

BIOGRAPHIE

ARTISTE

Gert Motmans

Gert Motmans est un artiste basé à Anvers. Son travail évolue dans l'espace fragile entre mémoire et imagination, explorant des thèmes tels que l'éphémère, le désir, le désir queer et la poésie silencieuse de l'image.

Motmans travaille principalement avec des techniques analogiques, le collage et des matériaux trouvés ou issus d'archives. Il crée des œuvres intimes et stratifiées, à la fois intemporelles et profondément personnelles. À partir de ses propres photographies, d'images vintage et de papiers tactiles tels que le papier japonais kozo et le papier de bambou, il compose des poèmes visuels — mélancoliques, retenus et chargés d'émotion.

Son langage visuel oscille entre figuration et abstraction, proximité et distance, passé et présent. Parmi les motifs récurrents figurent de jeunes silhouettes masculines, des paysages nocturnes et la nature comme refuge. La lumière, l'ombre, la texture et le silence jouent un rôle central dans sa pratique, laissant le sens émerger lentement.

Motmans travaille de manière intuitive : il collecte des fragments et les assemble dans un processus lent et artisanal. Pour lui, créer est une forme d'archivage émotionnel — une manière de retenir ce qui menace de disparaître, de préserver les instants juste avant qu'ils ne s'effacent.

EXPOSITIONS
PERSONNELLES

2024

An ocean in between the waves – solo show – Deuss Gallery

2023

Modern Living + Deuss Gallery – solo show at Volkstraat 6 – Antwerp

2022

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

2021

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

2019

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

EXPOSITIONS
COLLECTIVES

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

PRIX /
RÉSIDENCES

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
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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