literary art journal from Los Angeles by Aaron Tilford  
 Featured in "A6 murals worldwide" a book by Lydia Wierenga