

JAN DE VliegHER

B. 1964 Bruges, BE.
Lives and works Bruges.

Jan De VliegHER is known for his paintings in which color and composition take precedent over subject matter. De VliegHER captures his subjects with vigorous yet controlled brushwork; working 'alla prima', wet paint on wet paint to achieve a sense of vitalized reality. Often using large brushes, even a broom can double as a painter's brush, he applies the paint with skillful accuracy, limiting each and every stroke to match his intentions. The compilation of paint, forms, light, and shadows result in a perfect harmony of movement. The resulting effect is that his works appear to capture a moment in transition, a brief and fleeting moment in time.

De VliegHER uses the photographic imagery as a starting point in his work. However, the paintings do not imitate, or mimic reality. De VliegHER attaches no importance to the narrative or anecdotic aspect but is constantly searching for universal situations. Ordinary objects and events from his own environment are captured on film, compositionally reorganized and transformed into a painting in surprisingly strong colors. He knows exactly how to convincingly paint an effect of light or darkness with a particular brush technique, or how to suggest a specific material. The thick paint texture gives his work a sensual touch.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 Apothicairerie et autre trésor, Galerie Zwart Huis, Belgium
- 2021 People, Thomas Fuch Gallery, Germany
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Rarity Summer Contemporary Exhibition, Rarity Gallery, Mykonos
- 2020 Rarity Summer Contemporary Exhibition, Rarity Gallery, Mykonos
- 2019 During All The Year 2019, Rarity Gallery, Mykonos, Greece
What you see is what you see, Städtische galerie Neunkirchen, Neunkirchen, Germany
Plush, Galerie Zwart Huis, Brussel, Belgium
Jan de VliegHER, Kunstverein Münsterland, Germany
- 2018 Garden, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
Beach, Thomas Fuch Gallery, Germany
- 2017 Plates II, Galerie Zwart Huis, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 Recent Paintings, Gow langsford Gallery, Auckland City, New Zealand
SILK, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2015 Malerei, Munsterlandfestival, galerie Hovestadt, Nottuln, Germany
- 2014 Jan De VliegHER Interiors, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke (B)

- Recent Paintings, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland City, New Zealand
 SPRING, Recent Paintings, Lars Bohman Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2013 Koi, Mike Weiss Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013 Cherubs, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
 Collections, Roberto Polo Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 Treasury, Mike Weiss Gallery, New York, NY
 Treasury, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2011 Pleasure Gardens, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
 Schatzkammer, Kasteel van Gaasbeek, Brussels, Belgium (Cat.)
 Recent Paintings, Venice Projects, Venice, Italy
 Recent Paintings, Angelika Knapper Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2010 Cinque Terre, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium (Catalogue)
 Still Life, Galerie Ruth Leuchter, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 2009 Capitolani, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
 Facades and Statues, Angelika Knapper Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2008 Schatzkammer, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2007 Still Life, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
 Nature, Galerie Knäpper+Baumgarten, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2006 Recent paintings, Galerie Brennecke, Berlin, Germany
- 2005 People, Galerie Knäpper+Baumgarten, Stockholm, Sweden
 Recent paintings, Galerie Brennecke, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 Reflections, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
 Recent paintings, Galerie Knäpper+Baumgarten, Stockholm, Sweden
 Cultuurcentrum, Bruges, Belgium (Catalogue)
- 2003 Recent paintings, Galerie Brennecke, Berlin, Germany
- 2002 Fruits, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2001 What you see is what you see, Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
 Back to basics, Galerie Mercator, Antwerp, Belgium (Catalogue)
- 2000 Galerie William Wauters, Oosteeklo, Belgium
- 1999 W139, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 1998 Vereniging Museum Hedendaagse Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Lille Art up, Galerie Provost-Hacker, Lille, France
 Flowers, Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart, Germany
 VOLTA Basel, Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Basel, Switzerland
- 2021 19de Biennale Hedendaagse Kunst, Poeke, Belgium
- 2019 Neuerwerbungen der Sammlung Hense, Gescher, Germany
 Art Miami, Miami, USA, Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart, Germany
 19de Biennale Hedendaagse Kunst, Poeke, Belgium
 Positions Berlin, Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart, Germany
 Hense Collection, Gescher, Germany
 Downtown painting, curated by Alex Katz, Peter Freeman Gallery, New York, USA
 During all the year 2019, Rarity Gallery, Mykonos, Greece
 Art Karlsruhe, with Thomas Fuchs Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2018 "Treasures of the Home", Blaafarveværket Museum, Buskerud, Norway
 Art Paris, Paris, with Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam

- VOLTA, Basel's art fair for new international positions, with Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam
- Positions Berlin Art Fair, with Thomas Fuchs Gallery, Germany
- Art Karlsruhe, Germany with Thomas Fuch Gallery, Germany
- BAD Belgium Art & Design, Gent, Belgium with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2017 Volta NY, USA with Brandt Gallery, Netherlands
- Un bal masqué. XVIIIe siècle & art contemporain, Le Chateau De Nyon, Switzerland
- Between Earth and Heaven II, Brugge. A tribute to Willy Van den Bussche. PAK, Gistel, Belgium
- Pan Amsterdam Art Fair, Amsterdam, with Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam
- BAD Belgium Art & Design, Gent, Belgium with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2016 Just another f***ing Artgallery, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland city, New Zealand
- 2015 My Blue China. La mondialisation en bleu et blanc, Musée Ariana, Ville de Genève, Switzerland
- Kunst @ Rode Kruis, Klooster Sancta Maria, Ronse Belgium
- Spring, Gow Langsford gallery, Oakland, New Zealand
- La mondialisation en bleu et blanc, my blue China, Fondation Bernardaut, Limoges, France
- Sweet 18, kasteel d'Ursel, Hingene, Belgium
- Seascapes, galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2013 Panorama, Lars Bohman Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- B.Art Gent, Belgium with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2012 Abstracte Realiteit, Jan Garemijnzaal, Brugge, Belgium
- B.Art Gent, Belgium with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2011 Sprelacart, Galerie E105, Berlin, Germany
- Art Fair Tokyo, Berengo Studio, Venice, Italy
- Art Paris, Venice Projects, Venice, Italy
- Art Palm Beach, Bergengo Studio, Venice, Italy
- 2010 Fine Art Fair, San Fransisco, USA with Venice Projects, , Venice, Italy
- Art Chicago, USA with Venice Projects, Chicago, USA
- Art Brussels, Belgium with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- Art Toronto, Canada with Venice Projects, Venice, Italy
- Transparantie, De Halle, Geel, Belgium
- Meer, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
- 2009 Fading, Museum van Elsene, Brussels, Belgium (Catalogue)
- Art Brussels, Belgoum with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2008 Art Brussels, Belgoum with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2007 En passant, Galerie Epikur, Wuppertal, Germany
- Von der Schönheit des Alltäglichen, Galerie Epikur, Wuppertal, Germany
- Mons-Bruges 1-1, La machine a l'eau, Mons, Belgium
- Art Cologne, Germany with Knäpper+Baumgarten, Stockohlm, Sweden
- 2006 Van't Swin tot Ysendyck, Le coin couleurs, IJzendijk, Netherlands
- Art Cologne, Germany with Knäpper+Baumgarten, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2005 Art Cologne, Germany with Knäpper+Baumgarten, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2003 Marines in confrontatie, Beaufort 2003, Museum for Modern Art, Ostend, Belgium (Catalogue)
- Art Brussels, Belgium with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
- 2002 De Slang, Octopusproject, Bruges, Belgium (Catalogue)

Los Jardines de Granada, Museum for Modern Art, Ostend, Belgium (Catalogue)
Hofvijver in Poëzie en Beeld, The Hague, Netherlands (Catalogue)
Art Brussels, Belgium with Galerie Zwart Huis, Knokke, Belgium
2001 Een beeld van een beeld, De Markten, Brussels, Belgium
Laureaat Provinciale prijs West-Vlaanderen, Laureaat, Scharpoord Knokke, Belgium